

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION



We believe in sharing love and grace with God and one another.

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PROPER 23

Sunday, October 12, 2025

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Glenda Curry, Bishop of the Diocese of Alabama

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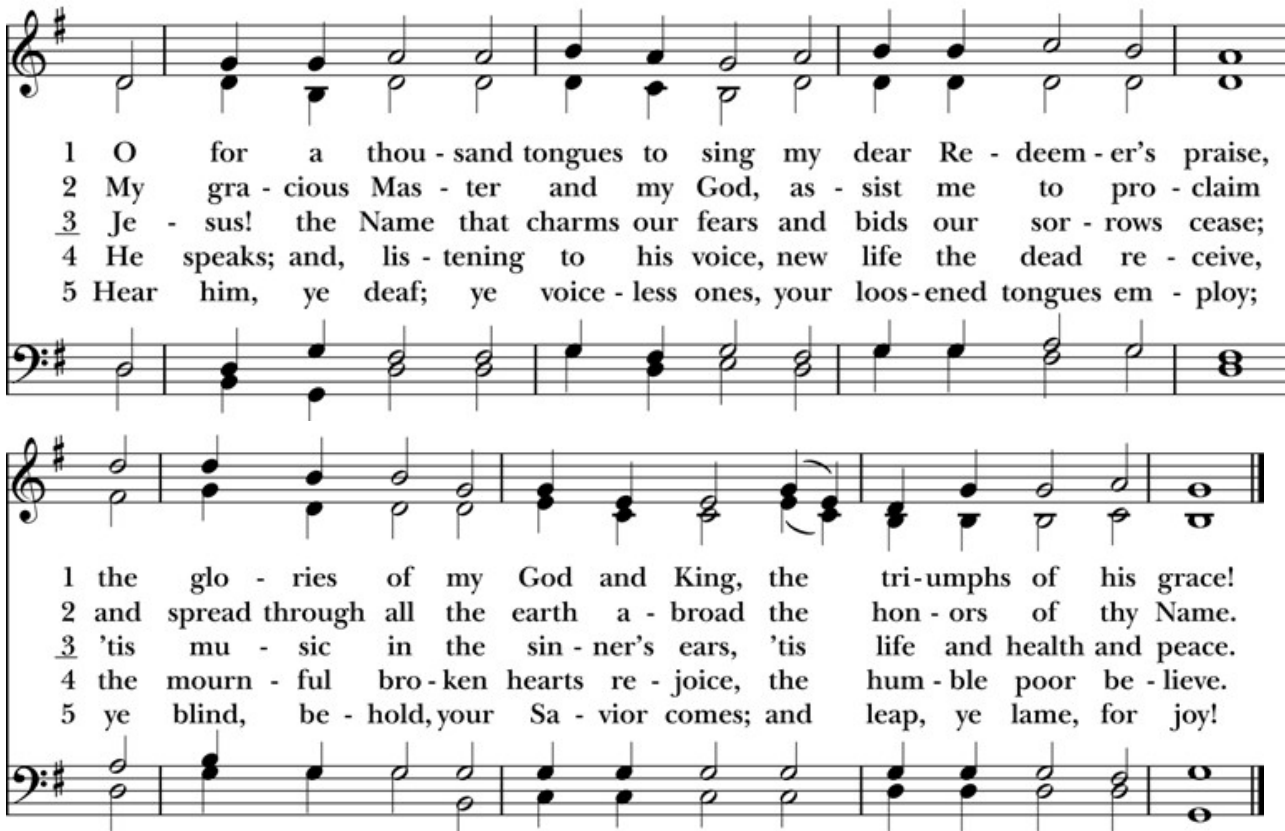
FLOWER GUILD: Cara Coreale

USHERS: Andy Akin, Phelps Reid

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II ~ 10:30 AM LIVESTREAM

Voluntary *Chorale Prelude on "Old Hundredth"* (J. Pachelbel)
Introit *God of mercy, God of grace* (D. Evans)

Hymn 493 *O for a thousand tongues to sing* (Azmon)



1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim
3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;
4 He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,
5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your loos - ened tongues em - ploy;

1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!
2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.
3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
4 the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.
5 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

6 Glory to God and praise and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the Church in earth and heaven.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: *Azmon*, Carl Gotthilf Gläser (1784-1829); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Trisagion S102 *Holy God* (A. Archangelsky)

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Music: Ver. *Hymnal* 1982, after Alexander Archangelsky (1846-1924). Setting: Copyright © Church Publishing Inc.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE FIRST LESSON: 2 KINGS 5:1-3, 7-15

A reading from the second book of Kings.

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy."

When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 111 *Confitebor tibi*

William Russell
(1777–1813)



1 Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my / **whole** / heart, *
in the assembly of the upright, / in the / con – gre – /gation.

2 Great are the / deeds of • the / Lord! *
they are studied by / all who • de- / light in / them.

3 His work is full of / majesty • and / splendor, *
and his / righteousness • en – / dures for / ever.

4 He makes his marvelous works to / be re- / membered; *
the Lord is / gracious • and / full of • com – / passion.

5 He gives food to / those who / fear him; *
he is ever / mind – ful / of his / covenant.

6 He has shown his people the / power of • his / works *
in / giving them • the / lands of • the / nations.

7 The works of his hands are / faithfulness • and / justice; *
all / his com- / mandments • are / sure.

8 They stand fast for / ever • and / ever, *
because they are / done in / truth and / equity.

9 He sent redemption to his people;
he com- / manded • his / covenant • for / ever; *
holy and / awe – some / is his / Name.

10 The fear of the Lord is the be- / ginning • of / wisdom; *
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;
his / praise en – / dures for / ever.

THE EPISTLE: 2 TIMOTHY 2:8-15

A reading from the second letter to Timothy.

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David-- that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;
if we endure, we will also reign with him;
if we deny him, he will also deny us;
if we are faithless, he remains faithful--
for he cannot deny himself.

Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

1 Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voice - es,
2 O may this boun - teous God through all our life be near us!
3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,

who won - drous things hath done, in whom his world re - joic - es;
With ev - er - joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us;
the Son, and him who reigns with them in high - est hea - ven,

who from our mo - ther's arms hath blessed us on our way
and keep us in his grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
e - ter - nal, Tri - une God, whom earth and heaven a - dore;

with count - less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be, ev - er - more.

THE GOSPEL: Luke 16:19-31

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon: *The Rev. Candice B. Frazer*

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary
and was made man
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. *Amen.*

The Prayers of the People are Form One, found on page 383.

Pause for a slow count to three.

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace in the world...in our country...in our homes...and in our hearts, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, we pray to you, O Lord *Lord, have mercy.*

For Sarah Archbishop of Canterbury elect; for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; for Glenda and Brian our Bishops; for Candice and David our clergy; and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, Donald; for our governor, Kay; for our mayor, Steven; and for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering especially, Bo, Dan, Ways, Brett, Paul, Chris, Kenneth, Bob, Brittney, Debbie, Violet and Family, Andi, Janet, Ann, Sue & Bill, Ann, Betty, Sophie, Edith, Hugh, Marion, Ginny, Lila, Bruce, Anne, George,

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died especially those in whose memory the altar flowers are given Nancy & Charles Williamson, O.G. Pinkston, Juliett & Dudley Williamson in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

Silence.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements

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Offertory Anthem

It's me, O Lord, standin' in the need of prayer. Not my mother, not my father, but it's me, O Lord, standin' in the need of prayer. Not the Preacher, not the teacher, but it's me, O Lord, standin' in the need of prayer

Presentation The Doxology (Old 100th)

All things come of thee, O Lord,

And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The people stand or kneel.

Sanctus **S130** *Holy, holy, holy* (F. Schubert)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Memorial Acclamation Hymn S135 (J. Hill)

Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

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The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

The Celebrant then continues

And now, as our Savior

Christ has taught us,

We are bold to say

Officiant and People

Our Father who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses

as we forgive those

who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

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A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem S164 *Jesus, Lamb of God* (F. Schubert)

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

The first system of musical notation for the Fraction Anthem. It consists of a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp). The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides harmonic support. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

The second system of musical notation for the Fraction Anthem. It continues the melody and harmony from the first system. The lyrics are written below the notes.



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The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Communion Hymn *Alleluia II: 22*

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks, because he's given
Jesus Christ, his Son.

And now let the weak say 'I am strong',
let the poor say 'I am rich',
because of what the Lord has done for us;

Give thanks...

Communion Hymn *Alleluia II: 66*

In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified; In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

In my song, Lord, be glorified, be glorified; In my song, Lord, be glorified today.

In Your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified; In Your church, Lord, be glorified today.

Communion Hymn *Alleluia II: 59*

Morning has broken like the first morning, blackbird has spoken
like the first bird. Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall
on the first grass. Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning born of the one light
Eden saw play! Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's re-creation of the new day!

Lay Eucharistic Commission

In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

All: We who are many, are one body because we all share in one bread, one cup.

The Post Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

The priest blesses the people, saying

*May the peace of God which passes all understanding
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God Almighty the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.*

Processional Hymn 411 O bless the Lord, my soul! (St. Thomas (Williams

1 O bless the Lord, my soul! His grace to thee pro - claim!
2 O bless the Lord, my soul! His mer - cies bear in mind!
3 He will not al - ways chide; he will with pa - tience wait;
4 He par - dons all thy sins, pro - longs thy fee - ble breath;
5 He clothes thee with his love, up - holds thee with his truth;

1 And all that is with - in me join to bless his ho - ly Name!
2 For - get not all his ben - e - fits! The Lord to thee is kind.
3 his wrath is ev - er slow to rise and rea - dy to a - bate.
4 he heal - eth thine in - fir - mi - ties and ran - soms thee from death.
5 and like the ea - gle he re - news the vi - gor of thy youth.

6 Then bless his holy Name,
whose grace hath made thee whole,
whose loving-kindness crowns thy days:
O bless the Lord, my soul!

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Voluntary *Fanfare-Improvisation on “Azmon”* (A. Wyton)

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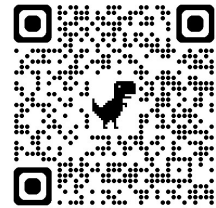
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SATURDAY NOVEMBER 1, 2025

9:30 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.

FOLLOWED BY

EVENSONG AT 4:00 P.M.



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Peach Park and Pumpkin Patch in
Clanton. Cost is 10 dollars. Please
RSVP Fay to reserve your seat on the
bus or van. You are welcome to meet
us there. We will meet at Ascension at

11 am.



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Fall Conference

Session 1:

Friday, October 17, 2025

St. John's, Montgomery

10:00 Registration

11:00 Eucharist

12:15 Lunch

1:00 Tour of St. John's

2:00 ECW Meeting & Parish Sharing

*St. John's Bookstore Open

3:30-4:30 Break

Hotel Check In & Free Time

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Session 2:

Friday night

Church of the Ascension, Montgomery

4:30 Arrival

5:00 Tour of Ascension

5:30 Keynote Speaker, Sister Monica Clare

6:30 ECW Welcome Reception

Wine, Hors d'oeuvres & Silent Auction

*Meet & Greet with Sister Monica Clare

Session 3:

Saturday, October 18, 2025

Grace Church, Pike Road, Montgomery

8:30 Registration & Continental Breakfast

9:15 Tour of Grace Church

9:45 Tour of Gardens

11:00 Keynote Speaker, Sister Monica Clare

12:15 Box Lunch

*Optional Visit to Legacy Museum

*Register
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The Hospitality Committee is hosting the Diocese of Alabama ECW conference on Friday October 17th. Their keynote speaker is Sister Monica Clare (sistermonicaclare.com). She will speak at 5:30 in the nave followed by a wine and cheese in the Waldo Garden. All Ascension women are welcome. For more information call Virginia Humphrey (334-324-1135).

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