

# THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION



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

## THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Sunday, February 1, 2026

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# HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II ~ 10:30 AM LIVESTREAM

Voluntary *Partita on "Jesus, Priceless Treasure" (G. R. Smoke)*

Introit *What does the Lord require (E. Routley)*

Hymn 477 *All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine (Engelberg)*

*Descant*

5 Let ev - ery tongue con - fess with one ac - cord

1 All praise to thee, for thou, O King di - vine,  
 2 Thou cam'st to us in low - li - ness of thought;  
 3 Let this mind be in us which was in thee,  
 4 Where - fore, by God's e - ter - nal pur - pose, thou  
 5 Let ev - ery tongue con - fess with one ac - cord

Je - sus Christ is Lord;

1 didst yield the glo - ry that of right was thine,  
 2 by thee the out - cast and the poor were sought;  
 3 who wast a ser - vant that we might be free,  
 4 art high ex - alt - ed o'er all crea - tures now,  
 5 in heaven and earth that Je - sus Christ is Lord;

and God the Fa - ther be by all a - dored.

1 that in our dark - ened hearts thy grace might shine.  
 2 and by thy death was God's sal - va - tion wrought.  
 3 hum - bling thy - self to death on Cal - va - ry.  
 4 and given the Name to which all knees shall bow.  
 5 and God the Fa - ther be by all a - dored.

Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

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## 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.*

Song of Praise Hymn **280** *Glory to God in the highest* (R. Powell)

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most



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### **The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **THE FIRST LESSON: MICAH 6:1-8**

*A reading from the book of the prophet Micah.*

Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,  
and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD,  
and you enduring foundations of the earth;  
for the LORD has a controversy with his people,  
and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you?  
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!  
For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,  
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;  
and I sent before you Moses,  
Aaron, and Miriam.  
O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,  
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,  
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,  
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

“With what shall I come before the LORD,  
and bow myself before God on high?  
Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,  
with calves a year old?  
Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?  
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”  
He has told you, O mortal, what is good;  
and what does the LORD require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## PSALM 15

William Felton  
(1715–1769)



- 1 Lord, who may dwell in your / tab- er- / nacle? \*  
who may abide up- / on your / ho - ly / hill?
- 2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does / what is / right, \*  
who / speaks the / truth from • his / heart.
- 3 There is no guile upon his tongue;  
he does no / evil to • his / friend; \*  
he does not heap con- / tempt up- / on his / neighbor.
- 4 In his sight the / wicked is • re- / jected, \*  
but he honors / those who / fear the / Lord.
- 5 He has sworn to / do no / wrong \*  
and does / not take / back his / word.
- 6 He does not give his money in / hope of / gain, \*  
nor does he take a / bribe a- / gainst the / innocent.
- 7 Whoever / does these / things \*  
shall / never • be / o- ver- / thrown.

## THE EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

*A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.*

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.  
*People*            Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn **593** *Lord, make us servants of your peace* (Dickinson College)

1 Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace: where there is  
 2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is  
 3 Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek to be con -  
 4 May we not look for love's re - turn, but seek to  
 5 Dy - ing, we live, and are re - born through death's dark

1 hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for -  
 2 gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow  
 3 soled, but to con - sole, nor look to un - der - stand - ing  
 4 love un - self - ish - ly, for in our giv - ing we re -  
 5 night to end - less day: Lord, make us ser - vants of your

1 give; where there is strife, may we make one.  
 2 light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.  
 3 hearts, but look for hearts to un - der - stand.  
 4 ceive, and in for - giv - ing are for - given.  
 5 peace, to wake at last in hea - ven's light.

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## THE GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

*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 V found on page 389 in The Book of Common Prayer.**

*Pause for a slow count of 3.*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy".

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Here and after every petition the People respond*

Lord, have mercy.\*\*

For the Sarah, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Sean our Presiding Bishop, for Glenda our Bishop, for Candice and David our clergy, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.\*\*

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.\*\*

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.\*\*

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.\*\*

For those in positions of public trust especially Donald, our President, Kay our Governor, Steven our Mayor, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.\*\*

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.\*\*

For this congregation, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.\*\*

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.\*\*

For the safety of our armed forces both here and abroad, we pray for peace in our hearts, in our homes, in our country, and in the world; and we give thanks for Ascension Day School, and The Way, The Truth, and The Life, our capital campaign. We pray to you, O Lord.\*\*

For those on our parish prayer list: Julia, Bo, Brett Paul, Kenneth, Brittney, Violet and Family, Andi, Janet, George, Sue & Bill, Ann, Betty, Sophie, Hugh, Marion, Ginny, Lila, Bruce, Anne, Ann., we pray to you, O Lord.\*\*

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those in whose memory the altar flowers are given: Dorothy Jane and Jim Britton; Margaret Ann Hayden, Walter Hayden, Jr., Jeffrey Sackett, Nina Mae McDaniel, Chris Futral and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.\*\*

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

*To you, O Lord our God.*

*Silence*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect, or the following Doxology*

[Stay until the priest has finished the collect.]

## CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*The Priest, stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

## The Peace

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

## Announcements

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**Offertory Anthem** *Jesu, the very thought of thee* (P. Halley)

*Jesu, the very thought of thee With sweetness fills the breast; But sweeter far thy face to see,  
And in thy presence rest. No voice can sing, no heart can frame, Nor can the memory find A  
sweeter sound than Jesus' name, The saviour of mankind. O hope of every contrite heart, O joy  
of all the meek, To those who ask how kind thou art, How good to those who seek. But what to  
those who find? Ah! This Nor tongue nor pen can show; The love of Jesus, what it is None but  
his loved ones know. Jesu, our only joy be thou, As thou our prize wilt be; In thee be all our glory now,  
And through eternity.*



**Presentation** *The Doxology* (Hymn 380, v. 3) (Old 100th)

*Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord,*

*People: And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.*

## Holy Communion

### Eucharistic Prayer B

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says*

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.

*The Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

**Sanctus Hymn S129** *Holy, holy, holy* (R. Powell)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and  
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a melody with various note values including eighth, quarter, and half notes, as well as triplet markings over groups of three notes. The lyrics are written below the staves, aligned with the corresponding notes.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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 according to his command, O Father,

**The Holy Eucharist II, Memorial Acclamation: Prayer B**

*The Hymnal 1982, Service Music, #138*

*Celebrant and People*  
We re - mem - ber his death, We pro - claim his re - sur -  
rec - tion, We a - wait his com - ing in glo - ry.

The musical score is written on two staves in D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. It features a melody with various note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes. The lyrics are written below the staves, aligned with the corresponding notes.

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with you, Mary, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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

BCP 364

*A period of silence is kept.*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

*Fraction Anthem S163 Lamb of God (R. Powell)*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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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 Anthem: *Blest are they***

**BLEST ARE THEY**

The Beatitudes  
Matthew 5:3-12

David Haas

Re - jice! \_\_\_\_\_ and be glad! \_\_\_\_\_

Bless-ed are you, ho - ly are you, Re -

jice! \_\_\_\_\_ and be glad! \_\_\_\_\_ Yours is the

king-dom of God! \_\_\_\_\_

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**Communion Hymns: *Hymnal 1982: 554***

'Tis the gift to be sim - ple, 'tis the gift to be free,

'tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,

and when we find our - selves in the place just right,

'twill be in the val - ley of love and de - light.

When true sim - pli - ci - ty is gained to

bow and to bend we shan't be a-shamed, to turn, turn, will

be our de-light till by turn - ing, turn - ing we come round right.

Words: Shaker song, 18th cent. Music: *Simple Gifts*, Joseph Brackett (1797-1822); acc. Margaret W. Mealy (b. 1922).

## 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

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. Amen.

## Processional Hymn 441      *In the cross of Christ I glory (Rathbun)*

1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing  
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -  
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing, light and  
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the  
\*5 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing

1 o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of  
2 ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the  
3 love up - on my way, from the cross the  
4 cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that  
5 o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of

1 sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.  
2 cross for - sake me: lo, it glows with peace and joy.  
3 ra - diance stream - ing adds new lus - ter to the day.  
4 knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.  
5 sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.

Words: John Bowring (1792-1872). Music: *Rathbun*, Ithamar Conkey (1815-1867).

**Dismissal**

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

*Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!*

**Voluntary** *Partita on "Jesus, Priceless Treasure"* (G. R. Smoke)

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4:30pm - 6:30pm  
\$5/person or \$20/family

Come support our ADS families and get to know  
them a little better! All proceeds benefit ADS.



## ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, February 18th  
Services at  
7:00AM, 12:05PM, 5:30PM  
5:30PM will be livestreamed

The imposition of ashes alongside  
Holy Eucharist is designed to  
help us remember not simply that  
we are dust—but that we are  
God's dust



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