

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION



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

THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Sunday, February 15, 2026

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

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8:00 am: Monique Walker
10:30 am: Alice Blake,

Carol Jones, Terryn Abner

FLOWER GUILD: Cara Coreale

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II ~ 10:30 AM LIVESTREAM

Voluntary *Tryptych for Transfiguration: Meditation* (R. Webster)
 Introit *Fairest Lord Jesus* (harm. T. T. Noble)

Hymn 619 *Sing alleluia forth in duteous praise (Martins)*

1 Sing al - le - lu - ia forth in du - teous praise,
 2 Ye powers who stand be - fore the e - ter - nal Light,
 3 Then let the ho - ly ci - ty raise the strain,
 4 Ye who have fought and joined the star - ry throng,
 5 Your songs of tri - umph shall for ev - er ring,
 6 Such song is rest and food and deep de - light
 7 Al - might - y Christ, to thee our voic - es sing

1 ye ci - ti - zens of heaven, O sweet - ly raise
 2 let all your choirs re - ech - o to the height
 3 and with glad songs re - sound - ing wake a - gain
 4 ye vic - tors, now take up the e - ter - nal song,
 5 the hymns which tell the hon - or of your King,
 6 to saints for - giv - en; let them all u - nite
 7 glo - ry for ev - er - more; to thee we bring

1 an end - less al - le - lu - ia.
 2 an end - less al - le - lu - ia.
 3 an end - less al - le - lu - ia.
 4 an end - less al - le - lu - ia.
 5 an end - less al - le - lu - ia.
 6 in end - less al - le - lu - ia.
 7 an end - less al - le - lu - ia.

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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
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; 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: EXODUS 24:12-18

A reading from the book of Exodus.

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

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

PSALM 2 *Quare fremuerunt gentes?*

William Felton
(1715-1769)

- 1 Why are the / nations in • an / uproar? *
Why do the peoples / mut - ter / emp - ty / threats?
- 2 Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt,
and the / princes plot • to- / gether, *
against the / Lord and • a- / against his • A- / nointed?
- 3 "Let us break their / yoke," they / say; *
"let us / cast off • their / bonds from / us."
- 4 He whose throne is in / heaven • is / laughing; *
the / Lord has • them / in de- / rision.
- 5 Then he speaks to / them in • his / wrath, *
and his / rage fills / them with / terror.
- 6 "I myself have / set my / king *
upon my / ho - ly / hill of / Zion."
- 7 Let me announce the de- / cree of • the / Lord: *
he said to me, "You are my Son;
this / day have / I be- / gotten you.

8 Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for / your in- / heritance *
and the ends of the / earth for / your pos- / session.

9 You shall crush them with an / i - ron / rod *
and shatter them like a / piece of / pot - te- / ry."

10 And now, you / kings, be / wise; *
be warned, you / ru - lers / of the / earth.

11 Submit to the / Lord with / fear, *
and with / trem - bling / bow be- / fore him;

12 Lest he be / angry and • you / perish; *
for his / wrath is / quick - ly / kindled.

13 Happy / are they / all *
---- / who take / refuge • in / him!

THE EPISTLE: 2 Peter 1:16-21

A reading from the second letter of Peter.

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 137 *O wondrous type! O vision fair (Wareham)*

4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high by this great

1 O won - drous type! O vi - sion fair of glo - ry

2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh the in - car - nate

3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray, Christ deigns to

4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high by this great

5 O Fa - ther, with the e - ter - nal Son, and Ho - ly

vi - sion's mys - ter - y; for which in joy - ful

1 that the Church may share, which Christ up - on the
 2 Lord holds con - verse high; and from the cloud, the
 3 man - i - fest to - day what glo - ry shall be
 4 vi - sion's mys - ter - y; for which in joy - ful
 5 Spi - rit, ev - er One, vouch - safe to bring us

strains we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

1 moun - tain shows, where bright - er than the sun - he glows!
 2 Ho - ly One bears re - cord to the on - ly Son.
 3 theirs a - bove who joy in God with per - fect love.
 4 strains we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.
 5 by thy grace to see thy glo - ry face to face.

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THE GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1-9

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

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.

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 of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Sara, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; for Glenda our Bishop; for Richard our Bishop elect, 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, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For: Julia Markham, Bo Henderson, Brett Hall, Paul Davis, Kenneth Mullinax, Brittney Calhoun, Violet Monson and Family, Andi Silberman, Janet Hutto, George Thomas, Sue & Bill Hicks, Ann Thorington, Betty Godbold, Sophie Xides, Hugh Alsabrook, Marion Allison, Ginny White, Lila Dryer, Bruce Salmon, Ann Longshore, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the safety of our armed forces both here and abroad; and for peace...in the world...in our country...in our homes...and in our hearts; and for Ascension Day School. 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 Dr. Daniel Gordon Gill, Ella Frances Gill, Grace Gladys Gill, Mildred Gaston Beale, Dr. Leigh Gill, Dr. Gordon Gill, 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.

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.

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.

Wait for the Celebrant to add a concluding Collect before returning to kneeler.

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 *Dazzling as the Sun* (G. Walker)

Dazzling as the sun, the face of Jesus on the mountain, like the face of Moses coming down from Sinai ready, strong to lead his people out of bondage into freedom, to the promised land. Transfigured for disciples' eyes, God's servant who would suffer, as Isaiah prophesied. Revealed in garments glist'ning white, the glorious Son of Man whom Daniel had foretold. Then the cloud of presence, then the voice of witness: "This is my beloved Son on whom my favor rests. Listen to him." Hear him! Gazing on the Lord by radiant light transfigured, see the pattern of our lives: cross embraced to Easter splendor. Claim the Gospel vision wondrous: we are God's beloved ones, Claim the transformation promised: destiny of glory! This is my beloved Son.

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.*

Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer B

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says

People The Lord be with you.
Celebrant And also with you.
People Lift up your hearts.
Celebrant We lift them to the Lord.
People Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

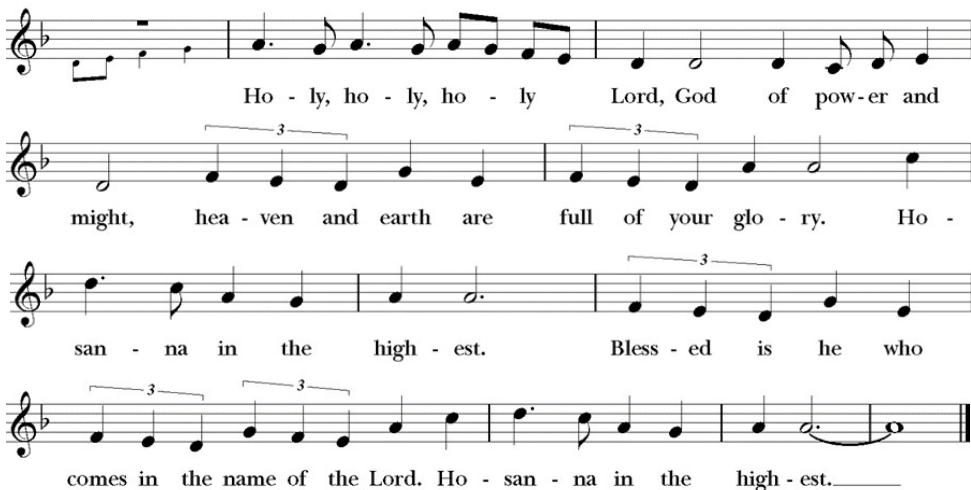
The Celebrant proceeds

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

Because in the mystery of the word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your son 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:

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.

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.

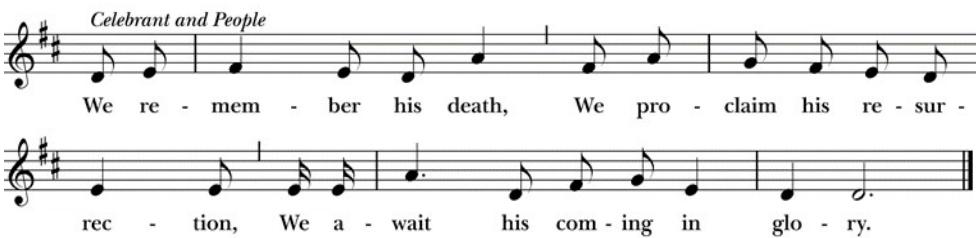
On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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 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 Hymns: *Hymnal 1982: 460*

1 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the
 *2 Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans are we
3 Al - le - lu - ia! bread of Hea - ven, Thou on
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, thee the
 *5 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the

1 scpe - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the
 2 left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is
3 earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia! here the
 4 Lord of lords we own: Al - le - lu - ia! born of
 5 scpe - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the

1 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the
 2 near us, faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how: though the
 3 sin - ful flee to thee from day to day: In - ter -
 4 Ma - ry, earth thy foot - stool, heaven thy throne: thou with -
 5 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the

1 songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a
 2 cloud from sight re - ceived him, when the for - ty
 3 ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er,
 4 in the veil hast en - tered, robed in flesh, our
 5 songs of ho - ly Zi - on thun - der like a

1 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery
 2 days were o'er, shall our hearts for - get his
 3 plead for me, where the songs of all the
 4 great High Priest: thou on earth both Priest and
 5 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery

1 na - - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.
 2 prom - - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more"?
 3 sin - - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 4 Vic - - tim in the eu - - cha - ris - tic feast.
 5 na - - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.

Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898). Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887).

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. And the blessing of God Almighty the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Processional Hymn 618 *Ye watchers and ye holy ones (Martins)*

Unison

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Voluntary Tryptych for Transfiguration: Sortie (R. Webster)

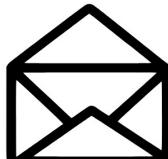
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ASH WEDNESDAY

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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