The Episcopal Church of the Ascension



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

THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2026

The Rt. Rev. Richard Lawson, Bishop of the Diocese of Alabama
The Reverend Candice B. Frazer, Rector
The Reverend David Hall, Interim Associate Rector

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All things come of thee, O Lord,
And of thine own have we given thee.

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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.

Postcommunion Prayer 339

Blessing

The peace of God which passeth 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

The Dismissal 339

The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 28

The Collect:
Traditional
Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them; that, by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

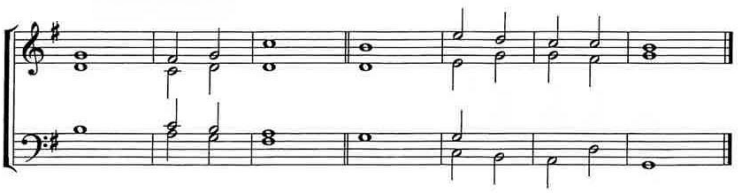
Contemporary
Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson: Judges 4:1-7
A reading from the book of Judges.
The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

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

PSALM 123 J. Battishill



1 To you I | lift up my | eyes, *
to you en | thröned | in the | heavens.

2 As the eyes of servants look to the | hand of their | masters, *
and the eyes of a | maid to the | hand of her | mistress,

3 So our eyes look to the | LORD our | God, *
un | til he | show us his | mercy.

4 Have mercy upon us, O | LORD, have | mercy, *
for we have had | more than e | nough of con | tempt.

5 Too much of the scorn of the | indolent | rich, *
and of the de | rision | of the | proud.

THE EPISTLE: 1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-11

A reading from Paul's letter to the Thessalonians.

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 25:14-30

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People (*8:00 am*)*:* Glory be to thee, O Lord
People (*10:30 am*)*:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.
People (*8:00 am*)*:* Praise be to thee, O Christ.
People (*10:30 am*) *:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Offertory Anthem

Psalm 100 - John Weaver
Make a joyful noise unto the Lord;
serve the Lord with gladness;
come before His presence with singing.
Know ye that the Lord He is God;
it is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves.
We are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.
Enter into His gates with thanksgiving,
and into His courts with praise.
Be thankful unto Him, and bless His name.
For the Lord is good;
His mercy is everlasting,
and His truth endureth to all generations

Ministers Serving this Sunday

Organist/Choirmaster:
Joel Gregory
Lector: 8:00 am Anne Kimzey
10:30 am Tim Vaught
LEMs: Terryn Abner,
Nan Barganier, Brad Curvin
Verger: Tim Lewis
Acolytes: Will McKay,
Wren Mielke, Nolan Wishum
Children's Church:
Caleb Goodwyn, Evans Bailey

AV Crew: Jason Pate
Altar Guild:
8:00 am Patty McDonald
10:30 am Patty McDonald,
Valerie Lee
Flower Guild: Foy McGowin
Vestry Greeter:
Evans Bailey
Ushers: 8:00 am Wes Little,
Sam Etheridge
10:30 am Winston Sheehan,
Robert Prescott, Russ Wishum

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II AT 10:30

Prelude *From God I Will Not Turn* — Johann Ludwig Krebs
Jesus Christ, the Only Son of God — Dietrich Buxtehude

Hymn **598** ***Lord Christ when first thou cam'st to earth***

THE WORD OF GOD

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Agnus Dei **S165** ***Jesus, Lamb of God*** W. Mathias
Anthem *I Know That My Redeemer Liveth (Messiah)* G F Handel
Communion Hymns **332, 712**

Lay Eucharistic Commission

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Blessing
Hymn in Procession **632** ***O Christ, the word incarnate*** Munich
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Postlude ***Prelude in G*** J S Bach



Interfaith

THANKSGIVING Service

NOVEMEBER 22, 2026
4:30PM
AT TEMPLE BETH OR

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CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

reception to follow

Advent Wreath Party & EYC Fundraiser Soup Luncheon

November 29, 2026

Ascension Hall following 10:30 Service

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