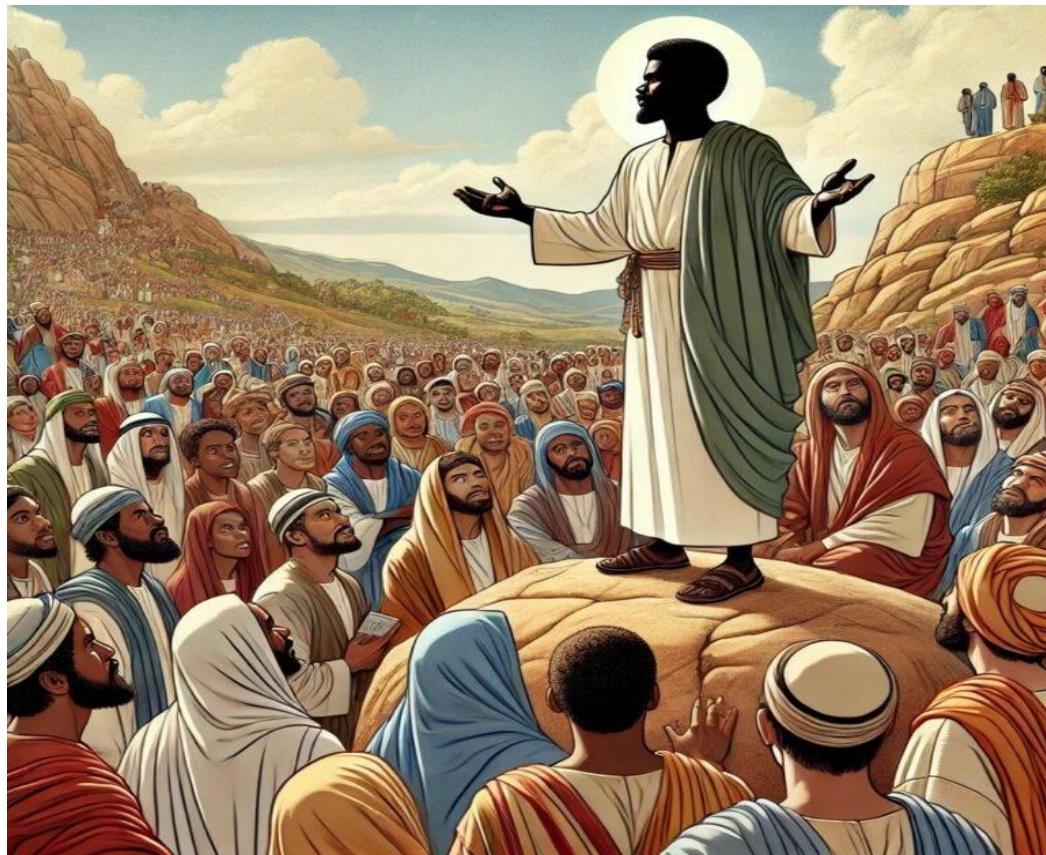


FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
Celebration of Holy Eucharist
February 1, 2026
9:00 am



EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS AND ASCENSION
Northwoods, MO

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

HOLY SPIRIT

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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1. Come, Thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, Tune my heart to sing thy
 2. Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by thy help I'm
 3. O, to grace how great a debt - or, Dai - ly I'm con - strained to

1. grace; Streams of mer - cy nev - er ceas - ing, Call for songs of loud-est
 2. come; And I hope, by thy good pleas - ure, Sure - ly to ar - rive at
 3. be; Let that grace, Lord, like a fet - ter, Bind my won - d'ring heart to

1. praise. Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, Sung by flam - ing tongues a
 2. home. Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger, Wan - d'ring from the fold of
 3. Thee. Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel - it, Prone to leave the God I

1. bove. Praise the mount, O fix me on it. Mount of God's un - chang-ing love.
 2. God. He, to save my soul from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
 3. love. Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, Seal it from thy courts a - bove.

Words: Robert Robinson (1735-1790)
 Music: Nettleton, melody from *A Repository of Sacred Music, Part II*, 1813; harm. Carl Haywood (b. 1949),
 from *Songs of Praise*, Copyright © 1992.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Blessed are you, holy and living One.
People ***You have come to your people and set them free.***

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Presider 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 Savior. ***Amen.***

SONG OF PRAISE: *GLORIA (spoken)*

***Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.***

***Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.***

***Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.***

Presider God is with you.
People ***And also with you.***

Presider Let us pray.

THE COLLECT

Presider 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 Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

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?

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

PSALM 15 *Domine, quis habitabit?*

- 1 LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *
who may abide upon your holy 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 contempt upon his neighbor.
- 4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, *
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 against the innocent.
- 7 Whoever does these things *
shall never be overthrown.

SECOND READING

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.”

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN

OFFERING OUR LIVES

Be Thou My Vision

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E♭ A♭ Cm B♭ E♭
 1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
 4 High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

 B♭ A♭ B♭
 naught be all else to me, save that of thou Is - art —
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's sun!

 A♭ E♭ Cm A♭ B♭
 thou my best be思 - thought, by day or by night;
 thou my great be思 - Father; thine own may I be, in
 thou and thou be思 - on ly first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

 E♭ Cm A♭ Fm B♭
 wak - ing or - sleep - ing, thy pres - erice my light.
 thou wak - ing me - idwell - ing and I one with thee.
 high King of heav - en, my treas - ure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People ***Glory to you, O 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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People ***Praise to you, O Christ.***

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Deacon Valerie E. Patton

THE NICENE CREED

Deacon Together, let us profess our faith.

***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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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 VI

Deacon Let us gather our prayers, desires, and thanksgivings and offer them to the Holy One who first loved us.

The Worship Leader and People pray responsively

Leader In peace, we pray to you, O God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

We pray for Sean our Presiding Bishop and Deon our Bishop, Renee our Rector, and Valerie our Deacon and our companion churches of St. Peter's and St. Stephen's. In our Diocese of Missouri, we pray for the people and ministry of St. Stephen's & The Vine (1886) in Ferguson and Teresa, their Transitional Priest-In-Charge; and Loretta, their Deacon. In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for St. Philip and St. James the Apostles in Loiza. In the Anglican Communion, we pray for The Church of England; and for all bishops, priests, and deacons.

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation and for others especially:

John Anthony

Delphine Booker

Canon Desiree Brattin

Harold Briggs

Linette Cayetano

Chris Crittenden

Bessie Clemons

Keyanna Dorsey & Family

Rick Earley

Ronald Hawkins

Renee Griffin

Stella Hughes

Marvelle Johnson

Erika Jones

Greg Kelley

Winifred Lemmie

Regina Lewis

Carol Mecagni

Johnetta Martin	Alex Okumu	Diana Oliver
Helen Owens	Betty Patton	Michelle Pendleton
Marion Robinson	Rick Rollins	Florence Ross
Phillistene Tefend	Patricia Thomas	David Westfall
Annie White	Antoinette Williams	James Williams, Sr.

We continue to pray for all those who are still affected by last year's tornado. We pray especially for our adopted family and many others.

For all veterans and those who are currently serving in the military, especially:

Sgt. Omar Fernandes (Brantley)-United States Air Force
 Captain Jovonny Carrion-United States Army
 Staff Sgt. Ashley Cole-United States Air Force
 Chief Warrant Officer 3 Keshar Miller-United States Army Reserve
 Captain Steven C. Roberts, II – United States Air Force Reserve
 The Rev. Jamal Scarlett-Lieutenant Commander and Navy Chaplain
 Major Christopher Westfall-United States Air Force

And we pray for an end to the terror, chaos and violence happening in our streets, nation, and the world. We pray especially for the people of Minneapolis.

Silence

Hear us, O God;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, O Merciful One, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our Creator;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Holy One, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

***Have mercy upon us, O God of mercy;
in our compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.***

Presider Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Redeemer. **Amen.**

Silence

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.
People ***And also with you.***

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Presider Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. ***Ephesians 5:2***

OFFERTORY HYMN

CHRIST'S LIFE

100 *Jesus, the Light of the World*

1 Hark, the herald angels sing,
 2 Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise.
 3 Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored.
 4 Hail, the heaven - born Prince of Peace.

Je - sus, the light of the world.

Glo - ry to the new - born King.
 Join the tri - umph of the skies.
 Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
 Hail, the Sun of right - eous - ness!

Je - sus, the light of the world.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Eucharistic Prayer "Enriching Our Worship"

Presider God is with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People ***We lift them to the Lord.***

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People ***It is right to give thanks and praise.***

Presider

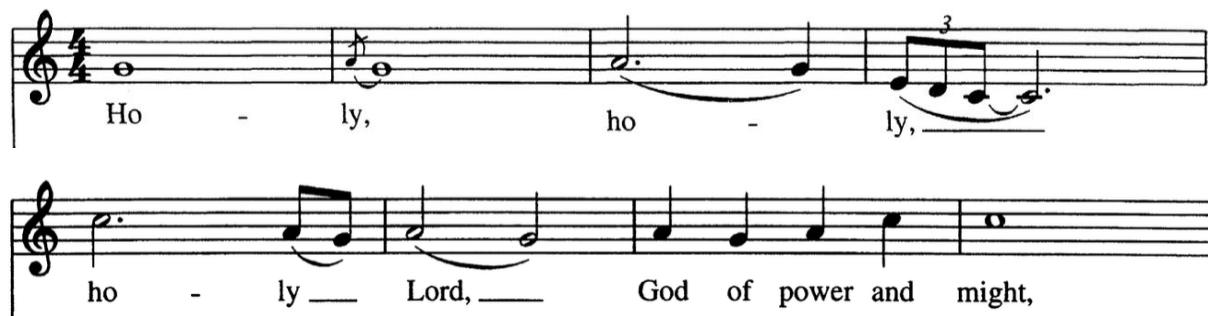
Presider All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we sing with joy:

Presider and People "Holy, Holy"

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Holy, Holy, Holy



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

he a - 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.

Presider

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent;
you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations,
you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise.
Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life,
to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant
offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

And so, remembering all that was done for us:
the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension,
longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts
your earth has formed and human hands have made,
we acclaim you, O Christ:

Presider and People

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Presider

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine
that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ.
Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power,
may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ,
and in the fullness of time gather us with [blessed _____, and] all your
people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Presider and People

Blessed are you now and for ever.

THE GREAT AMEN (sung)

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*sung*)

*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.*

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Presider Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People *Therefore let us keep the feast.*

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Presider 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.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

(All are invited to God's Table. You may come forward to receive the Body of Christ or to receive a blessing. Some may wish to remain in your seats. Please use this time to quietly sit and pray or join in the singing of the hymn(s).

(Those at home may, if they wish, say this prayer:)

A Prayer for those wishing Communion

In union, O God, with the faithful of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. We present to you our souls and bodies with the earnest wish that we may always be united to you. And since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all

the love of our souls. Let nothing ever separate you from us. May we live in you, and may you live in us, both in this life and in the life to come. *Amen.*

COMMUNION HYMN

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The Holy Spirit

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new,
2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die;

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
un - til with thee I will one will, to do or to en - dure.
till all this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

Words: Edwin Hatch (1835-1889), alt.
Music: *Nova Vita*, Lister R. Peace (1885-1969)

SM

Lift Every Voice and Sing

1. Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing, Till earth and heav - en
2. Sto - ny the road we trod, Bit - ter the chast - 'ning
3. God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent

1. ring, Ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er -
 2. rod, Felt in the days when hope un - born had
 3. tears, Thou who hast brought us thus far on the

1. ty; Let our re - joic - ing rise High as the list - 'ning -
 2. died; Yet with a stead - y beat, Have not our wear - y -
 3. way; Thou who hast by thy might, Led us in - to the -

1. skies, Let it re - sound loud as the roll ____ ing sea. ____
 2. feet Come to the place for which our fa - thers sighed? ____
 3. light, Keep us for - ev - er in the path, ____ we pray. ____

1. Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
 2. We have come o - ver a - way that with tears has been wa - tered;
 3. Lest our feet stray from the pla - ces, our God, where we met thee;

1. Sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has
 2. We have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the
 3. Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we for

1. brought us; Fac - ing the ris - ing sun Of our new
 2. slaug - tered; Out from the gloom - y past, Till now we
 3. get thee, Shad - owed be -neath Thy hand, May we for -

1. day be - gun, Let us march on till vic - to - ry ____ is won.
 2. stand at ____ last Where the white gleam of our bright star ____ is cast.
 3. ev - er ____ stand, True to our God, true to our na - tive land.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider God is with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Presider Let us pray.

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Presider Life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those whom we love or those who walk this way with us. So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind and may the Divine Mystery that is beyond our ability to know be your companion along the way. And may the blessing of God Almighty, the grace of Christ the Son and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you for ever. ***Amen.***

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

MEET IN OUR WALK WITH GOD

I Will Trust in the Lord

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1 I will trust in the Lord, I will trust in the

Lord, I will trust in the Lord till I die.

I will trust in the Lord, I will trust in the

Lord, I will trust in the Lord till I die.

2 I'm gonna treat everybody right . . . till I die.

3 I'm gonna stay on bended knee . . . till I die.

Words: African American spiritual
Music (TRUST IN THE LORD irregular): African American spiritual; arr. Jeffrey Radford and Nolan Williams Jr
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THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.
People ***Thanks be to God.***

TODAY'S LITURGICAL LEADERS

Presider

The Rev. Renee L. Fenner, Rector

Deacon

The Rev. Dr. Deacon Valerie E. Patton

Worship Leader

Stanley Johnson

Reader

Alexia Dukes

Acolyte

Laura Mabry

Ushers

Allen Dukes

Charles Henderson

Minister of Music

Terrell Thompson

Choir Members

*Adrienne Dillon, Walter Fox, Michael Griffin, Stanley Johnson, Barrie Jones,
Helen Owens, and Machelle West*

OUR MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS

Mission Statement: *To be the Light of Christ that builds relationships in our congregation, our community, and with our God.*

Vision Statement: *Finding Christ in Relationships*

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS AND ASCENSION VESTRY – 2026

Vestry Wardens

Senior Warden-Gaylard Williams (2027)

Junior Warden-TBA

Class of 2027

Adrienne Dillon

Sondra Harrell

Class of 2028

Michael Griffin

Stanley Merridith

Class of 2029

Betty Brown

Dawn Johnson

Treasurer

Rickey Mabry

Convention Delegates

Adrienne Dillon (2027)

Caroline Moore (2027)

Alternate Delegate

Donna Black (2027)



“Ask and it shall be given you; Seek and ye shall find; Knock and it shall be opened unto you. For everyone that asketh, receiveth; And he that seeketh, Findeth; and to him that knocketh It shall be opened. Aspire not he have more, but to be more.”

-Oscar Romero

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are always ready to pray for family members, friends, neighbors and all those in need of our prayers. As promised, we are returning to the practice of keeping names on our prayer list for six weeks. If you would like to include someone on our prayer list, please fill out a 'Prayer Request Form' located at the Ushers' station. Thank you!

REMEMBER OUR ADOPTED FAMILY

Please remember our adopted family in the new year! Our family consists of a single mother and her two daughters, ages 18 and 21. We can continue our monetary fund to help pay for repairs to their home. We can provide food and personal items, and gift cards to stores such as Schnuck's, Target, Walmart, Walgreens, Kohl's, and Aldi's. "Whatever you do to the least of them; you do unto me (Matthew 25:40)."

NEW DIRECTORIES AND STATEMENTS

The 2026 Directories are now in and available for you to pick up today! One copy is available is available for each member household. Also, your 2025 statements are available for pick up. Please see an usher.

BISHOP'S VISITATION

Bishop Deon K. Johnson will visit All Saints and Ascension on Sunday, February 15. Holy Eucharist will be at 9:00 a.m. along with conversations with the Vestry and parishioners. A reception will follow. Please mark your calendars now.

NEW VESTRY MEMBERS

First, let us thank our former Senior Warden, Joyce Crittenden, and former secretary/clerk, Alexia Dukes, for their services to the community! Well done! Congratulations to our new Senior Warden, Gaylard Williams and to our newest Vestry members, Betty Brown and Dawn Johnson. A new Junior Warden will be voted on during February's meeting. We are also looking for a new secretary/clerk. If you are interested, please see Gaylard for more information.

SAFE CHURCH, SAFE COMMUNITY

It's that time again! This is a reminder that Vestry members and ALL church leaders (especially those who are in close contact with children and teens) are to do 'Safe Church, Safe Community' training. The training is to be done every three years.

However, every year EVERYONE in leadership is expected to re-read and review the policies! Please let Rev. Renee know by April 12, 2026, whether you have taken the training or have re-read the policies. Please DO NOT submit your names individually to the diocesan offices.

ASA FOOD MINISTRY – FEED THE NEED

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ! Thank you for your generosity in feeding our brothers and sisters in the beloved community who are food-insecure! The need is becoming increasingly significant as we continue to partner with the Urban League and as decisions are made in our national government. We want the following items to restock our food pantry:

Paper Products

Paper Towels

Toiletries

Toothpaste, Bar Soap, Deodorant

Canned Vegetables or Meal

Chili, Spaghetti and Meatballs, Vegetables, Corn, Carrots, Peas, Baked Beans, Great Northern Beans, Chicken Noodle Soup, Vegetable Soup

Canned or Packet Meat or Protein

Peanut Butter, Tuna, Chicken Breast, Vienna Sausage, Spam, Luncheon Loaf

Starches

Mac and Cheese, Rice, Spaghetti

Breakfast

Packaged cereal (oatmeal, grits, Cream of Wheat)

When purchasing canned items, please consider getting pull-tops, as many do not have can openers.

ASA FOOD MINISTRY – FEED THE NEED - INDOOR FOOD PANTRY and GARDEN

We want to reopen our indoor Food Pantry in January 2026. We are looking to begin on the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 10 am to 12 pm. Volunteers need to be available from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. We are seeking two volunteers to serve as liaisons to our potential clients.

In spring 2026 (probably late March or early April, depending on the weather), we will plant our vegetable garden. We will need 2-4 volunteers. The volunteers would clean,

plant, and maintain the garden. The estimated time commitment is 2 hours per session.

For more details, please get in touch with Deacon Valerie.

SIBLING SUPPORT NETWORK

Do not forget that help is there for those dealing with the loss of a sibling due to violent crime. For more info and survey, please go to: sibling support network.org or contact Cheeraz Gormon for more information – cgormon@gmail.com.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Please consider sponsoring the altar flowers for a Sunday Eucharist. Your sponsorship will allow us to make our worship space beautiful. You can make a dedication to your deceased loved ones or give recognition to living loved ones or in thanksgiving for God's blessings. Check out our website for a form or see an usher!

COFFEE HOUR/FELLOWSHIP SIGN UP

Coffee Hour allows us time to fellowship with each other after Eucharist. Thank you to those who have sponsored a Coffee Hour thus far. Please think about signing up with another parishioner to provide treats for this fun event. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex. Refreshments may consist of fruits, pastries/Danish, juice, coffee, tea, and other goodies. **Please note that hosts are also responsible for cleanup.**

COMPLETING OFFERING ENVELOPES

PLEASE HELP make the Tellers' job a lot easier by doing the following:

- Write your name on each envelope.
- Write your number on the envelope if you are not using the one assigned to you.
- See Deborah Dukes or Betty Brown if you do not remember your number.
- If you are writing a check, include the check number in the top right corner.
- If you are paying with cash, please write "Cash" in the top right corner instead of a check number.
- Use one envelope for one donation.
- If your donation is for anything other than your pledge, PLEASE, include on the envelope what it is for, i.e., ECW Dues, Men's Club, etc.

PAYPAL

Did you forget to bring your pledge with you to a Eucharist? Or perhaps you cannot attend one of the Eucharists on Sunday morning. Then you should consider using Pay Pal to send in your pledge/contribution. It's fast, easy, and a guaranteed safe way to contribute. Some of our parishioners are already taking advantage of this service. For more information, go to our Website and click on the "Connect Tab" and then click on "Online Contributions.

ADDITIONAL WORSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

ASA EVENING PRAYER – EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 6:00 PM

<contact parish office for Zoom login info>

ASA BIBLE STUDY

Please join our weekly Bible Study group every Thursday at 10:00 am. We will be discussing Women of the Bible, so come ready to learn and share your insights. I believe that studying God's Word as a group will strengthen our Faith and will help us relate His Words to our lives in today's world. Joyce Crittenden, Leader.

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