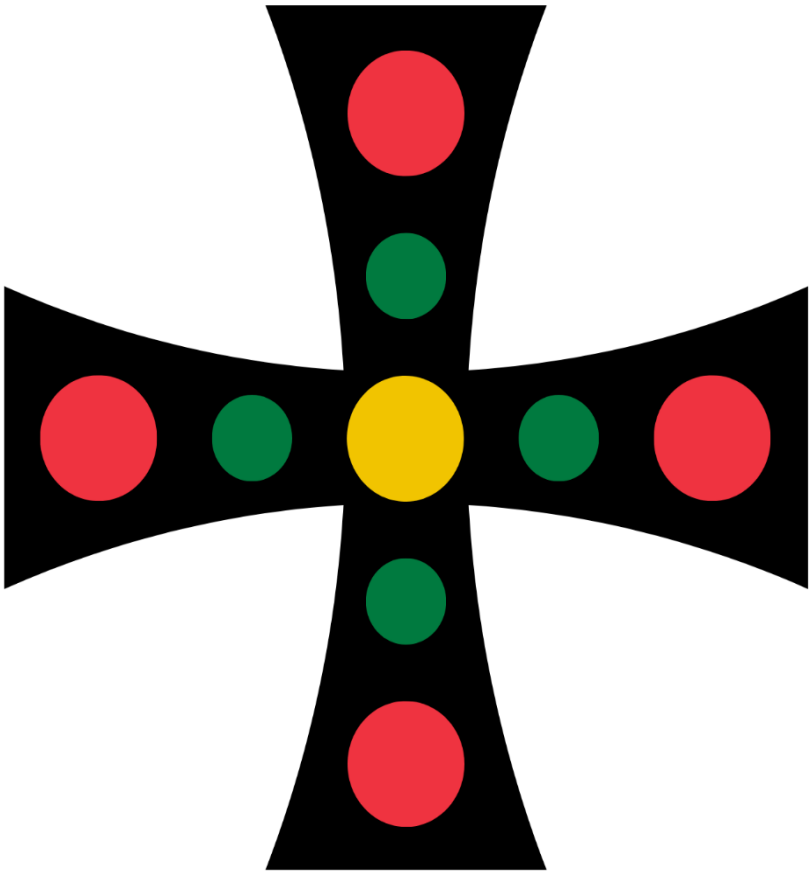


THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF

ALL SAINTS AND ASCENSION

All Saints Sunday

November 1, 2026

WELCOME! KARIBU!

God brought you here!

Scattered into a world that does not always see our worth, we gather as God's beloved at The Episcopal Church of All Saints and Ascension. We gather to remember who we are and whose we are. We bring the fragments of our lives, our joys and our sorrows, our weariness and our hope, to be healed and made whole in Jesus Christ.

Rooted in the rich heritage of the Episcopal tradition and shaped by the beauty, brilliance, and resilience of our African American history, we come together as a people of praise. Here, the faith of the ancestors steadies us. Here, the songs of our foremothers and forefathers rise again on our lips. Here, the Spirit meets us in dance and in song, in prayer and in proclamation, in silence and in holy celebration.

We seek to be a place of healing, where wounded spirits find restoration and broken hearts find balm. We seek to be a place of empowerment, where gifts are named, voices are lifted, and leadership is nurtured. We seek to embody Black excellence, not as pride apart from God, but as the radiant reflection of the Divine image within us, cultivated through faith, discipline, creativity, and love.

In this sacred space, we support one another in mutual care and accountability. We testify to God's goodness in the midst of struggle. We proclaim a Gospel that liberates, restores, and sends us forth.

And when our worship ends, our work continues. Strengthened at the altar and stirred by the Spirit, we follow Jesus out into the world carrying with us the courage of the ancestors, the wisdom of those who have gone before, and the unshakable hope of the Resurrection.

God brought you here! Welcome home.

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

PRELUDE MUSIC

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG/MUSIC

This Little Light of Mine 160



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Music: Negro Spiritual; adapt. William Farley Smith (b. 1941)
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POURING OF LIBATION

Presider We honor the ancestors whose lives call us forward to become who we are
People ***We remember the cloud of witnesses, the faithful of the ages and the ages to come.***
Presider Saints and sinners alike,
People ***Who nurtured and challenged us***
Presider The ancestors we claim
People ***And the ones we don't***
Presider The ancients we know by name
People ***And the names lost to history***
Presider We honor the ancestors
People ***Whose voices are in our throats.***
Presider We honor the greatest of our ancestors,
People ***First born of many dead, our eldest Brother Jesus.***
Presider Ashe' and Amen!
People ***Ashe' and Amen! Amen! Amen!***

(Taken from "Pour the Libations", We Honor the Ancestors, by Valerie Bridgeman Davis)

Presider Let us remember those who have gone before us.

Bradley, Ann
Brathwaite, Henderson
Clark, Dorothy
Clarke, Lionel
Cleveland, Carolyn
Clinkscale, Patricia
Eldridge, Michelle
Estes, The Rev. Sue
Farfan, Sr., Carlos
Francis, Norman
Gaylor, Courtney
Goodman, Sean Moses
Hawkins, Pearline
Jackson, The Rev. Jesse
Jones, Reggie
McCullough, Shirley
Miller, Joan
Moore, Gordon
Noble, Barbara
Phelps, OP, Sr. Dr. Jamie
Raney, Wanda
Smallwood, Richard
Smith, Loretta
Taylor, Frances
Wallace, Eric
Branch, Brenda
Carr, Mary
Clarke, Doris & Ulrich
Clarke, Winston
Click, Deacon Barbi
Crittenden, Chris
Downs-Dorsey, Veronica
Evans, Lee
Fortenberry, The Rev. Haymond
Gardner Velmar
Good, Renee Macklin
Harris, Kathy
Holmes, Lamarril
Johnson, Karl
Joseph, Marie
Merritt, Matsumi
Minor, Dwan
Mosely, Nancy
Perry, Gwen
Pretti, Alex
Roddy, Elder Donna
Smith, Holman Kanionette
Swann, Charles
Thompson, Mary Smith
Wallace, Victor

Weaver, Reola
White, Annie
Young, Susan
Wier, Carol
Williams, Charlotte

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People ***Glory to God for ever and ever.***

Presider There is one Body and one Spirit;
People ***There is one hope in God's call to us;***

Presider One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People ***One God and Creator of all.***

SONG OF PRAISE "*Glory to God" (sung)*

Glory, Glory, hallelujah, Lord we praise your Holy name,
Glory, Glory, hallelujah, Lord we praise your Holy name,

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,

Glory, Glory, hallelujah, Lord we praise your Holy name,
Glory, Glory, hallelujah, Lord we praise your Holy name.

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 the Father.

Glory, Glory, hallelujah, Lord we praise your Holy name,
Glory, Glory, hallelujah, Lord we praise your Holy name.
A--------men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God be with you.
People ***And also with you.***
Presider Let us pray.

Presider Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. ***Amen.***

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Deacon May the Word of God always be heard in this place. May the experience of our spiritual ancestors be valued in this place. May the Good News of love be proclaimed in this place.

People ***May the mystery of Christ unfold before us, may the words of salvation revive us, and may the Spirt of Truth guide us. Let us hear once more the stories of our redemption.***

All are seated.

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF REVELATION 7:9-17

After this I, John, looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

"For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,

and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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

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

THE PSALM OF THE DAY: PSALM 34:1-10, 22

1 I will bless the Lord at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
2 I will glory in the Lord; *
let the humble hear and rejoice.
3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; *
let us exalt his Name together.
4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror.
5 Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.
6 I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles.
7 The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.
8 Taste and see that the Lord is good; *
happy are they who trust in him!
9 Fear the Lord, you that are his saints, *
for those who fear him lack nothing.
10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, *
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.
22 The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in him.

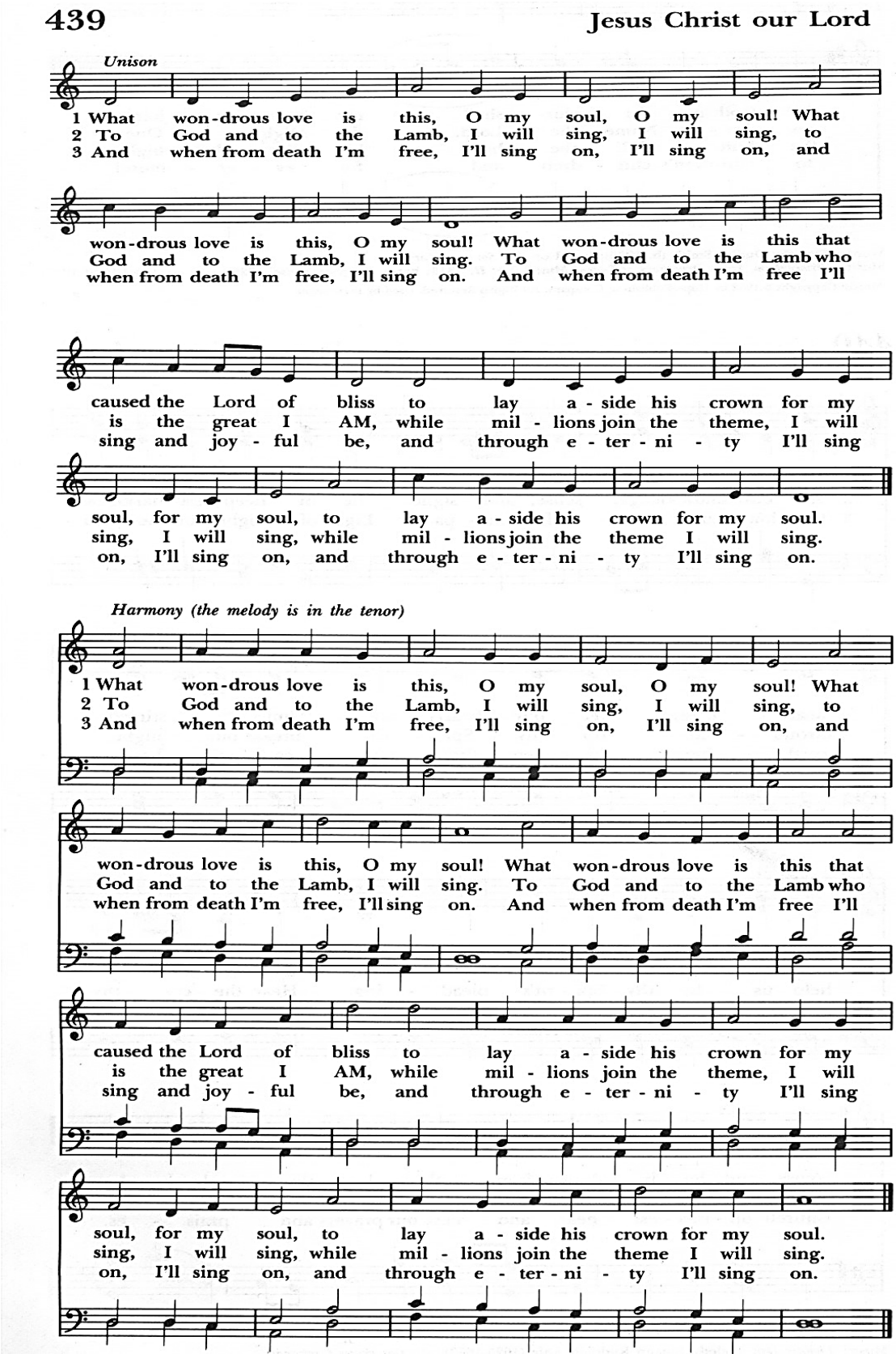
A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF JOHN 3:1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN



THE PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5:1-12

Deacon Beloved, God is with you.
People ***And also with you.***
Deacon The holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.
People ***Glory to you, O Christ.***

Deacon 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.***

THE SERMON — The Rev. Renee L. Fenner

HOLY BAPTISM

This morning we welcome into the Household of God, Jaxon Simmons and Mykel Gardner.

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

Presider The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Sponsors ***I present Jaxson Cam'Ron Simmons and Mykel Levell Gardner to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.***
Presider Jaxson and Mykel, do you desire to be baptized?
Candidates ***I do.***

When all have been presented the Presider asks the parents and godparents

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present
is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents
I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents
I will, with God's help.

Then the Presider asks the following questions of the candidates who can speak for themselves, and of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer ***I renounce them.***

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer ***I renounce them.***

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer ***I renounce them.***

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer ***I do.***

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer ***I do.***

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer ***I do.***

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support *these persons* in *their* life in Christ?

People ***We will.***

The Presider then says these or similar words

Let us join with *those* who *are* committing *themselves* to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Deacon Do you believe in God the Father?

People ***I believe in God, the Father almighty,***
creator of heaven and earth.

Deacon Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People ***I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.***
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Deacon Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People ***I believe in the Holy Spirit,***
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Deacon Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and Fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

People ***I will, with God's help.***

Deacon Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People ***I will, with God's help.***

Deacon Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People ***I will, with God's help.***

Deacon Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People ***I will, with God's help.***

Deacon Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People ***I will, with God's help.***

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

The Celebrant then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for *these persons* who *are* to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

The Worship Leader now leads the following petitions

Leader Deliver *them,* O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader Open *their hearts* to your grace and truth.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader Fill *them* with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader Keep *them* in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader Teach *them* to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader Send *them* into the world in witness to your love.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader Bring *them* to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

The Presider says

Grant, O God, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. ***Amen.***

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The presider blesses the water, first saying

	The Lord be with you.
People	***And also with you***.
Presider	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

Presider

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

THE BAPTISM

Each candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, or to an assisting priest or deacon, who then immerses, or pours water upon, the candidate, saying

Jaxson Cam'Ron, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. ***Amen.***

Mykel Levell, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. ***Amen.***

When this action has been completed for all candidates, the Bishop or Priest, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over them, saying

Let us pray.
Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon *these* your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised *them* to the new life of grace. Sustain *them,* O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give *them* an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. ***Amen.***

Then the Bishop or Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross [using Chrism if desired] and saying to each one

N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. ***Amen.***

Or this action may be done immediately after the administration of the water and before the preceding prayer.

When all have been baptized, the Presider says
Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Presider and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of Christ be with you.
People ***And also with you.***
Presider Let us share a sign of Christ's peace.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

TRUSTING THE TRIUNE GOD

363 Blessed Assurance: Jesus Is Mine



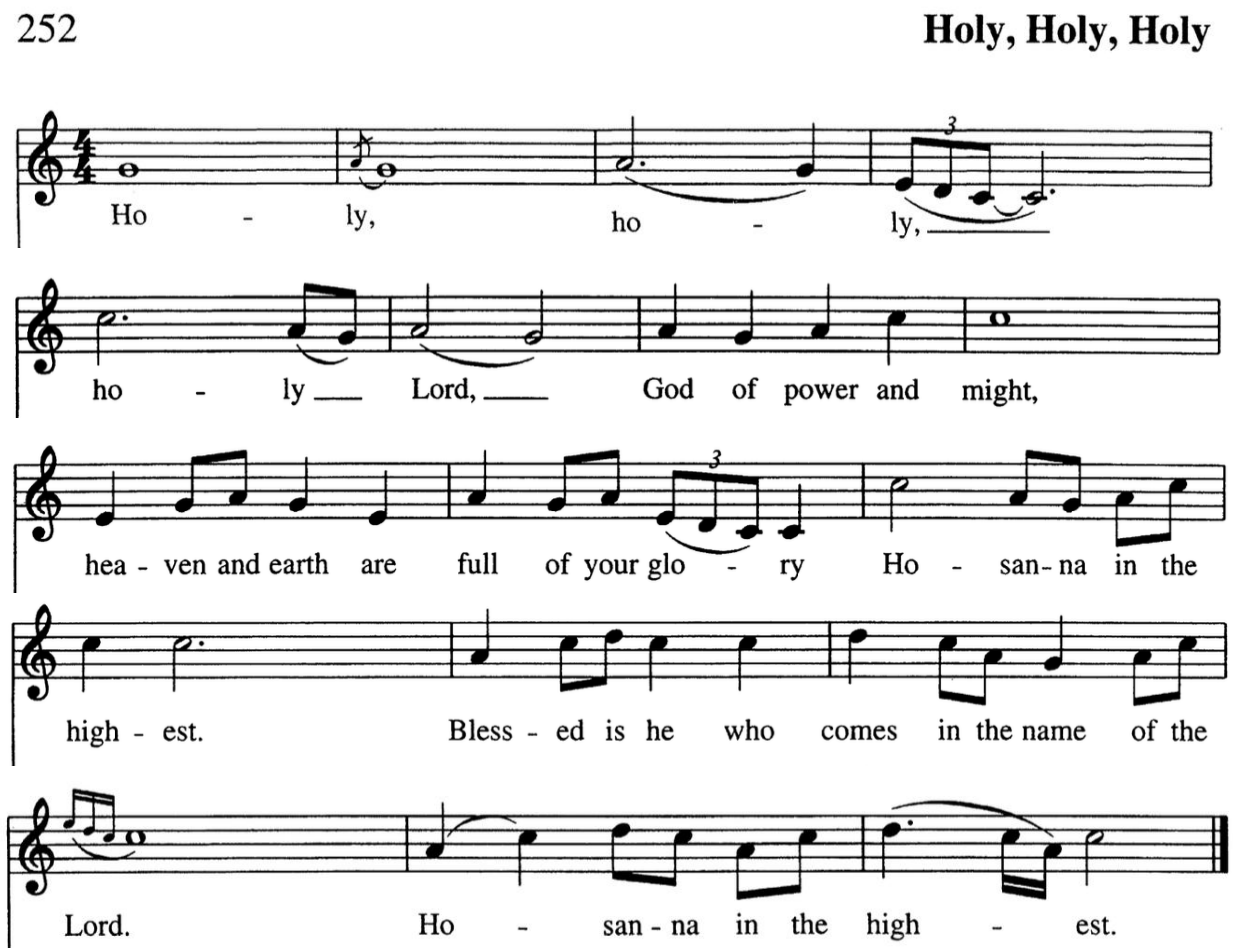
EUCHARISTIC PRAYER I *(Enriching Our Worship)*

Presider God be 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 You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing (say)

Presider and People "Holy, Holy, Holy"



The Presider continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

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

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with [_____ and] all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

"AMEN" *(Traditional melody, sung)*

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(sung)*

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

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

LAMB OF GOD *(sung)*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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

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



THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Presider God be with you.
People ***And also with you.***
Presider Let us pray.

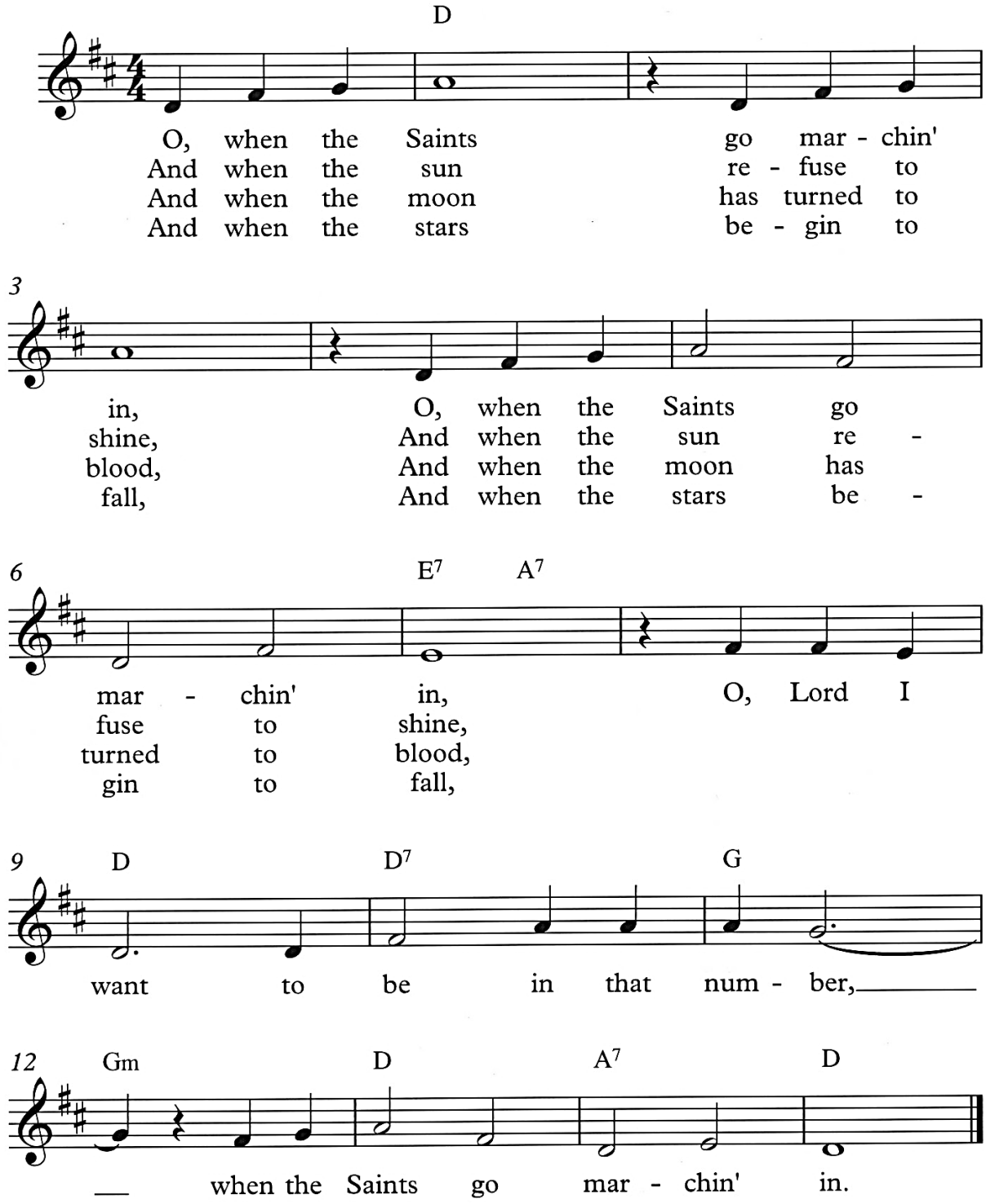
Presider and People

Send us now into the world, to walk in the strength of those who came before, to sing the songs they taught us, to labor for justice, to rejoice in hope, and to live as your beloved community, until your dream of freedom and wholeness is fulfilled for all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen and Ashe'.

THE BLESSING

Presider May God clothe you in love, strengthen you to live gently on this earth, give you humility to see all you encounter as precious, and teach you to walk with kindness and patience. And the blessing of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, accompany your journey today and always. ***Amen.***

O When The Saints



THE SENDING

Deacon Ancestors who sang by the rivers, who crossed through waters seen and unseen, rejoice with us now for God is with us, and we are not alone.

People ***We go forth in hope and in power. Amen and Ashe'.***

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Go forth into the world, remembering your baptism, trusting the waters that carry you, and singing the song of the risen Christ. Walk through every river unafraid, for God goes with you, the Spirit surrounds you, and the ancestors rejoice beside you. Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People ***Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

TODAY'S LITURGICAL LEADERS

Presider
The Rev. Renee L. Fenner, Priest-in-Charge

Deacon
The Rev. Dr. Dn. Valerie E. Patton

Worship Leader
Betty Brown

Reader
Walter Fox

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

Thanks to Lynda Gardner in memory of the Clark family and Gardner family and Rev. Renee in thanksgiving for the Saints of ASA for sponsoring today's Altar Flowers.

OUR MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS

Mission Statement: We are a Christ-centered historic African American Episcopal congregation called to embody God's love through inspiring worship, deep relationships, and faithful service. Rooted in the richness of our heritage and sustained by the Spirit, we foster a welcoming community where all are seen, valued, and connected. We commit ourselves to being Love in action: serving our neighbors, enriching one another, proclaiming the Good News with joy, justice, peace and hope.

Vision Statement: Rooted in heritage. Formed in love. Sent to serve.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS AND ASCENSION VESTRY – 2026

Senior Warden-Gaylard Williams (2027)
Junior Warden-Betty Brown

Vestry Clerk
Margarett Williams

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Rickey Mabry

Class of 2027
Adrienne Dillon
Sondra Harrell

Class of 2028
Michael Griffin
Stanley Merridith

Class of 2029
Betty Brown

Convention Delegates
Adrienne Dillon (2027)
Caroline Moore (2027)

Alternate Delegate
Donna Black (2027)



LIFTING UP OUR VOICES

"Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced."

-James Baldwin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER LISTS

We are always ready to pray for family members, friends, neighbors and all those in need of our prayers.

Cline H. Booker
Bessie L. Carter
Michael and Janice Griffin
Shanna Kar and Family
Johnetta Martin
Helen Owens
Marion Robinson
James Williams, Sr.
Canon Desiree Brattin
Bessie Clemmons
Stella Hughes
Winifred Lemmie
Avis McGhee
Betty Patton
Florence Ross
Bill Young
Harold Briggs
Rick Earley
Marvalda Jones
Regina Lewis
Diana Oliver
Everette Quinn
Lisa Shelley

We continue to pray for all those who are still affected by last year's tornado. We pray especially for our adopted family and so many others. We pray for our companion churches of St. Stephen's and the Vine (Ferguson) and St. Peter's (Ladue). Our prayers also continue for all veterans and those who are currently serving in the military, especially:

Sgt. Omar Fernandes (Brantley)-United States Air Force
Captain Javonny Carrion-United States Army
Staff Sgt. Ashley Cole-United States Air Force
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

We will keep 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!

CELLPHONE REMINDER

Friends, just a quick reminder to turn off or silence your cellphones as you get settled for Sunday service. Unless "Jesus Is Calling" as the hymn goes, your ringtone is distracting worship.

COFFEE HOUR

Coffee Hour is sometimes referred to as an extension of the service. It's a time to relax and enjoy fellowship and food with church friends. We are extremely grateful for our Hospitality Team that provides refreshments on the 1st Sunday of each month and at other times when needed. As we enter the fall term, we are asking others to step up as well by volunteering to host a gathering. The signup sheet is on the board near the ushers' station. Your offering does not have to be anything elaborate-coffee, tea, juice, cookies, doughnuts or fruit. Or you can be as fancy as you please! Don't want to host alone? Pair up with someone else! Come about 30 minutes early to set

the serving table (s) and start the coffee. There are plenty of paper plates, cups, napkins, plastic cutlery and tablecloths (although you might want to check before your scheduled (Sunday). And with a few helping hands, cleanup can be a breeze! Please consider this extended ministry so that we can get to know each other better!

PLEASE JOIN US

Please join us for Sunday Eucharist at 9am and Tuesday Eucharist at Noon. Wednesday Evening Prayer begins on Zoom at 6pm. And Thursday Morning Bible Study begins at 10am on Zoom.

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 19 and 12. Let us 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 Schnucks, Target, Walmart, Walgreens, Kohls, and Aldi's. Uber gift cards would also be appreciated. "Whatever you do to the least of them, you do unto me (Matthew 23:40)".

THANK YOU

Dear Saints of ASA, we sincerely thank you for recognizing us this past Sunday in honor of Clergy Appreciation Month. Thank you for your gifts. It is our pleasure to be in service to you and with you. May God continue to bless, keep, and cover you! *Rev. Renee and Deacon Valerie*

ARRANGEMENTS FOR MRS. CARR

Final arrangements for our next-door neighbor, Mrs. Mary Carr are as follows: Monday, November 2 at Greater Grace Church, 3690 Pershall Road in Ferguson. Visitation is at 10am and Service will be held at 11am.

MEN'S DAY NOVEMBER 8

The ASA Men's Club cordially invites you to their annual Men's Day celebration during the 9:00 am Eucharist on Sunday, Nov. 8. Returning to celebrate with us is former parishioner Cory Dancy who will be our keynote speaker. Cory is the grandson of former parishioners Willie Crenshaw and the late Christine Crenshaw. Please join us and bring a guest. Men--Be sure to wear your bowtie!

DIRECTORY UPDATE

Did you move to a new address this past year? Change your phone number? Get a new email address? Then be aware that we have begun updating our member's contact data in preparation for the 2027 church directory. Please submit any updates of your contact information made over the past year. Send your changes to Sanford Hamilton by Monday, Nov. 30.

SOCKTOBER

As part of our Community Outreach, the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) has begun collecting socks. We request and appreciate your donations of clean new pairs of socks of all sizes for adults and children. Feel free to drop off your donations into the box marked for sock donations in the parish hall on Sundays, or on Monday thru Wednesday during normal parish business hours. If you have questions, contact Deborah Dukes.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

Join Bishop Amy Dafler Meaux of the Diocese of West Missouri and Bishop Deon Johnson of the Diocese of Missouri for a transformative pilgrimage to the Holy Land, May 18–29, 2027. Space for the trip is limited to 14 spots for each diocese. The cost is $6,000 per person with double occupancy. A non-refundable deposit of $1,000 (due Nov. 1) is required to reserve your spot with the remaining balance due by March 1, 2027. For more information, please visit the diocesan website at: diocesemo.org/connect/news/2027holyland.

CONVOCATION IS HOSTING CONVENTION

Our Emery Washington Convocation is hosting this year's Diocesan Convention which will be held November 12-14. There are roles available for sign up during our in-person time together on Saturday, November14. Many of them center around the Eucharist (vergers, crucifers, psalmist, readers, Prayers of the People, ushers, and more). Hosts are also needed to assist people navigate the convention space. To sign up, please see the Emery Washington Convocation Newsletter or contact Convocation Dean, the Rev. Tom Albinson at talbinson@csmsg.org.

THE 187TH DIOCESAN CONVENTION

Mark your calendars for the 187th Convention of The Episcopal Diocese of Missouri, taking place November 12–14, 2026, at Manchester United Methodist. Drawing inspiration from Jesus' Great Commission in Matthew 28, Bishop Deon K. Johnson invites the people of the diocese to gather for a time of prayer, discernment, storytelling, and renewal as we continue to explore what it means to be a Church that is sent into the world to share God's love, hope, and healing.

Convention will once again include both virtual business sessions and opportunities for in-person gathering. Delegates are expected to participate in both, and all members of the diocesan household are warmly encouraged to take part in the in-person events. Voices from across the diocese are also invited to participate in the Convention Choir on Saturday, November 14, at 10:30 a.m. Under the leadership of Cathedral Director of Music Dr. Connor Scott, diocesan choirs will join together in a combined choir for this special celebration.

Nominations are now open for Diocesan Leadership! The Committee for Nominations and Election Procedures is working to identify suitable clergy and especially laypersons to run for the positions of Cathedral Chapter, Diocesan Council, Disciplinary Board, and Standing Committee. Questions can be referred to the Rev. Dave Malek: rector@stbarnabasstl.org.

Watch for additional information regarding registration, resolutions, nominations, and other important Convention updates.

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. *Deacon Valerie*

WEDNESDAY EVENING PRAYER

Please join us at 6:00pm for prayer! We spend approximately 35-40 minutes on Wednesday evenings in prayer, which includes a segment where we focus on ASA, the community around it, those who need our help, etc. Evening Prayer is a calming experience to provide those who need to relax from the busy workday or personal issues of the day or week. Although there is a leader for the evening, each person usually takes a part, such as a reading, during that time. We rotate leaders each week.

ASA Evening Prayer (Every Wednesday 6pm-7:15pm September 2026 to May 2027)

<contact parish office for Zoom login info>

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study is held every Thursday at 10:00 am via Zoom. This year Bible Study will focus on three books of the Bible: The Gospel of John, Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, and the Book of James. The character of God is on full display in the Gospel of John. It will help us to know our Savior more and deepen our faith in HIM. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians makes for a great study for it overflows with truth about who we are in Christ, our blessings through Christ, and how this should affect our lives as his church. The Book of James offers direct, practical wisdom for everyday Christian living. It challenges believers to match their words with actions, care for the needy, and to persevere through trials. Please join us! - *Joyce Crittenden, Leader*

ASA Bible Study (Every Thursday 10am-11am September 2026 to May 2026)

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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!

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.

INITIAL OFFERING

All parishioners are asked to contribute at least $5.00 to the "Initial Offering" Fund to help defray the cost of the new envelopes that were purchased for this year. Use the blue and white envelope that says "Initial Offering" or indicate it on your envelope. Thank you.

PAYPAL

Did you forget to bring your pledge with you to church? Or perhaps you cannot attend Sunday morning service. 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.

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