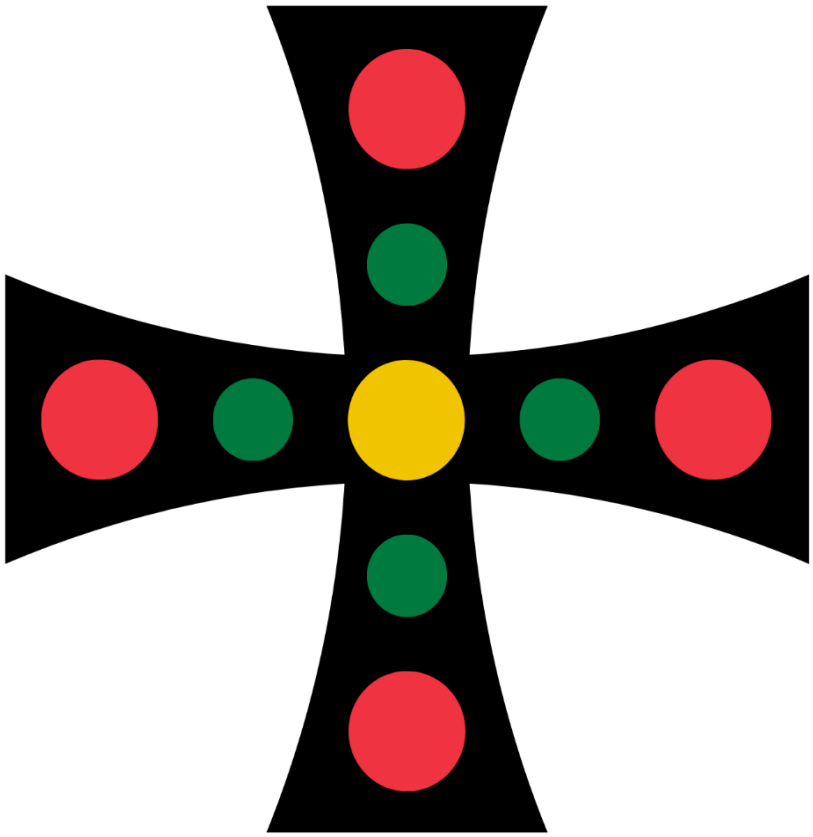


THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF

ALL SAINTS AND ASCENSION

The 25th Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 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



THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

CALLING TO THE ANCESTORS WITH LIBATION

A vessel of water is placed in view. The priest, deacon, or lay leader pours small libations into the font, a bowl or onto the earth at each direction.

All face East.
Presider From the East, where the sun rises and new life breaks forth, we remember the dawn of resurrection and the ancestors who believed in freedom before it came. Like the waters of creation, where the Spirit first moved, God brought life out of chaos and hope out of despair.
Leader We pour this water in thanksgiving for their faith and for the rising of new life among us.
(Water is poured.)
People **Ancestors of hope, rise with us.**

All face South.
Presider From the South, where rivers run deep and tears have fallen, we remember those who passed through the waters of suffering, through rivers of sorrow and baptismal streams of grace. They sang, "Wade in the water," trusting that God would trouble the waters and make a way.
Leader We pour this water in remembrance of their endurance and the Spirit who sustained them.
(Water is poured.)
People **Ancestors of courage, rise with us.**

All face West.
Presider From the West, across the great waters, we remember the Middle Passage, waters that bore witness to pain and loss beyond words. Yet even there, the deep could not drown God's presence. In Christ, the waters of death have become the waters of life.
Leader We pour this water trusting that nothing, not even the depths, can separate us from God's love.
(Water is poured.)
People **Ancestors of faith, rise with us.**

All face North.
Presider From the North, where people journeyed toward freedom, crossing rivers and boundaries into new life, we remember those who followed the waters to liberation. Through baptism, we too have crossed over, from death into life, from bondage into freedom.

Leader We pour this water in thanksgiving for their witness and for the new life we share in Christ.
(Water is poured.)
People **Ancestors of wisdom, rise with us.**

All face the altar.
Presider Ancestors who have gone before us, cloud of witnesses, rejoice with us, for Christ is risen, and the waters of death have become the waters of life. ***Amen and Ashe`.***

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 Holy God, 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 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 JUDGES 4:1-7

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.'"

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

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

THE PSALM OF THE DAY: PSALM 123

1 To you I lift up my eyes, *
to you enthroned 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, *
until he show us his mercy.

4 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, *
for we have had more than enough of contempt,

5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *
and of the derision of the proud.

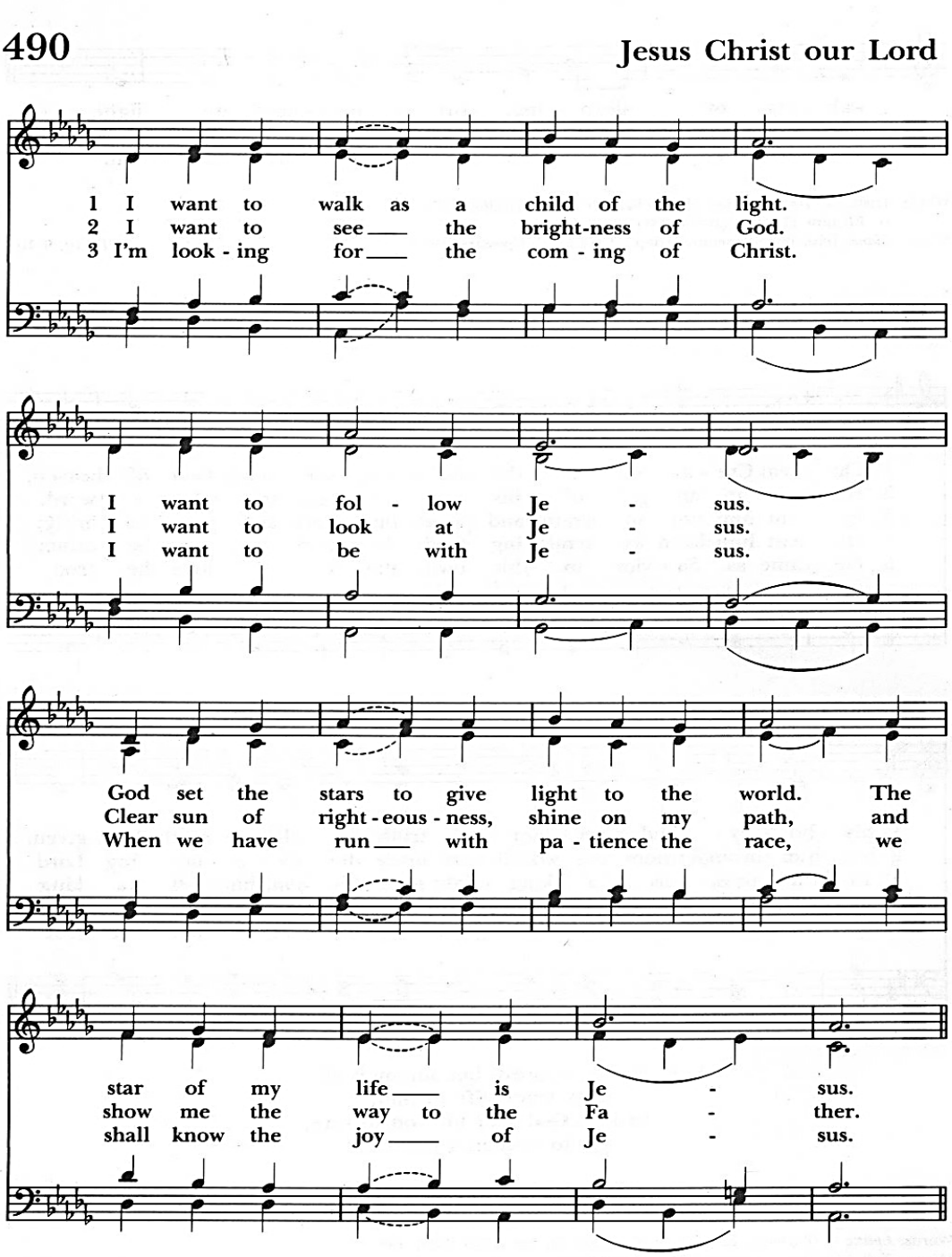
A READING FROM PAUL'S FIRST LETTER TO THE THESSALONIANS 5:1-11

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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN





THE PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 25:14-30

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 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.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Dn. Valerie E. Patton

OUR AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Deacon Let us affirm our faith in the One, Holy and Living God.
Silence is kept for a time.

Deacon We believe in one God, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

People ***We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Creator, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Creator. Through him all things were made.***

Deacon 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 became truly human.

People ***In his life among us, he proclaimed good news to the poor, liberty to the captives, sight to the blind, and release to the oppressed.***

Deacon Jesus ate with outcasts, forgave sinners, challenged injustice, and embodied the boundless love of God.

People ***In word and deed, he revealed the reign of God drawing near.***

Deacon 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 Creator.

People ***He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.***

Deacon We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Creator and the Son. With the Creator and is worshiped and glorified. Who has spoken through the Prophets.

People ***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.***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FORM III

Deacon With faith and in hope, we bring our prayers and petitions to you, O God.

Loving God, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

We pray for the dead, especially Harold Briggs, former custodian of All Saints and All Saints and Ascension, and parishioner, William "Bill" Young. Give the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, especially those on our prayer lists.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

For the future we cannot yet see: Give us faith when we are tempted to fear, freedom when we cling to what was, and patience when we cannot see what you are doing. Place in our hands the tambourine for the journey, the song, the practice, and the joy that will sustain us. ***Spirit of God, give us courage to rise.***

Presider Gracious God, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus
Christ our Savior. ***Amen.***

Deacon Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Silence

All ***God our Creator, we confess to you and to our fellow members in the Body of Christ that we have sinned in thought, word and deed, and in what we have failed to do. We are truly sorry. Forgive us our sins and deliver us from the power of evil. For the sake of your Son who died for us, Jesus Christ our Redeemer.***

Presider God, who is both power and love, forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by the Holy Spirit and raise you to new life in Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. ***Amen and Ashe'.***

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


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Lead Me, Guide Me
Lead me, guide me, a - long the way,
For if you lead me, I can - not stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.
Fine
Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.


1. I am weak and I need thy strength and power to
2. Help me tread in the paths of right - eous - ness, be my
3. I am lost if you take your hand from me, I am
1. help me o - ver my weak - est hour; Help me
2. aid when sa - tan and sin op - press; I am
3. blind with - out thy light to see; Lord, just
1. through the dark - ness thy face to see,
2. put - ting all my trust in thee.
3. al - ways let me thy ser - vant be.
D.C.
1. Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.
2. Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.
3. Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II *(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 We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing (say):

Presider and People "Holy, Holy, Holy"

252 **Holy, Holy, Holy**



The Presider continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, 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. Again, he gave thanks to you, 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."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with [_____ and] all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

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

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. 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. 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.

488 Jesus Christ our Lord



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 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.***

This Little Light of Mine 160



2. Everywhere I go... 3. All through the night...

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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.

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

TODAY'S LITURGICAL LEADERS

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

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

Worship Leader
Stanley Johnson

Reader
Alexia Dukes

Acolyte
Stanley Merridith

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: 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

"There comes a time when people get tired of being plunged into the abyss of exploitation and nagging injustice."

— Martin Luther King, Jr.

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 Clemmons
Michael and Janice Griffin
Shanna Kar and Family
Johnetta Martin
Helen Owens
Marion Robinson
James Williams, Sr.
Canon Desiree Brattin
Rick Earley
Stella Hughes
Winifred Lemmie
Avis McGhee
Betty Patton
Florence Ross
Bessie L. Carter
Zachary Foster
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. 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)".

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.

THANKSGIVING EVE EUCHARIST

There is a lot to be grateful for. Please join us on Wednesday, Nov.25, at 6pm for our Thanksgiving Eve Eucharist. You and your families and friends are welcome!

ECM'S HOLIDAY GIFT-WRAPPING PARTY

ECM invites us to help collect and wrap gifts, write letters, and sign greeting cards for children at the city and county detention centers! They are looking for sports and car magazines, beauty/self-care products for both boys and girls: nail polish, lip balm, Axe Body wash, 16 oz. only, Dove body wash, 20 oz. only, hair sponge brushes (for curly hair/twists). Also, if you would like to donate gift cards, they are accepting gift cards for Amazon, Target, and Walmart only. Refreshments will be served. Join them on Monday, Dec. 14 from 10am-1:30pm at Emmanuel Episcopal Church on 9 S. Bompart Ave. in Webster Groves!

"A CHRISTMAS CAROL"

You are invited to join The Alpha Players for their production of Charles Dicken's classic, "A Christmas Carol" on Dec. 4 at 7:30 pm and Dec. 5 at 2:00 pm at the Florissant Performing Arts Center. Nancy Crouse ("The Color Purple") is directing with Terrell Thompson as assistant music director and Rev. Renee as Grandma/Cook/Mrs. Dilbur. Adults ($15), Seniors/students ($12), Group of 8+ to the same performance ($10). Call 314-921-5678 or visit https://florissantmo.thundertix.com/events/263992.

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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