



EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost, Year C

Holy Eucharist Rite II

10 am

July 13, 2025

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Prelude

Processional Hymn

“Jesu, Jesu”

Blue Hymnal 602

The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence
before him.

Habakkuk 2:20

Confession of Sin

Book of Common Prayer p. 75

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins
through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all
goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us
in eternal life. Amen.

Invitatory and Psalter

Book of Common Prayer p. 80

All stand

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be for ever. Amen.

Alleluia.

The earth is the Lord's for he made it: Come let us adore him.

Venite

Book of Common Prayer p. 82

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

The earth is the Lord's for he made it: Come let us adore him.

Psalm 82

Book of Common Prayer p. 705

God takes his stand in the council of heaven; *

he gives judgment in the midst of the gods:

“How long will you judge unjustly, *

and show favor to the wicked?

Save the weak and the orphan; *

defend the humble and needy;

Rescue the weak and the poor; *

deliver them from the power of the wicked.

They do not know, neither do they understand;

they go about in darkness; *

all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

Now I say to you, ‘You are gods, *

and all of you children of the Most High;

Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, *

and fall like any prince.”

Arise, O God, and rule the earth, *

for you shall take all nations for your own.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit: *

as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be for ever. Amen.

The Lessons

The First Lesson

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Amos.

Amos 7:7-17

This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A plumb line.” Then the Lord said,

“See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will spare them no longer; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.”

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, “Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said” ‘Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.’”

And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there, but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.”

Then Amos answered Amaziah, “I am no prophet nor a prophet’s son, but I am a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the Lord took me from following

the flock, and the Lord said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel. ’

“Now therefore hear the word of the Lord. You say, ‘Do not prophesy against Israel, and do not preach against the house of Isaac. ’Therefore thus says the Lord: Your wife shall become a prostitute in the city, and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword, and your land shall be parceled out by line; you yourself shall die in an unclean land, and Israel shall surely go into exile away from its land.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Canticle 15

“The Song of Mary”

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things, *

and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
The promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be for ever. Amen.

The Second Lesson

A Reading from the Letter to the Colossians.

Colossians 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and
Timothy our brother,

To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ
in Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith
in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the
saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven.
You have heard of this hope before in the word of the
truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is
bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has
been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you
heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This
you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant.
He is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, and he
has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Canticle 21

"You are God"

Book of Common Prayer p. 95

You are God: we praise you;

You are the Lord; we acclaim you;

You are the eternal Father:

All creation worships you.

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,

Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

The glorious company of apostles praise you.

The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you;
 Father, of majesty unbounded,
 your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
 and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.
You, Christ, are the king of glory,
the eternal Son of the Father.
When you became man to set us free
you did not shun the Virgin's womb.
You overcame the sting of death
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
You are seated at God's right hand in glory.
We believe that you will come and be our judge.
 Come then, Lord, and help your people,
 bought with the price of your own blood,
 and bring us with your saints
 to glory everlasting.

A Reading from the Gospel According to Luke.

Luke 10:25-37

An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your

neighbor as yourself.” And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

The Apostles’ Creed

Book of Common Prayer p. 96

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

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.
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. Amen.

The Prayers

Book of Common Prayer p. 97

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us 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.

Suffrages A

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

***R.* And grant us your salvation.**

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

***R.* Let your people sing with joy.**

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

***R.* For only in you can we live in safety.**

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

***R.* And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

***R.* Your saving health among all nations.**

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

***R.* Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

***R.* And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

Hymn

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" *Blue Hymnal 686*

I invite your prayers and Thanksgivings at this time.

Silence

We pray especially for Alexander Beamon, Joe Beck, Gloria Carter, Billy Clark, Linda Day, Elaine Evans, Diane Forrest, Sam Hedgecock, Kate Hien, Katie Hughes, Rick Jones, Paul Joseph, Bryan Knight, Shana Paul, Sydney Ruloph, Diane Shephard, Nancy Whitman, and Margaret Wynn.

We pray for Sean our Presiding Bishop, Susan our Bishop, Stewart our Rector, and Genevieve our Deacon.

We pray that the people of Ascension may grow ever deeper in our relationship with God and with our neighbors.

We give thanks for the birthday of Chuck Steinbruck.

We give thanks for the anniversary of Bill & Barbi Willey Jr.

We give thanks for our lawn teams.

The General Thanksgiving

Book of Common Prayer p. 101

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your
praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Officiant concludes

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do
infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him
from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ
Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” *Blue Hymnal 470*

Announcements

Choral Evensong: The Christ and St. Luke's choir and a number of pilgrims from other churches including our own Emily Dale will be singing a Farewell Choral Evensong at Christ and St. Luke's tonight from 5:30-6:30 pm. This will be the final service before the group embarks on their tour of Canterbury and St. Paul's cathedrals.

Stewart will be out of the office from Sunday, July 20th until Thursday, July 24th. If you have a pastoral emergency, please call Deacon Genevieve Nelson at 757-275-6245.

The Creation Care Team is dedicated to education, action, and advocacy and will be showing three creation care-focused documentary films between July 21st and September 15th. Thanks to the generous hospitality of the good folks at Church of the Ascension at 405 Talbot Hall Road in Norfolk, we will be showing the films in-person and will follow each film with an invitation for discussion about reactions and take-away thoughts. We hope you join us on the following dates:

- July 21st at 6:30 p.m. – *Common Ground* by Josh Tickell and Rebecca Harrell Tickell. “The film profiles a hopeful and uplifting movement of white, black, and indigenous farmers who are using alternative “regenerative” models of agriculture that could balance the climate, save our health, and stabilize America’s economy – before it’s too late.”

- August 18th at 6:30 p.m. – *Cooked -Survival by Zip Code* by Judith Helfand. The film deals with the “worst heat disaster in US history that occurred in Chicago in 1995 where 739 residents – mostly elderly and black died over the course of one week. The film addresses extreme weather, disparity, and the politics of disaster.”
- September 15th at 6:30 p.m. – *Virginia’s Calling* by Barry Lyons and Linda Nieman. The film “addresses how a woman of faith grapples with the challenge of her flooded home after a hurricane and how she responds within her community to raise awareness about climate change and advocacy.”

Food Pantry Needs Our food pantry is in need of plastic bags to help distribute food to those in need. If you have any extra plastic bags at home, please consider donating them to our pantry. Your contribution will make a big difference in helping us serve our community. All plastic bag donations can be placed in the blue bin in the Narthex. Monetary contributions are also accepted and help us purchase food from the Food Bank for much less than if we were to buy it from the store.

Outreach, Collections, & Opportunities

Catholic Worker needs more pairs of men's white socks and granola bars. Thank you!

Outreach Steve Baggarly from Catholic Worker is seeking donations to support his ministry during the summer heat. With rising temperatures, staying hydrated is essential, and Gatorade is especially needed for distribution throughout the week. In addition, travel-size deodorant, rain ponchos, and razors are also in high demand. Steve is deeply grateful for the continued generosity of our congregation as we come together to care for our community during this heatwave.

Reminder: The deadline for announcements is Tuesday at 5pm. Announcements received after that time may not make it into the bulletin or the emailed announcements.

Weekly Studies:

Tuesday Centering Prayer meets at 7:45am on Tuesdays on Zoom for one hour. The meeting opens at 7:30 for chatting, then at 7:45 we proceed with the reading of a psalm, 20 minutes of silent prayer/meditation followed by a discussion of the reading. The group is currently reading *The Great Search: Turning to Earth and Soul in the Quest for Healing and Home* by John Philip Newell. We are a diverse group with members joining from three countries and various religious backgrounds. You are invited to join us at any time. To get on the Zoom invite list, please contact Anji Harris (anjiharris54@gmail.com) or Sally Miller (757-489-5293 or samiller903@yahoo.com).

Thursday Mid-Morning Seekers' Bible Study will watch a video, read scripture passages, and discuss the questions together. I recommend joining the meeting early in case you have any issues getting connected. I hope to see everyone on Thursday at 10:00 am! If you are not on the email group or have trouble accessing the Zoom, please contact Susan Meredith at merbec@cox.net or 757-617-1959.

Meeting ID: 810 7002 6611 **Passcode:** Bible

A Look at the Week Ahead:

Monday

11:30 am Roy's ROMEOs Lunch – Royal Garden Restaurant

6:30 pm Creation Care Movie '*Common Ground*' – Rose Hall

Tuesday

7:30 am Centering Prayer – Zoom

10:00 am Food Pantry - Pantry

11:30 am Building & Grounds – Rose Hall

7:00 pm Vestry Meeting – Conference Room

Thursday

10:00 am Food Pantry – Pantry

10:00 am Mid-Morning Seeker's Bible Study – Zoom

Sunday

9:00 am Coffee & Adult Formation

10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II - Sanctuary

OUR VISION IS

Honoring the Past
Looking Forward in Hope
Be the Face of Healing
Healing is the Core Value

Your Vestry is here to serve you!

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