# Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 14, 2023 11:00 a.m.

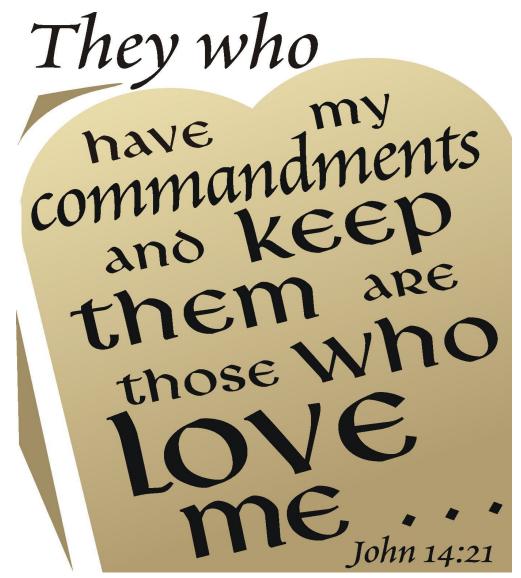


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The Episcopal Church of the Ascension

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### Welcome to The Episcopal Church of the Ascension. Here "we challenge ourselves and the world to love like Jesus as we worship joyfully,

#### serve compassionately and grow spiritually."

Our shared purpose in the Diocese of Atlanta, as agreed upon at Annual Council 2015

Please remember to silence your cell phone.

The people may make the sign of the cross (optional) when this sign  $\dagger$  appears throughout the order of the service.

# The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

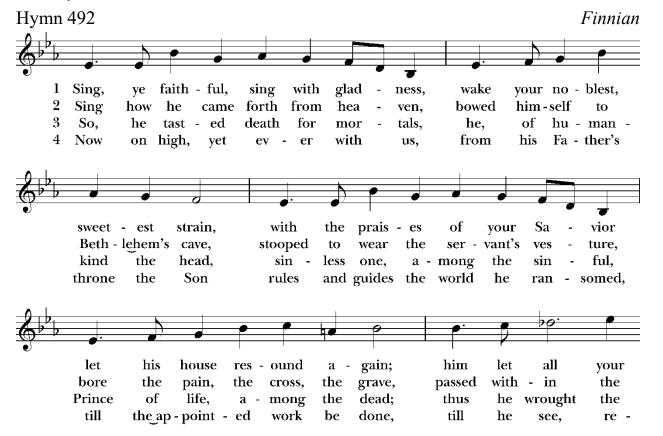
# The Organ Voluntary

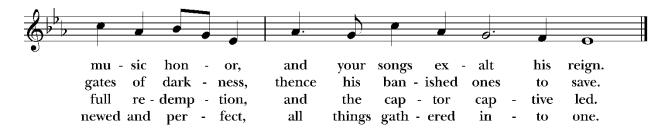
All Glory Be to God on High

Charles Ore (b.1936)

Please stand, as you are able, at the ringing of the bell.

### The Hymn in Procession





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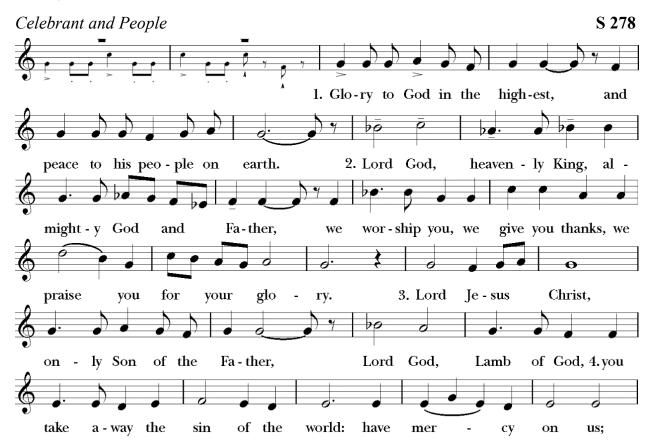
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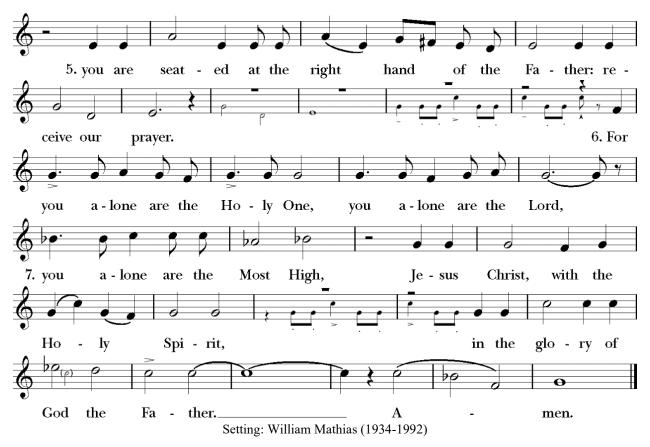
Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

#### Celebrant

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 





## The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** *The people sit.* 

The First Lesson Acts 17:22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human

hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

'For we too are his offspring.'

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

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

## The Response

Psalm 66:7-18

Chanted by congregation and choir

Jubilate Deo



- 7 Bless our | God, you | peoples; \* make the voice of his | präise | to be | heard;
- 8 Who holds our | souls in | life, \* and will not al | low our | feet to | slip.
- 9 For you, O | God, have | proved us; \* you have tried us | just as | silver is | tried.
- 10 You brought us | into the | snare; \* you laid heavy | burdens up | on our | backs.

- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through | fire and | water; \* but you brought us out | into • a | place of • re - | freshment.
- 12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will | pay you my | vows, \* which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth | when I | was in | trouble.
- 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the | smoke of | rams; \* I will | give you | oxen and | goats.
- 14 Come and listen, all you who | fear | God, \* and I will tell you what | he has | done for | me.
- 15 I called out to him | with my | mouth, \* and his | praise was | on my | tongue.
- 16 If I had found evil | in my | heart, \* the | Lord would | not have | heard me;
- 17 But in truth | God has | heard me; \*
  he has attended to the | voïce | of my | prayer.
- 18 Blessed be God, who has not re | jected my | prayer, \* nor with | held his | love from | me.

#### The Second Lesson

1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who

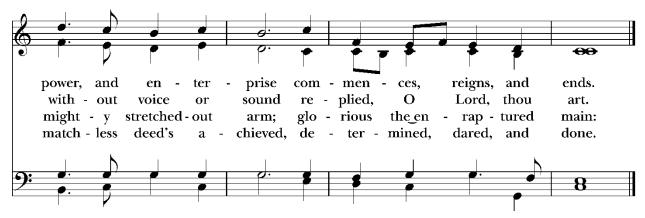
has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

## The Sequence





Words: Christopher Smart (1722-1771), alt. Music: Magdalen College, William Hayes (1706-1777).

The Gospel John 14:15-21

CelebrantPeopleThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

#### The Sermon

The Rev. Richard H. Winters

#### The Nicene Creed

Celebrant and People

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

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. †We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## The Prayers of the People

Form III, BCP

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, 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.

Give to 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.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

#### The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

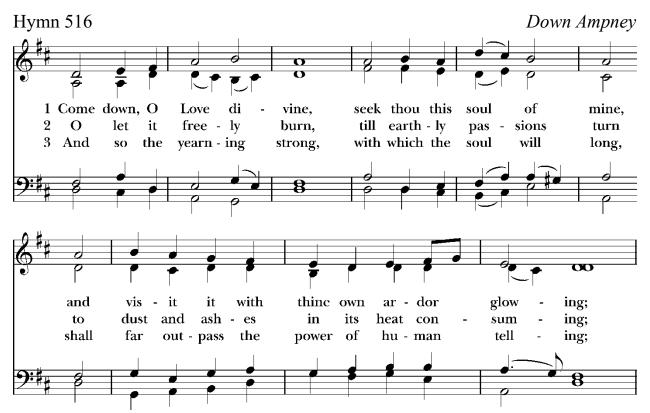
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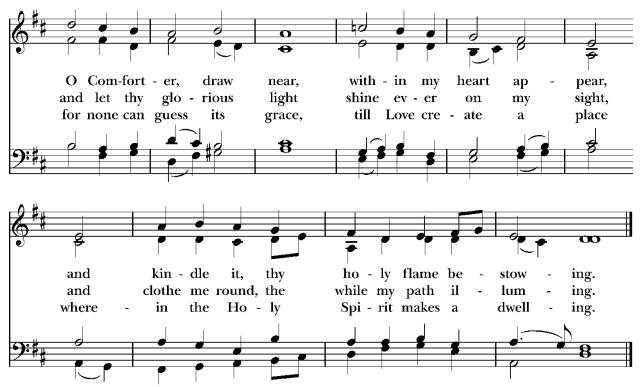
# **The Offertory**

If ye love me

Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

### **The Presentation**





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# The Holy Communion

# The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

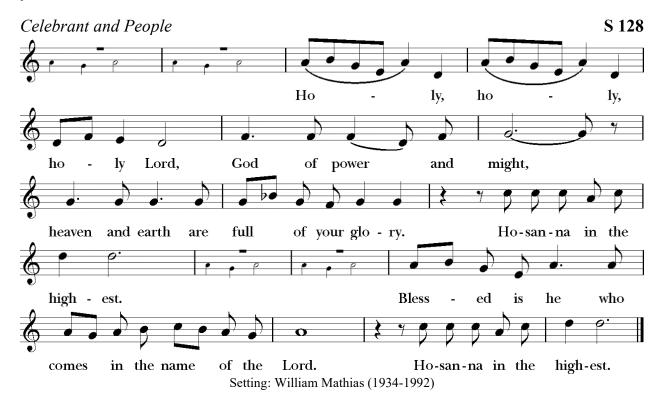
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

## The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

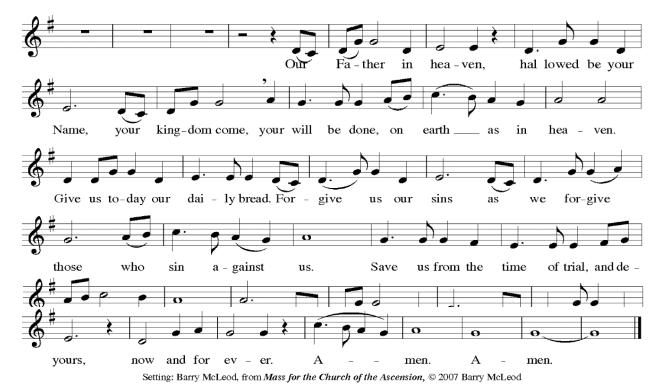
We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. †Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN**.

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,



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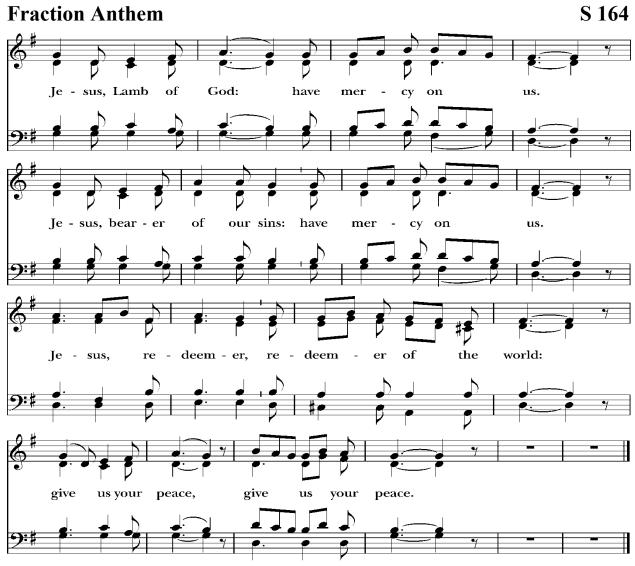
# The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant and People



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Celebrant 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.

# **Hymns during Communion**





Words: George Hugh Bourne (1840-1925), alt. Music: *Bryn Calfaria*, melody William Owen (1813-1983); harm. *Christian Hymns*, 1977.



Words: Simon Browne (1680-1732), alt. Music: *Mendon*, melody from *Methodist Harmonist*, 1981; adapt. and harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

If you are worshiping with us virtually, please pray the Prayer for Spiritual Communion.

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, and remembering particularly my own parish and those worshiping at home, I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. And particularly

for the blessings given me... I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. †I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The people stand.

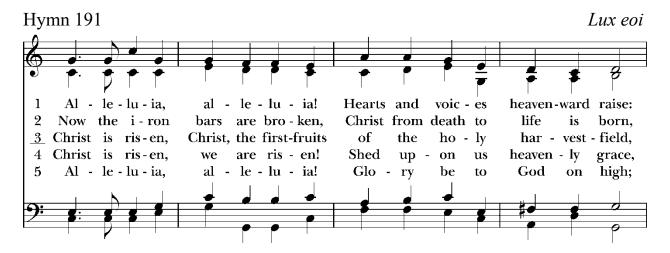
Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## The Easter Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.** 

# The Hymn in Procession





Words: Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885), alt. Music: Lux eoi, Arthur Seymour Sullivan (1842-1900).

#### The Dismissal

The Celebrant dismisses the People.

*The People respond,* 

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

# **The Closing Voluntary**

Passacaglia in C minor, BWV 582

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

The order of service from the Book of Common Prayer, 1979 according to the use of the Episcopal Church.

Please join us in the Parish Hall for refreshments and fellowship.

The Flowers at the Altar are given to the Glory of God by Carl and Brenda Worley in Thanksgiving for their Mothers and Grandmothers.

#### Please take this home with you and use it to guide your prayers.

#### Please pray for the world.

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Please pray for all veterans and their families and for those who are currently serving our country in the Armed Forces, especially Stovall Knight, Chandler Celluzi, Taylor Tekesky, Kyle Hubert, Steven Velencia, Louis Evans and Sean Baker.

#### Please pray for the Episcopal Church of the Ascension.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the priest you have appointed as our new rector. Thank you for blessing our church family with his leadership and wisdom. May we all strive to be welcoming, cooperative, and productive under his new leadership. Thank you for leading, directing, and protecting his family as they make this transition. Lord, you are our Good Shepherd, our High Priest. Amen.

#### Pray for blessings on those who have birthdays or anniversaries this week.

Angee McKee, Lollie Dawson, Beth Hood, Lance Hall, Seth Wilhoite, and Larry & Sallie Twyford.

#### Pray for guidance.

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with your most gracious favor, and further us with your continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy Name, and finally, by your mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Please pray for those among us in need of healing, comfort, support, and compassion.

Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers by name, especially Saturn Thomas and family, Denise Holguin, Dale & Gloria Wansen, Tom Vanden Bush, Bill & Sandi Behrens, Cynthia Clark, Gail McDaniel, Nancy Zerbe, Katy Johnson, Derrick Smart, Pam Hyde, Jackie Jewett, Carol Youd, Terry Brennon, Marina Robertson, Sis Eastland, Linda Jolly, Paul & Rebecca Wilson, Noah McLeod, Michael Johnson, Mal Underwood, Lynn Fowler, The Rev. Louis Tonsmeire, Sam Hood and Lynette Pasek.

Please pray for those who have long-term health problems or are homebound, especially David Cox, Sr., Tallulah, Laura Jean, Wendy, Kendra Bacer, Justin Byrd, Alan Haigler, June Hyde-Hight, William Brown, Joseph McLure, Gary Schebbta, Wendy Little, Beverly Montagno, Markie Montagno, Keith Scoimshaw, Arielle Levioff, Zane Hoyt, Janet Witner, Linda Kindon, Bob & Claudia White, Bonnie Harrelson, Sandy Rutters, Glendy Biggs, Hope Cunningham, Sarah McLeod, Kimberly Gottardi and Steve Novak.

#### Please pray for those who have died.

Joretta Scott

### **Dates to Remember**

May 17, 2023 – Siz 12:15 pm 7:00 pm	xth Week of Easter  Holy Eucharist with healing  Canterbury Choir (Adult) Rehearsal		
9:00 am 11:00 am	nday after Ascension Day – Youth Sunday Family Service with Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist with Choir Fellowship in the Parish Hall		
12:15 pm	venth Week of Easter Holy Eucharist with healing Canterbury Choir (Adult) Rehearsal		
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10:00 am	t Sunday after Pentecost, Trinity Sunday Holy Eucharist with Choir Fellowship in the Parish Hall		
12:15 pm	t Week after Pentecost Holy Eucharist with healing Canterbury Choir (Adult) Rehearsal		
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June 12-15, 2023 - Vacation Rible School 5:30-8:00 nm			

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June 14, 2023 – First Week after Pentecost
12:15 pm Holy Eucharist with healing
7:00 pm Canterbury Choir (Adult) Rehearsal

#### June 15, 2023 – Parish-wide Cookout 5:30-8:00 All hands and appetites on deck!

June 18, 2023 – Third Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 am Holy Eucharist with Choir 11:15 pm Fellowship in the Parish Hall

## You are called to ministry!

Please know that volunteering in the work of God here at Ascension will bring you joy and fellowship as well as bless those you encounter. You have a place in strengthening our efforts to bring God's mission for the Church of the Ascension to full measure by getting involved. If uncertain of how to begin please contact the church office, 770-382-2626, or anyone on the list below.

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