The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 3, 2023 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist



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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.

Today's liturgy is a combination of elements from our 9 am Family Eucharist and our 11 am Traditional Eucharist. We have eliminated optional parts of the service in order to incorporate elements from both services.

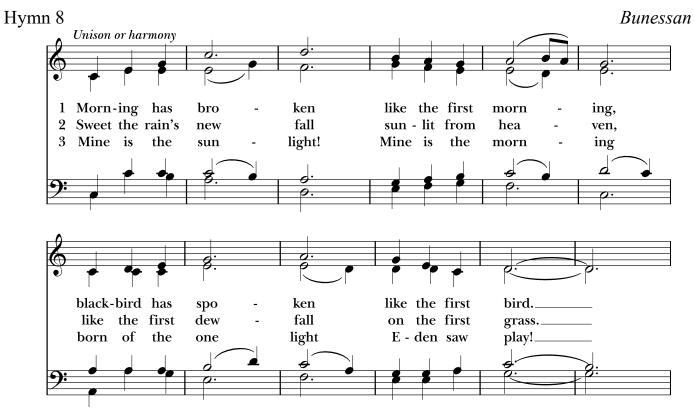


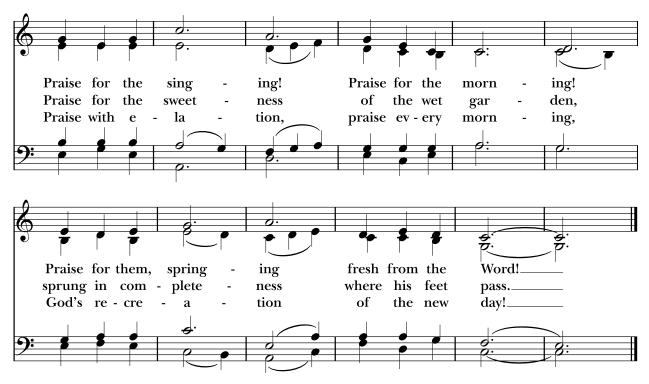
The Organ Voluntary

Pavane

William Byrd (1538-1623)

The Hymn in Procession





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The Opening Acclamation

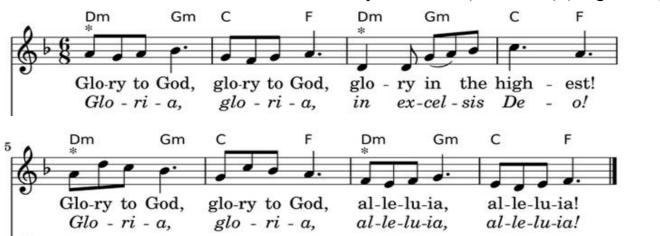
Celebrant† Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.PeopleAnd blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant may say

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.**

Hymn of Praise

Jacques Berthier (1923-1994) (sung 3 times)



The Collect of the Day

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

To prepare to hear from the Lord, we pray,

Lord, speak to us Lord, speak to us that we may hear your word. that we may hear your word. Move among us Move among us that we may behold your glory. that we may behold your glory. Receive our prayers Receive our prayers that we may learn to trust you. that we may learn to trust you. Amen.

The people sit.

The Lesson

Exodus 3:1-15

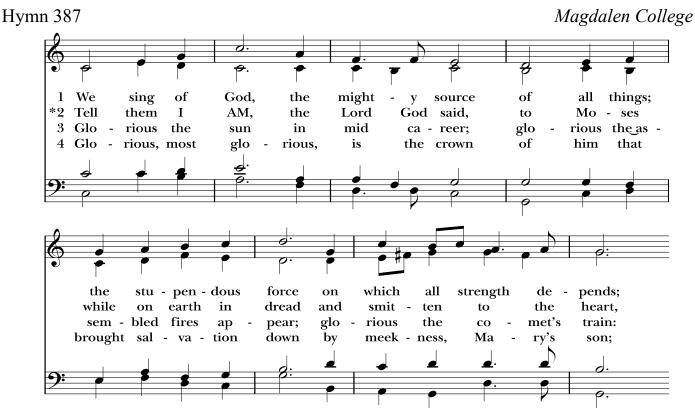
Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt."

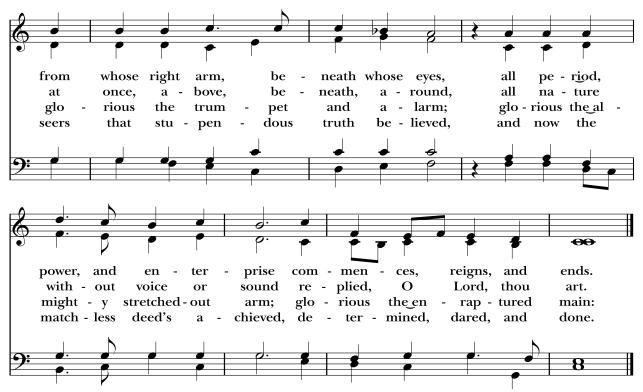
But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I am who I am." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "I am ke God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

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

Matthew 16:21-28

CelebrantThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

CelebrantThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

Following a period of silence, all stand and say

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

Almighty God, you promised through your Son Jesus Christ to hear us when we pray in faith.

Strengthen Rob our Bishop and all your Church in the service of Christ, that those who confess your name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless and guide our President; give wisdom to all in authority; and direct this and every nation in the ways of justice and of peace; that we may honor one another and seek the common good. Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give grace to us, our families and friends, and to all our neighbors, that we may serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us. Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles; and bring them the joy of your salvation. Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Hear us as we remember those who have died in the faith of Christ; according to your promises, grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

I know invite your own prayers and thanksgivings at this time... Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Peace

CelebrantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

Parish Notices

Please be seated

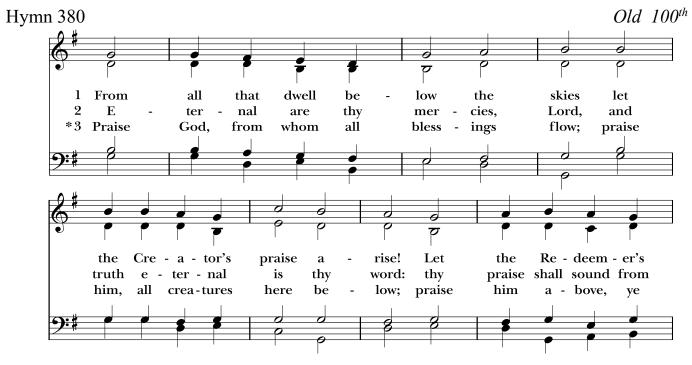
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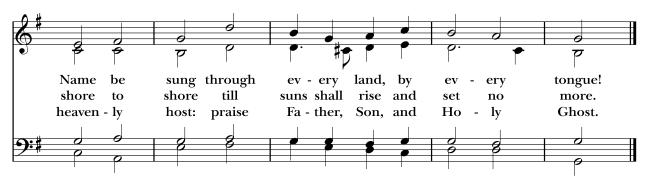
We Will Praise You

adapted and arranged by Douglas E. Wagner

We will praise You, Lord and Father, maker, giver, and adore with joy for everlasting. We will sing and be glad in You. Alleluia. Amen.

The Presentation Hymn





Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637-1711). Music: Old 100th, melody from Pseaumes octante trois de David, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?).

The gifts of our life and labor are brought forward to be blessed.

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.

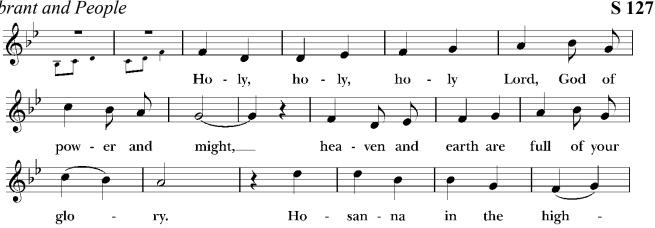
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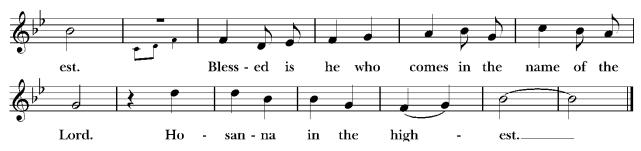
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

Celebrant and People





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The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. †Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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**.

The Lord's Prayer

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

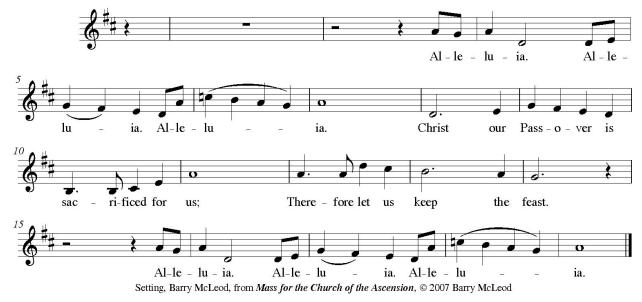


The Breaking of the Bread

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

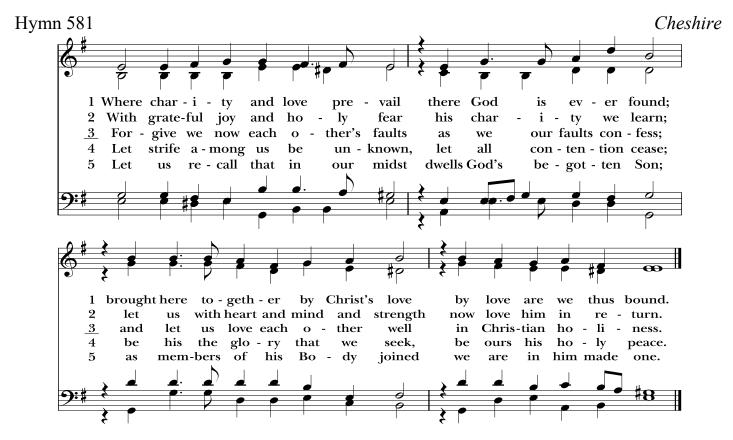
CelebrantAlleluia! Christ has given himself for us.
Thank you, Lord Jesus. Alleluia!PeopleThank you, Lord Jesus. Alleluia!

The Fraction Anthem



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



6 Love can exclude no race or creed if honored be God's Name; our common life embraces all whose Father is the same.

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Words: John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892), alt. Music: Repton, Charles Hubert Hastings Parry, (1848-1918), alt.

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.

The Prayer after Communion

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The people stand.

We thank you, Lord, We thank you, Lord, that you have fed us with spiritual food that you have fed us with spiritual food because you love us. because you love us.

Because we love you, Because we love you, send us now into the world in peace send us now into the world in peace to love and serve you to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart. with gladness and singleness of heart.

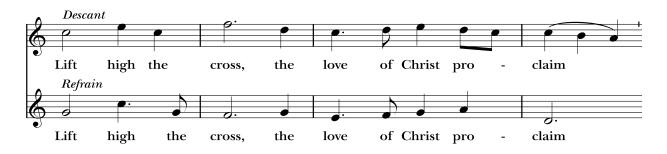
Help us to share your love Help us to share your love so others may be fed too. so others may be fed too. Amen.

The Blessing

The Hymn in Procession

Hymn 473

Crucifer





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The Dismissal

CelebrantLet us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.PeopleThanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Closing Voluntary

Improvisation on Old 100th

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The Flowers at the Altar are given to the Glory of God by Erle & Donna Marie Newton in Thanksgiving for Erle, III, Meg, Mary Durham, Mary Elizabeth, TJ, Anne Katherine and Michael.

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

Let us pray for...

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...

Sean Baker	Louis Evans	Richard Holman	Taylor Tekesky
Chandler Celluzi	Reese Holman	Kyle Hubert	Steven Velencia
	Ryan Holman	Stovall Knight	

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.

Simon Butterworth, Vaughn & Joy Cranshaw

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 who have asked for our prayers by name, especially...

Caroline Agan	Michael Curry	Alison Limardo	Clive Smart
Pat Ashley	Sis Eastland	Gail McDaniel	Paul Smith
Caleb Burns	Jim Floyd	Nancy Mines	Sandy Taylor
Cynthia Clark	Gilda Hendrix	Kevin Morrisey	The Rev. Louis
Kent Cochran	Sam Hood	Lynette Pasek	Tonsmeire
Michael Crone	Pam Hyde	Alex Smart	Mal Underwood

Please pray for those who have long-term health problems or are homebound, especially...

Kendra Baker	Betty Anne Dean	Sarah McLeod	I V
John Ballard	Lynn Fowler	Joseph McLure	Bob & Claudia
Bill & Sandy	Neal Grudi	Beverly Montagno	White
Bankert	Alan Haigler	Markie Montagno	Debbie White
Glendy Biggs	Vesta Hamby	Anne Murphy	Paul & Rebecca
Yvonne Robinson	Bonnie Harrelson	Steve Novak	Wilson
Brooks	Catherine Holman	Fred Rutters	Janet Witner
William Brown	Zane Hoyt	Sandy Rutters	Nancy Zerbe
Justin Byrd	Raymond Jankura	Gary Schebbta	Laura Jean
Fred Carol	Linda Kindon	Keith Scoimshaw	Tallulah
Hope Cunningham	Carol Louis	Iris Stein	Wendy

Please pray for those who have died...Charles McCauley, Debbie Guyton Mac McDonald.

IMPORTANT ANNOUCEMENTS

RECTOR'S FORUM

"Stump the Rector" will kick off the Rector's Forum next Sunday from 10:00 -10:45 in the Parish Hall. Come with your questions about the Bible, the Episcopal Church, or anything religious.

GET TO KNOW OUR NEW RECTOR

Alex would like to get to know everyone better. Feel free to contact him via email to set-up at time to have lunch or coffee. The only agenda is to get to know each other better.

THOMAS HINDS PERFORMS AT ASCENSION COFFEE HOUSE ON SEPTEMBER 8th

Guest musician Thomas Hinds will perform at Ascension Coffee House on Friday, September 8th from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

ST. CECILIA CHOIR

The St. Cecilia Choir is accepting new singers as we begin our fall season. Rehearsals begin on **Wednesday, September 13 from 5:00 to 5:45 p.m**. Contact Angee McKee or Herb Buffington to register. All singers ages 7-17 are welcome.

SMALL DINNER GROUPS FORMING NOW

Did you miss signing up for the small dinner groups over the summer? The next session will begin in September and run through November. Sign-up board (available through August 27) in the parish hall or call the office at 770-382-2626.

PARISH DIRECTORY

So that all may be included in the full life of Ascension and be in touch with one another, the church maintains a Parish Directory. It can be found on our website at www.ascensioncartersville.org. The password to access the directory is Godshands.

NAMETAGS

Please, please, wear your nametags each time you attend. Our new Rector is working hard at learning all of us, but has difficulty without the help of your nametag. Also, if you do not have a nametag, contact the church office at 770-382-2626 and Anna Reynolds will fix you up!

NEW WORSHIP SCHEDULE STARTING NEXT SUNDAY

Beginning **Sunday**, **September 10**, there will be a new worship schedule for Sundays. Please plan to join us at one or more of the following services:

7:45 am	Contemplative Eucharist	10:00 am	Christian Formation Classes for all ages
9:00 am	Family Eucharist	11:00 am	Holy Eucharist with choir

The Wednesday Holy Eucharist with healing will continue at 12:15 pm as usual.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER

We are assisting Trinity at the Well UMC with a meal-packing event on **Saturday, September 9**, in their Family Life Center. Nonperishable items will be packed to be sent internationally. They could also use monetary donations to reach their expenses of \$3900. Contact Sarah Tant at sarah.houston@yahoo.com for more details.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The monthly Men's Breakfast is about to begin! It will be held on the second Saturday each month, so the kickoff will be on **Saturday, September 9**. It will begin at 9 am in the Parish Hall and the cost is \$10 per person. Please contact Erle Newton, II, by email at erle.newton@gmail.com or text at 770-546-9913.

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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