

First Reading: Genesis 15: 1-6

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Reader: The Word of the Lord All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 33:12-22 *Standing and read responsively by half verse*

Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! *

happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

The LORD looks down from heaven, *

and beholds all the people in the world.

From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze *

on all who dwell on the earth.

He fashions all the hearts of them *

and understands all their works.

There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; *

a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.

The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; *

for all its strength it cannot save.

Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear him, *

on those who wait upon his love,

To pluck their lives from death, *

and to feed them in time of famine.

Our soul waits for the LORD; *

he is our help and our shield.

Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, *

for in his holy Name we put our trust.

Let your loving-kindness, O LORD, be upon us, *

as we have put our trust in you.

The Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Reader: The Word of the Lord All: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn

Book of books, our people's strength

Hymnal 631

The Holy Gospel of Luke 12:32-40

Reader: The Holy Gospel....

All: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. "But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

The Sermon

The Rev'd Jordan Hylden

The Nicene Creed *Standing, said by all*

BCP 358

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 worshipped 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

Kneeling, 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.

The Confession of Sin

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.*

The celebrant pronounces absolution.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you. *People:* **And also with you**

Welcome and Announcements

Offertory

Organ solo

The Presentation of the Gifts & Doxology vs.3

Hymnal 380

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant: The Lord be with you All: **And also with you**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts. All: **We lift them to the Lord**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give him thanks and praise**

The Celebrant Continues

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 we are bound to praise you through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

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 Sanctus *Said together in unison*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

The people kneel. *Then 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.*

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

The Lord's Prayer *Said by all* BCP 364

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.*

At the Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
All: **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

The Invitation to Communion

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.

Communicants shall receive the bread in the open palm. They may intinct the bread in the wine.

Communion Hymns *I come with Joy to meet my Lord* Hymnal 304
My God, thy table now is spread Hymnal 321

Thanksgiving and Blessing

Kneeling and in unison

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 forever. *Amen.*

Recessional Hymn *Lead on, O King eternal* Hymnal 555

Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude



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YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

Our Vestry and Clergy- our brother, Joseph, Julian Christopher Buuck, Stephen, Sandie Jordan, Barbara Myers, Joyce McClellan, Janet Tessier, Christopher Anglin, Lynn, Charles Lutes, Gerald Delaunay, Lila, Bob King, Mary McIntosh, Frank Parratt, Karen Gallet, Lisa Bordelon, Maggie Patin, Richard, Janet, Jamie, Ken Wade, Nita, Ryan Green, Billy Hall, Hazel, Marvin, Ainsleigh, Katie, Mary Fay Freshley, Michael Reed, Nicholas Blonski, Margret DeLarue, Catherine Elizabeth, Henry, Emily Taylor, Lee, Alison Higginbotham, Renee Reina, Tammy Carpenter, Dr Kerri Rimmel, Rebecca Jayne, James Alan Vaughn, Sawyer Billeaud, Paul, Benita, Marie Julie, Jimmy, William and Ann Shower, Laura, Maddox, Curtis Melancon, Charlene, Faye V. Turner, Hedy Stevens, Louise Haddock, Lisa Karre, Father Gary Schexnayder, Miller, Ann Dobie, Nagham El Karhili, Pam Capell, Kasey, Jack Larmier, David, Carlin Craig, Kasey, Sharon, Kristen, Melissa Barker, Jonathan Barker, Catherine and Charles McGowen, Carol Baker, John Bateman, Arthur White, Sammy, Albert Davis, Lou Ann St. Julien, Katherine Attrep, David, Thomas Rowe, Emily Kean, Ashley Alexander, Kennedy Shuler, Christopher Hebert, Marion, Joyce Harvilchuch, Rick Onks, Kaytlin, Diane, Sterling Lejeune, Aubrey Braithwaite, Sylvia Turner, Roxanne Myers, Andrew D., Mary Beth Tompkins, Donald Shaffer, Jack Seale, Micah and Kelly Champagne, John Baker, Diana Fay Lejerne, Hunter Watts, Steven Manual, Eddie Martin, Noelle Freeland, Bart Freeland, Martha and David Mills, Alan Shaw, Donna Platt, Donna Hebert, Rob Chenoweth, Andre Lejeune, Ana Ortiz, Kathy Baker, Jill Ludin, Casey W. Elizabeth, Pat Romero, Lanie, Amelia Adams, Pat Vallery, Jim, Jane Cabes, Alicia Kramer, Lazane Frost, Todd Tauzin, Molly Zeringue, Jeanne Zeringue, Kevin Barry, Jan and Charles, Cynthia and Bill Rogers, Albert, Dusty Nassif, Nash Cox, Leo Ferguson, Mary and Brand Manuel, Maureen Francis, Hugh, John Robinson, Mary Gifford Freret Richard, Donna Briggs, Renae Lyles, Pam, Rebecca, Auggie and Brandy, Barbara Fisher, Ed Walker, Emily Marie, Baby McPherson, Kathryln Clifton, Stephen Baker, Valerie, Maureen Francis, Barbara Hightower, Miller King, The Henry Family, Brooke Fishback, Pat Fontenot, Paige, Alex Martin, Scott Reddoch, Mona Naquin, Hailie Slagle, Claire Onks, Chad Lyle, Elizabeth Hesterly, Mary Attrep, William K., Jan K., Mark Despot, Carole Bares, Jane James, Fred Dejean, Annon Lindsay, Alicia and Dave, Michael, Maggie Johnson, Tolley Odom, Mike Immel, Steve Webre, Jennifer Cyrus, and family, friends and family serving in the armed services. Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: East Bayou Baptist Church, Calvary in Bunkie, and St. Michael's in Pineville. (Names stay on the prayers list for three weeks unless otherwise requested.)

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God.

Announcements

Welcome to Ascension! Our regular worship schedule is back (8:30 and 11am worship), with **donuts and coffee** (Coughlin Hall) between the services. Please join us!

There will be an **Olive Branch** planning meeting on Aug. 8th in the Robson Room, 11:30am, with lunch provided. Please RSVP to Barbara Alexander (alexanderb4094@gmail.com or 337-298-2026).

Mark your calendars for a reading and discussion with **Mona Lisa Salloy**, the poet laureate of Louisiana, here at Ascension (Coughlin Hall, 10:30am, Sat. Aug. 20; doors open at 10am w/ coffee).

Sunday school, children's church, Rector's Forum, and Wednesday night small groups all start up the week of Sunday, Sept. 11. We are in need of more Sunday school and children's worship teachers/helpers: Please contact Angelle Adams (angellejadams@yahoo.com) to sign up.

Stay in touch! We mail out a monthly newsletter to all households (don't receive it? just ask), and you can sign up for weekly emails by asking the office or on the church website, www.ascensionlafayette.com.

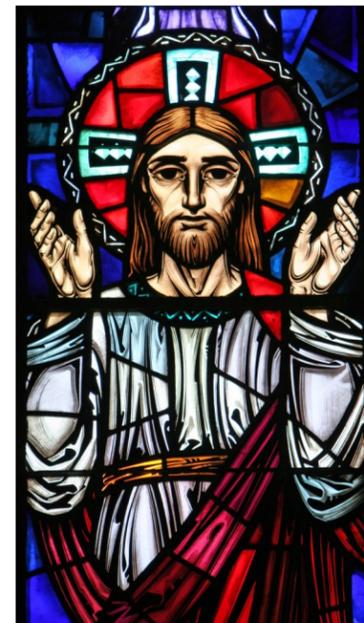
Lector: Sterling LeJeune

Acolyte: Aiden Stewart, Gavin Stewart, Connor Edmund, Stacey Singleton, Christian Singlton

Music: Tom Lyles, Minister of Music and Dennis Morrison, organ

Office Hours: Monday—Friday: 9 am—2pm

We welcome you to worship with us today! As we seek to reduce (not remove) the risk of infection to our parishioners, volunteers and staff, Communion bread will be administered for intinction only. Communicants shall receive the bread in the open palm. They may intinct the bread in the wine. Hand sanitizer is available for use after receiving holy com-



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Welcome

We welcome all those who have come to worship with us today, and please come back often. If you are searching for a church home, we invite you to join us in our worshiping and celebration of God's love. Please fill out a "Communication Card" in the pew and drop it in the offering plate so that we can extend our hospitality to you beyond our doors.

*The nursery is available for infants and toddlers.
Please remember to silence your cell phone.*

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 7, 2022
11:00 AM

Prelude

Processional Hymn *There's a wideness in God's mercy* Hymnal 470

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen**

The Collect for Purity

Standing

The Gloria *Glory to God* Hymnal S-280
The "S" indicates Service Music found in the front section of the Hymnal

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, 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 God the Father. *Amen.*

The Collect of the Day

kneeling

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. People: **And also with you.**

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*