

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

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said.

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

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. Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues with Eucharistic Prayer B.

...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.

...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,

People and Celebrant

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: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Invitation to Communion

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Hymns	Be thou my vision	Hymnal 488
	O day of God, draw nigh	Hymnal 601
	Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest	Hymnal 306

Postcommunion Prayer Said by all BCP 366

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.

Final Blessing

Dismissal Hymn	O worship the King, all glorious above!	Hymnal 388
Dismissal	Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. People: Thanks be to God	

Bishop
The Right Reverend Jacob W. Owensby, Ph.D.
Rector
The Reverend Father Matthew Ainsley
Chaplain and Associate for Youth
The Reverend Jacob Schlossberg
Deacon
The Reverend Honey Becker

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR: Our Vestry and Clergy- our brother, Joseph, Alison Higginbotham, Arthur White, Sterling Lejeune, Betsy Vigorito, Becky Slagle, Janet Limouze, Joe and Christina, Susan Oglesbee, Ann Jacobs, David Snyder, Janet Bernhardt, Jan Hamilton, Reese Forest, Fiona Chisholm, Peezie Alfred, Wendy Ortego, Perry Joseph, Gail White, Troy LeBouef, Ashlynn Broussard, Rick Onks, Lynette Newchurch, Neil Joseph, Rachelle Morgan, Ed Keller, William Keller, Gili Menashe Robinson, Donny, Elliot, Emily Chapin, Kelly, Carol Hamilton Hunt, Brenda Privat, James, Evie, and Malaina, Margaret DeGruy, Mark Weems, Lara McKinnis, Kit Gumbs, Carolyn Barker, Pat Vallery, Amber, Pauline, Donald Leger, Jr., Charles Lewis, Mike Comeaux, Carol Jane, Renee, Marc, Carolyn, Virginia Morrison, Graison Louviere, Landon Romero, Kate Graciana, Kathleen David, Mac Camille, Ann Shower, Steve Baker, Pete Peters, Luke Heggy, Remi and Joseph, Melissa Keane, Guy Ellison, Jr., Archie Ganucheau, David Mills, Susan Davis, Nick Domino, Charles Swett, Stephen Miller, John Perkins, Mona Fitzgerald Stephan, Sasha, Rita Driggers, Mike Immel, Phil Swift, Tom Bryant, Mona Coulter, and friends and family serving in the armed services. Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: All Canterbury ministries and Chaplains: Centenary College, Grambling University, Louisiana Tech, McNeese State University, Northwestern State University, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, University of Louisiana at Monroe, The University of the South, Virginia Theological Seminary, and the Seminary of the Southwest, The Anglican Church of Tanzania, and St. Edmund’s Catholic Church. (Names stay on the prayers list for three weeks unless otherwise requested.)

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Beginning next Sunday, August 2, 2026, 8:30 am and 11 am Sunday service times will return.



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Children & Family Ministries

SUMMER MISSIONS & SERVICE HOURS PROJECT

Partner with Episcopal Church of the Ascension and United Way to provide school supplies for classrooms and students in need across Acadiana in the upcoming school year.

A great family service project or for school service hours! **You can help in TWO ways:**

July 22–August 5 **Drop off school supplies to the yellow boxes in the Narthex and Church office**

Stuff the bus mission supply list:
Construction Paper Dry Erase Supplies
Loose-leaf Paper Binders Crayons Scissors Glue Pencils Ink Pens Notebooks

August 8 **Join us at the ULL Lab School to organize & sort donations for teachers to 'shop'**

Scan, Join & Register to help at the United Way Stuff the Bus "Day of Action" with team ASCENSION KIDS!
Date/Time: Sat. August 8 / 8am–10am Sorting shift
Email Susen Brown sbrown@ascensionbluegators.org with questions & to let us know you'd like to join us!

Rector’s Forum: Join Fr. Matthew Ainsley for a four-week rector’s forum beginning August 9. Sessions meet each Sunday at 9:45am in Coughlin Hall.

Installation of Head of School: All are welcome to join us at The Church of the Ascension on Sunday, August 16, at the 11:00 a.m. service as we joyfully install Sarah Lee as the new Head of School for Ascension Episcopal School. During the service, we’ll also offer a Blessing of the Backpacks for students and teachers beginning a new school year.

Ascension Youth at Top Golf: Youth are invited to join Fr. Jake at Top Golf on Tuesday, July 28th from 10 am to 12 pm. Whether you're an experienced golfer or not, you're invited to come hang out before the summer ends! Please RSVP to Fr. Jake.

Children's Church: Children's Church is on pause for the summer but stay tuned for all the summer fun we have planned!!

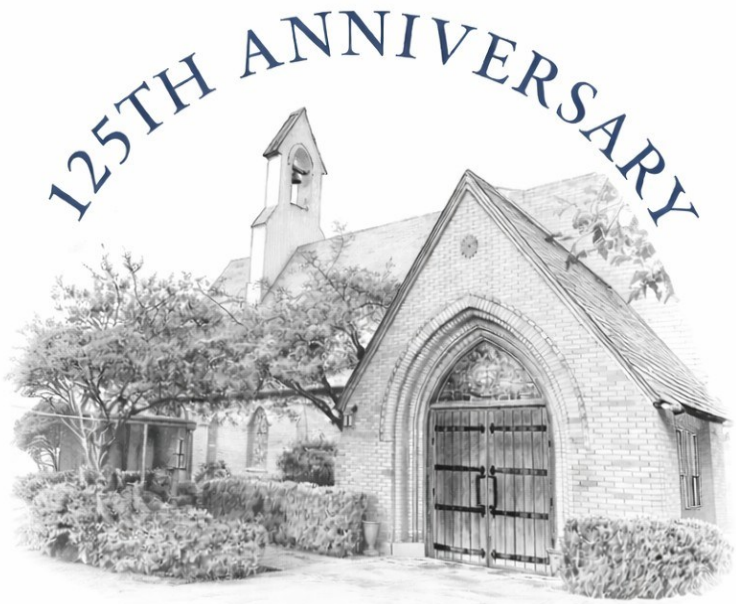
Lector: Laurie Godshall Ushers: Kirk Headley and Mike Immel Acolytes: Cannon Schweggman, Parker Roberts, Gabe Sicard, Clara Sicard Music: Stacey Shumaker, Minister of Music and John Moore, Organist Church Office Hours: Monday -Friday: 9:00am –2:30pm

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The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 26, 2026
10:00 AM

Prelude

Processional Hymn Praise to the Lord, the Almighty Hymnal 390

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

The Collect for Purity BCP 355

Kyrie sung by all Hymnal S-91
Lord, have mercy upon us. (repeat 3x)
Christ, have mercy upon us. (repeat 3x)
Lord have mercy upon us. (repeat 3x)

The Collect of the Day the People remain standing
Celebrant: The Lord be with you. People: And also with you.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Old Testament The People sit. Genesis 29:15-28

Laban said to Jacob, “Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?” Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah’s eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, “I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.” Laban said, “It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.” So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her. Then Jacob said to Laban, “Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.”