

Old TestamentGenesis 28:10-17

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, “I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.” Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, “Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!” And he was afraid, and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.”

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

Psalm 103:19-22 *Sung by the choir, the People remaining seated..*

The LORD has set his throne in heaven, *
and his kingship has dominion over all.

Bless the LORD, you angels of his, you mighty ones who do his bidding, *
and hearken to the voice of his word.

Bless the LORD, all you his hosts, *
you ministers of his who do his will.

Bless the LORD, all you works of his, in all places of his dominion; *
bless the LORD, O my soul.

The EpistleRevelation 12:7-12

War broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming, “Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death. Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you with great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!”

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

Sequence Hymn *Let all mortal flesh keep silence* Hymn 324

The GospelJohn 1:47-51

Deacon: The Holy Gospel.... *All:* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord. *All:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon The Rev’d Fr. Matthew Ainsley

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

Deacon or other leader

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 *Jake*, our bishop; for *Matt and Jake*, our priests; for *Honey*, our deacon; and 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 Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

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 concludes with the absolution.

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

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Anthemorgan solo

The Presentation of the Gifts & Doxology vs.3Hymnal 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.

The Great Thanksgiving | Eucharistic Prayer ABCP 361

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.**
Then, facing the Holy Altar, 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.

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 A.

...Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant continues.

...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,

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.

*Rock of ages, cleft for me
Before thy throne, O God, we kneel*

Said by all

od, we thank you for feeding us with the spir
Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; a
es that we are living members of the Body of y
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erve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lo
t, be honor and glory, now and forever. *Amen.*

Ye holy angels bright

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- 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., David Mills, Susan Davis, Nick Domino, Charles Swett, John Perkins, Mona Fitzgerald Stephan, Sasha, Rita Driggers, Mike Immel, Phil Swift, Tom Bryant, Mona Coulter, Anna Catherine, Marc Powell, The Family of Steven Miller, Dumas, Brooke Bercier, Joan Broussard, Rita Winski, Pam and Michael, Mike, The Family of Mark Broussard, Sr., Donny, Todd Wessinger, Claudia Beard, Lois Henry, Deb Harkins, Julian, Sophia, Gracie, Mia, and their mom, and friends and family serving in the armed services. Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Episcopal Church Women, Daughters of the King, First Lutheran Church, and The Church of Bangladesh. Faith Lutheran Church, Christ Church in St. Josephs, and The Anglican Church of Australia. (Names stay on the prayers list for three weeks unless otherwise requested.)

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Walter Dobie
&
John Turner
&
Doris and Frank Spangle, by their children, Pam and Bill Capell

ANNOUNCEMENT

125th Anniversary Brunch – October 4th

To commemorate the Episcopal Church of the Ascension's 125th Anniversary, the ECW will host a **brunch** on **Sunday, October 4th**. Please save the date and plan to join us **between the 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services**. Fr. Matt will share the history of the parish, along with his vision for our next 125 years. This promises to be a very special time for us to celebrate all our past, present and future together as a church family. Please save the date and join us!

In addition to brunch, the ECW will host a **Fall Market**, featuring baked goods ranging from sweet to savory. Shopping will open **between the 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services** and continue **following the 11:00 a.m. service**. Please watch the weekly email newsletter for information on how to contribute to the Fall Market.

October 4th is also **Episcopal School Sunday!** To celebrate our own ministry at Ascension Episcopal School, the ECW will host an **ice cream sundae station** in the circle **immediately following the 11:00 a.m. service.**

Youth confirmation class this fall! All youth fourth grade and up are invited to join the confirmation class, select Sundays at 9:45 am. The Bishop will visit on December 20th to administer the sacrament of confirmation. For more information, contact Fr. Jake.

Safe Church In-Person Training: Saturday, September 26, 10 am—12 pm in Coughlin Hall, light breakfast included. Please RSVP to the church 337-232-2732 or church.ascension@ascensionlafayette.com. Required participants: clergy, paid staff, vestry members, lay leaders, key holders, and volunteers working with vulnerable groups must complete the online curriculum with Praesidium Academy at our group training or independently.

MomCo meets select Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Owen Room (childcare provided) and **select Fridays at 8:00 a.m.** in the Robson Room.

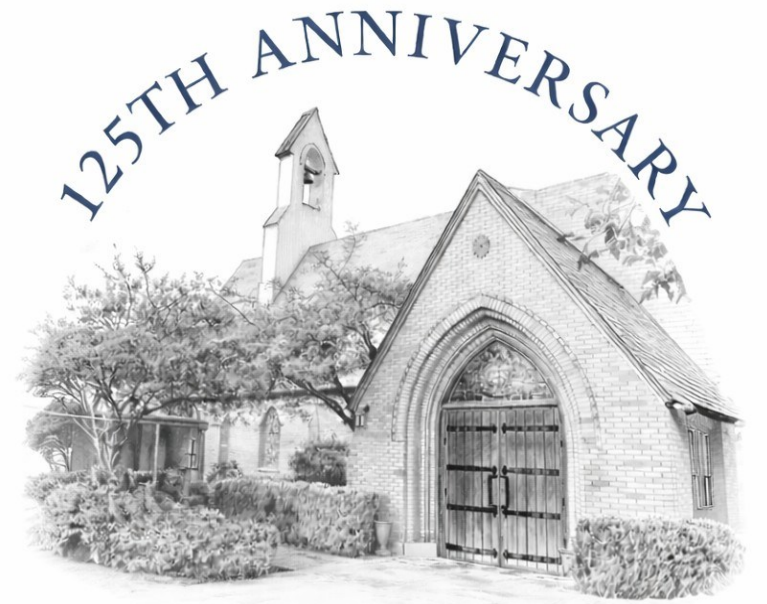
Come connect with other moms, grow in faith, and remember you don't have to do this alone. To learn more about Ascension Momco, **please visit:** canva.link/ascensionmomco

Children's Church: Children's Church is on **Sundays at the 11am service. No Children's Church on October 4, Episcopal School Sunday.**

Lector: Susan Davis **Greeter:** Jerie Olivier **Ushers:** Jeff Straub and Mike Immel
Acolytes: Abigail Adams, Anna-Grace Adams Amelia Adams, Ana Ziegler
Music: Stacy Shumaker, Minister of Music and Dennis Morrison, Organist



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Saint Michael and All Angels

September 27, 2026
11:00 AM

Prelud

Processional Hymn *Ye watchers and ye holy ones* Hymnal 618

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

The Gloria *Glory to God* *sung* 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 *the People remain standing*

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

Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted in a wonderful order the ministries of angels and mortals: Mercifully grant that, as your holy angels always serve and worship you in heaven, so by your appointment they may help and defend us here on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*