



The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two
The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 11, 2026 ☦ 10 A.M.

Welcome to Ascension Church! We pray this service of worship will be a blessing to you as we experience the presence and love of God together.

Prelude

Before The Throne Of God

Welcome and Announcements

THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn

Christ, whose glory fills the skies Hymn 7

Opening Acclamation

Prayer Book, p. 355

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

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

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.**

Glory to God *Gloria in excelsis*

Hymnal S 280

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Reading

Exodus 32:1-14

In this first reading, the people worship an idol, but the prayer of Moses saves them from the Lord's punishment. A reading from the Book of Exodus.

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the LORD." They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel. The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O

Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation." But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalter *sung to simplified Anglican chant*

Psalm 106:4-6, 19-23



- A4 Remember me, O LORD,
 with the favor you have for your | people *
 and visit me with your saving | help;
- B5 That I may see the prosperity of your elect
 and be glad with the gladness of your | people, *
 that I may glory with your in | heritance.

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A6 We have sinned as our forebears | did; *
 we have done wrong and dealt | wickedly.

B19 Israel made a bull-calf at | Horeb *
 and worshiped a molten | image;

A20 And so they exchanged their | Glory *
 for the image of an ox that feeds on | grass.

B21 They forgot God their | Savior, *
 who had done great things in | Egypt,

A22 Wonderful deeds in the land of | Ham, *
 and fearful things at the Red | Sea.

B23 So he would have destroyed them,
 had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the | breach, *
 to turn away his wrath from con | suming them.

Reading

Philippians 4:1-9

The Apostle Paul invites the new disciples in Philippi to exult in joy knowing that the Lord is near at hand. A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians.

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is

pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

Sing praise to God who reigns above Hymn 408

The Gospel

Matthew 22:1-14

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding

hall was filled with guests. “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

Prayer Book, p. 358

Prayers of the People

Prayer Leader From the rising of the sun to its setting, let us pray to God, offering up our hearts in faith.

We remember the Church and its leaders: For all the baptized, that God may deepen our life in Christ. O God of all creation,

People **Graciously hear us.**

We remember those who hold authority: For those in public office, that God may guide the nations into peace. O God of all creation,

People **Graciously hear us.**

We remember God’s creation: For the land and waters, the plants and animals, that God may sustain the good Earth. O God of all creation

People **Graciously hear us.**

We remember the suffering, especially those we name aloud: _____,
that God may comfort all in need of healing. O God of all creation,

People **Graciously hear us.**

We remember all who begin a new year of learning: For students,
teachers, and staff, that God may increase their knowledge and
wisdom. O God of all creation,

People **Graciously hear us.**

We remember the dead, especially those we name aloud: _____, that
God may grant them peace. O God of all creation,

People **Graciously hear us.**

Time is kept for silent prayer. The Presider offers a concluding prayer.

Confession of Sin and Absolution

Prayer Book, p. 360

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

A Prayer of Blessing at Times of Celebration

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and
guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand;
comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall;
and in their heart may your peace which passes understanding abide all
the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offertory Sentence

Hymn

As longs the deer for cooling streams Hymn 658

Doxology

Hymn 380, v. 3

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 HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer A* Prayer Book, p. 361

Holy, holy, holy Lord *Sanctus* see blue card Hymnal S 130

The Lord's Prayer Prayer Book, p. 364

The Breaking of Bread and Invitation to Communion

All who seek God and deeper life in Christ are encouraged to receive Holy Communion. Receive the bread in an open hand and respond by saying "Amen." Gluten-free wafers are available. Receiving the bread alone is full participation in the Eucharist. You may receive the wine with a sip from the chalice. Please do not dip the bread into the chalice. If you wish to receive a blessing instead, please indicate this by crossing your hands over your chest.

Music during Communion

El Shaddai

The Prayer after Communion

Prayer Book, p. 366

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

The Presider blesses the People in the name of God.

The People respond **Amen.**

The Dismissal

The Deacon or Presider dismisses the People.

The People respond **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

Spread, O spread, thou mighty word Hymn 530

Postlude

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

*Flowers today are given to the Glory of God and
in Loving Memory for John Yarbrow on his Birthday.
by Katy Yarbrow*

In Our Prayers – *For the sick and those in need:* Susan, Alex, Bob, Janie, Jim, Miles, Aspen, Jill, Lisa, Keith and family, Jack, Ken & Ellen, Olivia, Diane, Rich. *Thanksgiving:* Brian Wonderlich. *In the military:* Ben, Samuel, Brian, Bryan, Charlie, Logan, Dave, Gabby, Tristan, Taylor. *For the Dead:* Marlene Barrett. *Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:* St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in McCall. *Anglican Cycle of Prayer:* The Anglican Church of Burundi.

Prayer requests may be sent to: prayerlist@episcopaltwinfalls.org.

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fall Cleanup – Many thanks to all who helped with yesterday's cleanup day and brunch!

Santa's Cause – Our ingathering this month supports Santa's Cause, a local charity for children and teens in foster families that provides gifts and special items for Christmas. After worship today, learn more from organization's founder, Kelly Smith.

Liturgical Calendars – If you would like to have a calendar of the Church year, please sign up by Oct. 27 or speak with Cindy Jardine. Calendars are \$3 each.

All Saints' Day - Sunday, Nov. 1 is the next regular opportunity for the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. If you have questions about baptism, please speak with Fr. Shawn.

Celebrations – Donna Stalley.

Weekly Gatherings at Ascension

Mon.	Women's Group, 9 a.m.	Thurs.	Men's Group, 10 a.m.
Tues.	Drumming, 12:30 p.m.		Drumming, 12:30 p.m.
Weds.	Knitting, 1 p.m.	Sat.	Bible Study, 9 a.m.

SERVING TODAY

<i>Presider & Preacher</i>	The Rev. Shawn Carty
<i>Deacon</i>	The Rev. Nancy W. Koonce
<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	Gary Fornshell
<i>Lector</i>	Dan Knowlton
<i>Musician</i>	Kendra Wilmot
<i>Usher</i>	Deb Kraal, Betsy Wiesmore
<i>Audio & Visual</i>	Paula Dodd
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Heidi Calhoun, Velda Hage
<i>Refreshments</i>	Shantel Chapel & Dan Knowlton
<i>St. Matthew's Counters</i>	Susan Kelley-Harbke and Dan Knowlton
<i>St. Martha's Guild</i>	Joyce Ballard

PARISH LEADERSHIP

<i>Bishop of Idaho</i>	The Rt. Rev. Jos Tharakan
<i>Rector</i>	The Rev. Shawn Carty
<i>Deacon</i>	The Rev. Nancy W. Koonce
<i>Senior Warden</i>	Rosemary Fornshell
<i>Junior Warden</i>	Gregg Middlekauff
<i>Parish Administrator</i>	Carolyn Brock
<i>Musician</i>	Kendra Wilmot
<i>Treasurer</i>	Betsy Wiesmore
<i>Assistant Treasurer</i>	Bill Baxter
<i>Clerk of the Vestry</i>	Pam Martin

THE VESTRY

<i>Class of 2027</i>	Rosemary Fornshell, Dan Knowlton
<i>Class of 2028</i>	Miles LaRowe, Gregg Middlekauff
<i>Class of 2029</i>	Lisa Sorensen, Jed Summers



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