Ascension
EPISCOPAL CHURCH · TWIN FALLS

Holy Baptism
The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two
The First Sunday of Advent
November 29, 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

Welcome and Announcements

THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn *Lo, he comes with clouds descending* Hymn 57

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed are you, holy and living One.
People **You come to your people and set them free.**
Presider There is one Body and one Spirit;
People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**
Presider One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People **One God and Father of all.**

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

Reading Isaiah 64:1-9

In this first reading we hear a contrite plea to God for merciful justice. A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

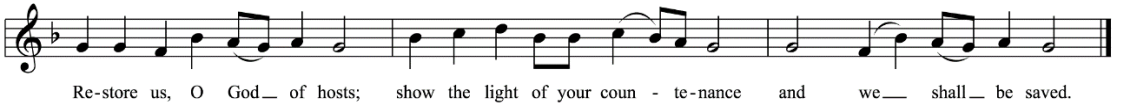
O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered

us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

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

Psalter Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

The Antiphon is sung twice before reading the psalm responsively.



1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.

3 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

4 O LORD God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people? *Antiphon*

5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance,
and we shall be saved. *Antiphon*

16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.

17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

18 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance,
and we shall be saved. *Antiphon*

Reading 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

The Apostle Paul greets the new disciples in Corinth, telling them of his gratitude to God on their behalf and offering comfort and assurance. A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Hymn *Watchman tell us of the night* Hymn 640

The Gospel Mark 13:24-37

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

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

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

HOLY BAPTISM

Holy Baptism is full initiation by water and the Holy Spirit into Christ's Body the Church. The bond which God establishes in Baptism is indissoluble. – Prayer Book, p. 298

The liturgy for Holy Baptism begins on page 301 in the Prayer Book

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

The Baptismal Covenant

Prayers for the Candidate

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Baptism

Welcoming the Newly Baptized Prayer Book, p. 308

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.

Blessing of Ingathering Items

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Music *Veni Emmanuel*, trad. arr. G. Jones
Kimberly Hill, cello
Gary Jones, piano

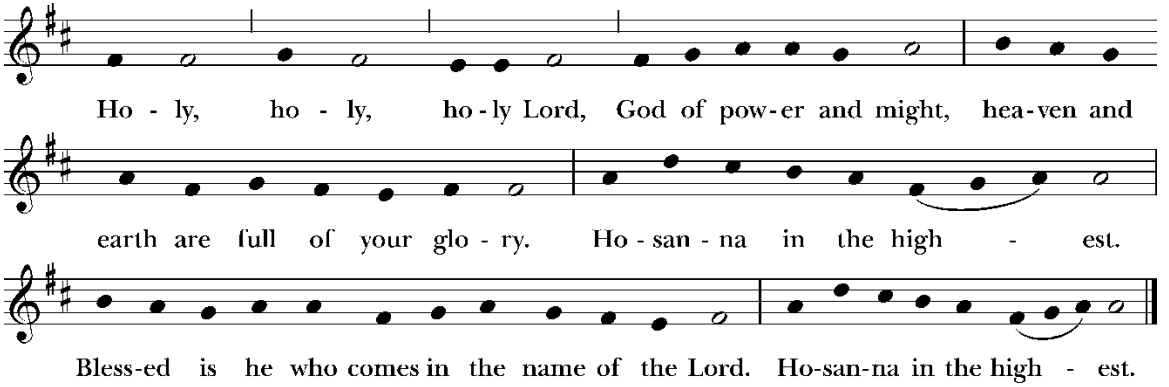
Doxology Hymn 380, v. 3

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 B* Prayer Book, p. 367

Holy, holy, holy Lord *Sanctus* Hymnal S 124



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

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 *Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding* Hymn 59

Postlude

In Our Prayers - *In Our Prayers:* For the sick and those in need: Bill H., Sandee, Aurora, Rich, Mary, Bill, Navajoland, Diane, Aspen, Linda, Roni, Lori, Liz, Keith and family, Jack, Olivia, Rich, Karen, Diane, Al, Jan, Miles, Alex, Susan, Janie. *Thanksgiving:* Aspen, Lisa. *In the military:* Ben, Samuel, Brian, Bryan, Charlie, Logan, Dave, Gabby, Tristan, Taylor. *For the Dead:* Ken Simonin. *Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:* Church of The Ascension, Twin Falls. *Anglican Cycle of Prayer:* Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui.

Send prayer requests to prayerlist@episcopaltwinfalls.org.

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holy Baptism – Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Baptism for Aspen Sandford and welcome her into the household of God.

Ingathering – This month we support Voices Against Violence which assists those who are victims of violence in our community. After worship today, come to the fireside Memorial Room to learn more from a representative of Voices Against Violence.

Pledge Campaign for 2027 – Our pledge campaign concludes next Sunday, Dec. 6. Please consider prayerfully your giving for our ministries in the coming year. Pledge cards can be returned by mail or placed in the offering plate. Thank you!

Advent Posters – Pick up a copy of this year's Advent poster with prayers and activities for each day of the season.

Hospice Presentation – Do you have questions about planning for end of life? On Sunday, Dec. 6 after worship Jeanne Carty will share information and answer your questions about hospice care.

Tea and Grief – For many, the weeks leading to Christmas can be hard. On Sunday, Dec. 13 at 4 p.m. you are invited to come for refreshments and a conversation with Fr. Shawn about grief.

Calendars – If you ordered a calendar of the Church year (or would like to have one – we have extras!) please see Cindy Jardine.

Celebrations – Paula Gooding, Thomas Moore, Melinda Frick, Howard Phillips.

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

Presider & Preacher ..... The Rev. Shawn Carty
Eucharistic Minister ..... Ellen Simonin
Lector ..... Lisa Sorensen
Musicians ..... Kendra Wilmot, Kimberly Hill, Gary Jones
Usher ..... Dan and Ansley Knowlton
Audio & Visual ..... Shantel Knowlton
Altar Guild ..... Carolyn Brock, Cindy Jardine
Refreshments ..... The Sandford Family
Offering Counters ..... David Brock, Lisa Sorensen
St. Martha's Guild ..... Ellen Simonin

PARISH LEADERSHIP

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

THE VESTRY

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

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