Ascension
EPISCOPAL CHURCH · TWIN FALLS

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

The Second Sunday before Advent
November 15, 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

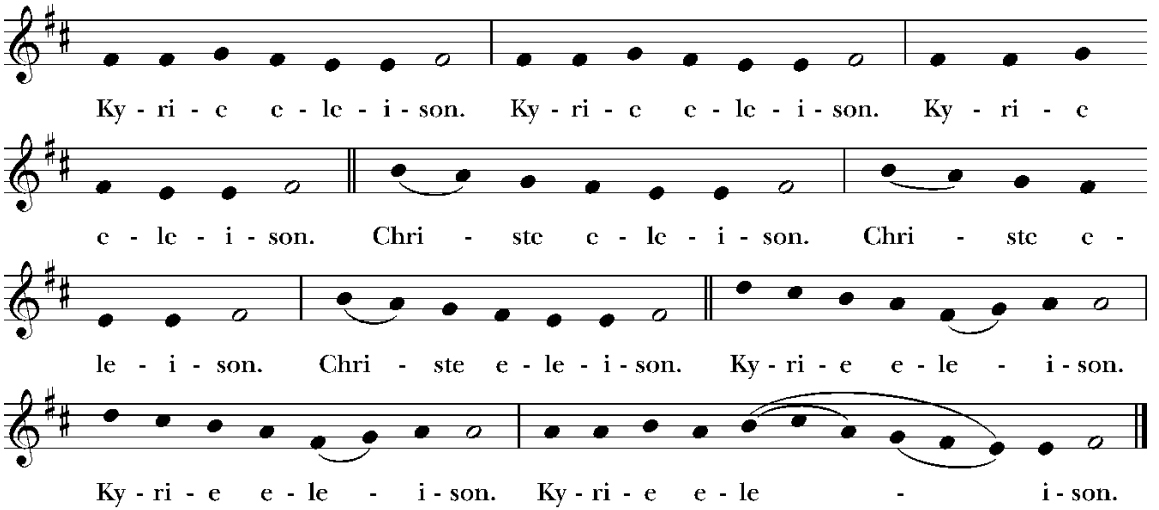
THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn *Come, ye thankful people come* Hymn 290

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed are you, holy and living One.
People **You come to your people and set them free.**

Kyrie eleison *Lord, have mercy* Hymnal S 86



The Collect of the Day

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

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

Reading Judges 4:1-7

The Israelites are unfaithful to the Lord, pursuing foreign gods and doing what is evil in God's sight. The Lord raises up Deborah, a prophetess, to arbitrate for justice among them. A reading from the Book of Judges.

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the LORD sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years. At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to

meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

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

Psalter Psalm 123

The Antiphon is sung twice before reading the psalm responsively.



1 To you I lift up my eyes, *
to you enthroned in the heavens.

2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,

3 So our eyes look to the LORD our God, *
until he show us his mercy. *Antiphon*

4 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, *
for we have had more than enough of contempt,

5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *
and of the derision of the proud. *Antiphon*

Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

The Apostle Paul counsels new disciples to be alert as in the daylight, for the day of the Lord will come swiftly and unexpectedly at a time unknown to mortals. A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know

very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

Hymn *Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding* Hymn 59

The Gospel Matthew 25:14-30

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

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

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the

two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

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 In joyful anticipation, we await the coming of Christ and pray to God.

Deepen, O God, the faith of your Church and give each of us grace to shine brightly for your sake; we pray for Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury, for Sean our Presiding Bishop, and for all who serve your Church. In faith we pray,

People **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Inspire, O God, the leaders of the nations to care for the vulnerable and to seek peace among the peoples of the earth. In faith we pray,

People **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Kindle, O God, hope and joy within our hearts and give us grace to follow in your ways. In faith we pray,

People **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Comfort, O God, all who are in pain and give healing to the sick, especially those we name before you:_____. In faith we pray,

People **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Enfold, O God, in your mercy all who have died and now rest in peace, especially those we name before you:_____. In faith we pray,

People **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

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 *Once he came in blessing* Hymn 53

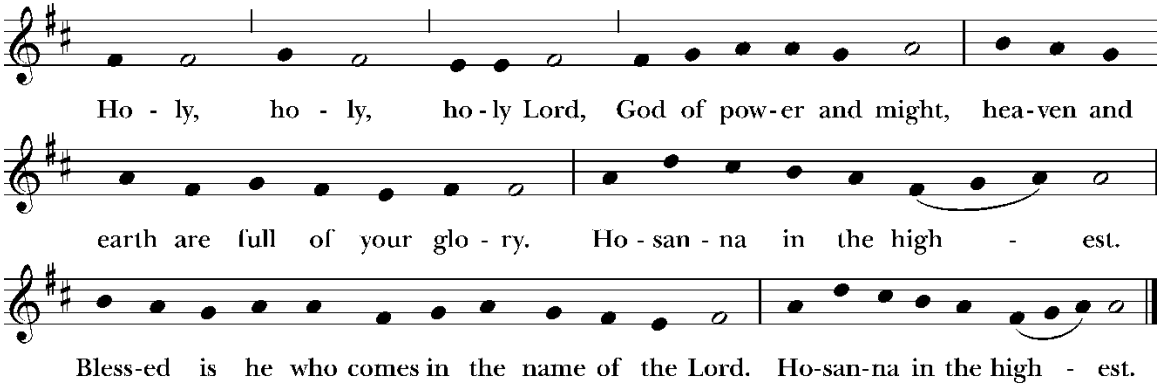
Doxology Hymn 380, v. 3

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 *Praise to God, immortal praise* Hymn 288

Postlude

Flowers today are given to the Glory of God and
in Loving Memory of Ken Simonin by Ellen Simonin

In Our Prayers - *For the sick and those in need:* Mary, Bill, Jan, Navajoland, Diane, Linda, Roni, Lori, Liz, Susan, Alex, Lisa, Keith and family, Jack, Olivia, Rich, Karen, Al, Miles. *Thanksgiving:* Aspen Sanford. *In the military:* Ben, Samuel, Brian, Bryan, Charlie, Logan, Dave, Gabby, Tristan, Taylor. *For the Dead:* Ken Simonin, Sandy Sanderson. *Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:* St. John's Episcopal Church, American Falls. *Anglican Cycle of Prayer:* Anglican Church of Chile

Send prayer requests to prayerlist@episcopaltwinfalls.org.

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pledge Campaign for 2027 – You are invited to consider prayerfully your giving for Ascension Church's ministries in the coming year. Pledge cards have been mailed to all parish households and cards are also available in the Narthex. Thank you for your generous support!

Vestry Meeting – The regular meeting of the Vestry will be this Tuesday, Nov. 17 at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend Vestry meetings.

Forward Day by Day – New booklets with prayers and daily readings are available in the Narthex in regular and large print.

Ingathering – This month we support Voices Against Violence which assists those who are victims of violence in our community. Look for a list of suggested items at the display in the Narthex.

Thanksgiving Eve Service – On Wednesday, Nov. 25 at 7 p.m. Ascension Church will have a service of Holy Eucharist. Please plan to come and bring family, friends, and neighbors to this service of gratitude and praise to God for all good gifts.

Celebrations – Marni Porath, Bill Brulotte.

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 ..... The Rev. Shawn Carty
Deacon & Preacher ..... The Rev. Nancy W. Koonce
Eucharistic Minister ..... Ellen Simonin
Lector ..... Betsy Wiesmore
Musician ..... Kendra Wilmot
Usher ..... Betsy Wiesmore
Audio & Visual ..... Susan Kelley-Harbke
Altar Guild ..... Nancy Summers, Tracy Ross
Refreshments ..... Linda Trower-Shuss, Dottie Geisick
Offering Counters ..... Sharon Parks, Jed Summers
St. Martha's Guild ..... Linda Trower-Shuss

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