

Church of the Ascension
Season of Epiphany

Sunday, January 25, 2026

Prelude

Opening Hymn - CP #393 '*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*'

The Gathering of the Community

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you.

And also with you.

Almighty God,
to you all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
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

The Collect Prayer:

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service.
Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call; through
Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

The Readings - Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27: 1, 4-9; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23

Listen for the leading of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to... **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

The Gospel is read.

The Gospel of Christ. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

The Homily

Anthem (when appointed)

Affirmation of Faith

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength.

This is the first and great commandment. The second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.

The Prayers of the People

Confession & Absolution

**Let us open our hearts to God's healing as we confess:
Almighty and merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you and one another in both our actions and our inactions.**

We recognize that in Jesus our light has come, yet often we choose to walk in the shadows and ignore the light.

Gracious God, forgive our sins and remove from us the veil of darkness which shrouds our lives. Illumine us by your Word so we may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory. Amen.

Absolution

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Offertory Hymn - CP #455 '*Dear God, Compassionate and Kind*'

Prayer over the Gifts:

Loving God, before the world began you called us. Make holy all we offer you this day, and strengthen us in that calling. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right that we should praise you, Loving God, through Christ our Lord. Sharing our life, ...And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, god of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest. (X2)

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. (X2)

Blessed are you, ...
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering therefore, his preaching, his healing, his dying and rising, and his promise to come again, we await that day when all the universe will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.

By your Spirit bless us and this meal, that, refreshed with this heavenly food, we may be light for the world, revealing the brilliance of your Son.

Through Christ all honour and glory is yours, Almighty God, with the Holy Spirit, in your Holy Church, both now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world. **God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life. Amen.**

The gifts of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Reception of Communion

Communion Hymn - CP #85 'Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless'

Prayer after Communion:

Gracious God, our hands have taken holy things; our lives have been nourished by the body of your Son. May we who have eaten at this holy table be strengthened for service in your world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

The Doxology

Glory to God, whose power working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen

The Blessing

Announcements

Closing Hymn - CP #334 '*Holy God, We Praise Your Name*'

Dismissal - Go with the light of Christ in your hearts.

Thanks be to God.