

Creation of Ascension and St. Mark Episcopal Church

In the beginning,

The Episcopal Mission of The Ascension was established in Decatur, Texas in 1888. The small, white wood frame church was built in 1889 facing Main Street. Today this church is located on the northeast corner of E. Hale Street and S. Church Street. In 1968 this building was recorded as a Texas Historical Landmark.

St. Mark's Mission Church was established at Bridgeport in 1965. Services were first held in a small house on Carpenter Street. Later a prefabricated building was added to the structure.

In 1992, the congregations of the two mission churches united and in 1995 purchased a ten acre site in Wise County, located halfway between Decatur and Bridgeport on Highway 380, just west of Sandy Creek.

The merged congregation held their first service in the newly built church of Ascension and St. Mark on Easter Sunday, April 7, 1996.



WORSHIP

Sunday: Morning Prayer 9:30 am
Sunday: Holy Eucharist 10:30 am
Sunday: School (ages 4-18) 10:30 am
Thursday: Mass with Healing Unction 7 pm

ACTIVITIES

Bible Study – Thursday, 6 pm
Daughters of The Holy Cross
3rd Tuesday, 6:30 pm
Men's Group 3rd Wednesday, 6 pm

OPPORTUNITIES

Lay reader, servers and acolytes
Sunday School Leader
Choir
Altar Guild
Bishop's Committee
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Refreshment Committee
Special Activities Coordinator
Early Sunday Service at Decatur Senior Care

**We belong to the
Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth**
...which is in turn part of the worldwide
Anglican Communion.

The Right Reverend Ryan Reed

is our Bishop.

A Summary

The entire service of the Holy Eucharist forms one unified celebration in which all people of God, both clergy and laity, join together to recognize and rejoice in the many ways that God has graciously come among us and revealed himself to us. In the Holy Eucharist we are assured of God's special presence with us as we hear God speak to us in scripture and sermon, and as we are fed in him at his Holy Altar. We join together as his family in celebration of his many blessings, past, present and future.



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