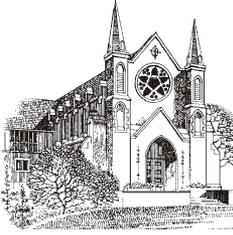


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*Please note that in our liturgy when we refer to God we cannot adequately verbalize the magnitude and comprehensiveness of God's diversity and are always limited by our use of language. We acknowledge that although Jesus was born into history as a man, neither God the Father nor God the Holy Spirit were embodied with human sex. Although our language is often not all inclusive we believe God always is. God made human beings in God's own image with complexity and diversity. Thank you for sharing your diversity and complexity with us as we worship God together.*

### **The Liturgy of the Word**

**Voluntary:** Meditation on *Still, Still, Still* Mark Hayes

**Opening Hymn:** On Jordan's Bank H76

1 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry  
announces that the Lord is nigh;  
awake and hearken, for he brings  
glad tidings of the King of kings.

2 Then cleansed be every breast from sin;  
make straight the way for God within,  
and let each heart prepare a home  
where such a mighty guest may come.

**Opening Acclamation** (*The people standing*) BCP 355

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

*People* ***And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.***

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.***

*Presider* Let us say together the song of praise.

*Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.*

*Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
We worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.*

*For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

**The Collect for the Baptism of our Lord**

*Presider*    God be with you.

*People*      *And also with you.*

*Presider*    Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

*People sit for the reading of the lessons*

**A Reading from    Genesis**

**1:1-5**

**I**n the beginning God  
created the heavens  
and the earth.

The earth was barren,  
with no form of life;  
it was under a roaring ocean  
covered with darkness.  
But the Spirit of God  
was moving over the water.

## **The First Day**

God said, “I command light to shine!” And light started shining. God looked at the light and saw that it was good. He separated light from darkness and named the light “Day” and the darkness “Night.” Evening came and then morning—that was the first day.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

*People* ***Thanks be to God.***

*Reader* We will say the psalm in unison.

## **Psalm 29**

***You, divine beings! Give to the LORD—  
give to the LORD glory and power!***

***<sup>2</sup> Give to the LORD the glory due his name!  
Bow down to the LORD in holy splendor!***

***<sup>3</sup> The LORD’s voice is over the waters;  
the glorious God thunders;  
the LORD is over the mighty waters.***

***<sup>4</sup> The LORD’s voice is strong;  
the LORD’s voice is majestic.***

***<sup>5</sup> The LORD’s voice breaks cedar trees—  
yes, the LORD shatters the cedars of Lebanon.***

***<sup>6</sup> He makes Lebanon jump around like a young bull,  
makes Sirion jump around like a young wild ox.***

***<sup>7</sup> The LORD’s voice unleashes fiery flames;***

***<sup>8</sup> the LORD’s voice shakes the wilderness—  
yes, the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.***

*<sup>9</sup> The LORD's voice convulses the oaks,  
strips the forests bare,  
but in his temple everyone shouts, "Glory!"*

*<sup>10</sup> The LORD sits enthroned over the floodwaters;  
the LORD sits enthroned—king forever!*

*<sup>11</sup> Let the LORD give strength to his people!  
Let the LORD bless his people with peace!*

## A Reading from Acts

19:1-7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul traveled across the hill country to Ephesus, where he met some of the Lord's followers. He asked them, "When you put your faith in Jesus, were you given the Holy Spirit?"

"No!" they answered. "We have never even heard of the Holy Spirit."

"Then why were you baptized?" Paul asked.

They answered, "Because of what John taught."

Paul replied, "John baptized people so that they would turn to God. But he also told them that someone else was coming, and that they should put their faith in him. Jesus is the one that John was talking about." After the people heard Paul say this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then Paul placed his hands on them. The Holy Spirit was given to them, and they spoke unknown languages and prophesied. There were about twelve men in this group.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People* ***Thanks be to God.***

*The people stand*

**Sequence Hymn** Bornin' Cry

John Carl Ylvisaker

"I was there to hear your bornin' cry,  
I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,  
to see your life unfold.

I was there when you were but a child,  
with a faith to suit you well;  
In a blaze of light you wandered off  
to find where demons dwell."

"When you heard the wonder of the Word  
I was there to cheer you on;  
You were raised to praise the living Lord,  
to whom you now belong.  
If you find someone to share your time  
and you join your hearts as one,  
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme  
from dusk 'till rising sun."

In the middle ages of your life,  
not too old, no longer young,  
I'll be there to guide you through the night,  
complete what I've begun.  
When the evening gently closes in,  
and you shut your weary eyes,  
I'll be there as I have always been  
with just one more surprise."

*Presider*     The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ  
                  according to **Mark**

**1:4-11**

*People say:*   **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

**S**o John the Baptist showed up in the desert and told everyone,  
"Turn back to God and be baptized! Then your sins will be  
forgiven."

From all Judea and Jerusalem crowds of people went to John. They  
told how sorry they were for their sins, and he baptized them in the  
Jordan River.

John wore clothes made of camel's hair. He had a leather strap  
around his waist and ate grasshoppers and wild honey.

John also told the people, "Someone more powerful is going to  
come. And I am not good enough even to stoop down and untie his  
sandals. I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the  
Holy Spirit!"

About that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee, and John baptized him in the Jordan River. As soon as Jesus came out of the water, he saw the sky open and the Holy Spirit coming down to him like a dove. A voice from heaven said, “You are my own dear Son, and I am pleased with you.”

*Presider*     The Gospel of our Savior.

*People say:*   ***Praise to you, Lord Christ***

*The people sit*

**The Sermon**

*Rev. Vincent Black*

*The people stand*

**The Baptismal Covenant**

*Celebrant*    Do you believe in God the Father?

*People*       ***I believe in God, the Father almighty creator of heaven and earth.***

*Celebrant*    Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People*       ***I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,  
died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the  
right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.***

*Celebrant*    Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People*       ***I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.***

*Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers ?

*People:* ***I will, with God's help.***

*Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People:* ***I will, with God's help.***

*Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People:* ***I will, with God's help.***

*Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People:* ***I will, with God's help.***

*Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People:* ***I will, with God's help.***

## **The Prayers of the People**

*Stand or kneel as the Holy Spirit leads.*

*The Leader and People pray responsively.*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

***That we all may be one.***

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

***That your Name may be glorified by all people.***

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Mark, Arthur, and William our Bishops; Vincent, our Priest; Leah, our seminarian; and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.***

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

***That there may be justice and peace on the earth.***

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

***That our works may find favor in your sight.***

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble  
(especially... *the names on the long-term prayer list are read*);

***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

Give to the departed eternal rest (especially... *the names of the recently  
deceased are read*);

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*Presider says*

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the  
kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

## **The Confession of Sin**

*BCP 360*

*The Presider says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Presider and People*

***Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.***

*The Priest, stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## **The Peace**

*All stand*

*Presider     The peace of Christ be always with you.*

*People       And also with you.*

*Then the Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **The Announcements**

### **For those celebrating birthdays**

*O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## **The Holy Communion**

### **The Offertory Sentence**

**Offertory Hymn:** Shall We Gather at the River

Robert Lowry

1 Shall we gather at the river,  
Where bright angel feet have trod;  
With its crystal tide forever  
Flowing by the throne of God?

*Refrain:*

Yes, we'll gather at the river,  
The beautiful, the beautiful river;  
Gather with the saints at the river  
That flows by the throne of God.

4 Soon we'll reach the shining river,  
Soon our pilgrimage will cease;  
Soon our happy hearts will quiver  
With the melody of peace. [*Refrain*]

*The people stand*

**The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B**

*BCP 367*

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* ***And also with you.***

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* ***We lift them to the Lord.***

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* ***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

*The Presider proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Sanctus and Benedictus** (*spoken*)

*Presider and People*

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord,***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

*The people stand or kneel and the Presider continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Presider and People (spoken)*

***We remember Christ’s death,  
We proclaim Christ’s resurrection,  
We await Christ’s coming in glory;***

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mary, the mother of Jesus, and with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Presider*

*Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.*

*Give us this day our daily bread.*

*And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.*

*And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.*

*For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.*

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*A period of silence is kept*

### **Fraction Anthem**

*Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;*

*People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

### **Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

*from the Prayer Book for the Armed Services*

*In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you.*

*May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.*

**Post Communion Music:** God be in My Head

H694

God be in my head, and in my understanding;  
God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;  
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;  
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;  
God be at mine end, and at my departing.

*After Communion, the Presider says*

Let us pray.

**Postcommunion Prayer** *(said by all, standing)*

BCP 366

*Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of Christ, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

**Blessing**

**Closing Hymn:** Hail to the Lord's Anointed

H616

1 Hail to the Lord's Anointed,  
great David's greater Son!  
Hail, in the time appointed,  
his reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression,  
to set the captive free;  
to take away transgression,  
and rule in equity.

5 O'er every foe victorious,  
he on his throne shall rest,  
from age to age more glorious,

all blessing and all blest;  
the tide of time shall never  
his covenant remove;  
his Name shall stand for ever,  
his changeless Name of Love.

*Presider* Let us pray.

*Good and gracious God, we pray for all who have yet to know of your love and mercy. May the Church of the Ascension be so inspired by your Holy Spirit that it may serve as a beacon of hope and a witness to the gospel for all people. Grant that we may continually grow in our own knowledge and love of you as we strive to use all that we have and all that we are to follow and imitate your beloved son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### **The Dismissal**

*Presider* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*People* ***Thanks be to God.***

**Voluntary:** Recessional Carillon on a French Carol Charles Callahan

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## **The Ministers of the Liturgy**

Presider: Rev. Vincent Black

Seminarian: Leah Romanelli DeJesus

Organist: Jon Peterson

Soloist: Margie Hildebrandt

Acolyte: Derek Lewallen

Readers: Leah Romanelli DeJesus and Corky Thacker

Video and live-streaming: Dave Campion

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The flowers placed at the altar are given to  
the glory of God, and in loving memory of:

Rachel Barlett Sexton

Marion Gardner

Tom Clark

Nancy Dittebrand

Rich Cattone

David Paisley

Richard & Esther

Paisley

Orville, Geraldine. and

Janet Pelkey

William Steehler

Steve Klonowski

John Duda

Kim Nero

The entire service is streamed live each Sunday at 10:30am  
on The Church of the Ascension Facebook page  
[facebook.com/pg/ascensionlakewood/videos/](https://facebook.com/pg/ascensionlakewood/videos/),  
and at [www.ascension-lakewood.org](http://www.ascension-lakewood.org).

**Please keep these people in your prayers  
today and all week long:**

**Our Spiritual Leaders:**

+Michael -our Presiding Bishop; +Mark -our Bishop;  
+Bill, and +Arthur -our Assisting Bishops;  
+Vincent -our Priest; Leah -our seminarian

**Those for whom prayers have been requested:**

|                      |                 |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| Deborah Bethea       | Barbara Kutza   |
| Teddi Black          | Marilyn Little  |
| Emily Boyd           | Doris McQuiston |
| Jeff Brian           | Cherie Paisley  |
| Carol Culp           | Jean Priddy     |
| Robert Dibb          | Lou Rogers      |
| Justin Edwards       | Pat Scheetz     |
| Bill Fickinger       | Naomi Singer    |
| Dan Filer            | Charles Stahl   |
| Ella Jane Fowerbaugh | Wendie Stemple  |
| Linda Gardner        | Corky Thacker   |
| Martha Hartman       | Betty Weber     |
| Pat Hendy            | Jim Weiss       |
| Lisa Jones           | Diane Welfley   |

**Those We Know in the Military**

|                      |               |
|----------------------|---------------|
| Jason Hildebrandt    | Jason Strater |
| McDowell (Mac) Jones | Brendon       |
| Sydney Kline         |               |

**The Departed**

|                |               |
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| Marion Gardner | Rachel Sexton |
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## Annual Meeting

The annual meeting will be on January 17<sup>th</sup> at 1pm via Zoom.

**We will have a practice run through today at 1pm to be sure you can connect.**

You can use the internet to connect to Zoom but will need to download the app first. You can also call into Zoom. The information to connect or call in is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83481002478?pwd=ZlJkLytvVGdlcHFOVWFGMHRMZmdmZz09>

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All parishioners are encouraged to attend the annual meeting as the whole parish is responsible for the governance of the church. The meeting will last no more than two hours. We will elect new vestry members. There are three open positions. Rita Rozell, Greg Sent, and Jeff Sommer have been nominated to serve on vestry and have agreed to stand for election .

## **In Person Worship Suspension**

The Bishop has suspended in person worship as of December 13<sup>th</sup>. We will have no 8am service. We will continue to live stream the 10:30 service on our website.

## **Noonday prayer Tuesdays at 12:12pm via conference call**

On Tuesdays there will be a conference call enabling you to call in and join Father Vincent and other members of our Ascension community for:

- Noonday Prayer (10 minutes),
- A reflection from Forward Day by Day (5 minutes),
- Time for us to check-in with each other (20 minutes),
- Time to ask questions and exchange information (10 minutes),
- Prayer for the Church of the Ascension.

This will give everyone access to our priest and allow us to continue together in prayer and fellowship.

**We will start prayer promptly at 12:12, and end just before 1pm.  
Please do not call in before 12:05pm.**

You can call in for all or part of the time.

Dial-in number: (425) 436-6300

Access code: 593523#

Use \*6 to mute and un-mute yourself when trying to talk.

We will use the Book of Common Prayer pp. 103-107.

## **Clothing Drive Hiatus**

Due to COVID-19 we are no longer collecting clothing for St. Luke's. Please do not drop off clothes at church. The dropbox has been removed.

## **Pledges and offerings to the Church.**

Please mail in your pledges/financial offerings so we can continue with the ministries of the church as well as meet our financial obligations.

*or*

**YOU CAN USE PLASTIC TO DONATE TO THE CHURCH!**

At [theascensionshop.com](http://theascensionshop.com) you can use plastic to donate to the church. Credit and debit cards are accepted. One time, Weekly, Bi-Weekly, and Monthly contributions can be entered. All contributions will show on your annual statement. Just take a look! (With thanks to theascensionshop creator Michael Crowdes; send questions to [crowdes@gmail.com](mailto:crowdes@gmail.com).)

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