



Church of the Ascension

January 22, 2023

Third Sunday after Epiphany

10:30am

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BCP indicates the Book of Common Prayer.

EOW indicates Enriching our Worship, a supplemental liturgical material.

Hymn and "S" numbers indicate the Hymnal 1982

"S" indicates service music found at the front of the hymnal

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Holy Eucharist, Enriching Our Worship, 10:30am

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

When the Voluntary begins, please maintain prayerful silence

Voluntary: Intonation on *Ton-y-Botel* Charles Callahan

Opening Hymn: **Thy Strong Word did Cleave the Darkness** H381
Tune: *Ton-y-Botel*

*I Thy strong word
did cleave the darkness;
at thy speaking it was done;
for created light we thank thee,
while thine ordered seasons run:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia without end!*

*2 Lo, on those who dwelt
in darkness,
dark as night and deep as death,
broke the light of thy salvation,
breathed thine own
live-giving breath:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia without end!*

*3 Thy strong word
bespeaks us righteous;
bright with thine own holiness,
glorious now,
we press toward glory,
and our lives our hopes confess:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia without end!*

*4 God the Father, Light-Creator,
to thee laud and honor be;
to thee, Light of Light begotten,
praise be sung eternally;
Holy Spirit, Light-Revealer,
glory, glory be to thee;
mortals, angels, now and ever
praise the Holy Trinity.*

Welcome / Invitation to Sunday School

Opening Acclamation (*The people standing*)

EOW 50

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People ***Glory to God for ever and ever.***

Song of Praise: To God be the Glory

Malcolm Archer

Tune: Ash Grove

*To God be the glory, all glory in the highest,
and peace to his people who dwell here below;
Our heavenly Father, our Lord, and our sovereign,
to you, the Almighty, our praises bestow;
We worship and adore you, we bow here before you
with grateful thanksgiving, our song let us raise;
All glory and honor and glad adoration,
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise.*

*Lord Jesus, the only begotten of the Father,
We praise and we bless you, the Son and the Lamb;
The sin of the world you have taken upon you,
have mercy upon us, the Great I AM!
For holy, you meet us, yet lowly you greet us,
the Lord in the highest, the Holy One;
All glory to the Father, the Son and the Spirit,
from ages everlasting, the Three in One.*

The Collect for the Third Sunday after Epiphany

Presider God be with you.

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

Presider Let us pray.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

People sit for the reading of the lessons

A Reading from Isaiah

9:1-4

Nonetheless, those who were in distress won't be exhausted. At an earlier time, God cursed the land of Zebulun and the land of

Naphtali, but later he glorified the way of the sea, the far side of the Jordan, and the Galilee of the nations.

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light.
On those living in a pitch-dark land, light has dawned.
You have made the nation great;
you have increased its joy.
They rejoiced before you as with joy at the harvest,
as those who divide plunder rejoice.
As on the day of Midian,
you've shattered the yoke that burdened them,
the staff on their shoulders,
and the rod of their oppressor.

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

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

Reader We will stand and sing the psalm.

Psalm 27:1, 5-13 (*sung to metric text*) **Tune: Gardiner (H609)**
(Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life)

1. *You are my light, my Savior, Lord;
Of whom should I have any fear?
You are the stronghold of my life;
Whom should I dread if you are near?*
2. *You hide me, Lord, when troubles come,
In hidden places no one knows
And set me high upon a rock
And keep me safe from all my foes.*
3. *God even now, has raised my head
Above all those who would destroy;
And so, will I rejoice and sing
And sacrifice with shouts of joy.*
4. *You lift my head above my foes,
Therefore I make my offering;
With sounds of gladness I will come,
Make music to the Lord and sing.*

5. *Lord, listen to me when I call,
Have mercy, Lord, and answer me;
You move my heart to seek your face;
Your face, Lord, I desire to see.*
6. *Do not forever hide your face,
Nor in your anger turn away;
For you have been my helper, Lord,
Do not forsake me when I pray.*

A Reading from First Corinthians

1:10-18

Now I encourage you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ: Agree with each other and don't be divided into rival groups. Instead, be restored with the same mind and the same purpose. My brothers and sisters, Chloe's people gave me some information about you, that you're fighting with each other. What I mean is this: that each one of you says, "I belong to Paul," "I belong to Apollos," "I belong to Cephas," "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you, or were you baptized in Paul's name? Thank God that I didn't baptize any of you, except Crispus and Gaius, so that nobody can say that you were baptized in my name! Oh, I baptized the house of Stephanas too. Otherwise, I don't know if I baptized anyone else. Christ didn't send me to baptize but to preach the good news. And Christ didn't send me to preach the good news with clever words so that Christ's cross won't be emptied of its meaning.

The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are being destroyed. But it is the power of God for those of us who are being saved.

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

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

The people stand

*1 Spread, O spread, thou mighty word,
spread the kingdom of the Lord,
that to earth's remotest bound
all may heed the joyful sound;*

*2 word of how the Father's will
made the world, and keeps it, still;
how his only Son he gave,
earth from sin and death to save;*

*3 word of how the Savior's love
earth's sore burden doth remove;
how forever, in its need,
through his death the world is freed;*

*4 word of how the Spirit came
bringing peace in Jesus' name;
how his never-failing love
guides us on to heaven above.*

*5 Word of life, most pure and strong,
word for which the nations long,
spread abroad, until from night
all the world awakes to light.*

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

4:12-23

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

Now when Jesus heard that John was arrested, he went to Galilee. He left Nazareth and settled in Capernaum, which lies alongside the sea in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali. This fulfilled what Isaiah the prophet said:

*Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali,
alongside the sea, across the Jordan,
Galilee of the Gentiles,*

*the people who lived in the dark have seen a great light,
and a light has come upon those
who lived in the region and in shadow of death.*

From that time Jesus began to announce, “Change your hearts and lives! Here comes the kingdom of heaven!”

As Jesus walked alongside the Galilee Sea, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew, throwing fishing nets into the sea, because they were fishermen. “Come, follow me,” he said, “and I’ll show you how to fish for people.” Right away, they left their nets and followed him. Continuing on, he saw another set of brothers, James the son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with Zebedee their father repairing their nets. Jesus called them and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Jesus traveled throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues. He announced the good news of the kingdom and healed every disease and sickness among the people.

Presider The Gospel of our Savior.

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

The people sit

The Sermon

Rev. Keith Owen

The people stand

The Nicene Creed

EOW 53

“The Creeds are statements of our basic beliefs about God” (BCP 851).

We say these words as a gathered community to affirm our belief in God as creator, redeemer, and sustainer of all creation, as the source of life and holiness. God has blessed humanity with relationships and community which are part of God’s own essence as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We do not say these words as some sort of litmus test but as an invitation to wrestle with the mystery and complexity of God with generations of Christians who have gone before us and with generations who will come after us.

*We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.*

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
Who has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

The Prayers of the People, Form VI

BCP 392

Stand or kneel as the Holy Spirit leads.

The Leader and People pray responsively.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Mark, our bishop; Anne, our Bishop-Coadjutor elect; Vincent, our priest; Clarke, our intern; and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

For all who serve God in the Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation (especially... *the names on the long-term prayer list are read*).

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom (especially... *the names of the recently deceased are read*).

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

Presider says

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth:
Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to
do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

The Confession of Sin

EOW 56

The Presider says

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Presider and People

***God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. 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.***

All stand

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and People greet one another with a wave, bow, or appropriate gesture but keep social distance.

For those celebrating birthdays

Yolanda Harris

Tyler Lewallen

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 Announcements

The presider asks visitors to fill out the information at the bottom of page 2, then highlights the announcements.

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Sentence

Offertory Hymn: Bread of Life

arr. Lee G. Barrow

Break Thou the Bread of Life, dear Lord to me,
as once You broke the loaves beside the sea.
Beyond the sacred page, I seek Thee, Lord;
My spirit waits for Thee, O Living Word.

O send Your spirit, Lord now unto me
that You may touch my eyes and make me see.
Show me the truth concealed within Your word,
for in Your book revealed, I see You, Lord.

Let us break bread together on our knees;
let us break bread together on our knees;
when I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

All stand

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Offerings

The gifts of the people are brought forward at this time, including bread, wine and alms, as the congregation sings the Presentation Hymn.

Presentation Hymn: Now the Silence

H333

Tune: *Now*

Now the silence

Now the peace

Now the empty hands uplifted

Now the kneeling

Now the plea

Now the Fathers' arms in welcome

Now the hearing

Now the power

Now the vessel brimmed for pouring

Now the Body

Now the Blood

Now the joyful celebration

Now the wedding

Now the songs

Now the heart forgiven leaping

Now the Spirit's visitation

Now the Son's epiphany

Now the Father's blessing

Now

Now

Now

The people remain standing

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer 1

EOW 57

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.***

Presider

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

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, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus and Benedictus

W858

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 he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel and the Presider continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.

Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and 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 friends, and said: “Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith,

Presider and People (spoken)

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Presider continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ’s Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Mary, the mother of Jesus, and with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

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

The Lord's Prayer (*spoken*)

BCP 364

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

W875

Refrain:

***Be known to us, Lord Jesus,
in the breaking of the bread.***

- 1. The bread which we break, alleluia,
is the communion of the body of Christ.***

Refrain

2. *One body are we, alleluia,
for though many we share one bread.*

Refrain

The Invitation to Communion

BCP 364

Presider says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All people are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Children of all ages are included in this invitation.

The presider invites those not receiving the sacrament to make a spiritual communion, led by the reader.

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.

Communion Hymn

Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured

H313

Tune: *Jesu, meine Zuversicht*

*1. Let thy Blood in mercy poured,
let thy gracious Body broken,
be to me, O gracious Lord,
of thy boundless love the token.*

Refrain:

*Thou didst give thyself for me,
now I give myself to thee.*

*2. Thou didst die that I might live;
blessed Lord, thou cam'st to save me;
all that love of God could give
Jesus by his sorrows gave me. (Refrain)*

*3. By the thorns that crowned thy brow,
by the spear-wound and the nailing,
by the pain and death, I now
claim, O Christ, thy love unfailing. (Refrain)*

*4. Wilt thou own the gift I bring?
All my penitence I give thee;
thou art my exalted King,
of thy matchless love forgive me. (Refrain)*

Postcommunion Music: Supplication

Taizé

O Lord, be merciful. Grant to us divine salvation.

After Communion, the Presider says

Let us pray.

Postcommunion Prayer (*said by all, standing*)

EOW 70

*Loving God,
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.*

Blessing

Closing Hymn: Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

H652

Tune: *Rest*

*1 Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways!
Reclothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise.*

*2 In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word,
rise up and follow thee.*

*3 O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity
interpreted by love!*

*4 Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace.*

*5 Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still, small voice of calm.*

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 in the name of Christ.

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

Voluntary: Voluntary on *Rest*

Hal H. Hopson

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The Ministers of the Liturgy

Presider: Rev. Keith Owen

Organist: Jon Peterson

Choir Director: Margie Hildebrandt

Acolytes: Derek Lewallen,

Jan Bednarski, and Mason Kidwell

Readers: Keira Dodd and Julie Exline

Spiritual Eucharist Reader: Keira Dodd

Chalice Bearers: Derek Lewallen and Jan Bednarski

Ushers: Jeff Sommer and Clarke Mortensen

Videographer: Dave Campion



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Q. What is the Church?

A. The Church is the community of the New Covenant.

Q. How is the Church described in the Bible?

A. The Church is described as the Body of which Jesus Christ is the Head and of which all baptized persons are members. It is called the People of God, the New Israel, a holy nation, a royal priesthood, and the pillar and ground of truth.

Q. How is the Church described in the creeds?

A. The Church is described as one, holy, catholic, and apostolic.

Q. Why is the Church described as one?

A. The Church is one, because it is one Body, under one Head, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Q. Why is the Church described as holy?

A. The Church is holy, because the Holy Spirit dwells in it, consecrates its members, and guides them to do God's work.

Q. Why is the Church described as catholic?

A. The Church is catholic, because it proclaims the whole Faith to all people, to the end of time.

Q. Why is the Church described as apostolic?

A. The Church is apostolic, because it continues in the teaching and fellowship of the apostles and is sent to carry out Christ's mission to all people.

Q. What is the mission of the Church?

A. The mission of the Church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ.

Q. How does the Church pursue its mission?

A. The Church pursues its mission as it prays and worships, proclaims the Gospel, and promotes justice, peace, and love.

Q. Through whom does the Church carry out its mission?

A. The Church carries out its mission through the ministry of all its members.

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

Our Spiritual Leaders:

+Michael -our Presiding Bishop; +Mark -our Bishop;
+Anne -our Bishop Coadjutor elect;
+Vincent -our Priest; Clarke Mortensen our intern

Those for whom prayers have been requested:

Beth Bergstrom	Marilyn Little
Teddi Black	Suzanne Mapes
Anne-Marie Cunningham	Tina Marcella
Mary Ann Deibel	John Michaels
Spencer Faux	Mary Beth Michaels
Ella Jane Fowerbaugh	Gil Newlands
Martha Hartman	Rebecca Richardson
Pat Hendy	Ray Semproch
Pamela Jackson	Corky Thacker
Jennifer Keohane	Tim Vanah
Linda Lewis	Bill Wofford

Those We Know in the Military

McDowell (Mac) Jones	Jason Strater
Sydney Kline	Brendon

The Departed

Joe Callanan	Doris McQuestion
Jennifer Carlson	Bob Scott
Sally Gazala	Rick Tommer
Dolores Mahler	

The Weekly Prayer List

The weekly prayer list is used for those who need extra prayers due to illness or a particular challenge or hardship.

For those wanting to add or remove people from the prayer list, please call the office.

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.

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Please join us in helping to keep
The Church of the Ascension strong
and able to meet the needs of an ever-changing world.

**Bible Study: The Gospel According to Luke
on Sundays, 9:15-10am.**

Sabbatical

Father Vincent Black is on Sabbatical until the Wednesday of Holy Week, April 5th, 2023. The Rev. Keith Owen will journey with the parish during Lent, from Ash Wednesday through Palm Sunday. Father Vincent will be back for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday.

Every six years our priest is eligible for sabbatical of 12 weeks, 2 weeks per year of service. A priest takes sabbatical to focus on self care, inner reflection, and rejuvenation. It is a time for the priest to pray, reflect on vocation and the spiritual life, read, write, and rest. It is also time for the parish to reflect on shared ministry with their priest and to pray for the priest's vocation and well being.

The Rev. Leah Romanelli DeJesus will field pastoral care along with the Rev. Brad Purdom and the Rev. John Keller. Simply call the office if you would like to request a pastoral visit.

Before Lent begins the schedule is as follows:

January 22nd, Rev. Keith Owen 8 & 10:30

January 29th One service of Morning Prayer at 10:30
led and preached by Clarke Mortensen

February 5th Morning Prayer led by Clarke Mortensen at 8 and
Ray Pratt at 10:30, Alex DeJesus preaching at both services

February 12th Rev. John Keller

February 19th Rev. Brad Purdom

Winter Convocation

Feb 3 - Feb 4, 2023

At Kalahari Resorts and Convention Center

Real Connections - Ministries to Strengthen Church and Community Relationships

Registration including Reception and Lunch is \$49 for adults, \$10 for those 17 or younger, and \$79 for a family of adults and children living in the same household.

[Winter Convocation | Friday, February 3, 2023 | The Episcopal Diocese of Ohio \(dohio.org\)](#)

Karaoke Night Out

Warm up your vocal cords and join us for an evening of Karaoke! On Tuesday, February 7th from 7:00 pm till 9:00 pm we will sing at Corky's Place, 13302 Detroit Ave. Please call Jim in the office at 216-521-8727 or email Secretary@Ascension-Lakewood.org by Monday, February 6th and let him know that you plan to attend.

Ascension Night Out

Join us on Wednesday, February 15th as we celebrate Mardi Gras at the Winking Lizard Tavern - Lakewood. (14018 Detroit Ave. Please call Jim in the office (216-521-8727) or email him at Secretary@Ascension-Lakewood.org by Monday, February 13th to make your reservation.

Office Hours

Office Hours are: 9am – 1:30pm, Tuesday - Thursday

Collecting Clothes for St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Box is outside the office.

Please only clean and lightly worn clothing.

Highly needed are seasonal men's and children's items.

Noonday prayer

Tuesdays at 12:12pm via conference call

**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.

Information for live streamed worship.

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

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