



Church of the Ascension

April 14, 2024

Third Sunday of Easter

10:30am

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

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*Holy Eucharist, 10:30am,
Enriching Our Worship*

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: Fanfare on Victory

W. L. Curry

Opening Hymn: Christ is Alive!

H182

Tune: Truro

*1. Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
His cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
His love in death shall never die.*

*2. Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
he comes to claim the here and now
and conquer every place and time.*

*3. Not throned above, remotely high,
untouched, unmoved by human pains,
but daily, in the midst of life,
our Savior with the Father reigns.*

*4. In every insult, rift, and war
where color, scorn or wealth divide,
he suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, though ever crucified.*

*5. Christ is alive! His Spirit burns
through this and every future age,
till all creation lives and learns
his joy, his justice, love, and praise.*

Welcome / Invitation to Sunday School

Opening Acclamation (*The people standing*)

EOW 50

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People ***Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.***

Song of Praise: **Christ our Passover** (*metrical paraphrase*)

W880

*God's Paschal Lamb is sacrificed for us;
Therefore with joy we keep the Easter feast;
Forsaking sin, we share the bread of truth.
Alleluia, Alleluia!*

*Now Christ is raised and will not die again;
Death has no more dominion over him;
Through him we die to sin and live to God.
Alleluia, Alleluia!*

*In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:
Though Adam's sin had doomed all flesh to die,
In Christ's new life shall all be made alive.
Alleluia, Alleluia!*

The Collect for Third Sunday of Easter

Presider The Lord be with you.

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

Presider Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

People sit for the reading of the lessons

A Reading from Acts

3:12-19

Peter addressed the people: “You Israelites, why are you amazed at this? Why are you staring at us as if we made him walk by our own power or piety? The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—the God of our ancestors—has glorified his servant Jesus. This is the one you handed over and denied in Pilate’s presence, even though he had already decided to release him. You rejected the holy and righteous one, and asked that a murderer be released to you instead. You killed the author of life, the very one whom God raised from the dead. We are witnesses of this. His name itself has made this man strong. That is, because of faith in Jesus’ name, God has strengthened this man whom you see and know. The faith that comes through Jesus gave him complete health right before your eyes.

“Brothers and sisters, I know you acted in ignorance. So did your rulers. But this is how God fulfilled what he foretold through all the prophets: that his Christ would suffer. Change your hearts and lives! Turn back to God so that your sins may be wiped away.

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 4 (*metric text*)

Tune: St. Flavian

(H615 “Thy Kingdom Come”, on Bended Knee)

***1. O God, defender of my cause,
Have mercy, hear my plea.
You set me free when most hard pressed;
I call, O answer me.***

2. *“How long will you dishonor me,
You creatures of the dust,
And worship gods that cannot speak
And in false idols trust?”*
3. *The faithful know God does great deeds;
I call and God will hear.
Speak to your heart in secret, then,
Sin not, but stand in fear.*
4. *Now pay the sacrifice required
And trust in God’s great might;
While many seek for better times,
Lord, let us see your light.*
5. *You put more gladness in my heart
Than when our crops increase;
You, Lord, alone make me secure;
I fall asleep in peace.*

A Reading from First John

3:1-7

See what kind of love the Father has given to us in that we should be called God’s children, and that is what we are! Because the world didn’t recognize him, it doesn’t recognize us.

Dear friends, now we are God’s children, and it hasn’t yet appeared what we will be. We know that when he appears we will be like him because we’ll see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves even as he is pure. Every person who practices sin commits an act of rebellion, and sin is rebellion. You know that he appeared to take away sins, and there is no sin in him. Every person who remains in relationship to him does not sin. Any person who sins has not seen him or known him.

Little children, make sure no one deceives you. The person who practices righteousness is righteous, in the same way that Jesus is righteous.

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

The people stand

Sequence Hymn The Strife is O'er

H208 vs 1-3
Tune: Victory

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*1. The strife is o'er, the battle done,
the victory of life is won;
the song of triumph has begun.
Alleluia!*

*2. The powers of death have done their worst,
but Christ their legions hath dispersed:
let shout of holy joy outburst.
Alleluia!*

*3. The three sad days are quickly sped,
he rises glorious from the dead:
all glory to our risen Head!
Alleluia!*

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

24:36b-48

People sing: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Alleluias from H208

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said, “Peace be with you!” They were terrified and afraid. They thought they were seeing a ghost.

He said to them, “Why are you startled? Why are doubts arising in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet. It’s really me! Touch me and see, for a ghost doesn’t have flesh and bones like you see I have.” As he said this, he showed them his hands and feet. Because they were wondering and questioning in the midst of their happiness, he said to them, “Do you have anything to eat?” They gave him a piece of baked fish. Taking it, he ate it in front of them.

Jesus said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the Law

from Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures. He said to them, “This is what is written: the Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and a change of heart and life for the forgiveness of sins must be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

People sing: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Alleluias from H208

Sequence Hymn The Strife is O'er

H208 vs 4&5

Tune: Victory

*4. He closed the yawning gates of hell,
the bars from heaven's high portals fell;
let hymns of praise his triumphs tell!
Alleluia!*

*5. Lord! by the stripes which wounded thee,
from death's dread sting thy servants free,
that we may live and sing to thee.
Alleluia!*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The people sit

The Sermon

Rev. Vincent Black

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.*

Stand or kneel as the Holy Spirit leads.

The Leader and People pray.

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Anne, our Bishop; Vincent, our priest; Clarke, our postulant; and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the Diocese of Ohio, we pray for St. Peter’s Church, Lakewood, and for the South Central Mission Area: St. Matthew’s Church, Ashland; Harcourt Parish, Gambier; and Grace Church, Mansfield; let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering (especially... *the names on the long-term prayer list are read*), let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed (especially... *the names of the recently deceased are read*), let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

Silence

The Presider adds a concluding Collect.

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.**

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 with a wave, bow, or appropriate gesture but keep social distance.

For those celebrating birthdays

Michael Crowdes

George Staley

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: Nearer, My God, to Thee arr. Georgiann H. Toole
Tune: *BETHANY* (Mason)

Nearer, my God, to Thee,
nearer to Thee!
E'en though it be a cross
That raiseth me;
Still all my song would be,

Refrain:

Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee.

Though like the wanderer, sun gone down,
darkness be over me, my rest a stone;
yet in my dreams I'd be (*refrain*)

Now on joyful wing cleaving the sky,
sun, moon, and stars forgot, upward I fly,
still all my song shall be, (*refrain*)

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: Doxology with Alleluias Tune: *Lasst uns Erfreuen*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below,
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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

S130

Presider and People

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

Hosanna in the highest. 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 Music: All Who Hunger Gather Gladly **W761**
Tune: Holy Manna

*I All who hunger gather gladly;
holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wandering.*

*Here in truth we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness,
all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.*

*2 All who hunger, never strangers,
seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming.
Here, in joy we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered
in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.*

*3 All who hunger, sing together,
Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing.
Here, in peace we have been fed.
Blest are those who from this table
live their days in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.*

Postcommunion Hymn: God be in My Head

H694

Tune: Lytlington

*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.

*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 **Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain** **H199**
Tune: St. Kevin

- 1. Come, ye faithful, raise the strain
of triumphant gladness!
God hath brought his Israel
into joy from sadness:
loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke
Jacob's sons and daughters,
led them with unmoistened foot
through the Red Sea waters.*
- 2. 'Tis the spring of souls today:
Christ hath burst his prison,
and from three days' sleep in death
as a sun hath risen;
all the winter of our sins,
long and dark, is flying
from his light, to whom we give
laud and praise undying.*
- 3. Now the queen of seasons, bright
with the day of splendor,
with the royal feast of feasts,
comes its joy to render;*

*comes to glad Jerusalem,
who with true affection
welcomes in unwearied strains
Jesus' resurrection.*

*4. Neither might the gates of death,
nor the tomb's dark portal,
nor the watchers, nor the seal
hold thee as a mortal:
but today amidst thine own
thou didst stand, bestowing
that thy peace which evermore
passeth human knowing.*

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 Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Voluntary: Fanfare

Arlen Clarke

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We hope you will join us in Ascension Hall for some refreshments and conversation. Ascension Hall is located on this level through the chapel and at the end of the hallway.

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Christ our Passover *Pascha nostrum*

1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; *

therefore let us keep the feast,

Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, *

but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; *

death no longer has dominion over him.

The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; *

but the life he lives, he lives to God.

So also consider yourselves dead to sin, *

and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Christ has been raised from the dead, *

the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For since by a man came death, *

by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die, *

so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

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

Our Spiritual Leaders:

+Michael -our Presiding Bishop; +Anne -our Bishop;
Vincent+ -our Rector; Clarke -our postulant

Those for whom prayers have been requested:

Teddi Black	Elayne Newcomb
Shirley Campion	Gil Newlands
John Carlson	Larry Pierce
Megan DeVito	Dale Rerko
Kyle Dusenbury	Mary Rigby
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Pamela Jackson	Wendie Stemple
Boots Johnston	Corky Thacker
Fred Leick	Frank Vanah
Marilyn Little	Diane Welfley
Anthony Marcella	John Welfley
David Morrell	Bill Wofford

Those We Know in the Military

McDowell (Mac) Jones	Jason Strater
Sydney Kline	

The Departed

Betty Clark
Ann Grayell
Brian Harrington
Donald Kelly

Becky Leffew
Thomas Mahovlic
Chris Newton
Edward Sherman

The Weekly Prayer List

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The Ministers of the Liturgy

Presider: Rev. Vincent Black
Music Director and Organist: Jon Peterson
Choir Director: Margie Hildebrandt
Acolytes: Derek Lewallen, Terri Schade
Readers: Sarah Ciarniello and Julie Exline
Spiritual Eucharist Reader: Sarah Ciarniello
Chalice Bearers: Derek Lewallen and Terri Schade
Ushers: Joe Sgambellone and Rita Rozell
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1875 - 2025



Charlotte Grosse Benfield (1878 - 1958)

Charlotte M. Grosse Benfield was born in 1878 to Edward Grosse and Anne Unkrich. Charlotte, or as her friends and family knew her “Loll”, was married in 1909 to Herbert Benfield. Together they had a pharmacy in Lakewood at 13416 Detroit, now where St. Edward High School is located. Loll Benfield and her husband were known by the neighborhood for their generosity and genuine interest in their customers. During the depression, they often would find ways to help customers pay off or work off their debts so that medicine was always available despite their financial situation. The Benfields did not have children of their own but they delighted in seeing and knowing the children of the neighborhood, even helping them with homework if asked. They encouraged boys and girls to study chemistry and go into the field of pharmacy.

Loll Benfield was known for her beauty and her musical abilities, as the president of the Three Arts Club here in Lakewood. She often was hired to sing at social gatherings in certain circles in Lakewood. Charlotte Benfield, her husband Herbert and her mother Anne Grosse were all regular parishioners at Church of the Ascension. As a parishioner, Loll Benfield’s operatic voice was often heard performing at weddings and funerals at Ascension. She offered her natural abilities to help raise money for the church as they performed operas and concerts at the church as fundraisers.

Centering Prayer

We will resume Centering Prayer on Thursdays at noon during the Easter season from 12-12:45 in Ascension Hall. It will consist of 20 minutes of silence as well as scripture reading, and reflection. We began on **April 4th** and end on **May 16th**. We will then evaluate whether or not to continue. Please give it a try.

Bible Study on The Acts of the Apostles

Alex DeJesus will lead Bible Study on The Acts of the Apostles on Sundays 9:15-10am **April 7th-May 19th**.

There will be no Bible Study on **April 21st**.

Reception For Dani and Clarke

On **April 21st** we will have a special hospitality after the 10:30am service in celebration of Dani and Clarke's marriage. Please plan to join in the festivities.

Season 2 of the Chosen

We will watch and discuss Season 2 of the Chosen on Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:30pm starting **April 11th**.

The schedule is as follows:

- April 11 Episode 1
- April 18 Episode 2 & 3
- April 25 Episode 4
- May 2 Episode 5-6
- May 9 Ascension Day (Dinner and Eucharist)
- May 16 Episode 7&8

Regional Celebration of Confirmation

On **May 11th** at 11am Bishop Anne will come to Church of the Ascension for a regional celebration of confirmation. All parishes in our mission area are invited to participate. Anyone from Church of the Ascension wishing to reaffirm their faith or to be baptized, confirmed, or received into the Episcopal Church is welcome to do so. Please call or email Jim Weiss in the office no later than **April 15th**.

Shawl Ministry

The Shawl Ministry next meets on Wednesday, **17th**, from 1-3 pm. We will continue to meet on the first and third Wednesday of each month.

Delivery Help Needed! People wanted to help deliver shawls. This task is getting to be too much for the ladies – we need some help! Contact Mary Staley at (216) 527-4186

Ascension Night Out

Wednesday, April 17th at 6:00pm

Please join us for an evening of great food, fun and fellowship at Carrabba's Italian Grill Westlake at 6:00pm on Wednesday, **April 17th**.

Carrabba's is at 25054 Sperry Dr, Westlake. You can view the menu at <https://locations.carrabbas.com/ohio/westlake/25054-sperry-drive>

Please RSVP to Jim either by calling the office at 216-521-8727 or emailing Secretary@Ascension-Lakewood.org by Sunday, **April 14th**.

We look forward to enjoying the night out together.

Ascension Youngish Adult Fellowship

Meets in Ascension Hall, every 1st and 3rd Sundays, 5pm-7pm.
Beginning **April 21st**, 2024

Just like the group name says, this is all about fellowship. Come get together to spend time in community with your fellow parishioners aged 18+. We will play board games, watch movies, engage in conversation, and more as we grow closer together and strengthen our bonds as friends and siblings in Christ.

Karaoke Night Out:

Warm up your vocal cords for Karaoke Night Out on Tuesday, **April 30th**, from 7:00 till 9:00 pm. Our night out will be at Corky's Place, at 13302 Detroit Ave. Corky's Place is 21 years of age and older with no exceptions. Due to limited parking please use the Church's West parking lot. If you need to park closer we can use the Garden Center's lot.

Although a RSVP is not required I am trying to get an idea of approximately how many people will attend for food and staffing purposes. Please let Jim know if you are planning on attending by either calling the office at 216-521-8727 or emailing Secretary@Ascension-Lakewood.org

Be sure to invite your friends and family, the more the merrier.

A night out at the ballpark

Join us on Tuesday, May 21st at 6:10 pm as our Cleveland Guardians take on the New York Mets at Progressive Field.

Tickets are \$35.00 each and tickets can be reserved by calling Rob Theibert at 330-807-4255.

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/](https://www.facebook.com/pg/ascensionlakewood/videos/).

and at www.ascension-lakewood.org.

It will be available later at

www.youtube.com/@churchoftheascensionlakewood6245/videos.

Office Hours

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

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

Coles & Dorothy Dusenbury

Larry & Don Dusenbury

Joann Dusenbury

Ronald & Nancy Weiss

Harry & Mary Tremlin

Art & Ethel Tremlin

Charles & Ponti Staley

Geraldine, Orville & Janet

Pelkey

David, Richard & Esther

Paisley

Sarah Walter

Phil Walter

Luke Madden & family

Tom & Marilyn Bretz

Zachary Klemola

Mary Jo & Jack Flowers

William Lucas

Catherine & Joe O'Donnell

Bonnie O'Donnell

Ellen O'Donnell

Anne & Dean Lucko

Joe Ivanowski

George & Maria Sent

Rev. John Medley

Withycombe & Ethel

Dimock Withycombe

Donald R. Partlow

Arthur & Carrie Krewson

Dr. Carrie Krewson Schopf

Nancie Vanah

Albert Fowerbaugh

Dennis & Eleanor Black

Mary Marcella

Tina Marcella

Ken Black

Bill & Rosario Barnhard

Don & Gale Allore

John & Marguanta Heath

Bill & Trudy Cowell

Thomas Cowell

Edward Cowell

Alice & K.V. Isaacs

Asha Isaacs Call

Rev. Cranston. & Mrs. Elaine

Gesell

Fred & Carrie Thacker	W. J. Davis Jr.
Edgar & Esther Sommer	Ivan & Claire Burrell
Ed Meng	Norman & Nancy Rozell
Carmela Piluso	Ruth Bowden
Bonnie Kidwell	Howard Brown
Alan Dowling	Christine Plescott-McGuirk
Paul Saylor Jr.	Alfred & Jessie Beyer
Princess Merry	Philip & Adelle Bethea
Jennifer Carlson	Art and Betty Mohlar
John Dunn	Bob Mohlar
Barbara Kutza	Hird Family
John Dunn	Ted & Florence Petrilli
Barbara Kutza	Ray & Helen Black
James Sgambellone	Robert Black
Bonnie Mollica	Florence Mitchell
Mr. & Mrs. W. J. Davis	Shirley Armbrust
Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Hankey	Jean Beane
Mr. & Mrs. Norman Wielgosz	JoAnn Poulos
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