

Church of the Ascension

October 6, 2024

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30am

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

Finding Your Way

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Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 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: *Nun danket alle Gott*

Wilbur Held

Opening Hymn: *Now Thank We All Our God*

H397

Tune: *Nun danket alle Gott*

*1 Now thank we all our God,
with heart, and hands, and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.*

*2 O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us!
with ever-joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;*

*and keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.*

*3 All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven,
eternal, Triune God,
whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be, evermore.*

Welcome / Invitation to Sunday School

Opening Acclamation *(The people standing)*

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

People *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

Song of Praise: Glory to God *(Gloria in Excelsis)*

S280

*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 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Presider The Lord be with you.

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

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; 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 Genesis

2:18-24

Then the Lord God said, “It’s not good that the human is alone. I will make him a helper that is perfect for him.” So the Lord God formed from the fertile land all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky and brought them to the human to see what he would name them. The human gave each living being its name. The human named all the livestock, all the birds in the sky, and all the wild animals. But a helper perfect for him was nowhere to be found.

So the Lord God put the human into a deep and heavy sleep, and took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh over it. With the rib taken from the human, the Lord God fashioned a woman and brought her to the human being. The human said,

“This one finally is bone from my bones
and flesh from my flesh.

She will be called a woman
because from a man she was taken.”

This is the reason that a man leaves his father and mother and embraces his wife, and they become one flesh.

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 8 (*metric text*)

Tune: Azmon (H493)
(O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing)

1. *Lord our God, in all the earth
Your great Name is extolled;
Your majesty is far beyond
What heaven itself can hold.*
2. *You have ordained that children's lips
Should praise your Name today,
That all your enemies and foes
Should have no more to say.*
3. *When I look up and see the moon
And stars in heaven above,
Lord, why should you remember us
And visit us in love?*
4. *Yet you have made us only less
In honor and renown
Than all the heavenly hosts above.
You set on us a crown.*
5. *All sheep and oxen, beasts and birds,
We rule in your great Name;
O Lord our God, in all the world
Your glory we proclaim.*

A Reading from Hebrews

1:1-4; 2:5-12

In the past, God spoke through the prophets to our ancestors in many times and many ways. In these final days, though, he spoke to

us through a Son. God made his Son the heir of everything and created the world through him. The Son is the light of God's glory and the imprint of God's being. He maintains everything with his powerful message. After he carried out the cleansing of people from their sins, he sat down at the right side of the highest majesty. And the Son became so much greater than the other messengers, such as angels, that he received a more important title than theirs.

God didn't put the world that is coming (the world we are talking about) under the angels' control. Instead, someone declared somewhere,

What is humanity that you think about them?

Or what are the human beings that you care about them?

For a while you made them lower than angels.

You crowned the human beings with glory and honor.

You put everything under their control.

When he puts everything under their control, he doesn't leave anything out of control. But right now, we don't see everything under their control yet. However, we do see the one who was made lower in order than the angels for a little while—it's Jesus! He's the one who is now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of his death. He suffered death so that he could taste death for everyone through God's grace.

It was appropriate for God, for whom and through whom everything exists, to use experiences of suffering to make perfect the pioneer of salvation. This salvation belongs to many sons and daughters whom he's leading to glory. This is because the one who makes people holy and the people who are being made holy all come from one source. That is why Jesus isn't ashamed to call them brothers and sisters when he says,

I will publicly announce your name to my brothers and sisters.

I will praise you in the middle of the assembly.

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

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

The people stand

*1 Children of the heav'nly Father
Safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven,
Such a refuge e'er was given.*

*2 God His own doth tend and nourish,
In His holy courts they flourish;
From all evil things He spares them,
In His mighty arms He bears them.*

*3 Neither life nor death shall ever
From the Lord His children sever;
Unto them His grace He showeth,
and their sorrows all He knoweth.*

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

10:2-16

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

Some Pharisees came and, trying to test him, they asked, “Does the Law allow a man to divorce his wife?”

Jesus answered, “What did Moses command you?”

They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a divorce certificate and to divorce his wife.”

Jesus said to them, “He wrote this commandment for you because of your unyielding hearts. At the beginning of creation, *God made them male and female. Because of this, a man should leave his father and mother and be joined together with his wife, and the two will be one flesh.* So they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore, humans must not pull apart what God has put together.”

Inside the house, the disciples asked him again about this. He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if a wife divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

People were bringing children to Jesus so that he would bless them. But the disciples scolded them. When Jesus saw this, he grew angry and said to them, “Allow the children to come to me. Don’t forbid them, because God’s kingdom belongs to people like these children. I assure you that whoever doesn’t welcome God’s kingdom like a child will never enter it.” Then he hugged the children and blessed them.

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.
People: ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

Hymn **Children of the Heavenly Father** **L213 vs 4,5**
Tune: *Children of the Heavenly Father*

*4 Praise the Lord in joyful numbers,
Your protector never slumbers;
At the will of your defender
Every person must surrender.*

*5 Tho' He giveth or He taketh,
God His children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely
To preserve them pure and holy.*

The people sit

The Sermon

The Reverend John Keller

The people stand

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

“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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.*

*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 and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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 III

BCP 387

Stand or kneel as the Holy Spirit leads.

The Leader and People pray.

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.

We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Anne, our Bishop; Vincent, our rector; Clarke, our seminarian; Sean, our Presiding Bishop elect; and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

In the Diocese of Ohio, we pray for St. Peter's Church, Lakewood, and for the Treasurer of the Diocese and Diocesan Trustees;

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

Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. **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 your Son 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 the Lord be always with you.

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

*Then the Ministers and People greet one another
with a wave, bow, or appropriate gesture.*

For those celebrating birthdays

Kinzley Gillies

Rhemington Marcella

Beth Madden

Patricia Saylor

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 Anthem: Jesus Loves Me

Bradley Phillips

1 Jesus loves me, of this I know.
Jesus loves me for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong,
they are weak, but he is so strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me; Yes, Jesus loves me;
Yes, Jesus loves me: The Bible tells me so.

2 Jesus loves me, Alleluia.
Jesus loves me, Alleluia, Allelu.
Alleluia, Alleluia.

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Yes, Jesus loves me; Alle, Alleluia.

Yes, Jesus loves me: The Bible tells me so. Alleluia.

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 D

BCP 372

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 him thanks and praise.***

The Presider proceeds

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing

Sanctus and Benedictus

S125

Presider and People

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are 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

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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 he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Presider and People (spoken)

***We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.***

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with Mary, the mother of Jesus, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in

union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

The Presider continues

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

W877

Refrain:

***The disciples knew the 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: A Thankful Heart George Herbert, Ken Bible
Tune: O Waly, Waly

*I A thankful heart, a thankful heart,
Lord, grow in me a thankful heart.
So many gifts You give each day!
I ask one more: a thankful heart.*

*2 A simple faith, a simple faith,
For every need, a simple faith.
Father, You hold me in Your arms,
So give Your child a simple faith.*

*3 A life of love, a life of love,
In Jesus Christ a life of love.
Lord, as I live and breathe in You,
This wealth is mine: a life of love.*

*4 A thankful heart, a simple faith,
A life of love in You each day
Till we are one and face to face
And all is joy and endless praise!*

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.

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 your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing

Closing Hymn: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

H376

Tune: *Hymn to Joy*

*1 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.*

*2 All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
field and forest, vale and mountain,
blooming meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
call us to rejoice in thee.*

*3 Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother:
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.*

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.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Voluntary: Hymn to Joy

Don Hustad

† † †

**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.**

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

Our Spiritual Leaders:

+Michael -our Presiding Bishop; +Sean -our Presiding
Bishop elect; +Anne -our Bishop; Vincent+ -our Rector;
Clarke -our seminarian

Those for whom prayers have been requested:

Tena Allen	Martin family
Ruby Begley	David Morrell
Mickey Black	Gil Newlands
Teddi Black	Jonathon Newlands
Adam Brow	Larry Pierce
Shirley Champion	Sandy Reagan
John Carlson	Dale Rerko
Megan DeVito	Mary Rigby
Barbara Faux	Dave Rozell
Spencer Faux	Maribeth Sarko
Stephanie Foster	Simon
Ella Jane Fowerbaugh	Wendie Stemple
Jonathan Gray	Corky Thacker
Martha Hartman	Larry Thacker
Amal Hasrouni	Patricia Thacker
Joseph Jackson	Frank Vanah
Pamela Jackson	Tim Vanah
Boots Johnston	

Those We Know in the Military

Trey Brower	Jason Strater
Sydney Kline	

The Departed

Philip Bethea
Marilyn Little

Linda Seward
Bill Wofford

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.

or



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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.

The Church

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.



The Ministers of the Liturgy

Presider: The Reverend John Keller
Music Director and Organist: Jon Peterson
Choir Director: Margie Hildebrandt
Acolytes: Terrie Schade, Jan Bednarski, and Maizie Gillies
Readers: Ann Beyer and John Carlson
Spiritual Eucharist Reader: Ann Beyer
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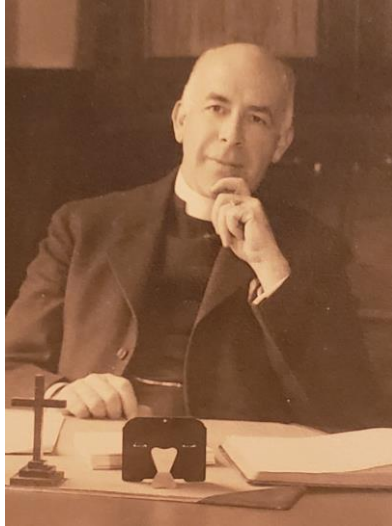
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Remembering Past Parishioners
Celebrating 150 years of ministry
1875 - 2025



Rev. Donald M. Wonders (1889- 1981)

Donald M. Wonders was born in Bellefontaine, Ohio on April 26, 1889 to James and Nancy Spellman Wonders. In 1912, he graduated from Kenyon College and a year later earned a master's degree. In 1916, he completed a theological degree at Bexley Hall Divinity School. At both schools he was in charge of the choirs. In 1916, as a newly ordained deacon, Donald Wonders was sent to Cleveland Heights to start a church school in Fairfax Elementary. He became rector of St. Paul's Church in Mount Vernon, Ohio in 1921, where he remained until 1925. It was in 1925 that Rev. Wonders was sent to Grace Church in Sandusky. As a single man, his widowed mother lived with him to perform the duties that were often expected of the minister's wife, such as working with the Women's Guild. He was seven times a deputy to the denomination's general convention and three times to the provincial synod. He was also for many years a member of the diocesan council. In 1934, Rev. Donald Wonders was given an honorary doctorate from Kenyon College. From 1945 until his retirement in 1960, Rev. Wonders was archdeacon of the Ohio diocese.

In 1945, Dr. Wonders, as he was known to everyone at Ascension, moved to Lakewood, Ohio. Together with his mother, Dr. Wonders became part of the community at Church of the Ascension. He was often found at the church filling in for the minister when needed and in the congregation as a parishioner. He was known by parishioners as a gentleman and a gentle man. He often gave sermons that were for many in the congregation meaningful and thought provoking. He had a deep resonant voice and precise diction. His mother's funeral service was at Ascension in 1951, which was performed by Dr. Stuart Cole. Later in life, Dr. Wonders lived with his brother, Frederick, who also went to Church of the Ascension. On July 9, 1967, the Ascension parish organized a huge celebration of the 50th anniversary of the ordination to the priesthood of Dr. Wonders. A large scrapbook containing pictures of parishioners along with their cards or letters of congratulations are found in the archives of the church. Dr. Stuart Cole wrote, "thank you for all that you have meant to us in the past, and assure you that we are looking forward to your continuing association with us as a pastor, teacher and preacher." On January 13, 1981, Dr. Donald M. Wonders passed away. His funeral service was held at Trinity Cathedral on January 16, 1981. One of his great passions in life was reading. After his death, his personal library was given to Church of the Ascension.

Submitted by Gregory Sent, Archivist

Centering Prayer

We meet every Thursday from noon to 12:45 in Ascension Hall.
For more information ask Father Vincent or call Jim in the office.

No Bible Study in October

Looking for Feedback

As Father Vincent preached on a few weeks ago and Alex wrote about in September Spires, we are looking for feedback from you, our Ascension family. We want to know how Ascension is feeding you spiritually and make sure no one is being overextended. To that end, over the next couple of weeks we'd like you to pray on and think about these two questions.

What events, ministries, activities am I involved with at Ascension that feed me spiritually?

What events, ministries, activities am I involved with at Ascension that leave me feeling tired, or stretched thin?

Alex will be speaking with parishioners who at hospitality after both services during the first two Sundays in October to get your responses and talk more about our goals in asking these questions.

Ascension Night Out:

Join us at Panini's Westlake on Wednesday, October 16th at 6:00 PM for an evening of fellowship, food and fun. Panini's is located at 23800 Detroit Rd. (NE corner of Detroit and Clague Roads) in Westlake. You can see their menu at <https://paninisgrill.com/locations/westlake/>

Please RSVP to Jim by either calling the Church Office at 216-521-8727 or emailing Secretary@Ascension-Lakewood.org by Sunday, October 13th.

We look forward to seeing you.

Marilyn Little Obituary

Marilyn Louise Little passed away on August 17, 2024. Born on May 18, 1929, she was 95 years old. The only child of William Little and Anna Louise Little (nee Fenno), Marilyn grew up in Lakewood, Ohio. She never married and had no children. Fiercely independent, she worked as a supervisor in the radiology department at Deaconess Hospital until her retirement in 1990.

A woman of faith, Marilyn was a long-time member of Lakewood's Church of Ascension (Episcopal) where she was active in various groups as well as serving on the Church's vestry.

There will be a special remembrance for her at Ascension's **10:30 a.m. service, Sunday, October 20, 2024**. A graveside service will also be held on **October 22nd at 10:00 a.m.** at Lakewood Park Cemetery. Donations in her name may be made to Church of the Ascension, 13216 Detroit Avenue, Lakewood, OH 44107.

Presiding Bishop Installation Watch Party

Get ready to celebrate! On **November 2**, The Episcopal Church will officially welcome the Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe as its 28th Presiding Bishop. This smaller, eco-friendly investiture service will be live-streamed, bringing us together across the Church to celebrate this new chapter.

We will have a watch party in Ascension Hall. Roll Call is **9:30am** and Holy Eucharist at **11am**. Coffee, tea, and fruit provided.



Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.
Ephesians 5:1-2, NRSV

Dear Beloved People of God,

Generosity is a journey, it's a practice that we learn and nurture within our hearts. It just isn't in our nature to give away what we have worked hard to acquire or to donate our precious time without compensation. It takes something as radical as Love to inspire us to share our time, talent, and treasure with others. This is a journey we make together, a Walk in Love as we read about and studied in Ephesians for the past couple of months.

And as we have lived with the Gospel of St. Mark this year Sunday after Sunday, we have been brought into a world turned radically upside down. The laws and customs that had been in place for centuries were challenged, power and dominion have been questioned, and a culture hemmed in from all sides by oppression and subjection desperately seeks a way forward.

As it turns out, it is not clever politics or force that cause the change in society, but the simplest concept of Love. Jesus causes a revolution of thought and heart by daring to reach out to the outcast and teach others to do the same. He walks

in love with the marginalized, with the poor, with the sick, and brings us along with him on his journey.

The most miraculous gift of Love is that it was there within us all along, all we had to do was find it, tap into it, and begin growing it. And look what happened? We learned to share, to give, to volunteer, to accompany others, to feed, to pray, to visit, to strive for change. This year as our Stewardship Campaign kicks off, we will be intentionally raising up stories of how we *Walk in Love* with each other in our congregation. I invite you to share your stories of inspiration and connection with our shared ministry in this place and with each other. I invite you to *Walk in Love*.

Yours in Christ,
Father Vincent

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 website:

<https://ascension-lakewood.org/>

and on YouTube: <https://tinyurl.com/4rs872e2>.

Previous services and featured choir videos on YouTube
at: <https://tinyurl.com/3c336j6n>.

Office Hours

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

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