

Church of the Ascension

November 17, 2024

Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30am

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

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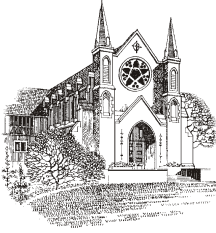
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Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10:30am

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: Impromptu on Jesus Loves Me

Charles Callahan

Opening Hymn: Gather Us In

Marty Haugen

*1 Here in this place, new light is streaming,
now is the darkness, vanished away,
see, in this space, our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.*

*2 We are the young, our lives are a mystery;
we are the old, who yearn for your face,
we have been sung throughout all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.*

*Gather us in, the rich and the haughty;
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.*

*3 Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.*

*Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat, the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.*

*4 Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven light years away,
but here in this space, the new light is shining,
now is the kingdom, now is the day.*

*Gather us in, and hold us forever;
gather us in, and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.*

Welcome / Invitation to Sunday School

Opening Acclamation (*The people standing*)

BCP 355

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

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

Song of Praise: **Glory be to God the Father** **Tune: Regent Square**

*1 Glory be to God the Father,
glory be to God the Son,
glory be to God the Spirit:
great Jehovah, Three in One!
Glory, glory, glory, glory,
while eternal ages run!*

*2 Glory be to him who loved us,
washed us from each spot and stain;
glory be to him who bought us,
made us kings with him to reign!
Glory, glory, glory, glory,
to the Lamb that once was slain!*

*3 Glory to the King of angels,
glory to the Church's King,
glory to the King of nations;
heav'n and earth your praises bring!
Glory, glory, glory, glory,
to the King of glory sing!*

*4 Glory, blessing, praise eternal!
thus the choir of angels sings;
Honor, riches, pow'r, dominion!
thus its praise creation brings.
Glory, glory, glory, glory,
Glory to the King of kings!*

The Collect for the Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Presider The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Presider Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; 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

The Lord spoke to Daniel in a vision and said, “At that time, Michael the great leader who guards your people will take his stand. It will be a difficult time—nothing like it has ever happened since nations first appeared. But at that time every one of your people who is found written in the scroll will be rescued. Many of those who sleep in the dusty land will wake up—some to eternal life, others to shame and eternal disgrace. Those skilled in wisdom will shine like the sky. Those who lead many to righteousness will shine like the stars forever and always.

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 16 (*metric text*)

Tune: Maryton (H660)
(O Master let me walk with thee)

1. ***Protect me, God, my refuge sure;
The good I have all comes from you.
The godly people are my joy,
All those with noble hearts and true.***
2. ***But those who follow other gods
Shall have their troubles multiplied.
I will not name or honor them
Nor ever take them for my guide.***
3. ***You are my portion and my cup;
You make my lot in life secure.
My bounds enclose a pleasant land;
Indeed, my heritage is sure.***
4. ***I bless the Lord who counsels me;
My heart will help me understand.
I set the Lord before my face
To be my guard at my right hand.***

5. *My heart and spirit both rejoice,
My body, too, in hope shall lie.
You will not let your holy one
Lie in the grave with those who die.*
6. *You show me, Lord, the path of life;
Your presence fills my heart with joy.
The pleasures found at your right hand
Are those that time cannot destroy.*

A Reading from Hebrews

10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25

Every priest stands every day serving and offering the same sacrifices over and over, sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when this priest offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, he sat down at the right side of God. Since then, he's waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for his feet, because he perfected the people who are being made holy with one offering for all time.

[The Holy Spirit affirms this when saying,

*This is the covenant that I will make with them.
After these days, says the Lord,
I will place my laws in their hearts
and write them on their minds.
And I won't remember their sins
and their lawless behavior anymore.*

When there is forgiveness for these things, there is no longer an offering for sin.]

Brothers and sisters, we have confidence that we can enter the holy of holies by means of Jesus' blood, through a new and living way that he opened up for us through the curtain, which is his body, and we have a great high priest over God's house.

Therefore, let's draw near with a genuine heart with the certainty that our faith gives us, since our hearts are sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies are washed with pure water.

Let's hold on to the confession of our hope without wavering, because the one who made the promises is reliable.

And let us consider each other carefully for the purpose of sparking love and good deeds. Don't stop meeting together with other believers, which some people have gotten into the habit of doing. Instead, encourage each other, especially as you see the day drawing near.

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

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

The people stand

Sequence Hymn O Christ, the Word Incarnate

H632 vs 1,2

Tune: *Munich*

*1 O Christ, the Word Incarnate,
O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth, unchanged, unchanging,
O Light of our dark sky;
we praise thee for the radiance
that from the scripture's page,
a lantern to our footsteps,
shines on from age to age.*

*2 The Church from our dear Master
received the word divine,
and still that light is lifted
o'er all the earth to shine.
It is the chart and compass
that o'er life's surging sea,
mid mists and rocks and quicksands,
still guides, O Christ, to thee.*

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

13:1-8

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

As Jesus left the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Teacher, look! What awesome stones and buildings!”

Jesus responded, “Do you see these enormous buildings? Not even one stone will be left upon another. All will be demolished.”

Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives across from the temple. Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, “Tell us, when will these things happen? What sign will show that all these things are about to come to an end?”

Jesus said, “Watch out that no one deceives you. Many people will come in my name, saying, ‘I’m the one!’ They will deceive many people. When you hear of wars and reports of wars, don’t be alarmed. These things must happen, but this isn’t the end yet. Nations and kingdoms will fight against each other, and there will be earthquakes and famines in all sorts of places. These things are just the beginning of the sufferings associated with the end.

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

Hymn **O Christ, the Word Incarnate** **H632 vs 3**
Tune: Munich

*3 O make thy Church, dear Savior,
a lamp of purest gold,
to bear before the nations
thy true light as of old;
O teach thy wandering pilgrims
by this their path to trace,
till, clouds and darkness ended,
they see thee face to face.*

The people sit

The Sermon

Rev. Vincent Black

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

In the Diocese of Ohio, we pray for St. Peter's Church, Lakewood, and for our Standing Committee, Diocesan Council, and Regional Disciplinary Board;

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

Emily Junkans

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 Pentecost Prayer

Carson P. Cooman

O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ our Lord: **Amen.**

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: The Doxology

H380 v. 3

Tune: Old 100th

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below,
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

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

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 Music: "Thy Kingdom Come!" on Bended Knee H615
Tune: St. Flavian

*1 "Thy kingdom come!" on bended knee
the passing ages pray;
and faithful souls have yearned to see
on earth that kingdom's day.*

*2 But the slow watches of the night
not less to God belong;
and for the everlasting right
the silent stars are strong.*

*3 And lo, already on the hills
the flags of dawn appear;
gird up your loins, ye prophet souls,
proclaim the day is near:*

*4 the day to whose clear shining light
all wrong shall stand revealed,
when justice shall be throned in might,
and every hurt be healed;*

*5 when knowledge, hand in hand with peace,
shall walk the earth abroad;
the day of perfect righteousness,
the promised day of God.*

Postcommunion Hymn: Shepherd of Souls,

**H343 vs 3,4
Tune: St. Agnes**

*3 Be known to us in breaking bread,
and do not then depart;
Saviour, abide with us, and spread
thy table in our heart.*

*4 Lord, sup with us in love divine,
thy Body and thy Blood,
that living bread, that heavenly wine,
be our immortal food.*

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: Lord Christ, When First Thou Cam'st to Earth H598
Tune: Mit Freuden zart

*1 Lord Christ, when first thou cam'st to earth,
upon a cross they bound thee,
and mocked thy saving kingship then
by thorns with which they crowned thee;
and still our wrongs may weave thee now
new thorns to pierce that steady brow,
and robe of sorrow round thee.*

*2 O awful Love, which found no room
in life where sin denied thee,
and, doomed to death, must bring to doom
the powers which crucified thee,
till not a stone was left on stone,
and all those nations' pride, o'er thrown,
went down to dust beside thee!*

*3 New advent of the love of Christ,
shall we again refuse thee,
till in the night of hate and war
we perish as we lose thee?
From old unfaith our souls release
to seek the kingdom of thy peace,
by which alone we choose thee.*

*4 O wounded hands of Jesus, build
in us thy new creation;
our pride is dust, our vaunt is stilled,
we wait thy revelation:*

*O love that triumphs over loss,
we bring our hearts before thy cross,
to finish thy salvation.*

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: *Munich*

Charles Callahan

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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.**

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

Our Spiritual Leaders:

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

Those for whom prayers have been requested:

Tena Allen	Joyce Knapp
Ruby Begley	Martin family
Mickey Black	David Morrell
Teddi Black	Gil Newlands
Adam Brow	Jonathon Newlands
Shirley Campion	Liam Nogle
John Carlson	Ray Phelps
Megan DeVito	Larry Pierce
Laura Egeland	Dale Rerko
Barbara Faux	Mary Rigby
Spencer Faux	Dave Rozell
Sarah Ferraro	Maribeth Sarko
Vince Ferraro	Simon
Stephanie Foster	Wendie Stemple
Ella Jane Fowerbaugh	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
Tim Kirkbride
Marilyn Little

Sue Parsley
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



Use your smart phone to scan the code above or visit ascension-lakewood.org where you can make a one-time donation or set up continuing donations.

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.

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The flowers on the chapel altar are given to the glory of God
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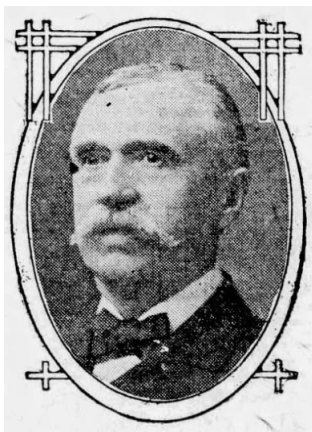
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Remembering Past Parishioners
Celebrating 150 years of ministry
1875 - 2025



Josephine Augusta Solloway West (1845- 1927)
and Thomas West (1841-1907)

Josephine Augusta Solloway, the daughter of Daniel and Ann Solloway was born November 1, 1845 in Cleveland. She was baptized in the Episcopal parish of the historic St. John's Church, which is the oldest church in Cleveland. On August 27, 1884 Josephine Augusta Solloway married Thomas West at Trinity Cathedral in Cleveland by Rev. Y. Peyton Morgan. Thomas West was a native of England, who was in the navy and was a Veteran of the Civil War. As a clerk in a bank, Thomas moved up to cashier and in 1894 founded the West Cleveland Banking Co., which was the first of its kind on the Westside of Cleveland. Together Thomas and Josephine had one child: Minnie E. West, who was a life-long member of Church of the Ascension.

Josephine and Thomas were both very involved at Church of the Ascension. Thomas used his financial and leadership skills as he served as Senior Warden and was often treasurer for the church. Josephine is found in records as being part of the Ladies' Guild of Ascension and part of the group that helped fund the original rectory in 1898. It is also found in our archives that Josephine A. West and her daughter collected and transcribed recipes from the pioneer women of Lakewood, who were an integral part of the original church. Because of their efforts, our church now has a collection of recipes from Lakewood women going back to the 1880s. Thomas passed away on September 12, 1907 and his burial was performed by Rev. George Frederic Williams. Josephine passed away at her home, 12002 Detroit Avenue, on October 13, 1927. Her funeral at Ascension was presided over by Rev. Wallace M. Gordon. Thomas and Josephine are found together at Riverside Cemetery in Cleveland.

Submitted by Gregory Sent, Archivist



Authenticity

As followers of Christ, we are called to engage in worship with authenticity and sincerity. Our devotion calls us

to anchor ourselves in the unwavering love of Jesus and to radiate that boundless love to all corners of the earth. This, undeniably, forms the bedrock of stewardship. In my Jamaican cultural upbringing, the act of giving transcends mere action; it embodies a language of love. On many occasions around the Sunday dinner table, the sweet aroma of food gracefully breaks the silence, reminding me of the profound exchange of God's unwavering familial love.

God reveals the depth of Christ's love for us through the people who grace our lives—the ones who selflessly sacrifice for our well-being, and those for whom we willingly do the same. Giving is not just a monetary task. Giving is a heart task. It's something that all of us are called to do, for the kingdom of God to flourish, and for the walking, living testimonies that surround us in our lives.

So, what does it mean to truly “walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God?” For me, it means embodying sacrificial love in our everyday lives, extending grace and compassion to those around us, just as Christ did. It means seeking reconciliation and peace in all

circumstances, being willing to step out of our comfort zones to minister to the marginalized, the oppressed, and the brokenhearted. Sharing the good news of salvation not only through our words but also through our actions, demonstrating God's love through tangible acts of kindness and generosity.

We need to live a life that reflects the transformative power of Christ's love, allowing His love to permeate every aspect of our being and overflow into the lives of those around us.

Questions for reflection:

How can we ensure that our actions, words, and attitudes reflect the boundless love of Christ, fostering unity and growth within our spiritual communities?



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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.

Bible Study in November and December

Keira will lead Bible Study on the Book of Revelation between services **November 10th - December 15th**.

There will be no bible study on **December 22nd and December 29th**.

Ascension Night Out:

Please join us for an evening of fellowship, food, and fun at the Longhorn Steakhouse on **Wednesday, November 20th at 6:00 PM**. Longhorn Steakhouse is located in Rocky River at 20999 Center Ridge Road and you can view their menu at [LEGENDARY STEAKS COMBOS | Menu | Longhorn Steakhouse](#)

This will be the last Ascension Night Out for 2024. We will not meet in December, and will resume in **January 2025**.

Please RSVP to Jim in the office by emailing Secretary@Ascension-Lakewood.org or calling 216-521-8727 no later than **Sunday, November 17th**.

We will not meet in December so let's start the holiday season with an evening together.

Event Schedule for 2024

Thurs, November 28 th	Holy Eucharist	10:30 am
Thurs, November 28 th	Thanksgiving Dinner	Noon – 2:00 pm
Sun, December 1 st	Jesse Tree Service	10:30 am
Sat, December 14 th	Cookie Walk	9:00 am – 2:00 pm
Sun, December 15 th	Carols and Cocoa	5:00 pm
Sun, December 22 nd	Fourth Sunday of Advent	10:30 am
Sun, December 22 nd	Lessons and Carols with Holy Communion	4:00 pm
Sun, December 22 nd	Christmas Dinner	6:00 pm
Wed, December 25 th	Holy Eucharist	10:30 am
Sun, December 29 th	Favorite Carol Sing	10:30 am

**Pledge Cards due next Sunday, November 24th,
the Feast of Christ the King.**

No 8am service on December 22nd and 29th.

**Favorite Carol Sing after Communion
on December 29th at 10:30.**

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

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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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