

February 2, 2025

Presentation of Jesus in the Temple

10:30am

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BCP indicates the Book of Common Prayer.

EOW indicates Enriching our Worship, a supplemental liturgical material.

Hymn and "S" numbers indicate the Hymnal 1982

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

Finding Your Way

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Holy Eucharist, 10:30am

Rite II, Expansive language

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: Prelude on *Picardy*

John Carter

Opening Hymn: Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent

H324

Tune: *Picardy*

*1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly minded,
for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
our full homage to demand.*

*2 King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
in the Body and the Blood
he will give to all the faithful
his own self for heavenly food.*

*3 Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of Light descendeth
from the realms of endless day,
that the powers of hell may vanish
as the darkness clears away.*

*4 At his feet the six-winged seraph;
cherubim, with sleepless eye
veil their faces to the Presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry,
"Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, Lord Most High!"*

Welcome / Invitation to Sunday School

Opening Acclamation *(The people standing)*

Presider Blessed be God: most holy, glorious and undivided Trinity.

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

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 Presentation

Presider God be with you.

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

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

People sit for the reading of the lessons

A Reading from Malachi

3:1-4

Look, I am sending my messenger who will clear the path before me;
suddenly the Lord whom you are seeking will come to his temple.
The messenger of the covenant in whom you take delight is coming,
says the Lord of heavenly forces.
Who can endure the day of his coming?
Who can withstand his appearance?
He is like the refiner's fire or the cleaner's soap.
He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver.
He will purify the Levites
and refine them like gold and silver.
They will belong to the Lord,
presenting a righteous offering.
The offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord
as in ancient days and in former years.

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 24:7-10 (*metric text*)

Tune: Truro (H436)
(Lift Up Your Heads)

1. *Lift up your heads, eternal gates;
Lift high your everlasting door;
Your Ruler comes. Who rules the earth?
The mighty Lord, the conqueror.*
2. *Lift up your heads, eternal gates;
Lift high your everlasting door;
Your Ruler comes. Who rules the earth?
The mighty Lord, the conqueror.*

The people sit.

A Reading from Hebrews

2:14-18

Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, he also shared the same things in the same way. He did this to destroy the one who holds the power over death—the devil—by dying. He set free those who were held in slavery their entire lives by their fear of death. Of course, he isn't trying to help angels, but rather he's helping Abraham's descendants. Therefore, he had to be made like his brothers and sisters in every way. This was so that he could become a merciful and faithful high priest in things relating to God, in order to wipe away the sins of the people. He's able to help those who are being tempted, since he himself experienced suffering when he was tempted.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand

Sequence Hymn: How lovely is thy dwelling-place **H517 vs 1,2**
Tune: Brother James' Air

*1 How lovely is thy dwelling-place,
O Lord of hosts, to me!
my thirsting soul desires and longs
within thy courts to be;
my very heart and flesh cry out,
O living God for thee.*

*2 Beside thine altars, gracious Lord,
the swallows find a nest;
how happy they who dwell with thee
and praise thee without rest;
and happy they whose hearts are set
upon the pilgrim's quest*

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

2:22-40

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

When the time came for their ritual cleansing, in accordance with the Law from Moses, they brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. (It's written in the Law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male will be dedicated to the Lord.") They offered a sacrifice in keeping with what's stated in the Law of the Lord, *A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.*

A man named Simeon was in Jerusalem. He was righteous and devout. He eagerly anticipated the restoration of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. The Holy Spirit revealed to him that he wouldn't die before he had seen the Lord's Christ. Led by the Spirit, he went into the temple area. Meanwhile, Jesus' parents brought the child to the temple so that they could do what was customary under the Law. Simeon took Jesus in his arms and praised God. He said,

"Now, master, let your servant go in peace
according to your word,
because my eyes have seen your salvation.
You prepared this salvation in the presence of all peoples.
It's a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and a glory for your people Israel."

His father and mother were amazed by what was said about him. Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "This boy is assigned to be the cause of the falling and rising of many in Israel and to be a sign that generates opposition so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your innermost being too."

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, who belonged to the tribe of Asher. She was very old. After she

married, she lived with her husband for seven years. She was now an 84-year-old widow. She never left the temple area but worshipped God with fasting and prayer night and day. She approached at that very moment and began to praise God and to speak about Jesus to everyone who was looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

When Mary and Joseph had completed everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to their hometown, Nazareth in Galilee. The child grew up and became strong. He was filled with wisdom, and God's favor was on him.

Presider The Gospel of our Savior.

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

Sequence Hymn: How lovely is thy dwelling-place H517 vs 3,4
Tune: Brother James' Air

*3 They who go through the desert vale
will find it filled with springs,
and they shall climb from height to height
till Zion's temple rings
with praise to thee, in glory throned
Lord God, great King of kings.*

*4 One day within thy courts excels
a thousand spent away;
how happy they who keep thy laws
nor from thy precepts stray,
for thou shall surely bless all those
who live the words they pray.*

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:
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.***

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

The Prayers of the People, Form IV

BCP 388

Stand or kneel as the Holy Spirit leads.

The Leader and People pray.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

We pray especially for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Anne, our Bishop; Vincent, our rector; and Clarke, our seminarian.

In the Diocese of Ohio, we pray for St. Peter's Church, Lakewood, and for the Provincial Synod and Provincial Partnerships.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

We pray especially for (... *the names on the long-term prayer list are read*).

The People may offer their own petitions, either silently or aloud.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

We pray especially for (...*the names of the recently deceased are read*).

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Presider says

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

The Confession of Sin

BCP 360

The Presider says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Presider and People

***Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.***

*For the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

The Priest, stands and says

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

The Peace

BCP 360

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

Mara Ashby

Bruno Sgambellone

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: Glory be to God

Handel/Liebergen

All stand

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Offerings

*The gifts of the people are presented at this time
as the congregation sings.*

Presentation Hymn: Now the Silence

H333
Tune: Now

Now the silence
Now the peace
Now the empty hands uplifted
Now the kneeling
Now the plea
Now the Fathers' arms in welcome
Now the hearing
Now the power
Now the vessel brimmed for pouring
Now the Body
Now the Blood
Now the joyful celebration
Now the wedding
Now the songs
Now the heart forgiven leaping
Now the Spirit's visitation
Now the Son's epiphany
Now the Father's blessing
Now
Now
Now

The people remain standing

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

Presider May God be with you.

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

Presider Lift up your hearts.

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

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

The Presider proceeds

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

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

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

Sanctus and Benedictus

W858

Presider and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel and the Presider continues

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People (spoken)

***Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.***

The Presider continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

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

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us,
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.*

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 Hymns: I am the Bread of Life**H335****Tune: *I am the Bread of Life***

*I I am the bread of life,
they who come to me shall not hunger;
they who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me
unless the Father draw them.*

Refrain

*And I will raise them up,
and I will raise them up,
and I will raise them up on the last day.*

*2 The bread that I will give
is my flesh for the life of the world,
and they who eat of this bread,
they shall live for ever,
they shall live for ever. (refrain)*

*3 Unless you eat
of the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink of his blood,
you shall not have life within you,
you shall not have life within you. (refrain)*

*4 I am the resurrection,
I am the life.
They who believe in me
even if they die,
they shall live for ever. (refrain)*

*5 Lord, we believe
that you are the Christ,
the Son of God,
who has come
into the world. (refrain)*

After Communion, the Presider says

Let us pray.

Postcommunion Prayer *(said by all, standing)*

BCP 366

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

*May the road rise to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine upon your face
and rains fall softly on your fields.*

*May the road rise to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
And until we meet again may God hold you,
may God hold you in the palm of his hand.*

*May the road rise to meet you
And God hold you, hold you,
in the palm of his hand. Amen, Amen, Amen.*

Presider And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you this day, and remain with you forever more. *Amen.*

Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

H436

Tune: Truro

*1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;
behold, the King of glory waits!
The King of kings is drawing near;
the Savior of the world is here.*

*2 O blest the land, the city blest,
where Christ the ruler is confessed!
O happy hearts and happy homes
to whom this King of triumph comes!*

*3 Fling wide the portals of your heart;
make it a temple, set apart
from earthly use for heaven's employ,
adorned with prayer and love and joy.*

*4 Redeemer, come! I open wide
my heart to thee: here, Lord, abide!
Let me thy inner presence feel:
thy grace and love in me reveal.*

*5 So come, my Sovereign; enter in!
Let new and nobler life begin;
thy Holy Spirit guide us on,
until the glorious crown be won.*

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: Cathedral Fanfare

Gordon Young

† † †

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:

Autumn and Family

Mickey Black

Teddi Black

Shirley Champion

Robert Dibb

Josie Dodd

Kaisu Donovan

Doug (our parishioner)

Dolly Doyle

Barbara Faux

Spencer Faux

Stephanie Foster

Ella Jane Fowerbaugh

Spencer Griffith

Martha Hartman

Pamela Jackson

Boots Johnston

Joyce Knapp

Lois Leete

June Madden

Gil Newlands

Matthew Phelps

Sandy Reagan

Kalieghe Roe

Patricia Saylor

Wendy Semple

George G. Sent Sr.

Miriam Schantz

Corky Thacker

Those We Know in the Military

Trey Brower

Wiley Goins

Lauren Hober

Sydney Kline

Burton McCarthy

Jason Strater

The Departed

Harding Christ

Eric Christiansen

Laura Egeland

Kathy Fousek

Henry Hando

Tim Kirkbride

Jonathon Newlands

Sue Parsley

Dave Rozell

Sam Sgambellone

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.

Pledges and offerings to the Church.

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

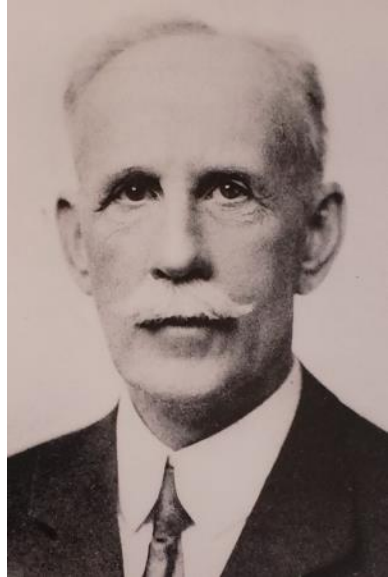
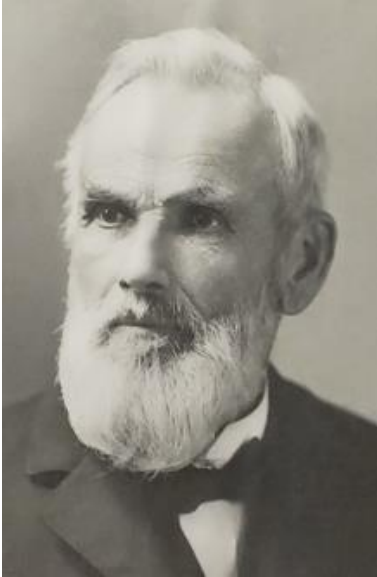
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Please join us in helping to keep
The Church of the Ascension strong
and able to meet the needs of an ever-changing world.

Remembering Past Parishioners
Celebrating 150 years of ministry
1875 - 2025



Ira E. Canfield (1821- 1914) John B. Coffinberry (1847- 1927)

Ira E. Canfield was born in Chardon, Ohio in 1821. On January 31, 1841 he married Betsey Johnson and remained in Chardon, where they were a successful farming family with three children: Sarah, Clara and Edmond. Ira also was an engineer on the Great Lakes. The Canfield family made East Rockport their new home in 1864. In Rockport, Ira was especially involved with community affairs. He worked closely with Ezra Nicholson and O. W. Hotchkiss, who lived in what is now the Oldest Stone House Museum. All three men had significant connections to Church of the Ascension. He served two terms as Trustee, later president of the school board and even served as justice of the peace. He had the distinct honor of being the very first Mayor of the Hamlet of Lakewood from 1889 until 1891.

As an active member in the Rockport community, it is not surprising that Ira Canfield had a connection to Church of the Ascension. He is found on

the list of the people who pledged a donation for the building of the original church in 1875. Ira's son Edmond was married to Clara Hall, whose father Curtis Hall also donated money to Ascension and was very active in the parish. Many years later on June 27, 1907, Ira E. Canfield witnessed one of the largest weddings found at Church of the Ascension in the small original wooden church that his donation helped to create. His granddaughter, Clara Lucille Canfield, married Carl H. Bailey at Ascension with approximately 300 guests. The service was performed by Rev. George Frederic Williams. Ira E. Canfield passed away on March 23, 1914 and was buried at Monroe Street Cemetery in Ohio City.

John Beach Coffinberry was born on April 7, 1847 in Spring Mills, Ohio not far from Mansfield, Ohio. At a young age John B. Coffinberry left his family farm to pursue work in Cleveland and later New York and Pennsylvania. In his early twenties, he returned to Cleveland where he studied law. In 1882, he was a member of the Cleveland City Council and even ran for Congress on the democratic ticket in 1896. He served in the Spanish-American War and was Mayor of Lorain. He and his family later moved to Lakewood, where he served on the Board of Education and was elected Mayor of the City of Lakewood in 1912.

John B. Coffinberry was married to Bertha Shotter on June 16, 1891 by Rev. Francis Mason Hall, who at the time was rector of St. Mark's and was also minister at Church of the Ascension. Together John and Bertha had two sons: John and Arthur. The Coffinberry family lived within walking distance of the church at 1491 and later 1494 Grace Avenue. On July 19, 1903, their son Arthur S. Coffinberry was baptized by Rev. George Fredric Williams, rector of Church of the Ascension. On April 16, 1908, J. B. Coffinberry was confirmed in a group of 48 parishioners at Ascension by Bishop Leonard and was presented by Rev. George F. Williams. Records are found of John B. Coffinberry being on vestry at Church of the Ascension from 1906 until 1910. In 1910, he was Senior Warden. John Beach Coffinberry passed away on August 26, 1927. His funeral service was at Ascension and was presided over by Rev. Wallace Gordon. His widow passed away in 1944 and her funeral services were at Ascension, performed by Rev. John R. Pattie. Bertha was known for her dedication and work for the church. They both were buried at Riverside Cemetery in Cleveland.

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.

Sunday Bible Study

Through March 23rd, in between services, Keira Dodd will lead a Bible Study of three Wisdom Books: *Ecclesiastes*, *Song of Songs*, and *Psalms*. Learn how these books are different from the rest of the Bible and explore how God's wisdom applies to our lives today!

Go Deeper in Your Faith!

Father Vincent and Aaron Beatty will lead a book study of "Inwardly Digest" by Derek Olsen from **6:30-8pm for 9 weeks on Wednesdays beginning February 5 and ending April 16**. We will not meet on Ash Wednesday (3/5) or when the president of historical society is presenting (3/26).

We will discuss a chapter a week except on 2/5 we will discuss the forward and ch1 and on 2/12 we will discuss chapters 2&3.

Sign up and books for sale in the office.

Safe-Church Training.

Everyone who works with kids, has keys to the building, or serves in a leadership position, must complete training every 3 years.

In-person training is on Sunday, February 23rd, 1-4pm in Ascension Hall. On-line training is also available.

To register for in-person or on-line training call Jim in the office or email him at jim.weiss@ascension-lakewood.org

Please beware of scammers.

Do not pay for church events or sign up for them via email.

Please be careful and check that all events for 2025 are listed on the save the date bookmarks or on the webpage

<http://www.150years.org>

If you are not sure call Jim in the office 216-521-8727.

Chosen, Thursdays 6-8pm

Season 3: February

Feb 6th: 4&5

Feb 20th: 7

Feb 13th: 6

Feb 27th: 8

Season 4: March, April, and May

Mar 6th: 1

Mar 27th: 4

Apr 24th: 7

Mar 13th: 2

Apr 3rd: 5

May 1st: 8

Mar 20th: 3

Apr 10th: 6

It's Tea Time

On **February 15th** at 3pm in celebration of our 150th Anniversary

Tickets \$30.00 and go on sale by reservation only, after the New Year. Call Rosalie Ferline at 216-401-0729

We are also looking for people to set tables, serve those tables and bake scones. If you have questions please feel free to call me at 216- 262 -2285.

Dolly Doyle

**2025 Diocesan Celebration of the Commemoration of
the Rev. Absalom Jones and the Consecration of
the Rt. Rev. Barbara Clementine Harris**

On Saturday, February 15th, at 11:00 a.m. at Trinity Cathedral, the Wilma Ruth Combs Northeast Chapter of the Union of Black Episcopalians, in collaboration with the Diocese of Ohio and Trinity Cathedral, will host the annual Festal Eucharist celebrating the Rev. Absalom Jones and the Rt. Rev. Barbara Clementine Harris.

Jones was the first African American ordained as a priest in the Episcopal Church, and Harris the first woman consecrated as a bishop in the Anglican Communion.

The Rt. Rev. Anne B. Jolly will be the celebrant, and the Rev. Charles Graves will be the preacher.

For those interested in participating in the choir, please contact Trinity Cathedral's Director of Music, Shiloh Roby, at sroby@trinitycleveland.org.

All are welcome to join in the celebration of these inspirational clergy, whose lives and ministries have left a profound impact on the church's communal life and ministry. Clergy are invited to process in cassock, surplice, and white stoles.



The Ministers of the Liturgy

Presider: Rev. Vincent Black

Music Director & Organist: Jon Peterson

Choir Director: Margie Hildebrandt

Acolytes: Derek Lewallen, Terrie Schade, Maizie Gillies

Readers: John Carlson and Ann Pesta

Spiritual Communion Reader: John Carlson

Chalice Bearers: Derek Lewallen & Terrie Schade

Ushers: Adam Clemens and Joe Sgambellone

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The flowers on the chapel altar are given to the glory of God
in memory Ira E. Canfield and John B. Coffinberry .

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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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