

Church of the Ascension

March 16, 2025

Second Sunday in Lent

10:30am

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

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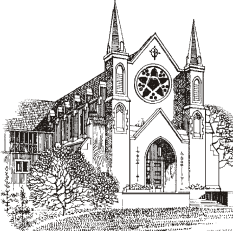
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Holy Eucharist, Rite 1, 10:30am

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.

When the Voluntary begins, please maintain prayerful silence.

Voluntary: Variations on *In Babilone* Hal H. Hopson/Charles Callahan

Opening Hymn: Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus! **H495**
Tune: *In Babilone*

*1 Hail, thou once despised Jesus!
Hail, thou Galilean King!
Thou didst suffer to release us;
thou didst free salvation bring.
Hail, thou universal Savior,
bearer of our sin and shame!
By thy merit we find favor:
life is given through thy Name.*

*2 Paschal Lamb, by God appointed,
all our sins on thee were laid:
by almighty love anointed,
thou hast full atonement made.
All thy people are forgiven
through the virtue of thy blood:
opened is the gate of heaven,
reconciled are we with God.*

*3 Jesus, hail! enthroned in glory,
there for ever to abide;
all the heavenly hosts adore thee,
seated at thy Father's side.
There for sinners thou art pleading:
there thou dost our place prepare;
ever for us interceding,
till in glory we appear.*

*4 Worship, honor, power, and blessing
thou art worthy to receive;
highest praises, without ceasing,
right it is for us to give.
Help, ye bright angelic spirits,
all your noblest anthems raise;
help to sing our Savior's merits,
help to chant Emmanuel's praise!*

Welcome / Invitation to Sunday School

A Penitential Order

Opening Acclamation *(The people standing)*

BCP 319

Presider Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People ***His mercy endureth for ever.***

The people stand or kneel and the Presider continues

Decalogue

BCP 317

God spake these words, and said:

I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Honor thy father and thy mother.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt do no murder.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not steal.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not covet.

***Lord, have mercy upon us,
and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.***

Presider says

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets. *Matthew 22:37-40*

The Presider then says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

*Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against thee
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our
neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in thy will,
and walk in thy ways,
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.*

The Priest, stands and says

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Song of Praise Holy God

S102

*Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.*

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Have mercy upon us.*

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect for the Second Sunday in Lent

Presider The Lord be with you.

People ***And with thy spirit.***

Presider Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from thy ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of thy Word, Jesus Christ thy Son; who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

People sit for the reading of the lessons

A Reading from Genesis

15:1-12, 17-18

After these things the word of the LORD came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: *I am* thy shield, *and* thy exceeding great reward. And Abram said, LORD GOD, what wilt thou give me, seeing I go childless, and the steward of my house *is* this Eliezer of Damascus? And Abram said, Behold, to me thou hast given no seed: and, lo, one born in my house is mine heir. And, behold, the word of the LORD *came* unto him, saying, This shall not be thine heir; but he that shall come forth out of thine own bowels shall be thine heir. And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be. And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness. And he said unto him, *I am* the LORD that brought thee out of Ur of the Chaldees, to give thee this land to inherit it. And he said, LORD GOD, whereby shall I know that I shall inherit it? And he said unto him, Take me an heifer of three years old, and a she goat of three years old, and a ram of three years old, and a turtledove, and a young pigeon. And he took unto him all these, and divided them in the midst, and laid each piece one against another: but the birds divided he not. And when the fowls came down upon the carcasses, Abram drove them away. And when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and, lo, an horror of great darkness fell upon him.

And it came to pass, that, when the sun went down, and it was dark, behold a smoking furnace, and a burning lamp that passed between those pieces. In the same day the LORD made a covenant with

Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates:

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

Psalm 27 (spoken)

The LORD *is* my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
the LORD *is* the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

***² When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes,
came upon me to eat up my flesh,
they stumbled and fell.***

³ Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear:
though war should rise against me, in this *will I be* confident.

***⁴ One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after;
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple.***

⁵ For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion:
in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me;
he shall set me up upon a rock.

***⁶ And now shall mine head be lifted up
above mine enemies round about me:
therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy;
I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the LORD.***

⁷ Hear, O LORD, *when* I cry with my voice:
have mercy also upon me, and answer me.

***⁸ When thou saidst, Seek ye my face;
my heart said unto thee, Thy face, LORD, will I seek.***

⁹ Hide not thy face *far* from me;
put not thy servant away in anger: thou hast been my help;
leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

***¹⁰ When my father and my mother forsake me,
then the LORD will take me up.***

¹¹ Teach me thy way, O LORD,
and lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies.

¹² Deliver me not over unto the will of mine enemies:

*for false witnesses are risen up against me,
and such as breathe out cruelty.*

¹³ *I had fainted, unless I had believed
to see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.*

¹⁴ ***Wait on the LORD:
be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart:
wait, I say, on the LORD.***

A Reading from Philippians

3:17-4:1

Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample. (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, *that they are* the enemies of the cross of Christ: whose end *is* destruction, whose God *is their* belly, and *whose* glory *is* in their shame, who mind earthly things.) For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

Therefore, my brethren dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, *my* dearly beloved.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

The people stand

Sequence Hymn Will You Come and Follow Me John Bell vs 1-3

Tune: *The Summons (Kelvingrove)*

*1 Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?*

*2 Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?*

*Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?*

*Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?*

*Will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?*

*3 Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?*

*Will you set the pris'ners free
and never be the same?*

*Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?*

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

13:31-35

People ***Glory be to thee, O Lord.***

The same day there came certain of the Pharisees, saying unto him, Get thee out, and depart hence: for Herod will kill thee. And he said unto them, Go ye, and tell that fox, Behold, I cast out devils, and I do cures to day and to morrow, and the third *day* I shall be perfected. Nevertheless I must walk to day, and to morrow, and the *day* following: for it cannot be that a prophet perish out of Jerusalem. O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, which killest the prophets, and stonest them that are sent unto thee; how often would I have gathered thy children together, as a hen *doth gather* her brood under *her* wings, and ye would not! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate: and verily I say unto you, Ye shall not see me, until *the time* come when ye shall say, Blessed *is* he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

People: ***Praise be to thee, O Christ.***

Hymn

Will You Come and Follow Me

John Bell vs 4, 5

Tune: *The Summons (Kelvingrove)*

*4 Will you love the “you” you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you’ve found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?*

*5 Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I’ll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I’ll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.*

The people sit

The Sermon

John Carlson

The people stand

The Nicene Creed

EOW 53

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

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

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

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
 the only Son of God,
 eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light,
 true God from true God,
 begotten, not made,
 of one Being with the Father.
 Through him all things were made.
 For us and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven:
 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 V

BCP 389

Stand or kneel as the Holy Spirit leads.

Reader says

In peace, let us pray to Christ Jesus.

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Christ.

Christ, have mercy.

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Anne, our Bishop; Vincent, our rector; and Clarke, our seminarian; for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Christ.

In the Diocese of Ohio, we pray for St. Peter's Church, Lakewood, and for our Applicants, Postulants, and Candidates.

Christ, have mercy.

For all who seek God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Christ.

Christ, have mercy.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Christ.

Christ, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Christ.

Christ, have mercy.

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Christ.

Christ, have mercy.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Christ.

Christ, have mercy.

For this *congregation*, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Christ.

Christ, have mercy.

For our enemies and those who wish us harm; and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Christ.

Christ, have mercy.

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Christ.

Christ, have mercy.

For (*the names on the prayer list are read*), we pray to you, O Christ.

Christ, have mercy.

For all who have died in the communion of your Church (especially... *the names of the recently deceased are read*), and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Christ.

Christ, have mercy.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

Silence

Presider says

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

The Peace

All stand

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People ***And with thy spirit.***

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

For those celebrating birthdays

Ann Pesta

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Announcements

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

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Sentence

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

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

Refrain:

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

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

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

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Offerings

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

Presentation Hymn: The Doxology Tune: *Herr Jesu Christ (H310)*

*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 1

BCP 333

Presider The Lord be with you.

People ***And with thy spirit.***

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People ***We lift them up unto the Lord.***

Presider Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People ***It is meet and right so to do.***

The Presider proceeds

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Who dost bid thy faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by thy Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which thou hast prepared for those who love thee.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus and Benedictus

Rachmaninoff, arr. Tkach/Peterson

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.

The people stand or kneel and the Presider continues

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our

bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *AMEN*.

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

The Lord's Prayer (*spoken*)

BCP 364

People and Presider

*Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.*

Give us this day our daily bread.

*And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.*

*And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.*

*For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.*

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept

Fraction Anthem

S158

*O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.*

People and Presider

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Invitation to Communion

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: Spirit of God, Unseen as the Wind Margaret Old
Tune: Skye Boat Song

Refrain:

*Spirit of God, unseen as the wind,
gentle as is the dove:
teach us the truth and help us believe,
show us the Saviour's love!*

*You spoke to us - long, long ago -
gave us the written word;
we read it still, needing its truth,
through it God's voice is heard. [Refrain]*

*Without your help we fail our Lord,
we cannot live his way;
we need your power, we need your strength,
following Christ each day. [Refrain]*

Postcommunion Music: Bread of the World

H301

Tune: Rendez a Dieu

*Bread of the world, in mercy broken,
Wine of the soul, in mercy shed,
by whom the words of life were spoken,
and in whose death our sins are dead:
look on the heart by sorrow broken,
look on the tears by sinners shed;
and be thy feast to us the token
that by thy grace our souls are fed.*

After Communion, the Presider says

Let us pray.

Postcommunion Prayer

BCP 339

*Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for
that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual
food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior
Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and
goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate
in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all*

faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Blessing

Closing Hymn: The God of Abraham Praise

H401
Tune: *Leoni*

*1 The God of Abraham praise,
who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of everlasting days,
and God of love;
the Lord, the great I AM,
by earth and heaven confessed:
we bow and bless the sacred Name
for ever blest.*

*2 He by himself hath sworn:
we on his oath depend;
we shall, on eagles-wings upborne,
to heaven ascend:
we shall behold his face,
we shall his power adore,
and sing the wonders of his grace
for evermore.*

*3 There dwells the Lord, our King,
the Lord, our Righteousness,
triumphant o'er the world and sin,
the Prince of Peace;
on Zion's sacred height
his kingdom he maintains,
and, glorious with his saints in light,
for ever reigns.*

*4 The God who reigns on high
the great archangels sing,
and “Holy, holy, holy,” cry,
“Almighty King!
Who was, and is, the same,
and evermore shall be:
eternal Father, great I AM,
we worship thee.”*

*5 The whole triumphant host
give thanks to God on high;
“Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost”
they ever cry;
hail, Abraham’s Lord divine!
With heaven our songs we raise;
all might and majesty are thine,
and endless praise.*

Presider Let us pray.

*Good and gracious God,
we pray for all who have yet to know of your love and mercy.
May the Church of the Ascension
be so inspired by your Holy Spirit
that it may serve as a beacon of hope
and a witness to the gospel for all people.
Grant that we may continually grow
in our own knowledge and love of you
as we strive to use all that we have, and all that we are
to follow and imitate your beloved son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

The Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary: Postlude on *Leoni*

W. Lawrence Curry

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.



The Ministers of the Liturgy

Presider: Rev. Vincent Black

Preacher: John Carlson

Music Director and Organist: Jon Peterson

Choir Director: Margie Hildebrandt

Acolytes: Derek Lewallen, Terrie Schade

Readers: Alex DeJesus and Ann Beyer

Spiritual Eucharist Reader: Alex DeJesus

Chalice Bearers: Derek Lewallen and Terrie Schade

Ushers: Joe Sgambellone and Bob Hankey

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**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	Boots Johnston
Mickey Black	Deena Karnes
Teddi Black	Joyce Knapp
Rehtaeh Brady	Lois Leete
Shirley Champion	June Madden
Robert Dobb	Richard Mannella
Josie Dodd	Gil Newlands
Kaisu Donovan	Ray and Family
Doug Damron	Sandy Reagan
Dolly Doyle	Kalieghe Roe
Barbara Faux	Patricia Sayler
Spencer Faux	Wendy Semple
Stephanie Foster	George G. Sent Sr.
Ella Jane Fowerbaugh	Miriam Schantz
Spencer Griffith	Roselle Sgambellone
Martha Hartman	Corky Thacker
Pamela Jackson	Rob Theibert

Those We Know in the Military

Trey Brower	Sydney Kline
Wiley Goins	Burton McCarthy
Lauren Hober	Jason Strater

The Departed

Laura Egeland
Bruce Ford
Kathy Fousek
Henry Hando
Cathy McTigue

Jonathon Newlands
Dave Rozell
Maribeth Sarko
Robert Selby
Wallace Stroud

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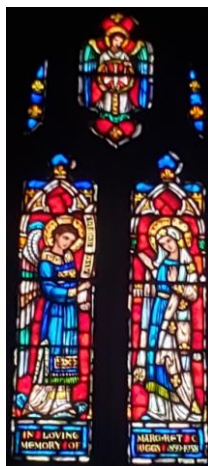
Use your smart phone to scan the code above or visit ascension-lakewood.org where you can make a one-time donation or set up continuing donations.

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

Remembering Past Parishioners

Celebrating 150 years of ministry

1875 - 2025



Janet Muir Riggs Stroud (1894-1977)

Janet M. Riggs was born on March 19, 1894, in Cleveland to Henry and Margaret McGlashan Riggs. She was the eldest of three children in the Riggs household. As a child Janet and her family were members of Church of the Ascension along with her grandparents. As a young woman, Janet

remembered the old wooden original church and seeing it moved back about 150 feet so that it was near the rectory. She loved how the minister and his wife turned the old foundation of the church into a fish pond, a place that all of the children of the parish enjoyed. On April 16, 1908, Janet was confirmed at Church of the Ascension by Bishop Leonard and presented by Rev. George Frederic Williams.

On November 6, 1920, Janet married Edmund S. Stroud with the ceremony presided over by Rev. Wallace M. Gordon at Church of the Ascension. In the church records there is an entry for the burial of a Stroud baby, a stillborn in 1921. Together they later had one son, Wallace Henry Stroud on November 9, 1923, who was baptized December 30 that same year. Unfortunately, the marriage of Janet and Edmund did not withstand the test of time. As a single woman in the 1930s and 40s, Janet had the stigma of being a divorced woman and the responsibility of being the head of the household. She worked as a clerk in offices. Her siblings and church community were a great source of support.

When a new minister came to Ascension and many parishioners left, Janet felt love for the church and decided to stay. She felt a need to be loyal to the church she loved. When told that women of the Altar Guild would need to also clean the rectory because the minister's wife felt such work was beneath her station, Janet was the one who volunteered to clean the rectory each week as part of her service to the church and to show her dedication to God. Janet was involved with the Livingston Guild, during a time at Church of the Ascension when there were nine guilds or organizations for women to take part. Her son was in the choir and an acolyte, and she often laundered and mended the robes for the groups along with the work of keeping the altar linens in pristine condition. Janet taught Sunday school with her sister and often played the piano during children services.

Janet's parents, Margaret passed away in 1938 and Henry Riggs passed away in 1942. Their funerals were officiated by Rev. Studwell and Rev. Pattie respectively. To the memory of their parents, Janet and her siblings (Henry and Margaret) paid for the *Annunciation to Virgin* widow found in the clerestory. In 1955 after the death of her brother Henry, Janet donated the window *Jude* in his memory. Janet and other women of the parish took the time and effort to write their memories and share images with the committee in charge of the centennial celebration of Church of the Ascension in 1975. Many of their hand-written accounts still exist in our archives today and give us a vivid and personal image of life at the turn of the century. At the age of 82, Janet passed away and her funeral services were at Ascension on January 19, 1977. She was buried at Lakewood Park Cemetery with her parents and siblings.

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 are leading 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 2/12 we will discuss chapters 2, 3, 4.

Sign up and books for sale in the office.

Chosen, Thursdays 6-8pm

Season 4: March, April, and May

Mar 20th: 3

Apr 3rd: 5

Apr 24th: 7

Mar 27th: 4

Apr 10th: 6

May 1st: 8

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.

Lenten Calendar

Wednesdays, March 12-April 16:

6pm Stations of the Cross

Palm Sunday, April 13:

No 8:00am service

10:30am Holy Eucharist

Maundy Thursday, April 17:

7:30pm Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar

9pm to midnight, night watch

Good Friday, April 18:

7:30pm Solemn Liturgy with Holy Communion

Great Vigil of Easter, April 19:

8:00pm Great Vigil of Easter at Trinity Cathedral

Easter Sunday, April 20:

No 8:00am service

10:30am Holy Eucharist

Anniversary Events in March

There are signup sheets in the office, for a side dish or dessert. There is also an attendance sheet so that Greg has an idea how much food we need. There are unique signup sheets for each day.

Wednesday, March 26:

6:30pm Dinner and Speaker with Dr. Robert Shrimp
(Director of the Lakewood Historical Society)

Sunday, March 30:

12:00pm Lunch and Lecture with Dr. Brian Wilbert
(Diocesan archivist)

Ascension Night Out

Join us as we usher Winter out and Spring in on
Wednesday, **March 19th**, 6:00 PM, at
Stella Mia Ristorante, 28751 Center Ridge Rd, Westlake.

You can take a look at their menu
at [Stella Mia Ristorante - Food Menu](#)

Please RSVP to Jim in the office by Sunday, **March 16th**,
by either calling the office at 216-521-8727 or
emailing Jim.Weiss@Ascension-Lakewood.org.

Breathe Yoga Ministry **Restorative Yoga with Meditation** **Starting Sunday, March 23rd, at 12:45pm**

A serene practice designed to foster connection with your mind, body, and the Holy Spirit. This restorative yoga class gently guides participants through calming postures and meditative moments, allowing for deep relaxation and spiritual renewal. It offers a sacred space to release tension, quiet the mind, and experience the divine presence within. Ideal for those seeking peace, healing, and a deeper spiritual connection.



SAY GRACE FISH FRY

ADULT DINNERS:

\$20: Fried Perch: 3 pieces of fish, bread, two sides, drink & dessert.

\$20: Fried Catfish: 3 pieces of fish, bread, two sides, drink & dessert.

\$20: Baked Fish: Tilapia or Salmon, bread, two sides, drink & dessert.

\$15: Mac & Cheese: Pasta dish, bread, two sides, drink & dessert.

KIDS MEALS:

\$10: Mac & Cheese: Includes bread, drink, brookie & one side.

\$10: Chicken Nuggets: Includes 8 nuggets, drink, brookie & one side.

\$10: Grilled Cheese: Includes drink, brookie & one side.

SIDE CHOICES:

Coleslaw, Green Beans, Fried Potatoes & Onions,
or French Fries. (Or, add \$3 for Mac & Cheese!)

BREAD OPTIONS: White Bread, Rolls, Hushpuppies

DRINK OPTIONS: Water, Lemonade, Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite

DESSERT OPTIONS: Sliced Pound Cake & Banana Pudding

Thank you for supporting **Say Grace's Sunday Meal Service!** After you complete this [order form \(https://forms.gle/hMrGyHwfpdg35sxM8\)](https://forms.gle/hMrGyHwfpdg35sxM8), we will email you a payment link via PayPal.

- Order Deadline ~ Wednesday, March 19 at noon.
- Pickup Window ~ Devan will coordinate a pick-up time with you for Friday, March 21 at 6pm or later, from Lakewood's Church of the Ascension (13216 Detroit Ave)!

**Questions? Email devan@saygraceservices.com
or text/call 216.200.6929.**

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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