

Church of the Ascension

March 23, 2025

Third Sunday in Lent

10:30am

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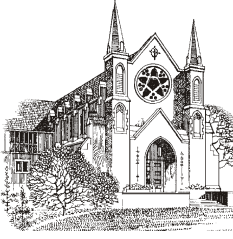
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*Holy Eucharist, Rite 1, 10:30am
with the Great Litany*

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: Meditation on *Schönster Herr Jesu* Dale Wood

Welcome / Invitation to Sunday School

The Great Litany

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O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,

Have mercy upon us.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

Have mercy upon us.

O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful,

Have mercy upon us.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,

Have mercy upon us.

Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy preserve us for ever.

Spare us, good Lord.

From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; and from everlasting damnation,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and commandment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and submission to the Law; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost,

Good Lord, deliver us.

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to illumine all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth, and show it accordingly,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest, and to draw all mankind into thy kingdom,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, the President of the United States, and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom upon all peoples,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate and oppressed,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all may enjoy them,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That It may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of heart as thy servants, and for the common good,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their labor or their travel,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth, young children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose homes are broken or torn by strife,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with thy presence those who are failing and infirm,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all people,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of all the saints, we may attain to thy heavenly kingdom,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

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Son of God, we beseech thee to hear 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,

Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

Grant us thy peace.

O Christ, hear us.

O Christ, hear us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Liturgy of the Word

Opening Acclamation *(The people standing)*

BCP 323

Presider Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

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

The Collect for the Third Sunday in Lent

Presider The Lord be with you.

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

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

People sit for the reading of the lessons

A Reading from Exodus

3:1-15

Now Moses kept the flock of Jethro his father in law, the priest of Midian: and he led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to the mountain of God, *even* to Horeb. And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush *was* not consumed. And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt. And when the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here *am* I. And he said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest *is* holy ground. Moreover he said, I *am* the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face; for he was afraid to look upon God.

And the LORD said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which *are* in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows; and I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey; unto the place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites. Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel is come unto me: and I have also seen the oppression wherewith the Egyptians oppress them. Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt.

And Moses said unto God, Who *am* I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt? And he said, Certainly I will be with thee; and this *shall be* a token unto thee, that I have sent thee: When thou hast brought forth the people out of Egypt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain. And Moses said unto God, Behold, *when* I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What *is* his name? what shall I say unto them? And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you. And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this *is* my name for ever, and this *is* my memorial unto all generations.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

Psalm 63:1-8 (*spoken*)

O God, thou *art* my God; early will I seek thee:
my soul thirsteth for thee,
my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is;
² ***to see thy power and thy glory,***
so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary.

³ Because thy lovingkindness *is* better than life,
my lips shall praise thee.

⁴ *Thus will I bless thee while I live:
I will lift up my hands in thy name.*

⁵ My soul shall be satisfied as *with* marrow and fatness;
and my mouth shall praise *thee* with joyful lips:

⁶ *when I remember thee upon my bed,
and meditate on thee in the night watches.*

⁷ Because thou hast been my help,
therefore in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.

⁸ *My soul followeth hard after thee:
thy right hand upholdeth me.*

A Reading from First Corinthians

10:1-13

Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; and were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea; and did all eat the same spiritual meat; and did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ. But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted. Neither be ye idolaters, as *were* some of them; as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play. Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand. Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents. Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer.

Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come. Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall. There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God *is* faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted

above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear *it*.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

The people stand

Sequence Hymn Will You Come and Follow Me

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**

13:1-9

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

There were present at that season some that told him of the Galilæans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And Jesus answering said unto them, Suppose ye that these Galilæans were sinners above all the Galilæans, because they suffered such things? I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and slew them, think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem? I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

He spake also this parable; A certain *man* had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came and sought fruit thereon, and found none. Then said he unto the dresser of his vineyard, Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and find none: cut it down; why cumbereth it the ground? And he answering said unto him, Lord, let it alone this year also, till I shall dig about it, and dung *it*: and if it bear fruit, *well*: and if not, *then* after that thou shalt cut it down.

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Hymn Will You Come and Follow Me

vs 4, 5

Tune: *The Summons*

*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

Rev. Vincent Black

The people stand

The Nicene Creed

EW 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 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

Susan Hankey

Carol Roser

Grace Hildebrandt

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: There's a Wideness in God's Mercy arr. Mark Schweizer
Tune: *Holy Manna*

There's a wideness in God's mercy,
Like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in His justice,
Which is more than liberty.
There is welcome for the sinner,
And more graces for the good;
There is mercy with the Savior;
There is healing in His blood.

There is no place where earth's sorrows
Are more felt than up in Heaven;
There is no place where earth's failings
Have such kindly judgment given.
There is plentiful redemption
In the blood that has been shed;
There is joy for all the members
In the sorrows of the Head.

For the love of God is broader
Than the measure of our mind;
And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful,
We should take Him at His word;
And our lives would be thanksgiving
For the goodness of the Lord.

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,

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: Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

H344

Tune: Sicilian Mariners

*1 Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing;
fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, thy love possessing,
triumph in redeeming grace:
O refresh us, O refresh us,
traveling through this wilderness.*

*2 Thanks we give and adoration
for thy Gospel's joyful sound:
may the fruits of thy salvation
in our hearts and lives abound:*

*ever faithful, ever faithful
to thy truth may we be found;*

*3 so that when thy love shall call us,
Savior, from the world away,
fear of death shall not appall us,
glad thy summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever
reign with thee in endless day.*

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 *Sicilian Mariners*

Gordon Young

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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.



The Ministers of the Liturgy

Presider: Rev. Vincent Black
Music Director and Organist: Jon Peterson
Choir Director: Margie Hildebrandt
Acolytes: Jan Bednarski, Terrie Schade
Readers: Aaron Beatty and Julie Exline
Spiritual Eucharist Reader: Aaron Beatty
Chalice Bearers: Jan Bednarski and Terrie Schade
Ushers: Chris Coppock and Keira Dodd
Sunday School: Jenny Christ
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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:

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

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

Martha Hartman
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.

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.

Remembering Past Parishioners
Celebrating 150 years of ministry
1875 - 2025



Zorka Daich Divich (1912-2011)

Zorka Daich was born on November 22, 1912 in Niagara, Wisconsin to Milka and Stojan (Steve) Daich. Her parents were immigrants from what was the Austro-Hungarian Empire. She was baptized into the Serbian Orthodox Church. Zorka was the eldest of three children and had two younger brothers. When Zorka was seven her mother died and only ten years later her father died in a tragic automobile accident, leaving behind three orphaned children. At the young age of seventeen, Zorka petitioned the court for custody of her two younger siblings. She felt it was important to stay together. Zorka moved with her brothers to Salt Lake City, where they attended the University of Utah. After Zorka graduated from the University of Utah, she worked as a librarian in elementary schools. In 1943, Zorka married Nicholas R. Divich and moved to Pennsylvania, where she earned a Master's Degree in Library Science from Carnegie Mellon University. As a single woman, Zorka moved to Cleveland, Ohio, where she continued to work in public schools and became part of the community at Church of the Ascension.

At Ascension, Zorka Divich was known for her gregarious personality. She enjoyed being part of the Ascension community and immediately became involved. She worked the annual Christmas Bazaars and was a member of multiple Guilds. In the 1970s, she was part of the early group of women who were active on vestry. Zorka also joined the choir. Her alto voice is still remembered by many in the choir today. On June 8, 1986, Zorka was confirmed at Church of the Ascension. She was presented by Rev. Harold Braun and confirmed by the Rt. Rev. William Davidson, assistant bishop of Ohio. In addition to sharing her time and talents with the parish, she also donated the Saint Stephen window found in the chapel. This window is in memory of her parents who died so young.

Zorka later moved back to Utah to be closer to her family. She attended the local Episcopal church and taught seniors in the area. She passed away December 24, 2011, a month after her 99th birthday. Her urn is now at the Episcopal Church in Ogden, Utah.

Submitted by Gregory Sent, Archivist

Lenten Calendar

Wednesdays, March 12-April 16:

6pm Stations of the Cross

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday, one service	April 13 th ,	10:30am
Maundy Thursday service	April 17 th ,	7:30pm
Night Watch	April 17 th ,	9:00pm
Good Friday	April 18 th ,	7:30pm
Great Vigil of Easter	April 19 th ,	8:00pm
Trinity Cathedral		
Easter Sunday, one service	April 20 st ,	10:30am

Altar Flowers for Easter

We create a temporary pool of funds from which to buy the plants which adorn the altars and the chancel for Easter Day in memory or in honor of loved ones. Place your contributions in the envelopes provided (checks made out to the church, with “Easter flowers” in the memo line or cash) and list those you want to remember on the form provided next to the box for the contributions. Or send your donation online and an email to secretary@ascension-lakewood.org. The amount of each gift is determined by the donor.

The deadline for making gifts to the fund and placing names on the remembrance list is April 13th (Palm Sunday), which allows sufficient time for that list to be compiled for publication with the Easter service bulletins.

Following the 10:30 service on Easter Day the plants are distributed to parishioners who due to ill health or disability are unable to attend worship.

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 Shimp
(Director of the Lakewood Historical Society)

Sunday, March 30:

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

Speakers at Ascension

- April 30th, 6pm Speaker John Kundtz.
Topic “Kundtz family in Lakewood”
- May 25th, 1pm Speaker Eva Wischhusen .
Topic “Henry Wood Elliott- Lakewoodite and America’s first international Conservationist”
- July 25th,
Speakers Jennifer Cauffield and Jeff Hutchinson-
Topic “Rise and Fall”, Hutchinson Family of
Lakewood and their role in the Great Lakes.

Palm Crosses

Join us in making palm crosses in Strom Hall,
on Saturday, April 12th, at 9:30am.

This is an intergenerational event. Bring the family!

Easter Egg Hunt

On Easter Sunday we will have the children's Easter egg hunt following the 10:30 am Service. We are asking for people to donate their loose change, to fill the eggs (silver coins only please). A collection box can be found at hospitality after the 10:30am Services.

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.

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).

Sign up and books for sale in the office.

Chosen, Thursdays 6-8pm

Season 4: March, April, and May

Mar 27th: 4
Apr 3rd: 5

Apr 10th: 6
Apr 24th: 7

May 1st: 8

Altar Guild

Have you ever wondered about the beautiful arrangements and preparations that make our services so special? Our Altar Guild plays a vital role in creating a sacred space. We're looking for new members! If you'd like to learn more about what we do and how you can join this ministry, please contact Derek Lewallen at 440-821-6266. We need members to help with both 8 and 10:30 am services.

Super Bowl Trip Highlights

Join Ann Pesta as she shares the highlights from her Super Bowl trip with photos, videos, and stories! Sunday, April 6th, 12-12:30 on the sofa side of Ascension Hall.



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

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- Order Deadline ~ Wednesday, March 26th, at noon.
- Pickup Window ~ Devan will coordinate a pick-up time with you for Friday, March 28th, 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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