

Church of the Ascension

April 13, 2025

Palm Sunday

10:30am

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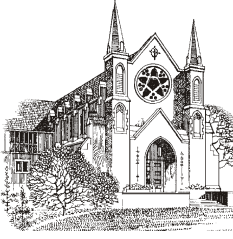
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Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10:30am

Please note that in our liturgy when we refer to God, we cannot adequately verbalize the magnitude and comprehensiveness of God's diversity and are always limited by our use of language. We acknowledge that although Jesus was born into history as a man, neither God the Father nor God the Holy Spirit were embodied with human sex. Although our language is often not all inclusive we believe God always is. God made human beings in God's own image with complexity and diversity. Thank you for sharing your diversity and complexity with us as we worship God together.

When the Voluntary begins, please maintain prayerful silence.

Voluntary: *Valet will ich der geben*

Lani Davis

The Liturgy of the Palms

Members of the worship party gather in the back of the nave for the Palm Sunday liturgy prayers and the blessing of the palms as the congregation turns and bears witness to the rite.

Presider Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

People ***Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.***

Presider Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Here is read: Luke

19:28-40

After telling a parable to the crowd at Jericho, Jesus continued on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

As Jesus came to Bethphage and Bethany on the Mount of Olives, he gave two disciples a task. He said, “Go into the village over there. When you enter it, you will find tied up there a colt that no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say, ‘Its master needs it.’” Those who had been sent found it exactly as he had said.

As they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?”

They replied, “Its master needs it.” They brought it to Jesus, threw their clothes on the colt, and lifted Jesus onto it. As Jesus rode along, they spread their clothes on the road.

As Jesus approached the road leading down from the Mount of Olives, the whole throng of his disciples began rejoicing. They praised God with a loud voice because of all the mighty things they had seen. They said,

“Blessings on the king who comes in the name of the Lord.
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens.”

Some of the Pharisees from the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, scold your disciples! Tell them to stop!”

He answered, “I tell you, if they were silent, the stones would shout.”

Presider The Lord be with you.

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

Presider Let us pray.

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

Presider

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal

life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

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

People ***Hosanna in the highest.***

Presider Let us go forth in peace.

People ***In the name of Christ. Amen.***

Procession: All Glory, Laud and Honor

H154

Tune: Valet will ich dir geben

Refrain:

*All glory, laud, and honor
to thee, Redeemer, King!
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.*

*1. Thou art the King of Israel,
thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's Name comest,
the King and Blessed One. (Refrain)*

*2. The company of angels
are praising thee on high;
and we with all creation
in chorus make reply. (Refrain)*

*3. The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before thee we present. (Refrain)*

*4. To thee before thy passion
they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted,
our melody we raise. (Refrain)*

*5. Thou didst accept their praises;
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King. (Refrain)*

The Liturgy of the Word

Opening Salutation (*The people standing*)

BCP 355

Presider Blessed be God who forgives all our sins.

People ***God's mercy endures for ever.***

The Collect for Palm Sunday

Presider God be with you.

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

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

People sit for the reading of the lessons

A Reading from Isaiah

50:4-9a

The LORD God gave me an educated tongue
to know how to respond to the weary
with a word that will awaken them in the morning.
God awakens my ear in the morning to listen,
as educated people do.
The LORD God opened my ear;
I didn't rebel; I didn't turn my back.
Instead, I gave my body to attackers,
and my cheeks to beard pluckers.
I didn't hide my face
from insults and spitting.
The LORD God will help me;
therefore, I haven't been insulted.
Therefore, I set my face like flint,
and knew I wouldn't be ashamed.

The one who will declare me innocent is near.
Who will argue with me?
Let's stand up together.
Who will bring judgment against me?
Let him approach me.
Look! The LORD God will help me.
Who will condemn me?

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm: 31:9-16 (*said*)

Have mercy on me, LORD, because I'm depressed.

My vision fails because of my grief,
as do my spirit and my body.

¹⁰ ***My life is consumed with sadness;
my years are consumed with groaning.
Strength fails me because of my suffering;
my bones dry up.***

¹¹ I'm a joke to all my enemies,
still worse to my neighbors.
I scare my friends,
and whoever sees me in the street runs away!

¹² ***I am forgotten, like I'm dead,
completely out of mind;
I am like a piece of pottery, destroyed.***

¹³ Yes, I've heard all the gossiping,
terror all around;
so many gang up together against me,
they plan to take my life!

¹⁴ ***But me? I trust you, LORD!
I affirm, "You are my God."***

¹⁵ My future is in your hands.
Don't hand me over to my enemies,
to all who are out to get me!

¹⁶ ***Shine your face on your servant;
save me by your faithful love!***

Adopt the attitude that was in Christ Jesus:

Though he was in the form of God,
he did not consider being equal with God something to exploit.

But he emptied himself
by taking the form of a slave
and by becoming like human beings.

When he found himself in the form of a human,
he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.

Therefore, God highly honored him
and gave him a name above all names,
so that at the name of Jesus everyone
in heaven, on earth, and under the earth might bow
and every tongue confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

The Prayers of the People, Form III

BCP 387

Stand or kneel as the Holy Spirit leads.

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

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

In the Diocese of Ohio, we pray for St. Peter's Church, Lakewood, and for the South Central Mission Area: St. Matthew's Church, Ashland; Harcourt Parish, Gambier; and Grace Church, Mansfield;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble
(especially... *the names on the long-term prayer list are read*);

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest (especially... *the names of the recently deceased are read*);

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

Presider says

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

The Priest, stands and says

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

The Peace

All stand

Presider The peace of *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

Michael Crowdes
Julia Masola

Biff Staley

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 Music: In Remembrance

Buryl Red

In remembrance of Me eat this bread
In remembrance of Me drink this wine
In remembrance of Me pray for the time
When God's own will is done

In remembrance of me heal the sick
In remembrance of me feed the poor
In remembrance of me open the door
And let your brother in, let him in

Take eat and be comforted
Drink and remember too
That this is my body and precious blood
Shed for you, shed for you

In remembrance of me search for truth
In remembrance of me always love
In remembrance of me don't look above
But in your heart, in your heart
Look in your heart for God

Do this in remembrance of Me
Do this in remembrance of Me
In remembrance of Me

All stand

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Offerings

*The gifts of the people are brought forward at this time, including bread,
wine and alms, as the congregation sings the Presentation Hymn.*

Presentation Hymn: The Doxology 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

Presider The Lord be with you.

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

Presider Lift up your hearts.

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

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

The Presider proceeds

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

You bid your 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 your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

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

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

Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father of all.

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

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, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his 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 him. 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 your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Presider continues

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

The Lord's Prayer (*spoken*)

BCP 364

People and Presider

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

Give us this day our daily bread.

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

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

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

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept

Fraction Anthem

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.*

The Invitation to Communion

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Presider says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All people are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Children of all ages are included in this invitation.

The presider invites those not receiving the sacrament to make a spiritual communion, led by the reader.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

from the Prayer Book for the Armed Services

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Communion Hymn: Here in Christ We Gather

H577

Tune: Ubi Caritas (Murray)

Refrain:

*God is love and where true love is
God himself is there.*

*I Here in Christ we gather,
love of Christ our calling.
Christ, our love, is with us,
gladness be his greeting.*

*Let us fear and love him,
Holy God eternal.
Loving him, let each love
Christ in one another. [Refrain]*

*2 When we Christians gather,
members of one body,
Let there be in us no
discord but one spirit.
Banished now be anger,
strife and every quarrel.
Christ, our God, be always
present here among us. [Refrain]*

*3 Grant us love's fulfillment,
joy with all the blessed,
when we see your face,
O Savior, in its glory.
Shine on us, O purest
Light of all creation,
be our bliss while endless
ages sing your praises. [Refrain]*

After Communion, the Presider says

Let us pray.

Postcommunion Prayer *(said by all, standing)*

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*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.*

Prayer for the presentation and blessing of the sesquicentennial quilt:

"God of all time and every generation, we give you thanks for your steadfast love and for the countless blessings you have bestowed upon this parish during these 150 years.

We thank you for the lives of those who have gone before us, on whose shoulders we stand, who built this community of faith and served you with gladness. We thank you for those who have contributed to this quilt, a symbol of our shared history and our individual gifts. May this quilt, crafted by loving hands, remind us of our connection to one another and to the enduring legacy of service to Jesus, our King.

Bless this quilt, O Lord. May it be a sign of your presence among us, a testament to our ongoing commitment to your work in the world, and an inspiration to all who see it. As we remember the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, and as we prepare to walk with him through his passion and death, may this symbol of our community strengthen us to follow in his way of love and service.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna to Jesus, our messiah, our king!

The people sit

The Sermon

Rev. Vincent Black

**The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ
According to Luke**

22:14-23:56

*The congregation remaining seated, the Passion Gospel is read in parts, led by a narrator who begins by saying: **The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke.***

Narrator: When the hour for the Passover meal came, Jesus took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them,

Jesus: "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God."

Narrator: Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said,

Jesus: "Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

Narrator: Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying,

Jesus: "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Narrator: And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying,

Jesus: "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!"

Narrator: Then they began to ask one another, which one of them it could be who would do this.

A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them,

Jesus: "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

"You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

"Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers."

Narrator: And he said to him,

Peter: "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!"

Narrator: Jesus said,

Jesus: "I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me."

Narrator: He said to them,

Jesus: "When I sent you out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?"

Narrator: They said,

Disciples: "No, not a thing."

Narrator: He said to them,

Jesus: "But now, the one who has a purse must take it, and likewise a bag. And the one who has no sword must sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you, this scripture must be fulfilled in me, 'And he was counted among the lawless'; and indeed what is written about me is being fulfilled."

Narrator: They said,

Disciples: "Lord, look, here are two swords."

Narrator: He replied,

Jesus: "It is enough."

Narrator: He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them,

Jesus: "Pray that you may not come into the time of trial."

Narrator: Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed,

Jesus: "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done."

Narrator: Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground. When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, and he said to them,

Jesus: "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial."

Narrator: While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; but Jesus said to him,

Jesus: "Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?"

Narrator: When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked,

Disciples: "Lord, should we strike with the sword?"

Narrator: Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said,

Jesus: "No more of this!"

Narrator: And he touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him,

Jesus: "Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!"

Narrator: Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house. But Peter was following at a distance. When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said,

Servant: "This man also was with him."

Narrator: But he denied it, saying,

Peter: "Woman, I do not know him."

Narrator: A little later someone else, on seeing him, said,

Accuser 1: "You also are one of them."

Narrator: But Peter said,

Peter: "Man, I am not!"

Narrator: Then about an hour later still another kept insisting,

Accuser 2: "Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean."

Narrator: But Peter said,

Peter: "Man, I do not know what you are talking about!"

Narrator: At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; they also blindfolded him and kept asking him,

Soldiers: "Prophesy! Who is it that struck you?"

Narrator: They kept heaping many other insults on him.

When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. They said,

Assembly: "***If you are the Messiah, tell us.***"

Narrator: He replied,

Jesus: "If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I question you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God."

Narrator: All of them asked,

Assembly: "***Are you, then, the Son of God?***"

Narrator: He said to them,

Jesus: "You say that I am."

Narrator: Then they said,

Assembly: "***What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!***"

Narrator: Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying,

Assembly: ***"We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king."***

Narrator: Then Pilate asked him,

Pilate: "Are you the king of the Jews?"

Narrator: He answered,

Jesus: "You say so."

Narrator: Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds,

Pilate: "I find no basis for an accusation against this man."

Narrator: But they were insistent and said,

Assembly: ***"He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place."***

Narrator: When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them,

Pilate: "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him."

Narrator: Then they all shouted out together,

Assembly: **"Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!"**

Narrator: (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting,

Assembly: **"Crucify, crucify him!"**

Narrator: A third time he said to them,

Pilate: "Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him."

Narrator: But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said,

Jesus: "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

(At the mention of the place called the Skull, all should stand, as able.)

Narrator: Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said,

Jesus: "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."

Narrator: And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying,

Assembly: "**He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!**"

Narrator: The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying,

Soldiers: "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!"

Narrator: There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying,

Criminal 1: "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"

Narrator: But the other rebuked him, saying,

Criminal 2: "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong."

Narrator: Then he said,

Criminal 2: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

Narrator: He replied,

Jesus: "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Narrator: It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said,

Jesus: "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."

Narrator: Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said,

Centurion: "Certainly this man was innocent."

Narrator: And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments.

On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

Note: It is expected that the congregation will take the role of the “Assembly.” The “Assembly” is a conflation of the priests and scribes, the leaders and the people, who often speak with one voice.

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The Altar Party Leaves in silence and The Congregation leaves in silence.

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We hope you will join us in Ascension Hall for some refreshments and conversation. Ascension Hall is located on this level through the chapel and at the end of the hallway.

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

Our Spiritual Leaders:

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

Those for whom prayers have been requested:

Mickey Black	Lois Leete
Teddi Black	June Madden
Rehtaeh Brady	Richard Mannella
Shirley Champion	Gil Newlands
Robert Dibb	Ray and Family
Kaisu Donovan	Sandy Reagan
Doug Damron	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
Pamela Jackson	Corky Thacker
Boots Johnston	Rob Theibert
Joyce Knapp	Ruth Vacha

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
Deena Karnes
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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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



Carol A. Culp (1943- 2022) and James P. Hendy (1926-2018)

Carol Ann Culp was born on February 10, 1943, in Hartford, Maryland to Doris and Frederick Culp. She grew up in Chillicothe, Ohio, where her family attended St. Paul's Episcopal Church. It was at St. Paul's that Carol was baptized in January 1944 and confirmed in 1954. After high school, she attended Miami University where she earned a degree in German. She later studied at Case Western Reserve, where she earned a master's degree in library science. She worked for many years at Lakewood Public Library. It was at Church of the Ascension that Carol met James Hendy.

Although the Hendy family was from Barbados, West Indies, James was born June 5, 1926, in Brooklyn, New York. His parents were Irene Nolan and James C. V. Hendy, former president of the United States Hockey League and vice president and general manager of the Barons hockey team. James attended Seton Hall University in New Jersey. He was a Veteran of the US Army Air Corps and former business manager of the Cleveland Barons Hockey Team. He was the father of three children: Cassie, James and Trish from his first marriage to Catherine Gillies “Pat” Hendy.

Carol Culp and James Hendy married at St. Barnabas Church in Bay Village, Ohio on April 12, 1975. The Reverend Arthur R. Lynch officiated. Carol wore her grandmother’s wedding dress from 1911.

At Church of the Ascension, Carol and James were known by all. James taught Sunday School for many years. For many years he helped with church affiliated basketball teams, helping many at-risk female athletes go on to college. At Ascension, James served for years on vestry and sang in the choir. He and Carol often made the Palm Sunday crosses. Carol was a member of ECW, sang in the choir, was a member of vestry and for many years clerk of vestry. She used her abilities to produce blankets for shawl ministry and to help create the needlepoint kneelers used by members of the church during communion. Carol was trained by Peg Meister to be part of the Altar Guild. The precise traditions of generations were taught to Carol, who enjoyed learning and later teaching these traditions to others. She was known for being a hard worker, who was quick to correct what she might perceive to be a mistake (even if that meant correcting clergy). With many church traditions, she was perhaps serious but also felt comfortable donning a tutu at one of Ascension’s famous follies of yesteryear. During the easy years and difficult times at Ascension, James and Carol remained loyal and dedicated members, who were always welcoming and loving to others. They generously gave of their time, talents and money.

James P. Hendy passed away December 13, 2018. Carol Culp passed away September 25, 2022. Both of their funeral services were at Church of the Ascension, officiated by Father Vincent Black. Their ashes were placed in the columbarium in the chapel at Ascension.

Lenten Calendar

Wednesdays, March 12-April 16:

6pm Stations of the Cross

Holy Week Services

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 th ,	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 **today**, April 13th, 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.

Keep Watch and Pray

We will have a prayer vigil in the Chapel at the Altar of Repose, after the Maundy Thursday service, until midnight.

If you are able to take part, please sign up in the office, to indicate which time slot you will take.

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.

Eucharistic Visit

If you are unable to attend church and would like to request Holy Communion to be brought to you please call or email our Church Secretary 216-521-8727 secretary@ascension-lakewood.org

Chosen, Thursdays 6-8pm

Season 4: April and May

Apr 24th: 7

May 1st: 8

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.

The Good Friday Offering

Lent 2025

Dear People of God in The Episcopal Church:

For 103 years, the Good Friday Offering has supported the ministry of The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East. This Lent, the need is almost unfathomable, and I ask you to join me in making a generous gift at iam.ec/goodfridayoffering.

We do not know what the political future of the Holy Land will be; but whatever that future, our siblings in Christ in The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East will continue to serve God's people through their congregations, hospitals, schools, orphanages, and humanitarian aid programs. These vital ministries serve people of all faiths without distinction, bearing witness to the power of hope and healing across divides.

Your gift to the Good Friday Offering will support ministry at al-Ahli Hospital in Gaza, which has continued to provide essential health care services despite the violence of war; St. George's in Baghdad, Iraq, and its medical center; an eye clinic at Christ Church in Yemen; and the powerful Christian presence of All Saints' Episcopal Church in Damascus, Syria, and All Saints' Episcopal Church in Beirut, Lebanon.

It is easy to feel powerless in the face of the human suffering we have witnessed in the Holy Land, but with a gift to the Good Friday Offering at iam.ec/goodfridayoffering, we can help The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East turn despair into hope for thousands of God's people across their region.

Thank you for your generous support this Lent.

Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe The Episcopal Church

Information is available at iam.ec/goodfridayoffering.

Anniversary Speakers at Ascension

- April 30th, Speaker John Kundtz.
 Wed, 6pm Topic “Kundtz family in Lakewood”
- May 25th, Speaker Eva Wischhusen .
 Sun, 1pm Topic “Henry Wood Elliott- Lakewoodite and
 America’s first international Conservationist”
- July 25th, Speakers Jennifer Cauffield and Jeff Hutchinson-
 Fri, 5:30pm Topic “Rise and Fall” , Hutchinson Family of
 Lakewood and their role in the Great Lakes.

Ascension Flea Market Bike Rodeo & Repair Craft Show

Sat., May 17th, 11 am (table set-up 10:30 am) to 4 pm.

Join *Church of the Ascension* on our beautiful grounds, May 17th from 11 am to 4 pm for a spring fun-filled day featuring a Flea Market and Craft Show, Bicycle Safety and Repair, Playground and Art Activities, and an inexpensive Grilled Lunch. Bring your children (grades 1 – 6) and their bikes to participate in a safety riding course, sponsored by Bike Lakewood. A free bicycle repair clinic is available for all. Bike activities run from 1-3pm. Bring your spring cleaning treasures to sell on our front grounds. Call 216-521-8727 to reserve your Ascension Market Table. A free will offering (\$20 suggested) is appreciated but not required. Come and enjoy the Lakewood Community, and even check out the Heirloom Plant Sale from 2 - 5 pm at the Lakewood Garden Center next door. A Saturday of spring fun at Church of the Ascension.



The Ministers of the Liturgy

Presider: Rev. Vincent Black
Music Director and Organist: Jon Peterson
Choir Director: Margie Hildebrandt
Acolytes: Derek Lewallen, Jan Bednarski, Charlotte Sent
Readers: John Carlson and Ann Beyer
Spiritual Eucharist Reader: John Carlson
Chalice Bearers: Derek Lewallen, Jan Bednarski
Ushers: Bob Hankey and Jeff Sommer
Videographer: Dave Campion
Graphics & Post-production: Bill Rice



Readers for the Passion:

Narrator: Joe Crichton
Jesus: Keira Dodd
Peter: Derek Lewallen
Disciples: Joe Sgambellone
Servant: Jan Bednarski
Accuser 1: Lucy Heller
Accuser 2: Alex DeJesus
Soldiers: Ann Pesta
Assembly: *Entire Congregation*
Pilate: Rev. Vincent Black
Criminal 1: Ray Pratt
Criminal 2: Cherie Paisley
Centurion: Corky Thacker

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Quilt

One of our projects to commemorate the 150th year celebration of Church of the Ascension is the making of a quilt. The squares in the quilt represent a few of the things Ascension has been known for over the years. The squares were hand embroidered by various individuals to show our love and dedication to our church. We treasure all those who contributed.

The quilt is displayed at the front of the nave and will be presented and blessed at today's service. It will be permanently displayed in a case across from the parish office and next to the archive library. The dream of the quilt, the coordinating of participants, the quilting of the squares, and the display case are all thanks to the love and dedication of Charlotte (Honey) Partlow to whom we are so very grateful.

Individual Squares:

Loaves & fishes by Becca Bretz
Easter lily by Barbara Barker Bock
Cross by Ann Pesta
Alpha Omega by Susann Foster
Chalice by Terrie Shade
Wedding Rings by Charlotte Sent
Noah's Ark by Dolly Doyle
Water lily by Barbara Barker Bock
Original Church by Natalie Barker Bovey
Present Church & dates by Linda Rerko
Bible by Charlotte Partlow
Dove by Jan Bednarski & Bill Rice
Organ pipes by Gregory Sent
Praying Hands by Rita Rozell
Poinsettia by Charlotte Partlow
Flowers in vase by Nancy Spotts
Grape vines by Mary Staley (Bitsy)
Lamb by Janis Carlson

Quilting & binding by Teresa Andreani

Office Hours

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

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>.

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.

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