



*Church of the Ascension*

April 17, 2025

Maundy Thursday

7:30pm

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**Maundy Thursday**

**Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 7:30pm**

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

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

**Voluntary:** Meditation on *Petra* Wilbur Held

**Opening Hymn:** Go to Dark Gethsemane **H171**  
**Tune:** *Petra*

*1. Go to dark Gethsemane,  
ye that feel the tempter's power;  
your Redeemer's conflict see,  
watch with him one bitter hour;  
turn not from his griefs away,  
learn of Jesus Christ to pray.*

*2. Follow to the judgment hall;  
view the Lord of life arraigned;  
O the wormwood and gall!  
O the pangs his souls sustained!  
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss;  
learn of him to bear the cross.*

*3. Calvary's mournful mountain climb;  
there, adoring at his feet,  
mark the miracle of time,  
God's own sacrifice complete;  
"It is finished!" hear him cry;  
learn of Jesus Christ to die.*

## **Welcome**

**Opening Acclamation** (*The people standing*)

*BCP 355*

*Presider*      Blessed be the Lord who forgives all our sins..

*People*        *His mercy endures for ever.*

**Song of Praise**      **Holy God (Trisagion)**

**S102**

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

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## **The Collect for Maundy Thursday**

*Presider*      The Lord be with you.

*People*        *And also with you.*

*Presider*      Let us pray.

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**A Reading from Exodus**

**12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14**

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, “This month will be the first month; it will be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole Israelite community: On the tenth day of this month they must take a lamb for each household, a lamb per house. If a household is too small for a lamb, it should share one with a neighbor nearby. You should divide the lamb in proportion to the number of people who will be eating it.

This is how you should eat it. You should be dressed, with your sandals on your feet and your walking stick in your hand. You should eat the meal in a hurry. It is the Passover of the LORD. I’ll pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I’ll strike down every oldest child in the land of Egypt, both humans and animals. I’ll impose judgments on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD. The blood will be your sign on the houses where you live. Whenever I see the blood, I’ll pass over you. No plague will destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

“This day will be a day of remembering for you. You will observe it as a festival to the LORD. You will observe it in every generation as a regulation for all time.

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

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

**Psalm 116:1, 10-17 (spoken)**

I love the LORD because he hears  
my requests for mercy.

<sup>10</sup> ***I have remained faithful, even when I said,  
“I am suffering so badly!”***

<sup>11</sup> even when I said, out of fear,  
“Everyone is a liar!”

<sup>12</sup> ***What can I give back to the LORD  
for all the good things he has done for me?***

<sup>13</sup> I'll lift up the cup of salvation.

I'll call on the LORD's name.

<sup>14</sup> ***I'll keep the promises I made to the LORD  
in the presence of all God's people.***

<sup>15</sup> The death of the LORD's faithful  
is a costly loss in his eyes.

<sup>16</sup> ***Oh yes, LORD, I am definitely your servant!  
I am your servant and the son of your female servant—  
you've freed me from my chains.***

<sup>17</sup> So I'll offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving to you,  
and I'll call on the LORD's name.

## **A Reading from First Corinthians**

**11:23-26**

I received a tradition from the Lord, which I also handed on to you: on the night on which he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took bread. After giving thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this to remember me." He did the same thing with the cup, after they had eaten, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Every time you drink it, do this to remember me." Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you broadcast the death of the Lord until he comes.

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

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

*The people stand*

**Sequence Hymn Rock of Ages**

**H685 vs. 1, 2  
Tune: Toplady**

***I Rock of ages, cleft for me,  
let me hide myself in thee;  
let the water and the blood  
from thy wounded side which flowed,  
be of sin the double cure,  
cleanse me from its guilt and power.***

*2 Should my tears for ever flow,  
should my zeal no languor know,  
all for sin could not atone;  
thou must save, and thou alone;  
in my hand no price I bring,  
simply to thy cross I cling.*

*Presider*      The Holy Gospel of Savior Jesus Christ  
                    according to **John**

**13:1-17, 31b-35**

*People say:*   ***Glory to you, Lord Christ***

**B**efore the Festival of Passover, Jesus knew that his time had come to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them fully.

Jesus and his disciples were sharing the evening meal. The devil had already provoked Judas, Simon Iscariot's son, to betray Jesus. Jesus knew the Father had given everything into his hands and that he had come from God and was returning to God. So he got up from the table and took off his robes. Picking up a linen towel, he tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a washbasin and began to wash the disciples' feet, drying them with the towel he was wearing. When Jesus came to Simon Peter, Peter said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

Jesus replied, "You don't understand what I'm doing now, but you will understand later."

"No!" Peter said. "You will never wash my feet!"

Jesus replied, "Unless I wash you, you won't have a place with me."

Simon Peter said, "Lord, not only my feet but also my hands and my head!"

Jesus responded, "Those who have bathed need only to have their feet washed, because they are completely clean. You disciples are clean, but not every one of you." He knew who would betray him. That's why he said, "Not every one of you is clean."

After he washed the disciples' feet, he put on his robes and returned to his place at the table. He said to them, "Do you know what I've done for you? You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and you speak correctly, because I am. If I, your Lord and teacher, have washed your feet, you too must wash each other's feet. I have given you an example: Just as I have done, you also must do. I assure you, servants aren't greater than their master, nor are those who are sent greater than the one who sent them. Since you know these things, you will be happy if you do them.

"Now the Human One has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify the Human One in himself and will glorify him immediately. Little children, I'm with you for a little while longer. You will look for me—but, just as I told the Jewish leaders, I also tell you now—'Where I'm going, you can't come.'

"I give you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, so you also must love each other. This is how everyone will know that you are my disciples, when you love each other."

*Presider*      The Gospel of our Savior.

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

**Hymn**

**Rock of Ages**

**H685 vs. 3**

**Tune: *Toplady***

*3 While I draw this fleeting breath,  
when mine eyelids close in death,  
when I rise to worlds unknown  
and behold thee on thy throne,  
Rock of ages, cleft for me,  
let me hide myself in thee.*

*The people sit*

**The Sermon**

*Rev. Vincent Black*



**Anthem** (*said*)

The Lord Jesus, after he had supped with his disciples and had washed their feet, said to them, “Do you know what I, your Lord and Master, have done to you? I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done.”

*Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you;  
peace which the world cannot give, I give to you.*

I give you a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you.

*Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you;  
peace which the world cannot give, I give to you.*

By this shall the world know that you are my disciples: That you have love for one another.

**Organ Meditation on Redhead**

**Michael V. Hill**

**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;

*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.*

## **The Announcements**

## **The Holy Communion**

### **The Offertory Sentence**

**The Offertory Music: Out if the Depths I Call**

**H666**

**Tune: St. Bride**

*1 Out of the depths I call,  
to God I send my cry;  
Lord, hear my supplicating voice  
and graciously reply.*

*2 My soul with patience waits  
for thee, the living Lord,  
my hopes are on thy promise built,  
thy never-failing word.*

*3 My longing eyes look out  
for thy enlivening ray,  
more duly than the morning watch  
to spy the dawning day.*

*4 Let Israel trust in God;  
no bounds his mercy knows;  
the plenteous source and spring from whence  
redemption ever flows.*

*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*

### **The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A**

*BCP 361*

*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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his

suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

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**

*BCP 364*

*Presider says*

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

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

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

## Prayer for Spiritual Communion

*from the Prayer Book for the Armed Services*

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

**Communion Music:** Sing, my tongue

arr. Charles Wood

Tune: *Pange lingua*

Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle;  
of the mighty conflict sing;  
tell the triumph of the victim,  
to his cross thy tribute bring.  
Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer  
from that cross now reigns as King.

Thirty years among us dwelling,  
his appointed time fulfilled,  
born for this, he meets his passion,  
this the Savior freely willed:  
on the cross the Lamb is lifted,  
where his precious blood is spilled.

Bend thy boughs, O tree of glory!  
Thy relaxing sinews bend;  
for awhile the ancient rigor  
that thy birth bestowed, suspend;  
and the King of heavenly beauty  
gently on thine arms extend.



Praise and honor to the Father,  
praise and honor to the Son,  
praise and honor to the Spirit,  
ever Three and ever One:  
one in might and one in glory  
while eternal ages run.

*After Communion, the Presider says*

Let us pray.

**Postcommunion Prayer** *(said by all, standing)*

*BCP 366*

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

## **The Stripping of the Altar for Good Friday**

**Psalm 22** *(said by all)*

*BCP 610*

***My God, my God, why have you  
deserted me?  
Why are you so far away?  
Won't you listen to my groans  
and come to my rescue?  
I cry out day and night,  
but you don't answer,  
and I can never rest.  
Yet you are the holy God,  
ruling from your throne  
and praised by Israel.  
Our ancestors trusted you,  
and you rescued them.***

*When they cried out for help,  
you saved them,  
and you did not let them down  
when they depended on you.*

*But I am merely a worm,  
far less than human,  
and I am hated and rejected  
by people everywhere.*

*Everyone who sees me  
makes fun and sneers.*

*They shake their heads,  
and say,*

*“Trust the LORD!*

*If you are his favorite,  
let him protect you  
and keep you safe.”*

*You, LORD, brought me  
safely through birth,  
and you protected me  
when I was a baby  
at my mother’s breast.*

*From the day I was born,  
I have been in your care,  
and from the time of my birth,  
you have been my God.*

*Don’t stay far off  
when I am in trouble  
with no one to help me.*

*Enemies are all around  
like a herd of wild bulls.  
Powerful bulls from Bashan  
are everywhere.*

*My enemies are like lions  
roaring and attacking  
with jaws open wide.*

*I have no more strength  
than a few drops of water.*

*All my bones are out of joint;  
my heart is like melted wax.*

*My strength has dried up  
like a broken clay pot,  
and my tongue sticks  
to the roof of my mouth.*

*You, God, have left me  
to die in the dirt.*

*Brutal enemies attack me  
like a pack of dogs,  
tearing at my hands  
and my feet.*

*I can count all my bones,  
and my enemies just stare  
and sneer at me.*

*They took my clothes  
and gambled for them.*

*Don't stay far away, LORD!  
My strength comes from you,  
so hurry and help.*

*Rescue me from enemy swords  
and save me from those dogs.  
Don't let lions eat me.*

*You rescued me from the horns  
of wild bulls,  
and when your people meet,  
I will praise you, LORD.*

*All who worship the LORD,  
now praise him!*

*You belong to Jacob's family  
and to the people of Israel,  
so fear and honor the LORD!*

*The LORD doesn't hate*

*or despise the helpless  
in all of their troubles.  
When I cried out, he listened  
and did not turn away.*

*When your people meet,  
you will fill my heart  
with your praises, LORD,  
and everyone will see me  
keep my promises to you.  
The poor will eat and be full,  
and all who worship you  
will be thankful  
and live in hope.*

*Everyone on this earth  
will remember you, LORD.  
People all over the world  
will turn and worship you,  
because you are in control,  
the ruler of all nations.*

*All who are rich  
and have more than enough  
will bow down to you, Lord.  
Even those who are dying  
and almost in the grave  
will come and bow down.*

*In the future, everyone  
will worship  
and learn  
about you, our Lord.*

*People not yet born  
will be told,  
“The Lord has saved us!”*

*Stay with me, remain here with me,  
watch and pray, watch and pray.*

*The congregation is asked to leave the church in silence.*



All are welcome to stay in church or chapel  
for as long as you like, for some quiet time with Jesus.



## **The Ministers of the Liturgy**

Presider: Rev. Vincent Black

Music Director and Organist: Jon Peterson

Choir Director: Margie Hildebrandt

Acolytes: Derek Lewallen, Terrie Schade

Readers: Jan Bednarski and Alex DeJesus

Spiritual Eucharist Reader: Jan Bednarski

Chalice Bearers: Derek Lewallen, Terrie Schade

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## *A General Thanksgiving*

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. *Amen.*

**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 Saylor
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.

For those wanting to add or remove people from the prayer list, please call the office.

## **Pledges and offerings to the Church.**

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

*or*



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

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

## The 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](http://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](http://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

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## Holy Week Services

Good Friday April 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm

Great Vigil of Easter April 19<sup>th</sup>, 8:00pm

Trinity Cathedral

Easter Sunday, one service April 20<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am

Followed by Easter Egg Hunt

## Keep Watch and Pray

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

Please feel free to stay and pray for awhile.

## 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](mailto:secretary@ascension-lakewood.org)

## **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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