



*Church of the Ascension*

*April 27, 2025*

*Second Sunday of Easter*

*10:30am*

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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.*

### **The Liturgy of the Word**

**Voluntary:** Trumpet Tune

Gordon Young

**Opening Hymn:** The Day of Resurrection

**H210**

**Tune:** *Ellacombe*

*1. The day of resurrection!  
Earth, tell it out abroad;  
the Passover of gladness,  
the Passover of God.  
From death to life eternal,  
from earth unto the sky,  
our Christ hath brought us over,  
with hymns of victory.*

*2. Our hearts be pure from evil,  
that we may see aright  
the Lord in rays eternal  
of resurrection light;  
and, listening to his accents,  
may hear so calm and plain*

*his own "All hail!" and, hearing,  
may raise the victor strain.*

*3. Now let the heavens be joyful,  
let earth her song begin,  
the round world keep high triumph,  
and all that is therein;  
let all things seen and unseen  
their notes in gladness blend,  
for Christ the Lord hath risen,  
our joy that hath no end.*

## Welcome

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

*BCP 299*

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* ***The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.***

*Presider* There is one Body and one Spirit;

*People* ***There is one hope in God's call to us***

*Presider* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism

*People* ***One God and Father of all.***

## The Collect for the Second Sunday of Easter

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; 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 Acts**

**5:27-32**

The apostles were brought before the council where the high priest confronted them: “In no uncertain terms, we demanded that you not teach in this name. And look at you! You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching. And you are determined to hold us responsible for this man’s death.”

Peter and the apostles replied, “We must obey God rather than humans! The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead—whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. God has exalted Jesus to his right side as leader and savior so that he could enable Israel to change its heart and life and to find forgiveness for sins. We are witnesses of such things, as is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”

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

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

**The Psalm: 150** (*metric text*)

**Tune: McKee (H529)**

**(In Christ there is No East or West)**

1. *Within God’s temple, give God praise;  
In heaven above, give praise;  
For all God’s greatness, give God praise;  
For mighty acts, give praise.*
2. *Upon the ram’s horn, give God praise;  
With lyre and harp, give praise;  
With dance and timbrel, give God praise;  
With strings and pipe, give praise.*
3. *With clashing cymbals, give God praise;  
With cymbals loud, give praise;  
Let all that breathes now give God praise;  
With hallelujah, praise!*

**A Reading from Revelation**

**1:4-8**

John, to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace and peace to you from the one who is and was and is coming, and from the seven spirits that are before God's throne, and from Jesus Christ—the faithful witness, the firstborn from among the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To the one who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, who made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father—to him be glory and power forever and always. Amen.

Look, he is coming with the clouds! Every eye will see him, including those who pierced him, and all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of him. This is so. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "the one who is and was and is coming, the Almighty."

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

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

*The people stand*

**Sequence Hymn Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing! H205 vs 1&3**

**Tune: *Gelobet sei Gott***

***1. Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!***

***Now is the triumph of our King!***

***To all the world glad news we bring:***

***Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

***3. Praise we in songs of victory***

***that love, that life which cannot die,***

***and sing with hearts uplifted high:***

***Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

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

**20:19-31**

*People sing:* ***Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia***

**Alleluias from H208**

It was still the first day of the week. That evening, while the disciples were behind closed doors because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities, Jesus came and stood among them. He

said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. When the disciples saw the Lord, they were filled with joy. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I am sending you." Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven; if you don't forgive them, they aren't forgiven."

Thomas, the one called Didymus, one of the Twelve, wasn't with the disciples when Jesus came. The other disciples told him, "We've seen the Lord!"

But he replied, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands, put my finger in the wounds left by the nails, and put my hand into his side, I won't believe."

After eight days his disciples were again in a house and Thomas was with them. Even though the doors were locked, Jesus entered and stood among them. He said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here. Look at my hands. Put your hand into my side. No more disbelief. Believe!"

Thomas responded to Jesus, "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus replied, "Do you believe because you see me? Happy are those who don't see and yet believe."

Then Jesus did many other miraculous signs in his disciples' presence, signs that aren't recorded in this scroll. But these things are written so that you will believe that Jesus is the Christ, God's Son, and that believing, you will have life in his name.

*Presider*      The Gospel of the Lord.

*People sing:* *Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia*

**Alleluias from H208**

**Hymn**                      **Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!    H205 vs 4&5**

**Tune: *Gelobet sei Gott***

*4. Your name we bless, O risen Lord,  
and sing today with one accord  
the life laid down, the life restored:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*5. To God the Father, God the Son,  
to God the Spirit, always One,  
we sing for life in us begun:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*The people sit*

**The Sermon**

*Rev. Vincent Black*

*The people stand*

**Gathering at the Baptismal Font: Borning Cry**

**John Ylvisaker**

*"I was there to hear your borning cry,  
I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,  
to see your life unfold.  
I was there when you were but a child,  
with a faith to suit you well;  
In a blaze of light you wandered off  
to find where demons dwell."*

*"When you heard the wonder of the Word  
I was there to cheer you on;  
You were raised to praise the living Lord,  
to whom you now belong.  
If you find someone to share your time  
and you join your hearts as one,  
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme  
from dusk 'till rising sun."*

*In the middle ages of your life,  
not too old, no longer young,  
I'll be there to guide you through the night,  
complete what I've begun.  
When the evening gently closes in,  
and you shut your weary eyes,  
I'll be there as I have always been  
with just one more surprise."*



***"I was there to hear your borning cry,  
I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,  
to see your life unfold."***

## **Presentation and Examination of the Candidate for Baptism**

*BCP 301*

*Presider* The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*The candidates unable to answer for themselves are presented by their Parents and Godparents:*

I present *Luca* to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*When all have been presented the Presider asks the parents and godparents*

*Presider* Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents and Godparents*

***I will, with God's help.***

*Presider* Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Parents and Godparents*

***I will, with God's help.***

*The Presider asks the following questions of the candidates who can speak for themselves, and of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children*

*Question* Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Answer* ***I renounce them.***

*Question* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Answer* ***I renounce them.***

*Question* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

*Answer* ***I renounce them.***

*Question* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

*Answer* ***I do.***

*Question* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

*Answer* ***I do.***

*Question* Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

*Answer* ***I do.***

*The Presider addresses the congregation, saying*

*Presider* Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support *this person* in *his* life in Christ?

*People* ***We will.***

*Presider* Let us join with *this person* who is committing *himself* to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## **The Baptismal Covenant**

*Presider* Do you believe in God the Father?

*People* ***I believe in God, the Father almighty creator of heaven and earth.***

*Presider* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People* ***I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.***

***He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.***

***He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.***

***He descended to the dead.***

***On the third day he rose again.***

***He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.***

***He will come again to judge the living and the dead.***

*Presider* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* ***I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.***

*Presider* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People:* ***I will, with God's help.***

*Presider* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People:* ***I will, with God's help.***

*Presider* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People:* ***I will, with God's help.***

*Presider* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People:* ***I will, with God's help.***

*Presider* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People:* ***I will, with God's help.***

## **Prayers for the Candidate**

*The Presider then says to the congregation*

Let us now pray for *this person* who *is* to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

*Leader:* Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

*People:* ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

*Leader:* Open his hearts to your grace and truth.

*People:* ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

*Leader:* Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Send him into the world in witness to your love.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*The Presider says*

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **Thanksgiving over the Water**

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*Presider*

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it

we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*At the following words, the Presider touches the water*

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **The Baptism**

*Each candidate is presented by name to the Presider, who then pours water upon the candidate, saying*

*Luca, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.***

*When this action has been completed for all candidates, the Priest, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over them, saying*

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon *this* your *servant* the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

*Then the Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross using Chrism and saying to each one,*

*Luca, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.***

*Presider:* Show by your words and actions the light of Christ Jesus to *Luca*.

*Godparent(s):* I will with God's help

Godparent(s): *Luca*, receive the light of Christ

**Congregation: *Thanks be to God***

Presider Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Presider and People

***We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.***

## **The Peace**

All stand

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

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

## **For those celebrating birthdays**

Rosemary Ballard

Charlotte K. Partlow

***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 Holy Communion**

#### **The Offertory Sentence**

**Offertory Anthem:** I Believe

Natalie Sleeth

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered, under Pontius Pilate;  
He was crucified, he was dead and was buried,

he descended into hell!  
But the third day he rose again, arose from the dead!  
He ascended into heaven,  
and he sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty!  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead,  
to judge the living and the dead!

*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: Doxology with Alleluias Tune: *Lasst uns Erfreuen***

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below,  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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**

**R. Bethancourt**

*Presider and People*

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r, of pow'r and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r, of pow'r 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.***

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***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r, of pow'r and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

*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**

**S155**

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

## **The Invitation to Communion**

*BCP 364*

*Presider says*

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

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

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

## **Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

*from the Prayer Book for the Armed Services*

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

*I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in deepest sin  
My hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?*

*Refrain:*

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me,  
I will hold your people in my heart.*

*I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my peoples pain.  
I have wept for love of them,  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send?*

*Refrain*

*I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them,  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
Till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?*

*Refrain*

**Postcommunion Hymn: God be in My Head**

**H694**

**Tune: Lytlington**

*God be in my head, and in my understanding;  
God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;  
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;  
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;  
God be at mine end, and at my departing.*

*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 your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

**Blessing**

**Closing Hymn That Easter Day with Joy was Bright**

**H193**

**Tune: Puer nobis**

*1 That Easter day with joy was bright,  
the sun shone out with fairer light,  
when, to their longing eyes restored,  
th'apostles saw their risen Lord.*

*2 His risen flesh with radiance glowed;  
his wounded hands and feet he showed;*

*those scars their solemn witness gave  
that Christ was risen from the grave.*

*3 O Jesus, King of gentleness,  
do thou thyself our hearts possess  
that we may give thee all our days  
the willing tribute of our praise.*

*4 O Lord of all, with us abide  
in this, our joyful Easter-tide;  
from every weapon death can wield  
thine own redeemed forever shield.*

*5 All praise, O risen Lord, we give  
to thee, who, dead, again dost live;  
to God the Father equal praise,  
and God the Holy Ghost, we raise.*

### **The Dismissal**

*Presider*      Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

*People*        *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.*

**Voluntary:** Trumpet Voluntary

Gordon Young

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### **Reception in honor of Baptism**

**We celebrate the newly baptized, Luca Ciariello, with a reception in Ascension Hall immediately following the service. 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	Kris Purdy
Kaisu Donovan	Ray and Family
Doug Damron	Sandy Reagan
Barbara Faux	Kaliegh Roe
Spencer Faux	Patricia Sayler
Stephanie Foster	Wendy Semple
Ella Jane Fowerbaugh	Miriam Schantz
Linda Gratz	Roselle Sgambellone
Spencer Griffith	Corky Thacker
Pamela Jackson	Rob Theibert
Boots Johnston	Ruth Vacha
Joyce Knapp	

**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

Cheryl Jankowski

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.

*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.

**Remembering Past Parishioners**  
**Celebrating 150 years of ministry**  
**1875 - 2025**



Minnie Elizabeth West (1874 - 1949)

Minnie E. West was born on Feb. 7, 1874, to Thomas and Nellie Barrows West. At the age of 8, her mother passed away on December 17, 1882. In 1884, Minnie's father married Josephine Augusta Fouts, a widow at Trinity Church (before it became Trinity Cathedral). As a child, Minnie was baptized and confirmed at St. John's Episcopal Church in Ohio City. As a young woman, Minnie worked as a clerk and typist.

At Ascension, Minnie West is listed as a communicant officially on November 14, 1897. Her father was on vestry and her stepmother was in the Ladies Guild. As a typical woman of her generation, Minnie was taught to play the piano, which most families believed all ladies needed



to learn to be part of polite society. She wanted to learn to play the organ at church and is mentioned in the vestry minutes. In 1916, Miss West asked if she could use the organ at church for practice. She was told she could when the Music Committee allowed it and she was expected to pay for the electricity used to operate the motor of the bellows. Minnie West taught Sunday School, was on the Altar Guild and helped with fundraising as a member of a variety of Guilds. One amazing contribution Minnie E. West made to the history of Church of the Ascension was the transcribing of several recipes of the women from church. In our archives we have the typed recipes from women dating back to the 1880s, which were collected by Minnie West and her stepmother and later typed. Minnie E. West donated three windows in the clerestory: *Visit to Temple, Baptism, and First Miracle*.

Minnie Elizabeth West passed away September 7, 1949. Her funeral services were officiated by Dr. Stuart G. Cole at Church of the Ascension on September 9, 1949. She was buried at Riverside Cemetery in Cleveland, Ohio near her parents.



Submitted by Gregory Sent, Archivist

## **Chosen, Thursdays 6-8pm**

Season 4:      May 1<sup>st</sup>:      Episode 8

### **Anniversary Speakers at Ascension**

- April 30<sup>th</sup>,      Speaker: John Kundtz.  
Wed, 6pm      Topic “Kundtz family in Lakewood”
- May 25<sup>th</sup>,      Speaker: Eva Wischhusen .  
Sun, 1pm      Topic “Henry Wood Elliott- Lakewoodite and  
America’s first international Conservationist”
- June 22<sup>nd</sup>,      Speaker: Dave Buehler-  
Sun, Noon      Topic “Templar Cars from Lakewood.
- July 23<sup>rd</sup>,      Speaker: Mia Hutchinson Soosal  
Wed, 5:30pm      Topic “The Franch and Andrews Family  
in Lakewood History.
- July 25<sup>th</sup>,      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 Ascension Flea Market and Craft Show**

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

Join *Church of the Ascension* on our beautiful grounds, May 17<sup>th</sup> from 11 am to 4 pm for a spring fun-filled day featuring a Flea Market and Craft Show and an inexpensive Grilled Lunch. 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.

## **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.

## **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.

## **Summer Camp at Bellwether Farm**

Looking for a screen-free, adventure-filled summer experience where your child can explore, learn, and build lifelong friendships? Bellwether Farm offers a small, close-knit environment with an average of 40 campers per week, ensuring a warm and supportive community. Campers unplug from technology and dive into hands-on activities like archery, canoeing, farm experiences, field games, and nature crafts. They'll gain valuable life skills through cooking farm-fresh meals, caring for animals, and working together as a team. In cozy cabins with eight peers and two counselors, kids build strong friendships while enjoying camp-wide games, assemblies, and unforgettable evening events like the legendary talent show. Bellwether Farm Summer Camp is a place where every child is celebrated, encouraged, and given the space to grow in confidence, independence, and a love for the outdoors. Located in Wakeman, OH, less than an hour from downtown Cleveland, your child can get away without being far away. Check out the [FAQ](#) to see a sample schedule and learn more about the best weeks of summer! We also have two open houses: May 4 and June 1, both from 1:00-4:00 p.m. Registration and details at: <https://www.bellwetherfarm.com/camps/summer-camps>

## **Office Hours**

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

## **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.

## **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.

## **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)

## **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>.

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## **The Ministers of the Liturgy**

Presider: Rev. Vincent Black  
Music Director and Organist: Jon Peterson  
Choir Director: Margie Hildebrandt  
Acolytes: Derek Lewallen, Jan Bednarski, Seth Clemens  
Sunday School: Stephanie Gillies  
Readers: Aaron Beatty, Ray Pratt  
Spiritual Eucharist Reader: Aaron Beatty  
Chalice Bearers: Derek Lewallen, Jan Bednarski  
Ushers: Keira Dodd, Adam Clemens  
Videographer: Dave Campion  
Graphics & Post-production: Bill Rice

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The flowers on the chapel altar are given to the glory of God  
in memory of Minnie West.

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Zachary Klemola

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Jennifer

Nancy Reid Doolittle

Princess Merry

Paul T. Sayler.

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William Lucas

Mary Jo & Jack Flowers

Anne & Dean Lucko

Joe Ivanowski

Joe & Catherine O'Donnell

Bonnie O'Donnell

Ellen O'Donnell

Bill Wofford

Marilyn Little

Martha Hartman

Dennis & Eleanor Black

Mary Marcella

Tina Marcella

Ken Black

William & Rosario Barnhard

Joan & Andy Rerko

Adam Kalina

David, Richard & Esther  
Paisley

Geraldine, Orville & Janet  
Pelkey

Don & Gale Allore

Tony Skettle

John Dunn

Barbara Kutza

Miriam Dunn

Ellen & JHM Jones

Shirley I. Ewing

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Don & Larry Dusenbury

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Sarah Walter

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Asha Isaacs Call

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William Sr. & Anne Cowell

William Jr. & Trudy Cowell

Thomas Cowell

Edward Cowell

Theodore & Florence Petrilli

Raymond & Helen Black

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