

Church of the Ascension

May 4, 2025

Third Sunday of Easter

10:30am

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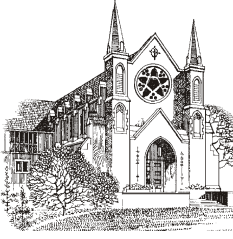
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Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10:30am

Rite II, Expansive language

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

When the Voluntary begins, please maintain prayerful silence.

Voluntary: Andante

William Walond

Opening Hymn: Now the Green Blade Riseth

H204

Tune: *Noel nouvelet*

*1 Now the green blade riseth, from the buried grain,
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.*

*2 In the grave they laid Him, Love whom hate had slain,
thinking that never he would wake again,
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.*

*3 Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain;*

*quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.*

*4 When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
thy touch can call us back to life again,
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.*

Welcome

Opening Acclamation (*The people standing*)

BCP 299

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People ***Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.***

Song of Praise: Christ our Passover (*metrical paraphrase*)

W880

*God's Paschal Lamb is sacrificed for us;
Therefore with joy we keep the Easter feast;
Forsaking sin, we share the bread of truth.
Alleluia, Alleluia!*

*Now Christ is raised and will not die again;
Death has no more dominion over him;
Through him we die to sin and live to God.
Alleluia, Alleluia!*

*In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:
Though Adam's sin had doomed all flesh to die,
In Christ's new life shall all be made alive.
Alleluia, Alleluia!*

The Collect for the Third Sunday of Easter

Presider The Lord be with you.

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

Presider Let us pray.

○ God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in

the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

People sit for the reading of the lessons

A Reading from Acts

9:1-6, (7-20)

Saul was still spewing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest, seeking letters to the synagogues in Damascus. If he found persons who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, these letters would authorize him to take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. During the journey, as he approached Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven encircled him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice asking him, "Saul, Saul, why are you harassing me?"

Saul asked, "Who are you, Lord?"

"I am Jesus, whom you are harassing," came the reply. "Now get up and enter the city. You will be told what you must do."

[Those traveling with him stood there speechless; they heard the voice but saw no one. After they picked Saul up from the ground, he opened his eyes but he couldn't see. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. For three days he was blind and neither ate nor drank anything.

In Damascus there was a certain disciple named Ananias. The Lord spoke to him in a vision, "Ananias!"

He answered, "Yes, Lord."

The Lord instructed him, "Go to Judas' house on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul. He is praying. In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias enter and put his hands on him to restore his sight."

Ananias countered, "Lord, I have heard many reports about this man. People say he has done horrible things to your holy people in

Jerusalem. He's here with authority from the chief priests to arrest everyone who calls on your name."

The Lord replied, "Go! This man is the agent I have chosen to carry my name before Gentiles, kings, and Israelites. I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name."

Ananias went to the house. He placed his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord sent me—Jesus, who appeared to you on the way as you were coming here. He sent me so that you could see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit." Instantly, flakes fell from Saul's eyes and he could see again. He got up and was baptized. After eating, he regained his strength.

He stayed with the disciples in Damascus for several days. Right away, he began to preach about Jesus in the synagogues. "He is God's Son," he declared.]

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

Reader We will stand and sing the psalm.

The Psalm: 30 (*metric text*)

Tune: Festal Song (H551)
(Rise Up, Ye Saint of God)

***1 I will exalt you, Lord,
For you have lifted me
And have not let my foes rejoice
Or gain the victory.***

***2 Lord God, I cried to you,
And you have made me whole;
You brought me up, O Lord, from death,
And you restored my soul.***

- 3 *You servants of the Lord,
Come now, let us rejoice,
Remembering God's holiness,
Give thanks with every voice.*
- 4 *God's wrath is quickly past,
Love's day is never done;
Though weeping may spend all the night,
Joy rises with the sun.*
- 5 *When I felt safe I said,
"No one shall trouble me";
You made me stronger than the hills,
Lord, when you favored me.*
- 6 *But then you hid your face,
And I was filled with fear;
I pleaded with the Lord and cried
To you, O Lord, to hear.*
- 7 *What profit will there be
If I go to the grave?
Will dust praise you, Lord, or declare
Your faithfulness to save?*
- 8 *Have mercy on me, Lord;
Hear me, save me from strife;
You let me dance instead of mourn
And clothed with joy my life.*
- 9 *Therefore my heart will sing
Unceasingly to you;
O Lord my God, all thanks and praise
To you is ever due.*

Then I looked, and I heard the sound of many angels surrounding the throne, the living creatures, and the elders. They numbered in the millions—thousands upon thousands. They said in a loud voice,

“Worthy is the slaughtered Lamb
to receive power, wealth, wisdom, and might,
and honor, glory, and blessing.”

And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea—I heard everything everywhere say,

“Blessing, honor, glory, and power
belong to the one seated on the throne
and to the Lamb
forever and always.”

Then the four living creatures said, “Amen,” and the elders fell down and worshipped.

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

The people stand

Sequence Hymn Come, Risen Lord

**H305 vs 1, 2
Tune: *Rosedale***

*1. Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest;
nay, let us be thy guests; the feast is thine;
thyself at thine own board make manifest
in thine own Sacrament of Bread and Wine.*

*2 We meet as in that upper room they met;
thou at the table, blessing, yet dost stand:
'This is my body': so thou givest yet;
faith still receives the cup as from thy hand.*

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

21:1-19

People sing: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Alleluias from H208

Later, Jesus himself appeared again to his disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. This is how it happened: Simon Peter, Thomas (called Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, Zebedee’s sons, and two other disciples were together. Simon Peter told them, “I’m going fishing.”

They said, “We’ll go with you.” They set out in a boat, but throughout the night they caught nothing. Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples didn’t realize it was Jesus.

Jesus called to them, “Children, have you caught anything to eat?”

They answered him, “No.”

He said, “Cast your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.”

So they did, and there were so many fish that they couldn’t haul in the net. Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It’s the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard it was the Lord, he wrapped his coat around himself (for he was naked) and jumped into the water. The other disciples followed in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they weren’t far from shore, only about one hundred yards.

When they landed, they saw a fire there, with fish on it, and some bread. Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you’ve just caught.” Simon Peter got up and pulled the net to shore. It was full of large fish, one hundred fifty-three of them. Yet the net hadn’t torn, even with so many fish. Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” None of the disciples could bring themselves to ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came, took the bread, and gave it to them. He did the same with the fish. This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they finished eating, Jesus asked Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?”

Simon replied, “Yes, Lord, you know I love you.”

Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” Jesus asked a second time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?”

Simon replied, “Yes, Lord, you know I love you.”

Jesus said to him, “Take care of my sheep.” He asked a third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?”

Peter was sad that Jesus asked him a third time, “Do you love me?” He replied, “Lord, you know everything; you know I love you.”

Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. I assure you that when you were younger you tied your own belt and walked around wherever you wanted. When you grow old, you will stretch out your hands and another will tie your belt and lead you where you don’t want to go.” He said this to show the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. After saying this, Jesus said to Peter, “Follow me.”

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

People sing: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Alleluias from H208

Hymn Come, Risen Lord

H305 vs 3, 4

Tune: *Rosedale*

*3 One body we, one body who partake,
one Church united in communion blessed;
one Name we bear, one Bread of life we break,
with all thy saints on earth and saints at rest.*

*4. One with each other, Lord, for one in thee,
Who art one Savior and one living Head;
Then open thou our eyes, that we may see;
Be known to us in breaking of the Bread.*

The people sit

The people stand

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

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

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

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

***We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.***

*He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
Who has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

The Prayers of the People, Form VI

BCP 392

Stand or kneel as the Holy Spirit leads.

The Leader and People pray responsively.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

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

In the Diocese of Ohio, we pray for St. Peter's Church, Lakewood, and for the Southeast Mission Area: St. James' Church, Boardman; St. Stephen's Church, East Liverpool; and Holy Trinity Church, Lisbon;

For all who serve God in the Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation (especially... *the names on the long-term prayer list are read*).

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O Sovereign God;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom (especially... *the names of the recently deceased are read*).

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

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 our Savior 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.***

For those celebrating birthdays

Ann Beyer

Keira Dodd

John Doyle

Joshua Gillies

Fred Kemp

Jon Peterson

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

Come, let us use the grace divine, and all with one accord,
In a perpetual covenant join ourselves to Christ the Lord;
Give up ourselves, through Jesus' power, His Name to glorify;
And promise, in this sacred hour, for God to live and die.

The covenant we this moment make be ever kept in mind;
We will no more our God forsake, or cast these words behind.
We never will throw off the fear of God Who hears our vow;
And if Thou art well pleased to hear, come down and meet us now.

Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, let all our hearts receive,
Present with Thy celestial host the peaceful answer give;
to each covenant the blood apply which takes our sins away,
And register our names on high and keep us to that day!

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 C

BCP 369

Presider [May] God 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 our thanks and praise.***

The Presider proceeds

God of all power, Source and Sustainer of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: shining light and enfolding dark; the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with the capacity for memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of your creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your eternal Word, born of your servant Mary, to fulfill your Law, opening for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

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.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus and Benedictus

S125

Presider and People

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

***Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.***

The people stand or kneel and the Presider continues

Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Remembering now his work of redemption,
and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
***We celebrate Christ’s death and resurrection
as we await the day of his coming.***

Therefore, O God, we who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Sanctify us also, and let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

God of our ancestors; Redeemer and Mother of Israel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only and not for strength; for pardon only and not for renewal.

Accept these prayers and praises, Almighty God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **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

W875

Refrain:

***Be known to us, Lord Jesus,
in the breaking of the bread.***

- 1. The bread which we break, alleluia,
is the communion of the body of Christ. [Refrain]***
- 2. One body are we, alleluia,
for though many we share one bread. [Refrain]***

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: Let Us Break Bread

H325

Tune: Let Us Break Bread Together

***Let us break bread together on our knees;
let us break bread together on our knees;***

[Refrain:]

***when I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.***

***Let us drink wine together on our knees;
let us drink wine together on our knees; (Refrain)***

***Let us praise God together on our knees;
let us praise God together on our knees; (Refrain)***

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.*

Blessing **Irish Blessing**

Budge Walen

*May the road rise to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine upon your face
and rains fall softly on your fields.*

*May the road rise to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
And until we meet again may God hold you,
may God hold you in the palm of his hand.*

*May the road rise to meet you
And God hold you, hold you,
in the palm of his hand. Amen, Amen, Amen.*

Presider And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you this day, and remain with you forever more. **Amen.**

*1 Alleluia! sing to Jesus!
his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph,
his the victory alone;
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation
hath redeemed us by his blood.*

*3 Alleluia! Bread of Heaven,
thou on earth our food, our stay!
Alleluia! here the sinful
flee to thee from day to day:
Intercessor, friend of sinners,
earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.*

*4 Alleluia! King eternal,
thee the Lord of lords we own:
Alleluia! born of Mary,
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:
thou within the veil hast entered,
robed in flesh, our great High Priest:
thou on earth both Priest and Victim
in the eucharistic feast.*

Presider Let us pray.

*Good and gracious God,
we pray for all who have yet to know of your love and mercy.
May the Church of the Ascension
be so inspired by your Holy Spirit
that it may serve as a beacon of hope
and a witness to the gospel for all people.*

*Grant that we may continually grow
in our own knowledge and love of you
as we strive to use all that we have, and all that we are
to follow and imitate your beloved son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

The Dismissal

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

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

Voluntary: Postlude on *Hyfrydol*

Gerhard Krapf

† † †

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.

Christ our Passover *Pascha nostrum*

1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; *
therefore let us keep the feast,
Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, *
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; *
death no longer has dominion over him.
The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; *
but the life he lives, he lives to God.
So also consider yourselves dead to sin, *
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Christ has been raised from the dead, *
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.
For since by a man came death, *
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.
For as in Adam all die, *
so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

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:

Peter Alix	Lois Leete
Mickey Black	June Madden
Teddi Black	Richard Mannella
Rehtaeh Brady	Gil Newlands
Shirley Champion	Kris Purdy
Robert Dibb	Ray and Family
Kaisu Donovan	Sandy Reagan
Doug Damron	Kaliegh Roe
Barbara Faux	Patricia Sayler
Spencer Faux	Wendy Semple
Stephanie Foster	Miriam Schantz
Ella Jane Fowerbaugh	Roselle Sgambellone
Linda Gratz	Daniel Smith
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



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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



Rev. Arthur Mann Backus (1843-1891)

Eliza Jennings Burton Backus (1855-1953)

Eliza Jennings Burton was born September 14, 1855 in Cleveland, Ohio to Rev. Lewis Burton and Agnes Jane Wallace Burton. Her father was the famous “Apostle of the West Side”, who traveled through the Cleveland area and pushed for the mission church, which would become Church of the Ascension. She was named for her mother’s sister, Eliza Jennings, who gave her estate to found the Eliza Jennings Home for underprivileged children and elderly women. As a young woman, Eliza studied and was a graduate of the Cleveland Female Seminary in June 1873. After her graduation with honors, she was known to help her father with his mission work. She often traveled with him in his buggy through Rockport to visit families, help them, pray with them and learn of the community’s need for a church. She remembered visiting families along the Plank Road (now Detroit) where the large homes were set far from the street and her father’s visits with Jared Potter Kirtland. After the building of Church of the Ascension, she often helped her father at the new wooden church, playing the organ when needed. It was at Church of the Ascension that she met Rev. Arthur Mann Backus, who would soon become a full-time rector at Ascension. More importantly, he would become the husband to Eliza Jennings Burton.

Arthur Mann Backus was born on November 17, 1843, in Troy, New York. He was a graduate of Nashotah Theological Seminary and became deacon on Ascension Day- May 30, 1875. His ordination took place in St. John's Church in Ohio City. In 1876 he advanced to priesthood. He became assistant minister to Trinity Church in Cleveland, Ohio. According to some sources he is remembered as the first official rector of Church of the Ascension. He later became rector of St. Andrew's in Elyria, Ohio.

Eliza Jennings Burton and Arthur Mann Backus married on Wednesday May 1, 1878, at noon at Trinity Church. Eliza's father, Rev. Lewis Burton performed the ceremony, assisted by the rector of the church Rev. John W. Brown. Together they had two daughters: Jean and Marjory.

After his time in Ohio, the Rev. Backus and his wife moved to Massachusetts. For nine years Rev. Backus was rector of St. Paul's in Dedham, Massachusetts. Rev. Backus was known for his love of church music and his ability to sing. It is believed that from a heroic deed of rescuing a young woman who was drowning, Rev. Arthur Backus injured his heart and for years suffered. Because of his illness, he and his family returned to Ohio where he hoped to recover. He died in Painesville, Ohio on July 18, 1891, at the age of 47. He was buried at Lake View Cemetery. Although it was a marriage that lasted only 13 years, it was remembered as a very happy marriage. Less than one year after the death of her husband, their daughter Marjory passed away at the age of seven.

A few years later, Eliza and her children moved back to Cleveland and became active at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. In 1921, she was elected president of the Women's Auxiliary of the Episcopal Diocese of Ohio. She also founded the Book of Remembrances of the Ohio Diocese, in which gifts to the diocesan churches may be recorded in the name of a relative or friend. Later in life, Eliza moved to Lakewood to live with her daughter and family. She moved back into the community where as a young woman she visited so many of the pioneer families and Church of the Ascension was a new, small church. In 1940, many of the old houses were gone, the city had grown, and the church was now of brick and stone. She lived with her daughter, granddaughter and great-granddaughter- all of whom were active at Ascension.

On August 2, 1953, weeks away from turning 98, Eliza Jennings Burton Backus passed away. Retired Bishop Beverley Tucker presided over her funeral on August 4, 1953. She was buried with her husband in the Burton family plot at Lake View Cemetery.

Anniversary Speakers at Ascension

- May 25th,
Sun, 1pm Speaker: Eva Wischhusen .
Topic “Henry Wood Elliott- Lakewoodite and
America’s first international Conservationist”
- June 22nd,
Sun, Noon Speaker: Dave Buehler-
Topic “Templar Cars from Lakewood.
- July 23rd,
Wed, 5:30pm Speaker: Mia Hutchinson Soosal
Topic “The Franch and Andrews Family
in Lakewood History.
- July 25th,
Fri, 5:30pm Speakers Jennifer Cauffield and Jeff Hutchinson-
Topic “Rise and Fall” , Hutchinson Family of
Lakewood and their role in the Great Lakes.

Ascension Flea Market and 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 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.

Ascension Thursday May 29th

Please sign up in the office or call/email and let Jim know if you are able to come to the meal on Ascension Day at 5:30pm. Holy Eucharist will follow at 7:30pm. The hope is that the whole parish will come to celebration of our parish's namesake in this anniversary year!

Ascension Night Out

Join us for an evening of fellowship, food, and fun at Cozumel Mexican Grill at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, May 21st. Cozumel is located at 25048 Sperry Dr. in Westlake. You can check out their menu at [Westlake - Cozumel Mexican Grill](#)

Please RSVP by either calling Jim in the office by Sunday, May 18th by calling 216-521-8727 or email Jim.Weiss@Ascension-Lakewood.org.

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>

Camp Scholarships

The cost of a week of camp is \$500.00 per camper. If you are willing to help parents offset some of that cost with a scholarship, please write on check or envelope "for camp scholarship" and drop off in the office or put in the offering plate.

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The Ministers of the Liturgy

Presider: Rev. Vincent Black
Music Director and Organist: Jon Peterson
Choir Director: Margie Hildebrandt
Acolytes: Jan Bednarski, Terri Schade
Sunday School: Jenny Christ
Readers: Ann Pesta, Alex DeJesus
Spiritual Eucharist Reader: Ann Pesta
Chalice Bearers: Jan Bednarski, Terri Schade
Ushers: Chris Coppock, Ray Pratt
Videographer: Dave Campion
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The flowers on the main altar are given to the glory of God
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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.

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.

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

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/>

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