

*Church of the Ascension*

*May 18, 2025*

*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

*10:30am*

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*“S” indicates service music found at the front of the hymnal*

## **Finding Your Way**

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## *Fifth Sunday of Easter*

*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**

*When the Voluntary begins, please maintain prayerful silence.*

**Voluntary:** Voluntary on Morning Song

Charles Callahan

**Opening Hymn:** O Holy City, Seen of John

**H583**

**Tune: Morning Song**

*1 O Holy City, seen of John,  
Where Christ, the Lamb, does reign,  
Within whose four-square walls shall come  
No night, nor need, nor pain,  
And where the tears are wiped from eyes  
That shall not weep again.*

*2 O shame to us who rest content  
While lust and greed for gain  
In street and shop and tenement  
Wring gold from human pain,  
And bitter lips in blind despair  
Cry, "Christ has died in vain."*

*3 Give us, O God, the strength to build  
The City that hath stood  
Too long a dream, whose laws are love,  
Whose crown is servanthood,  
And where the sun that shineth is  
God's grace for human good.*

*4 Already in the mind of God  
That City riseth fair:  
Lo, how its splendor challenges  
The souls that greatly dare:  
Yea, bids us seize the whole of life  
And build its glory there.*

## Welcome / Invitation to Sunday School

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

*BCP 299*

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
*People* ***Christ 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 Fifth Sunday of Easter

*Presider* The Lord be with you.  
*People* ***And also with you.***  
*Presider* Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

*People sit for the reading of the lessons*

The apostles and the brothers and sisters throughout Judea heard that even the Gentiles had welcomed God's word. When Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him. They accused him, "You went into the home of the uncircumcised and ate with them!"

Step-by-step, Peter explained what had happened. "I was in the city of Joppa praying when I had a visionary experience. In my vision, I saw something like a large linen sheet being lowered from heaven by its four corners. It came all the way down to me. As I stared at it, wondering what it was, I saw four-legged animals—including wild beasts—as well as reptiles and wild birds. I heard a voice say, 'Get up, Peter! Kill and eat!' I responded, 'Absolutely not, Lord! Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' The voice from heaven spoke a second time, 'Never consider unclean what God has made pure.' This happened three times, then everything was pulled back into heaven. At that moment three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea arrived at the house where we were staying. The Spirit told me to go with them even though they were Gentiles. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered that man's house. He reported to us how he had seen an angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and summon Simon, who is known as Peter. He will tell you how you and your entire household can be saved.' When I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them, just as the Spirit fell on us in the beginning. I remembered the Lord's words: 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, then who am I? Could I stand in God's way?"

Once the apostles and other believers heard this, they calmed down. They praised God and concluded, "So then God has enabled Gentiles to change their hearts and lives so that they might have new life."

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

*Reader* We will stand and sing the psalm.

*1 Hallelujah! Give praise to God  
From heaven and in the heights;  
Praise God all angels, sun, and moon,  
Give praise, you shining lights.*

*2 Praise God, high heavens and floods above,  
Yes, let them praise God's Name;  
You, Lord, commanded by your word;  
You spoke and forth they came.*

*3 You gave them being, they stand fast  
In your eternal sway;  
For you have given them a law,  
Which shall not pass away.*

*4 Let all the earth give praise to God:  
Sea monsters, deeps below,  
The stormy winds that do God's will,  
And fire, hail, fog, and snow,*

*5 Trees bearing fruit, and cedar trees,  
All hills and mountains steep,  
All cattle, wingéd birds above,  
Wild beasts and things that creep,*

*6 All kings and peoples of the earth,  
All princes, rulers too,  
Young men and maidens, old and young:  
To God all praise is due.*

*7 God's splendor spans all earth and heaven,  
All those who come to dwell  
With God receive both strength and praise:  
God's people Israel.*

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne say, "Look! God's dwelling is here with humankind. He will dwell with them, and they will be his peoples. God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more. There will be no mourning, crying, or pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." Then the one seated on the throne said, "Look! I'm making all things new." He also said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "All is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will freely give water from the life-giving spring.

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

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

*The people stand*

**Sequence Hymn: Here in Christ We Gather**

**H577 vs 1, 2**

**Tune: *Ubi Caritas* (Murray)**

*Refrain:*

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

*1 Here in Christ we gather,  
love of Christ our calling.  
Christ, our love, is with us,  
gladness be his greeting.  
Let us fear and love him,  
Holy God eternal.  
Loving him, let each love  
Christ in one another. [Refrain]*

*2 When we Christians gather,  
members of one body,  
Let there be in us no  
discord but one spirit.*

*Banished now be anger,  
strife and every quarrel.  
Christ, our God, be always  
present here among us. [Refrain]*

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

**13:31-35**

*People sing: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia*

**Alleluias from H208**

When Judas was gone, Jesus said, “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 the Lord.

*People sing: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia*

**Alleluias from H208**

**Hymn**              **Here in Christ We Gather**

**H577 vs 3**

**Tune: Ubi Caritas (Murray)**

*Refrain:*

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

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



*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.

*Sponsors* I present *Patricia* to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*Presider* Do you desire to be baptized?

*Candidate* I do.

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

*Parents and Godparents*

I present *Harper* 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 *These persons* in *their* life in Christ?

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

*Presider* Let us join with *those who are* committing *themselves* 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 Candidates**

*The Presider then says to the congregation*

Let us now pray for *these persons* who *are* to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

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

*People: Lord, hear our prayer.*

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

*People: Lord, hear our prayer.*

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

*People: Lord, hear our prayer.*

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

*People: Lord, hear our prayer.*

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

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

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

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

*Leader:* Bring *them* 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*

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

*Harper*, 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 *these* your *servants* the forgiveness of sin, and have raised *them* to the new life of grace. Sustain *them*, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give *them* 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,*

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

*Harper*, 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 *Patricia*.

*Sponsors:* I will with God's help

*Sponsors:* *Patricia*, receive the light of Christ

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

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

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

*Godparent(s):* *Harper*, 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**

Dolly Doyle

Bob Hankey

Cady Jones

Joyce Knapp

Grant Masola

Dan Vanah

Jeffrey Welfley

***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**

Christ be with me, Christ within me,  
Christ behind me, Christ before me,  
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,  
Christ to comfort and restore me,  
Christ above me, Christ beneath me,  
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,  
Christ in hearts of all that love me,  
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger. Amen.

*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**

**W858**

*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. 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**

**W877**

*Refrain:*

*The disciples knew the 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 Hymn: The Gift of Love**

**Hal Hopson**  
**Tune: O Waly, Waly**

*Though I may speak with bravest fire,  
and have the gift to all inspire,  
and have not love my words are vain,  
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.*

*Though I may give all I possess,  
and striving so my love profess,  
but not be giv'n by love within,  
the profit soon turns strangely thin.*

*Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,  
our spirits long to be made whole.  
Let inward love guide every deed;  
by this we worship, and are freed.*

**Postcommunion Hymn: Day by Day**

**H654**  
**Tune: Sumner**

*Day by day, dear Lord,  
of thee three things I pray:  
to see thee more clearly,  
love thee more dearly,  
follow thee more nearly, day by day.*

*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      We know that Christ is raised**

**H296**

**Tune: Engelberg**

*1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold,  
and our despair he turned to blazing joy.  
Alleluia!*

*2 We share by water in his saving death.  
Reborn, we share with him an Easter life  
as living members of a living Christ.  
Alleluia!*

*3 The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life.  
The Spirit's power shakes the church of God.  
Baptized, we live with God, the Three in One.  
Alleluia!*

*4 A new creation comes to life and grows  
as Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.  
The universe, restored and whole, will sing:  
Alleluia! Amen.*

*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:** Trumpet Voluntary

Gordon Young

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**We celebrate the newly baptized, Patricia Strmac  
and Harper Semproch, 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.**



## **The Ministers of the Liturgy**

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



The flowers on the main altar are given to the glory of God  
in memory of Amy Wright and Doris Johns.

The flowers on the chapel altar are given to the glory of God  
in memory of Helen and Henry Salisbury.

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

**Our Spiritual Leaders:**

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

**Those for whom prayers have been requested:**

Mickey Black	Lois Leete
Teddi Black	June Madden
Rehtaeh Brady	Gil Newlands
Shirley Champion	Kris Purdy
Robert Dibb	Ray and Family
Kaisu Donovan	Sandy Reagan
Doug Damron	Kalieghe Roe
Barbara Faux	Patricia Saylor
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**

Peter Alix

Bruce Ford

Cheryl Jankowski

Robert Selby

Wallace Stroud

## **The Weekly Prayer List**

The weekly prayer list is used for those who need extra prayers due to illness or a particular challenge or hardship.

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

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

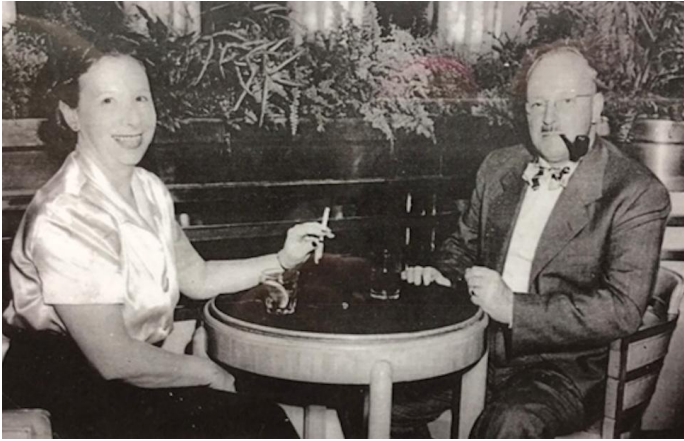
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Use your smart phone to scan the code above or visit [ascension-lakewood.org](https://ascension-lakewood.org) where you can make a one-time donation or set up continuing donations.

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**



Helen Dorothea Colgrove (1896-1949)

Henry George Salisbury (1893-1970)

Henry Salisbury was born October 10, 1893, in Bristol, England, son of Albert and Bessie Handy Salisbury. He was the eldest child and was baptized by Rev. W. S. Hooton on November 5, 1893, at Holy Trinity Church in Clifton, Bristol, England in an Anglican Church. As a young man, he worked as an assistant grocer before he served his country in the Great War or World War I. He was in the Queen's Own Oxfordshire Hussars and fought in France. In 1921, after the war, he decided to move to America. He met and married Helen Dorothea Colgrove in York, Ontario, Canada on August 28, 1926. Not long after their wedding, they moved to the United States, where Harry later became a salesman for Salada Tea, a Canadian tea company.

Helen was the eldest child of Charles and Margaret Webster Colgrove. She was born on February 26, 1896, in London, Ontario, Canada. As a single woman, Helen worked as a bookkeeper before marrying Henry Salisbury at the age of 31. Together they had three sons: Donald, John and Richard.

At Church of the Ascension, the Salisbury family was a very involved and connected family historically. Helen Salisbury, having three boys of her own, made her perfectly equipped to teach the third-grade boys' class at church. She was also in ECW and the Ashton Thompson Guild. On April 12, 1941, John and Richard Salisbury were baptized at Church of the Ascension by Rev. John R. Pattie. Helen and her two sons: John and Donald, were confirmed at Ascension on May 17, 1942. Their son Richard was confirmed on May 9, 1948. They all were confirmed by Bishop Beverley Tucker, presented by Rev. John R. Pattie. Harry Salisbury was on vestry in the 1940s and also took responsibility for the well-known boys' choir at Ascension, where all three of his sons sang. On August 30, 1949, Helen Colgrove Salisbury passed away. Her funeral service was officiated by Dr. Stuart Cole. In memory of his wife, Harry gave the window *David*. Two of their sons were married at Church of the Ascension. Their eldest son, Donald, married Dorothy Olivia Theurer (daughter of Dorothy and Raible Theurer- an Ascension family) on December 12, 1953. On June 18, 1955, their son John married Dorie Wright (daughter of Clarence and Amy Wright- an Ascension family). Many of the Salisbury grandchildren were baptized at Church of the Ascension and his son John was later on vestry like his father, Harry. On May 11, 1970, Harry George Salisbury passed away and his funeral services were performed by Rev. Braun. Helen and Henry Salisbury are buried at Sunset Memorial Park in North Olmsted, Ohio.

Submitted by Gregory Sent, Archivist

## **Anniversary Speakers at Ascension**

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

## **Sesquicentennial Memorabilia**

Make sure to get your anniversary mementos for sale outside the parish office. Items include bags, ornaments, mugs, and magnets. Limited supply.

## **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 21<sup>st</sup>. 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 18<sup>th</sup> by calling 216-521-8727 or email [Jim.Weiss@Ascension-Lakewood.org](mailto:Jim.Weiss@Ascension-Lakewood.org).

## **A night out at the ballpark**

Join us on Tuesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, at 6:40 pm as our Cleveland Guardians take on the Toronto Blue Jays.

Tickets are \$20.00 each, and can be reserved by calling Rob Theibert at 330-807-4255.

## **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.

## **Pride in the CLE 2025**

All Diocese of Ohio churches are invited to participate in the [Pride in the CLE march and festival](#) in downtown Cleveland on **June 7**. Church representation can be one or two people or a group of 15 to 20. As in 2024, we will have a booth after the march to meet and greet festival attendees. Join us as we share our message of God's love for all, with no exceptions. Now's the time to organize your group! When possible, participating parishes are asked to provide volunteers to staff the booth and make a contribution to help cover costs of the booth. For more information about participating, please contact [Dan McGuire](#) or [Deacon Barb Telfer](#).

Are you planning to participate in a different Pride event in your area? Please let us know (contact [Canon Rosalind](#)), so that we can better support one another's Pride activities.

## **Education for Ministry**

If you have a desire to make meaning of your life, to better understand your relationship with God, to uncover your gifts so that you might use them in God's creation, and to be in community with others as you discern your purpose, then consider joining an Education for Ministry (EfM) program. Developed through the University of the South in Sewanee, Tenn., the curriculum for Lay people offers seminary-level education without the burden of tests and grades. It will start in most parishes in September and finish in June, every week for 36 weeks. Currently, it is being offered at [8 parishes](#) around the Diocese. Mentors are filling classes now for the fall season, so contact the mentor of the class. The cost is \$350 per person, annually, plus books. For more information, please visit: [linktr.ee/efm.sewanee.edu](http://linktr.ee/efm.sewanee.edu).

## **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.

## **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.

### **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](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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