



*The Episcopal Visitation at  
Church of the Ascension*

*10:30am, July 27, 2025*

*Seventh Sunday after Pentecost*

# *Welcome to the Church of the Ascension*

*We are pleased to have you worship with us.*

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*The references on the right side of the bulletin are as follows:*

*BCP indicates the Book of Common Prayer.*

*EOW indicates Enriching our Worship, a supplemental liturgical material.*

*Hymn and "S" numbers indicate the Hymnal 1982*

*"S" indicates service music found at the front of the hymnal*

## **Finding Your Way**

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# *Church of the Ascension*

*July 27, 2025*

## *Seventh Sunday after Pentecost*

*Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10:30am*

*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:** Prelude in Classic Style

Gordon Young

**Opening Hymn:** Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

**H410**

**Tune:** *Lauda anima*

*1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;  
to his feet thy tribute bring;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
evermore his praises sing:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise the everlasting King.*

*2 Praise him for his grace and favor  
to his people in distress;  
praise him still the same as ever,  
slow to chide, and swift to bless.*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*  
*Glorious in his faithfulness.*

*3 Father-like he tends and spares us;  
well our feeble frame he knows;  
in his hand he gently bears us,  
rescues us from all our foes.  
Alleluia, alleluia!*  
*Widely yet his mercy flows.*

*4 Angels, help us to adore him;  
ye behold him face to face;  
sun and moon, bow down before him,  
dwellers all in time and space.  
Alleluia, alleluia!*  
*Praise with us the God of grace.*

## Welcome

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

*BCP 299*

*Presider:* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People:* ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

*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 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider:* Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; 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 Genesis**

**18:20-32**

Then the Lord said, “The cries of injustice from Sodom and Gomorrah are countless, and their sin is very serious! I will go down now to examine the cries of injustice that have reached me. Have they really done all this? If not, I want to know.”

The men turned away and walked toward Sodom, but Abraham remained standing in front of the Lord. Abraham approached and said, “Will you really sweep away the innocent with the guilty? What if there are fifty innocent people in the city? Will you really sweep it away and not save the place for the sake of the fifty innocent people in it? It’s not like you to do this, killing the innocent with the guilty as if there were no difference. It’s not like you! Will the judge of all the earth not act justly?”

The Lord said, “If I find fifty innocent people in the city of Sodom, I will save it because of them.”

Abraham responded, “Since I’ve already decided to speak with my Lord, even though I’m just soil and ash, what if there are five fewer innocent people than fifty? Will you destroy the whole city over just five?”

The Lord said, “If I find forty-five there, I won’t destroy it.”

Once again Abraham spoke, “What if forty are there?”

The Lord said, “For the sake of forty, I will do nothing.”

He said, “Don’t be angry with me, my Lord, but let me speak. What if thirty are there?”

The Lord said, “I won’t do it if I find thirty there.”

Abraham said, “Since I’ve already decided to speak with my Lord, what if twenty are there?”

The Lord said, “I won’t do it, for the sake of twenty.”

Abraham said, “Don’t be angry with me, my Lord, but let me speak just once more. What if there are ten?”

And the Lord said, “I will not destroy it because of those ten.”

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

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

*Reader* We will stand and sing the psalm.

**Psalm 138, (metric text)**

**Tune: *O Waly, Waly*  
(Gift of Love)**

- 1. We give you thanks with all our hearts;  
Before the gods our praise express  
And bow ourselves before your throne  
To praise your love and faithfulness.***
- 2. Above all things, O Lord our God,  
You glorified your Name and word;  
We called on you, you answered us,  
And gave us increased strength, O Lord.***
- 3. The kings of earth who hear your words,  
O Lord, will give you thanks and praise  
And tell how great your glory is,  
And they will sing of all your ways.***
- 4. You, Lord, are high yet scorn the proud,  
Protect the lowly on their path;  
And though we walk in trouble, Lord,  
You keep us all secure from wrath.***
- 5. Your right hand, Lord, shall save our lives  
And make your purpose for us sure;  
Do not forsake those you have made;  
Your love forever will endure.***

So live in Christ Jesus the Lord in the same way as you received him. Be rooted and built up in him, be established in faith, and overflow with thanksgiving just as you were taught. See to it that nobody enslaves you with philosophy and foolish deception, which conform to human traditions and the way the world thinks and acts rather than Christ. All the fullness of deity lives in Christ's body. And you have been filled by him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not administered by human hands. The circumcision of Christ is realized in the stripping away of the whole self dominated by sin. You were buried with him through baptism and raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. When you were dead because of the things you had done wrong and because your body wasn't circumcised, God made you alive with Christ and forgave all the things you had done wrong. He destroyed the record of the debt we owed, with its requirements that worked against us. He canceled it by nailing it to the cross. When he disarmed the rulers and authorities, he exposed them to public disgrace by leading them in a triumphal parade.

[So don't let anyone judge you about eating or drinking or about a festival, a new moon observance, or sabbaths. These religious practices are only a shadow of what was coming—the body that cast the shadow is Christ. Don't let anyone who wants to practice harsh self-denial and worship angels rob you of the prize. They go into detail about what they have seen in visions and have become unjustifiably arrogant by their selfish way of thinking. They don't stay connected to the head. The head nourishes and supports the whole body through the joints and ligaments, so the body grows with a growth that is from God.]

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

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

*The people stand.*

**Sequence Hymn: Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God H711 vs. 1,2**  
**Tune: Seek Ye First**

*1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you,  
Allelu, alleluia.*

*Refrain:*

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

*Allelu, alleluia.*

*2 Ask, and it shall be given unto you, seek, and ye shall find,  
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you,  
Allelu, alleluia. [refrain]*

*Deacon:* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ  
according to **Luke**

**11:1-13**

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

Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.”

Jesus told them, “When you pray, say:

‘Father, uphold the holiness of your name.

Bring in your kingdom.

Give us the bread we need for today.

Forgive us our sins,

for we also forgive everyone who has wronged us.

And don’t lead us into temptation.’”

He also said to them, “Imagine that one of you has a friend and you go to that friend in the middle of the night. Imagine saying, ‘Friend, loan me three loaves of bread because a friend of mine on a journey has arrived and I have nothing to set before him.’ Imagine further that he answers from within the house, ‘Don’t bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can’t get up to give you anything.’ I assure you, even if he wouldn’t get up and help because of his friendship, he will get up and give his friend whatever



he needs because of his friend's brashness. And I tell you: Ask and you will receive. Seek and you will find. Knock and the door will be opened to you. Everyone who asks, receives. Whoever seeks, finds. To everyone who knocks, the door is opened.

“Which father among you would give a snake to your child if the child asked for a fish? If a child asked for an egg, what father would give the child a scorpion? If you who are evil know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?”

*Deacon:* The Gospel of our Savior.

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

**Hymn                      Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God                      H711 vs. 1,2**  
**Tune: *Seek Ye First***

*3 Where two or three are gathered in my name,  
there am I in their midst,  
and whatsoever ye ask, I will do;  
Allelu, alleluia.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
Allelu, alleluia.*

*The people sit.*

**The Sermon**

*Rt. Rev. Anne B. Jolly*

*The people stand.*

## **Renewal of 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.***

*The bishop and children asperge the people, while all sing:*

*1 I am the bread of life.  
they who come to me shall not hunger;  
they who believe in me shall not thirst.  
No one can come to me  
unless the Father draw them.*

*Refrain*

*And I will raise them up,  
and I will raise them up,  
and I will raise them up on the last day.*

*4 I am the resurrection,  
I am the life.  
They who believes in me  
even if they die,  
they shall live for ever. (refrain)*

*5 Lord, we believe  
that you are the Christ,  
the Son of God,  
who has come  
into the world. (refrain)*

## **The Prayers of the People, Form V**

*BCP 389*

*Stand or kneel as the Holy Spirit leads.*

*Reader says*

In peace, let us pray to Christ Jesus.

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love,  
and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you,  
O Christ.

*Christ, have mercy.*

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Anne, our Bishop; Vincent, our rector; and Clarke, our seminarian; for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Christ.

***Christ, have mercy.***

For all who seek God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Christ.

***Christ, have mercy.***

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Christ.

***Christ, have mercy.***

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Christ.

***Christ, have mercy.***

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Christ.

***Christ, have mercy.***

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Christ.

***Christ, have mercy.***

For this *congregation*, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Christ.

***Christ, have mercy.***

For our enemies and those who wish us harm; and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Christ.

***Christ, have mercy.***

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Christ.

***Christ, have mercy.***

For (*the names on the prayer list are read*), we pray to you, O Christ.

***Christ, have mercy.***

For all who have died in the communion of your Church (especially... *the names of the recently deceased are read*), and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Christ.

***Christ, have mercy.***

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

***To you, O Lord our God.***

*Silence.*

*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 Deacon says:*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*All say:*

***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 Bishop stands and says:*

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

## **The Peace**

*All stand.*

*Presider* The peace of Christ be always with you.

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

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

## **For those celebrating birthdays**

Deborah Bethea

Mason Kidwell

Becca Bretz

Derek Lewallen

Vivian Christ

***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**

*Ask visitors to fill out the information at the bottom of page 2,  
then highlight the announcements.*

# The Holy Communion

## The Offertory Sentence

*Any non-designated funds will go to the Bishop's discretionary fund.*

## Offertory Hymn: Old Hundredth Psalm Tune

Ralph Vaughn Williams

*1. All people that on Earth do dwell,  
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
Him serve with fear, his praise forth tell;  
Come ye before him and rejoice.*

*2. Know that the Lord is God indeed,  
Without our aid he did us make;  
We are his folk, he doth us feed,  
And for his sheep he doth us take.*

3. O enter then his gates with praise,  
Approach with joy his courts unto;  
Praise, laud, and bless his name always,  
For it is seemly so to do.

4. For why? The Lord our God is good;  
His mercy is forever sure;  
His truth at all times firmly stood,  
And shall from age to age endure.

*5. To Father, Son and Holy Ghost,  
The God whom heaven and earth adore,  
From men and from the angelhost,  
Be praise and glory evermore. 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 B**

*BCP 367*

*Presider:* 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.***

*Presider:*

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

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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**

**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:*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior 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 Jesus 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, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People (spoken):*

***We remember Christ's death,  
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,  
We await Christ's coming in glory;***

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mary,

the mother of Jesus, and with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, 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**

**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: Will You Come and Follow Me**

**John Bell**

**Tune: *The Summons* (Kelvingrove)**

*I Will you come and follow me  
if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know  
and never be the same?*

*Will you let my love be shown,  
will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown  
in you and you in me?*

*2 Will you leave yourself behind  
if I but call your name?*

*Will you care for cruel and kind  
and never be the same?*

*Will you risk the hostile stare  
should your life attract or scare?*

*Will you let me answer prayer  
in you and you in me?*

*3 Will you let the blinded see  
if I but call your name?*

*Will you set the pris'ners free  
and never be the same?*

*Will you kiss the leper clean,  
and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean  
in you and you in me?*

*4 Will you love the "you" you hide  
if I but call your name?*

*Will you quell the fear inside  
and never be the same?*

*Will you use the faith you've found  
to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound  
in you and you in me?*

*5 Lord, your summons echoes true  
when you but call my name.*

*Let me turn and follow you  
and never be the same.*

*In your company I'll go  
where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow  
in you and you in me.*

*Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;  
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.  
I can hear the brush of angel's wings,  
I see glory on each face;  
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.*

*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

*Bishop:* Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

*People:* ***The maker of heaven and earth.***

*Bishop:* Blessed be the name of the Lord;

*People:* ***From this time forth for evermore.***

*Bishop:* The blessing, mercy, and grace of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you for ever. ***Amen.***

*1 God of grace and God of glory,  
on thy people pour thy power;  
crown thine ancient Church's story;  
bring her bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.*

*2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us  
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us  
free our hearts to faith and praise:  
grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days.*

*3 Cure thy children's warring madness,  
bend our pride to thy control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.*

*4 Save us from weak resignation  
to the evils we deplore;  
let the gift of thy salvation  
be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
serving thee whom we adore,  
serving thee whom we adore.*

*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**

*Deacon:* Let us go forth into the world,  
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

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

**Voluntary:** Postludium

Gordon Young

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**Any non-designated funds from the offering  
will go to the Bishop's discretionary fund.**

**We hope you will join us in Strom Hall for lunch.  
Strom Hall is located through the chapel and at  
the bottom of the stairs by the office.**

**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:**

Coco Angarita	Boots Johnston
Mimi Angarita	Joyce Knapp
Betsy Bates	Lois Leete
Mickey Black	June Madden
Teddi Black	Gil Newlands
Rehtaeh Brady	Corey Niebes
Shirley Campion	Kris Purdy
Robert Dibb	Ray and Family
Kaisu Donovan	Sandy Reagan
Doug Damron	Michael Redmond
Giavonna Evans	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	Ruth Vacha

**Those We Know in the Military**

Trey Brower	Sydney Kline
Wiley Goins	Burton McCarthy
Lauren Hober	Jason Strater



## **The Departed**

Peter Alix  
Bruce Ford  
Amanda Hinton

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.

*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.

## A Legacy of Faith and Future: Celebrating 150 Years

Beloved People of God,

For 150 years, Church of the Ascension has stood as a beacon of faith and community in Lakewood, Ohio, holding the distinct honor of being the oldest church of any denomination in our vibrant city. As we celebrate this remarkable sesquicentennial, we are launching a special **Legacy Campaign** to honor our past and secure our future.

Our goal is to raise **\$150,000** to support vital projects that will enhance our worship, strengthen our ministries, and preserve our cherished campus for generations to come. A significant portion of these funds, **\$90,000**, is dedicated to a project close to the heart of many: the **completion of our magnificent pipe organ**.

Many of you know that when our organ underwent its extensive refurbishment in the early 2000s, funds ran short, leaving one crucial element unaddressed: the **16' pedal Violone**, which requires 73 new pipes. Our devoted organist, **Jon Peterson**, who has graced our services with his talent for more than a third of the church's existence, dreams of seeing the organ fully completed in his lifetime. Imagine the profound richness and depth this addition will bring to our hymns, anthems, and special musical offerings!

The Legacy Campaign funds will also be used to address other pressing needs. We will **replace the roof on Strom Hall kitchen**, estimated to be **\$30,000**, ensuring the continued functionality and protection of this important space used to prepare community meals. Additionally, we will **add to our endowment for Facility Upkeep**, providing long-term financial stability for the ongoing maintenance and preservation of our historic buildings.

To acknowledge your generous support for this project, those who contribute a minimum of **\$1,500 to the 150th Legacy Campaign** will have their names inscribed on a **plaque of honor** within the church.

Your contribution of any amount to the Legacy Campaign is an investment in the enduring legacy of Church of the Ascension. It's a chance to honor the countless individuals who have built and sustained this parish for 150 years, and to ensure that our church continues to be a spiritual home, a vibrant community hub, and a cornerstone of Lakewood for the next 150 years and beyond.

I prayerfully ask for your generous support as we embark on this exciting chapter. Please consider how you can help us surpass our goal and leave your own mark on the rich history of Church of the Ascension.

Yours in Christ,  
Father Vincent Black

## **Visit our Sacred Moments Exhibit**

12-3pm today.

**Today is the last day of the exhibit!**

Free Will Offering.

## **Sesquicentennial Memorabilia**

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

## **150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cookbook Available!**

150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cookbooks: A Slice of History with photos, recipes, and biographies spanning the years!  
Now available for a minimum donation of \$20.00.

## **150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary History Available!**

Get a history of the 150 years of Church of the Ascension!  
Now available for a minimum donation of \$20.00.

All purchases and donations can be made via the following QR Code:



## **Car Show**

Please take a flyer for the Car Show  
on Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am – 2:00pm.

## **Frankfurter Friday**

**Join us for food, fun, and fellowship on the front lawn.**

**Volunteers needed. Sign-up in the office.**

**Grilling from 6:30 – 7:30pm.**

**Set-up is at 6:00pm.**

**August 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>**

## **Ascension Night Out Summer Hiatus**

Ascension Night Out will take a short summer break; we will not go out as a group in July or August. Ascension Night Out will resume on Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>.

I am still open to suggestions of places we can go.

## *A General Thanksgiving*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## **The Ministers of the Liturgy**

Presider: The Rt. Rev. Anne B. Jolly

Assisting Priest: The Rev. Vincent Black

Deacon: The Rev. Barb Telfer

Bishop's Chaplain: Charlotte Sent

Music Director and Organist: Jon Peterson

Choir Director: Margie Hildebrandt

Trumpet: Aaron Beatty

Dovist: Charlotte Sent

Acolyte: Derek Lewallen

Readers: Ann Pesta, Alex DeJesus

Spiritual Eucharist Reader: Ann Pesta

Chalice Bearers: The Rev. Vincent Black, The Rev. Barb Telfer

Ushers: Jeff Sommer, Chris Coppock,

Nick Masola, Joe Sgambellone

Videographer: David Campion

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The flowers on the main altar and in the chapel  
are given to the glory of God in memory of  
all the unnamed saints on whose shoulders we stand.

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## **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**

Centering Prayer will be on hiatus over the summer,  
and will resume in September.

## **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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