

Church of the Ascension

February 8, 2026

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

10:30am

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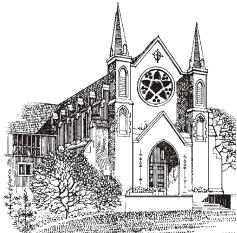
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*Holy Eucharist, 10:30am
Rite II, Expansive language*

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: Idyll Flor Peters

Opening Hymn: Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies H7
Tune: *Ratisbon*

*1 Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only Light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise!
Triumph over shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear!*

*2 Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return
till thy mercy's beams I see,
as they inward light impart,
glad my eyes, and warm my heart.*

*3 Visit then this soul of mine!
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!
Fill me, radiancy divine;
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.*

Welcome / Invitation to Sunday School

Opening Acclamation (*The people standing*)

BCP 351

Presider *Blessed be God: most holy, glorious and undivided Trinity.*
People *And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.*

Song of Praise: **Glory to God (*Gloria in Excelsis*)**

S277

*Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.*

*Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
We worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.*

*For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

The Collect for the Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

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

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; 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 Isaiah

58:1-9a, [9b-12]

Shout loudly; don't hold back;
raise your voice like a trumpet!
Announce to my people their crime,
to the house of Jacob their sins.
They seek me day after day,
desiring knowledge of my ways
like a nation that acted righteously,
that didn't abandon their God.
They ask me for righteous judgments,
wanting to be close to God.
“Why do we fast and you don't see;
why afflict ourselves and you don't notice?”
Yet on your fast day you do whatever you want,
and oppress all your workers.
You quarrel and brawl, and then you fast;
you hit each other violently with your fists.
You shouldn't fast as you are doing today
if you want to make your voice heard on high.
Is this the kind of fast I choose,
a day of self-affliction,
of bending one's head like a reed
and of lying down in mourning clothing and ashes?
Is this what you call a fast,
a day acceptable to the Lord?
Isn't this the fast I choose:
releasing wicked restraints, untying the ropes of a yoke,
setting free the mistreated,
and breaking every yoke?
Isn't it sharing your bread with the hungry
and bringing the homeless poor into your house,
covering the naked when you see them,
and not hiding from your own family?

Then your light will break out like the dawn,
and you will be healed quickly.
Your own righteousness will walk before you,
and the Lord's glory will be your rear guard.
Then you will call, and the Lord will answer;
you will cry for help, and God will say, "I'm here."

[If you remove the yoke from among you,
the finger-pointing, the wicked speech;
if you open your heart to the hungry,
and provide abundantly for those who are afflicted,
your light will shine in the darkness,
and your gloom will be like the noon.

The Lord will guide you continually
and provide for you, even in parched places.
He will rescue your bones.

You will be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water that won't run dry.

They will rebuild ancient ruins on your account;
the foundations of generations past you will restore.
You will be called Mender of Broken Walls,
Restorer of Livable Streets.]

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 112:1-9, (10) (sung to metric text)

Tune: Crimond (H663)

- 1. Hallelujah! How blest are they
Whose joy is God's command;
Their children will be always blessed
And mighty in the land.***
- 2. Riches and wealth will bless their homes,
Their justice will endure,
And they are merciful; light shines
In darkness for the pure.***
- 3. In justice do they rule their lives,
And freely do they lend;
Unshaken they, their memory
Is treasured without end.***

4. *Hearts firm, they fear no evil news;
In God they put their trust;
Their hearts secure, they will not shrink
Until their foes are crushed.*
5. *The righteous spread their gifts abroad,
Give freely to the poor;
With honor will their heads be raised;
Their justice will endure.*

(6.) *Then will the wicked see these things
And rage and pine away;
Their anger and their base desires
Will perish in a day.*

The people sit.

A Reading from First Corinthians

2:1-12, [13-16]

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I didn't come preaching God's secrets to you like I was an expert in speech or wisdom. I had made up my mind not to think about anything while I was with you except Jesus Christ, and to preach him as crucified. I stood in front of you with weakness, fear, and a lot of shaking. My message and my preaching weren't presented with convincing wise words but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power. I did this so that your faith might not depend on the wisdom of people but on the power of God.

What we say is wisdom to people who are mature. It isn't a wisdom that comes from the present day or from today's leaders who are being reduced to nothing. We talk about God's wisdom, which has been hidden as a secret. God determined this wisdom in advance, before time began, for our glory. It is a wisdom that none of the present-day rulers have understood, because if they did understand it, they would never have crucified the Lord of glory! But this is precisely what is written: *God has prepared things for those who love him that no eye has seen, or ear has heard, or that haven't crossed the mind of any human being.* God has revealed these things to us through the Spirit. The Spirit searches everything, including the depths of God. Who knows a person's depths except their own spirit that lives in them? In the same way, no one has known the depths of

God except God's Spirit. We haven't received the world's spirit but God's Spirit so that we can know the things given to us by God.

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

The people stand

**Sequence Hymn How Bright Appears the Morning Star H497 vs 1,2
Tune: *Wie schön leuchtet***

*1 How bright appears the Morning Star,
with mercy beaming from afar;
the host of heaven rejoices;
O righteous Branch, O Jesse's Rod!
Thou Son of Man and Son of God!
We, too, will lift our voices:
Jesus, Jesus!
Holy, holy, yet most lowly,
draw thou near us;
great Emmanuel, come and hear us.*

*2 Though circled by the hosts on high,
he deigned to cast a pitying eye
upon his helpless creature;
the whole creation's Head and Lord,
by highest seraphim adored,
assumed our very nature;
Jesus, grant us,
through thy merit, to inherit
thy salvation;
hear, O hear our supplication.*

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ
according to **Matthew**

5:13-20

Jesus said, “You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its saltiness, how will it become salty again? It’s good for nothing except to be thrown away and trampled under people’s feet. You are the light of the world. A city on top of a hill can’t be hidden. Neither

do people light a lamp and put it under a basket. Instead, they put it on top of a lampstand, and it shines on all who are in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before people, so they can see the good things you do and praise your Father who is in heaven.

“Don’t even begin to think that I have come to do away with the Law and the Prophets. I haven’t come to do away with them but to fulfill them. I say to you very seriously that as long as heaven and earth exist, neither the smallest letter nor even the smallest stroke of a pen will be erased from the Law until everything there becomes a reality. Therefore, whoever ignores one of the least of these commands and teaches others to do the same will be called the lowest in the kingdom of heaven. But whoever keeps these commands and teaches people to keep them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. I say to you that unless your righteousness is greater than the righteousness of the legal experts and the Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Presider The Gospel of our Savior.
People: ***Praise to you, Lord Christ***

Hymn **How Bright Appears the Morning Star** **H497 vs 3**
 Tune: Wie schön leuchtet

*3 Rejoice, ye heavens; thou earth, reply;
with praise, ye sinners, fill the sky,
for this his Incarnation.
Incarnate God, put forth thy power,
ride on, ride on, great Conqueror,
till all know thy salvation.
Amen, amen!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise be given
evermore, by earth and heaven.*

The people sit

The Sermon

The Rev. Peter Faass

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.*

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 Archbishop Dame Sarah Mullally, Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Anne, our Bishop; Peter, our supply priest; Clarke, our seminarian; and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

In the Diocese of Ohio, we pray for St. Peter's Church, Lakewood, and for Church of Our Saviour, Salem, and Holy Trinity, Lisbon, as they conclude their life as faith communities, with their final services held yesterday;

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.**

The Peace

BCP 360

All stand

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

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

Then the Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

For those celebrating birthdays

Bruno Sgambellone

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 presider asks visitors to fill out the information at the bottom of page 2, then highlights the announcements.

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Sentence

Offertory: This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. (3x)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine. (3x)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine. (3x)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. (3x)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

All stand

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Offerings

*The gifts of the people are presented at this time
as the congregation sings.*

Presentation Hymn: Now the Silence

H333

Tune: Now

Now the silence

Now the peace

Now the empty hands uplifted

Now the kneeling

Now the plea

Now the Father's arms in welcome

Now the hearing

Now the power

Now the vessel brimmed for pouring

Now the Body

Now the Blood

Now the joyful celebration

Now the wedding

Now the songs

Now the heart forgiven leaping

Now the Spirit's visitation

Now the Son's epiphany

Now the Father's blessing

Now

Now

Now

The people remain standing

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 361

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

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

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus and Benedictus

R. Bethancourt

Presider and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r, of pow'r and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r, of pow'r and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r, of pow'r and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

The people stand or kneel and the Presider continues

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.*

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: I Come with Joy

Brian Wren
Tune: *Dove of Peace*

*1. I come with joy a child of God,
forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall,
in love laid down for me,
in love laid down for me.*

*2. I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.*

*3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends.*

*The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.*

*4. The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here,
alive among us here.*

*5. Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy to give the world
the love that makes us one,
the love that makes us one.*

Postcommunion Music: Supplication

Taizé

O Lord, be merciful. Grant to us divine salvation.

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:

Closing Hymn: Thy Strong Word

H381

Tune: Ton-y-Botel

*1 Thy strong word
did cleave the darkness;
at thy speaking it was done;
for created light we thank thee,
while thine ordered seasons run:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia without end!*

*2 Lo, on those who dwelt
in darkness,
dark as night and deep as death,
broke the light of thy salvation,
breathed thine own
live-giving breath:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia without end!*

*3 Thy strong word
bespeaks us righteous;*

*bright with thine own holiness,
glorious now,
we press toward glory,
and our lives our hopes confess:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia without end!*

*4 God the Father, Light-Creator,
to thee laud and honor be;
to thee, Light of Light begotten,
praise be sung eternally;
Holy Spirit, Light-Revealer,
glory, glory be to thee;
mortals, angels, now and ever
praise the Holy Trinity.*

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.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary: Recessional on *Ton-y-Botel*

Larry Shackley

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.



The Ministers of the Liturgy

Presider: The Rev. Peter Faass

Music Director and Organist: Jon Peterson

Choir Director: Margie Hildebrandt

Acolytes: Derek Lewallen, Terrie Schade, Charlotte Sent

Sunday School: Margie Hildebrandt

Readers: John Carlson, Keira Dodd

Spiritual Communion Reader: John Carlson

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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;
Clarke -our seminarian

Those for whom prayers have been requested:

Abbie & her unborn child	June Madden
Shirley Campion	Linda Moore
Doug Damron	Penelope Neujahr
Ray D'Arcy	Gil Newlands
Robert Dibb	Corey Niebes
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Emily Junkans	Rev. Dr. Brian Wilbert
Joyce Knapp	

Those We Know in the Military

Wiley Goins	Burton McCarthy
Lauren Hober	Jason Strater
Sydney Kline	

The Departed

Kathy Barbato
Lisa Davidson

Virginia Dodd
Patricia Sayler

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 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.

Sesquicentennial Memorabilia

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

150th Anniversary Cookbook Available!

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

150th Anniversary History Available!

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

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Supply Priest Schedule through February

February 8th

Fr. Peter Faass

February 15th

Fr. Aaron Gerlach

February 18th, Ash Wed.

Fr. Peter Faass

February 22nd

Fr. Peter Faass

No 8:00 Service next week

Parish Meeting, after 10:30 service next week

The search committee will meet with Father Aaron after the 10:30 service next Sunday. The parish is invited to attend, to learn more about the process and to share our thoughts and hopes.

Ash Wednesday Service

We will observe Ash Wednesday with Holy Eucharist and the imposition of ashes on Wednesday, February 18th, at 7:00pm.

Note the time change!

Stations of the Cross

We will have Stations of the Cross in the church on the Wednesdays of Lent through Holy Week at 6:30pm, starting Wednesday, February 25th.

You're invited to stay for Evening Prayer at 7:00pm

ASCENSION NIGHT OUT

Because the third Wednesday in February is Ash Wednesday, Ascension Night Out will be canceled for February.

We will resume in March on Wednesday, March 18th.

Weekly Compline

The Diocese of Ohio will be hosting [Compline on Sunday evenings](#) at 7:30 p.m. from now through March 29. All are welcome to this quiet, contemplative service of prayer and scripture, offering a peaceful close to the day. We hope you will join us this evening, **February 8**. When we pray together, our hearts and souls are more centered, and we draw closer to God; when life feels like too much, praying together is a balm. We hope you will come and rest in God's presence as we pray for the world. If you are interested in officiating, please contact [the Rev. Canon Jessie Gutgsell Dodson](#).

Bellwether Farm Summer Camp Registration Open

Can you believe our [first summer camp session](#) is only 130 days away? We truly hope you can [join us](#) for fantastic summer at Bellwether Farm. Here you will find [more information](#), as well as links to help guide you. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to [contact us](#).

CCD Registration Is Open

Click [here](#) to register for the College for Congregational Development at Bellwether Farm, **August 2-7**. Prepare to be immersed in a collaborative learning environment where we strategize how to grow into the faith communities God has gathered to love the world together. Price is \$850/person for a single room at Bellwether. Please reach out to [the Rev. Leah Romanelli DeJesus](#) if you anticipate needing a scholarship.

2025 Diocesan Celebration of the Commemoration of the Rev. Absalom Jones and the Consecration of the Rt. Rev. Barbara Clementine Harris

The annual Festal Eucharist celebrating the Rev. Absalom Jones and the Rt. Rev. Barbara Clementine Harris will be held on **February 14** at 11:00 a.m. at Christ Church, Shaker Heights, hosted by the Wilma Ruth Combs Northeast Chapter of the Union of Black Episcopalians in collaboration with the Diocese of Ohio and Christ Church. Jones was the first African American ordained as a priest in the Episcopal Church, and Harris the first woman consecrated as a bishop in the Anglican Communion.

The Rt. Rev. Anne B. Jolly will be the celebrant, and the Rev. Megan Allen-Miller will be the preacher. For those interested in participating in the choir, please contact [Mickey D. McGroarty](#), Director of Music for this year's celebration. All are welcome to join in the celebration of these inspirational clergy, whose lives and ministries have left a profound impact on the church's communal life and ministry. Clergy are invited to process in cassock, surplice, and white stoles.

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.

Evening Prayer in Church

Wednesdays, 7-7:30pm, in the nave.

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 the Parish Administrator 216-521-8727 Jim.Weiss@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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