

Church of the Ascension

February 22, 2026

First Sunday in Lent

10:30am

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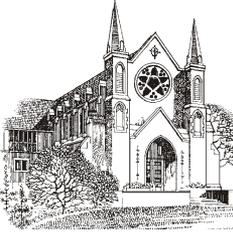
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*Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10:30am
with the Great Litany*

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.

When the Voluntary begins, please maintain prayerful silence.

Voluntary: Faith

Mark Hayes

Welcome / Invitation to Sunday School

The Great Litany

S67

O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,
Have mercy upon us.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
Have mercy upon us.

O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful,
Have mercy upon us.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,
Have mercy upon us.

Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy preserve us for ever.

Spare us, good Lord.

From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; and from everlasting damnation,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and commandment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and submission to the Law; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost,

Good Lord, deliver us.

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to illumine all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth, and show it accordingly,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest, and to draw all mankind into thy kingdom,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, the President of the United States, and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom upon all peoples,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate and oppressed,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all may enjoy them,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That It may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of heart as thy servants, and for the common good,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their labor or their travel,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth, young children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose homes are broken or torn by strife,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with thy presence those who are failing and infirm,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all people,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of all the saints, we may attain to thy heavenly kingdom,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

Grant us thy peace.

O Christ, hear us.

O Christ, hear us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Liturgy of the Word

Opening Salutation (*The people standing*)

BCP 355

Celebrant Blessed be the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People ***His mercy endures for ever.***

The Collect for the First Sunday in Lent

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

People sit for the reading of the lessons

A Reading from Genesis

2:15-17; 3:1-7

The Lord God took the human and settled him in the garden of Eden to farm it and to take care of it. The Lord God commanded the human, “Eat your fill from all of the garden’s trees; but don’t eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, because on the day you eat from it, you will die!”

The snake was the most intelligent of all the wild animals that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say that you shouldn’t eat from any tree in the garden?”

The woman said to the snake, “We may eat the fruit of the garden’s trees but not the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden. God said, ‘Don’t eat from it, and don’t touch it, or you will die.’”

The snake said to the woman, “You won’t die! God knows that on the day you eat from it, you will see clearly and you will be like

God, knowing good and evil.” The woman saw that the tree was beautiful with delicious food and that the tree would provide wisdom, so she took some of its fruit and ate it, and also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then they both saw clearly and knew that they were naked. So they sewed fig leaves together and made garments for themselves.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

Psalm 32 (spoken)

The one whose wrongdoing is forgiven,
whose sin is covered over, is truly happy!

***2 The one the Lord doesn't consider guilty—
in whose spirit there is no dishonesty—
that one is truly happy!***

3 When I kept quiet, my bones wore out;
I was groaning all day long—
every day, every night!—

***4 because your hand was heavy upon me.
My energy was sapped as if in a summer drought.***

5 So I admitted my sin to you;
I didn't conceal my guilt.
“I'll confess my sins to the Lord,” is what I said.
Then you removed the guilt of my sin.

***6 That's why all the faithful should pray to you during troubled times,
so that a great flood of water won't reach them.***

7 You are my secret hideout!
You protect me from trouble.
You surround me with songs of rescue!

***8 I will instruct you and teach you
about the direction you should go.
I'll advise you and keep my eye on you.***

9 Don't be like some senseless horse or mule,

whose movement must be controlled
with a bit and a bridle.

Don't be anything like that!

¹⁰ *The pain of the wicked is severe,
but faithful love surrounds the one who trusts the Lord.*

¹¹ You who are righteous, rejoice in the Lord and be glad!
All you whose hearts are right, sing out in joy!

A Reading from Romans

5:12-19

Just as through one human being sin came into the world, and death came through sin, so death has come to everyone, since everyone has sinned. Although sin was in the world, since there was no Law, it wasn't taken into account until the Law came. But death ruled from Adam until Moses, even over those who didn't sin in the same way Adam did—Adam was a type of the one who was coming.

But the free gift of Christ isn't like Adam's failure. If many people died through what one person did wrong, God's grace is multiplied even more for many people with the gift—of the one person Jesus Christ—that comes through grace. The gift isn't like the consequences of one person's sin. The judgment that came from one person's sin led to punishment, but the free gift that came out of many failures led to the verdict of acquittal. If death ruled because of one person's failure, those who receive the multiplied grace and the gift of righteousness will even more certainly rule in life through the one person Jesus Christ.

So now the righteous requirements necessary for life are met for everyone through the righteous act of one person, just as judgment fell on everyone through the failure of one person. Many people were made righteous through the obedience of one person, just as many people were made sinners through the disobedience of one person.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand

*1 Blessed Jesus, at thy word
we are gathered all to hear thee;
let our hearts and souls be stirred
now to seek and love and fear thee;
by thy teachings pure and holy,
drawn from earth to love thee solely.*

*2 All our knowledge, sense, and sight
lie in deepest darkness shrouded,
till thy Spirit breaks our night
with the beams of truth unclouded;
thou alone to God canst win us;
thou must work all good within us.*

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

4:1-11

People **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then the Spirit led Jesus up into the wilderness so that the devil might tempt him. After Jesus had fasted for forty days and forty nights, he was starving. The tempter came to him and said, “Since you are God’s Son, command these stones to become bread.”

Jesus replied, “It’s written, *People won’t live only by bread, but by every word spoken by God.*”

After that the devil brought him into the holy city and stood him at the highest point of the temple. He said to him, “Since you are God’s Son, throw yourself down; for it is written, *I will command my angels concerning you, and they will take you up in their hands so that you won’t hit your foot on a stone.*”

Jesus replied, “Again it’s written, *Don’t test the Lord your God.*”

Then the devil brought him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. He said, “I’ll give you all these if you bow down and worship me.”

Jesus responded, “Go away, Satan, because it’s written, *You will worship the Lord your God and serve only him.*” The devil left him, and angels came and took care of him.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People: ***Praise to you, O Christ***

Hymn

Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word

H440 vs 3

Tune: *Liebster Jesu*

***3 Gracious Lord, thyself impart!
Light of Light, from God proceeding,
open thou our ears and heart,
help us by thy Spirit’s pleading.
Hear the cry thy Church upraises;
hear, and bless our prayers and praises.***

The people sit

The Sermon

The Rev. Peter Faass

The people stand

The Nicene Creed

EOW 53

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

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

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

***We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,***

*eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light,
 true God from true God,
 begotten, not made,
 of one Being with the Father.
 Through him all things were made.
 For us and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven:
 was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
 and became truly human.
 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.
 On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the Scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.*

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

The Peace

All stand

Celebrant The peace of the 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

A. J. Kidwell

Fred Leick

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

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Sentence

Offertory: Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

Walton/Gardiner

Where cross the crowded ways of life,
Where sound the cries of race and clan,
Above the noise of selfish strife,
We hear thy voice, O Son of Man.

From tender childhood's helplessness,
From woman's grief, man's burdened toil,
From famished souls, from sorrow's stress,
Thy heart has never known recoil.

O Master, from the mountain side,
Make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
Among these restless throngs abide,
O tread the city's streets again;

Till sons of men shall learn thy love,
And follow where thy feet have trod;
Till glorious from thy heaven above,
Shall come the city of our God. Amen.

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Offerings

The gifts of the people are presented at this time

as the congregation sings.

Presentation Hymn: The Doxology **Tune: Herr Jesu Christ (H310)**

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below,
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

The people remain standing

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People ***We lift them to the Lord.***

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

The Celebrant 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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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

Rachmaninoff, arr. Tkach/Peterson

Celebrant 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.

The people stand or kneel and the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious God: 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 maker 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 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 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:

Celebrant and People (spoken)

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's 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 Christ. 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 Jesus Christ our Savior. 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 Celebrant

***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

S158

***O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.***

***O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.***

***O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.***

The Invitation to Communion

BCP 364

Celebrant 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 Celebrant 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: Lead Me, Guide Me

**L194
Doris Akers**

Refrain:

***Lead me, guide me along the way;
For if you lead me, I cannot stray;***

*Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.*

*1 I am weak, and I need thy strength and power
To help me over my weakest hour;
Let me through the darkness thy face to see,
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. [Refrain]*

*2 Help me tread in the paths of righteousness;
Be my aid when satan and sin oppress.
I am putting all my trust in thee,
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. [Refrain]*

*3 I am lost, if you take your hand from me;
I am blind, without Thy Light to see;
Lord, just always let me thy servant be,
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. [Refrain]*

Postcommunion Music: Bread of the World

H301

Tune: *Rendez a Dieu*

*Bread of the world, in mercy broken,
Wine of the soul, in mercy shed,
by whom the words of life were spoken,
and in whose death our sins are dead:
look on the heart by sorrow broken,
look on the tears by sinners shed;
and be thy feast to us the token
that by thy grace our souls are fed.*

After Communion, the Celebrant 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 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 Savior.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

Blessing

Closing Hymn: Forty Days and Forty Nights

H150

Tune: *Aus der Tiefe rufe ich*

*1. Forty days and forty nights
thou wast fasting in the wild;
forty days and forty nights
tempted, and yet undefiled.*

*2. Should not we thy sorrow share
and from worldly joys abstain,
fasting with unceasing prayer,
strong with thee to suffer pain?*

*3. Then if Satan on us press,
Jesus, Savior, hear our call!
Victor in the wilderness,
grant we may not faint or fall!*

*4. So shall we have peace divine:
holier gladness ours shall be;
round us, too, shall angels shine,
such as ministered to thee.*

*5. Keep, O keep us, Savior dear,
ever constant by thy side;
that with thee we may appear
at the eternal Eastertide.*

Celebrant 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

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary: Recessional on *Aus der Tiefe rufe ich* Charles Callahan

† † †

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.

**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	Joyce Knapp
Shirley Campion	June Madden
Doug Damron	Linda Moore
Ray D'Arcy	Penelope Neujahr
Robert Dibb	Gil Newlands
Kaisu Donovan	Corey Niebes
Jack Doyle	Sandy Reagan
Barbara Faux	Michael Redmond
Spencer Faux	Miriam Schantz
Stephanie Foster	Wendie Semple
Ella Jane Fowerbaugh	Daniel Smith
Hope Hungerford	Madelaine Tammoney
Boots Johnston	Corky Thacker
Emily Junkans	Rev. Dr. Brian Wilbert

Those We Know in the Military

Wiley Goins	Burton McCarthy
Lauren Hober	Jason Strater
Sydney Kline	

The Departed

Kathy Barbato
Lisa Davidson
Virginia Dodd

Ralph Romanelli
Diane Welfley

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.

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The Church of the Ascension strong
and able to meet the needs of an ever-changing world.



The Ministers of the Liturgy

Celebrant: The Rev. Peter Faass
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Choir Director: Margie Hildebrandt
Acolytes: Derek Lewallen, Terrie Schade, Seth Clemens
Sunday School: Jenny Christ
Readers: Corky Thacker, Joe Crichton
Spiritual Eucharist Reader: Corky Thacker
Chalice Bearers: Derek Lewallen, Terrie Schade
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Invitation to a Holy Lent

Dear People of God:

The Holy Scriptures tell us of God's loving purpose in creation: to raise up a holy people worthy of eternal life. Because we have fallen far away from that purpose, God has worked patiently to draw us back sending prophets and teachers to warn and to guide us and coming at last into this world in Jesus and sharing our human life and death so that we might know the full extent and power of God's love and forgiveness. In the waters of Baptism and by the power of the Holy Spirit, God has called men and women of every time and place into the Church, the Body of Christ, to offer worship and praise, to bear witness to God's love, and to work with God for the healing of the nations.

Yet, we continue to fall short of the holiness for which we were made and to turn aside to our own purposes, weakening our witness and failing to fulfill the ministries to which we are called. We stand in constant need of the forgiveness that Jesus proclaimed and which he commissioned the disciples to offer.

Therefore from very early times, the Church has set aside the season of Lent as a time when God's people are called to repent their sins and to renew the promises made at their baptism. It is a time when we were called to examine our way of life, to put aside all luxuries and self-indulgence, and to live a life of greater discipline, centered again on our Baptismal covenant of faith and witness and our commitment to seek justice and peace for all people.

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word.

Lenten Calendar

Wednesdays, February 25-March 25:

6:30pm Stations of the Cross

7:00pm Evening prayer (ongoing)

Palm Sunday, March 29:

No 8:00am service

10:30am Holy Eucharist

Maundy Thursday, April 2:

7:30pm Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar

9pm to midnight, night watch

Good Friday, April 3:

7:30pm Solemn Liturgy with Holy Communion

Great Vigil of Easter, April 4:

8:00pm Great Vigil of Easter at Trinity Cathedral

Easter Sunday, April 5:

No 8:00am service

10:30am Holy Eucharist

The Great Vigil of Easter

All are invited to join our bishop for the Easter Vigil
at Trinity Cathedral, 2230 Euclid Ave, Cleveland,
at 8:00pm Saturday, April 4th.

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 22**. 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 Gutsell 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.

Fr, Peter Faass will be our Supply Priest thru March

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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