

*Church of the Ascension*

*March 1, 2026*

*Second Sunday in Lent*

*10:30am*

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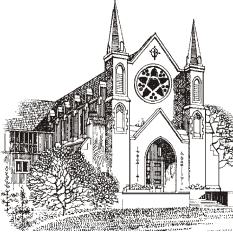
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*Holy Eucharist, Rite 1, 8:00am*

*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:** Variations on *Leoni* Hal Hopkins/Charles Callahan

**Opening Hymn:** The God of Abraham Praise

**H401**

**Tune: *Leoni***

*1 The God of Abraham praise,  
who reigns enthroned above;  
Ancient of everlasting days,  
and God of love;  
the Lord, the great I AM,  
by earth and heaven confessed:  
we bow and bless the sacred Name  
for ever blest.*

*2 He by himself hath sworn:  
we on his oath depend;  
we shall, on eagles-wings upborne,  
to heaven ascend:  
we shall behold his face,  
we shall his power adore,  
and sing the wonders of his grace  
for evermore.*

*3 There dwells the Lord, our King,  
the Lord, our Righteousness,  
triumphant o'er the world and sin,  
the Prince of Peace;  
on Zion's sacred height  
his kingdom he maintains,  
and, glorious with his saints in light,  
for ever reigns.*

*4 The God who reigns on high  
the great archangels sing,  
and "Holy, holy, holy," cry,  
"Almighty King!  
Who was, and is, the same,  
and evermore shall be:  
eternal Father, great I AM,  
we worship thee."*

*5 The whole triumphant host  
give thanks to God on high;  
"Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost"  
they ever cry;  
hail, Abraham's Lord divine!  
With heaven our songs we raise;  
all might and majesty are thine,  
and endless praise.*

## **Welcome / Invitation to Sunday School**

### **A Penitential Order**

**Opening Salutation** *(The people standing)*

*BCP 351*

*Celebrant* Blessed be the Lord who forgives all our sins.

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

*The people stand or kneel and the Celebrant continues*

**Decalogue**

*BCP 350*

Hear the commandments of God to his people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.  
You shall have no other gods but me.

***Amen. Lord have mercy.***

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

***Amen. Lord have mercy.***

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

***Amen. Lord have mercy.***

Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

***Amen. Lord have mercy.***

Honor your father and your mother.

***Amen. Lord have mercy.***

You shall not commit murder.

***Amen. Lord have mercy.***

You shall not commit adultery.

***Amen. Lord have mercy.***

You shall not steal.

***Amen. Lord have mercy.***

You shall not be a false witness.

***Amen. Lord have mercy.***

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

***Amen. Lord have mercy.***

*Celebrant says*

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

*The Celebrant then says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Celebrant 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 your Son 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 our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. ***Amen.***

**Song of Praise      Holy God**

**S102**

***Holy God,  
Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,  
Have mercy upon us.***

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Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,  
Have mercy upon us.***

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# The Liturgy of the Word

## The Collect for the Second Sunday in Lent

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

*People sit for the reading of the lessons*

## A Reading from Genesis

12:1-4a

The Lord said to Abram, "Leave your land, your family, and your father's household for the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation and will bless you. I will make your name respected, and you will be a blessing.

I will bless those who bless you,  
those who curse you I will curse;  
all the families of the earth  
will be blessed because of you."

Abram left just as the Lord told him, and Lot went with him.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

## Psalm 121 (*spoken*)

I raise my eyes toward the mountains.

Where will my help come from?

<sup>2</sup> ***My help comes from the Lord,  
the maker of heaven and earth.***

<sup>3</sup> God won't let your foot slip.

Your protector won't fall asleep on the job.

<sup>4</sup> ***No! Israel's protector  
never sleeps or rests!***

<sup>5</sup> The Lord is your protector;  
the Lord is your shade right beside you.

<sup>6</sup> ***The sun won't strike you during the day;  
neither will the moon at night.***

<sup>7</sup> The Lord will protect you from all evil;  
God will protect your very life.

<sup>8</sup> ***The Lord will protect you on your journeys—  
whether going or coming—  
from now until forever from now.***

## **A Reading from Romans**

**4:1-5, 13-17**

So what are we going to say? Are we going to find that Abraham is our ancestor on the basis of genealogy? Because if Abraham was made righteous because of his actions, he would have had a reason to brag, but not in front of God. What does the scripture say?

*Abraham had faith in God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.* Workers' salaries aren't credited to them on the basis of an employer's grace but rather on the basis of what they deserve. But faith is credited as righteousness to those who don't work, because they have faith in God who makes the ungodly righteous.

The promise to Abraham and to his descendants, that he would inherit the world, didn't come through the Law but through the righteousness that comes from faith. If they inherit because of the Law, then faith has no effect and the promise has been canceled. The Law brings about wrath. But when there isn't any law, there isn't any violation of the law. That's why the inheritance comes through faith, so that it will be on the basis of God's grace. In that way, the promise is secure for all of Abraham's descendants, not just for those who are related by Law but also for those who are related by the faith of Abraham, who is the father of all of us. As it is written: *I have appointed you to be the father of many nations.* So Abraham is our father in the eyes of God in whom he had faith, the God who gives life to the dead and calls things that don't exist into existence.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.  
*People*        ***Thanks be to God.***

*The people stand*

**Sequence Hymn Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word**

**H440 vs 1,2**

**Tune: *Liebster Jesu***

*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 Lord Jesus Christ  
according to **John**

**3:1-17**

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

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a Jewish leader. He came to Jesus at night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one could do these miraculous signs that you do unless God is with him.”

Jesus answered, “I assure you, unless someone is born anew, it’s not possible to see God’s kingdom.”

Nicodemus asked, “How is it possible for an adult to be born? It’s impossible to enter the mother’s womb for a second time and be born, isn’t it?”

Jesus answered, “I assure you, unless someone is born of water and the Spirit, it’s not possible to enter God’s kingdom. Whatever is born of the flesh is flesh, and whatever is born of the Spirit is spirit. Don’t be surprised that I said to you, ‘You must be born anew.’ God’s Spirit blows wherever it wishes. You hear its sound, but you don’t know where it comes from or where it is going. It’s the same with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”



*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:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
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 and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

## The Prayers of the People, Form I

BCP 383

*Stand or kneel as the Holy Spirit leads.*

*The Leader and People pray.*

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For Archbishop Dame Sarah Mullally, Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Anne, our Bishop; Peter, our supply priest; Clarke, our seminarian; and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

In the Diocese of Ohio, for St. Peter’s Church, Lakewood, and for St. Mark's Church, Canton; St. Paul's Church, Canton; and St. Martin's Church, Chagrin Falls, and their surrounding communities; let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering (especially... *the names on the long-term prayer list are read*), let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed (especially... *the names of the recently deceased are read*), let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

In the communion of saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

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

*Silence*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

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 Peace**

*All stand*

*Celebrant*    The peace of the Lord 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

Stephanie Gillies  
Charlotte Sent

David Sent  
Jeff Sommer

*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:** O Taste and See

Timothy Flynn

O taste and see, O taste and see,  
O taste and see, O taste and see.

See how gracious is the Lord,  
how gracious is the Lord.  
How blest are those who hope in the Lord,

O taste and see, O taste and see,  
O taste and see, O taste and see.

### 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 in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto 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 Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: "This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People (spoken)*

***Christ has died.***

***Christ is risen.***

***Christ will come again.***

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. ***AMEN.***

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 Music: Let Us Break Bread**

**H325**

**Tune: *Let Us Break Bread Together***

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

*[Refrain:]*

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

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

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

**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 your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

**Blessing**

**Sevenfold Amen**

**Peter Lutkin**

**Closing Hymn: Lift High the Cross**

**H473**

**Tune: Crucifer**

*Refrain:*

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred Name.*

*1. Led on their way by this triumphant sign,  
the hosts of God in conquering ranks combine. (refrain)*

*2. Each newborn servant of the Crucified  
bears on the brow the seal of him who died. (refrain)*

*3 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee. (refrain)*

*4 So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
praise to the Crucified for victory. (refrain)*

*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:** Grand Choeur

Craig A. Penfield

† † †

**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.

## Pledges and offerings to the Church.

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

*or*



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Please join us in helping to keep  
The Church of the Ascension strong  
and able to meet the needs of an ever-changing world.



## **The Ministers of the Liturgy**

Celebrant: The Rev. Peter Faass  
Music Director and Organist: Jon Peterson  
Choir Director: Margie Hildebrandt  
Acolytes: Derek Lewallen, Terrie Schade, Seth Clemens  
Sunday School: Jenny Christ  
Readers: Joe Sgambellone, Cara Clemens  
Spiritual Eucharist Reader: Joe Sgambellone  
Chalice Bearers: Derek Lewallen, Terrie Schade  
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# Lenten Calendar

## Wednesdays, February 25-March 25:

6:30pm Stations of the Cross

7:00pm Evening prayer (ongoing)

## Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday, one service	March 29 <sup>th</sup> , 10:30am
Maundy Thursday service	April 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 7:30pm
Night Watch	April 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 9:00pm
Good Friday	April 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 7:30pm
Easter Vigil, Trinity Cathedral	April 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 7:30pm
Easter Sunday, one service	April 5 <sup>th</sup> , 10:30am

## Keep Watch and Pray

We will have a prayer vigil in the Chapel at the Altar of Repose, after the Maundy Thursday service, until midnight.

If you are able to take part, please sign up in the office, to indicate which time slot you will take.

## 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 4<sup>th</sup>.

## **Easter Egg Hunt**

On Easter Sunday we will have the children's Easter egg hunt following the service. We are asking for people to donate their loose change and small wrapped candy in order to fill the eggs (silver coins only please). A collection box can be found at hospitality after the 10:30am service.

## **Palm Crosses**

Join us in making palm crosses in Strom Hall,  
on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 9:30am.  
This is an intergenerational event. Bring the family!

## **Easter Cleaning at Church Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, at 9am**

Please join us on **Saturday, March 28**, as we roll up our sleeves and prepare our church for Holy Week and Easter Sunday.

We will be cleaning the Sanctuary from **9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon**, and the more hands we have, the more quickly the work will be completed. If you are able, please feel free to bring cleaning rags and a bucket.

The recent elevator reconstruction has created quite a bit of dust, and we would like to give the church a thorough cleaning — from the Narthex to the Chancel, as well as the Chapel.

Sign-up sheets will be available in the church office during the week, in the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings, and in Ascension Hall during Hospitality. You may also sign up by calling the church office at **216-521-8727** or by emailing [Jim.Weiss@Ascension-Lakewood.org](mailto:Jim.Weiss@Ascension-Lakewood.org).

Thank you in advance for your help and for taking part in caring for our church as we prepare for this holy season.

## **ASCENSION NIGHT OUT**

As you know, our monthly Ascension Night Out is usually a time for good food and fellowship; however, in keeping with the spirit of the Lenten season, we will not be holding our dinner outing in March.

Lent is a time of reflection and simplicity, and I felt it was appropriate to take a brief pause from our regular gathering this month. We will plan to resume Ascension Night Out in April, and I look forward to being together again then.

Thank you for your understanding, and I wish you all a meaningful and blessed Lenten season.

## **Altar Flowers for Easter**

We create a temporary pool of funds from which to buy the plants which adorn the altars and the chancel for Easter Day in memory or in honor of loved ones. Place your contributions in the envelopes provided (checks made out to the church, with “Easter flowers” in the memo line or cash) and list those you want to remember on the form provided next to the box for the contributions. Or send your donation online and an email to [secretary@ascension-lakewood.org](mailto:secretary@ascension-lakewood.org). The amount of each gift is determined by the donor.

The deadline for making gifts to the fund and placing names on the remembrance list is March 24<sup>th</sup> (Palm Sunday), which allows sufficient time for that list to be compiled for publication with the Easter service bulletins.

Following the 10:30 service on Easter Day the plants are distributed to parishioners who due to ill health or disability are unable to attend worship.

## 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](mailto: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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