

*Church of the Ascension*

*March 8, 2026*

*Third Sunday in Lent*

*10:30am*

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

*BCP indicates the Book of Common Prayer.*

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

*Hymn and “S” numbers indicate the Hymnal 1982*

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

## Finding Your Way

**Elevator:** Under reconstruction.

**Restrooms:** *Upper Level* – Through the door to the left of the altar (NW), past the chapel, past the library, and to the right of the church office.

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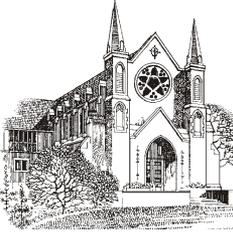
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*Holy Eucharist, 10:30am*

*Rite II, Expansive language*

*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:** All Through the Night      Old Welsh air, arr. K. Griesinger  
The Ascension String Ensemble

### **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 God who forgives all our sins.

*People* ***God's mercy endures for ever.***

### The Collect for the Third Sunday in Lent

*Celebrant* God be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

*People sit for the reading of the lessons*

### A Reading from Exodus

**17:1-7**

The whole Israelite community broke camp and set out from the Sin desert to continue their journey, as the Lord commanded. They set up their camp at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people argued with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink."

Moses said to them, "Why are you arguing with me? Why are you testing the Lord?"

But the people were very thirsty for water there, and they complained to Moses, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt to kill us, our children, and our livestock with thirst?"

So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What should I do with this people? They are getting ready to stone me."

The Lord said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people, and take some of Israel’s elders with you. Take in your hand the shepherd’s rod that you used to strike the Nile River, and go. I’ll be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Hit the rock. Water will come out of it, and the people will be able to drink.” Moses did so while Israel’s elders watched. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites argued with and tested the Lord, asking, “Is the Lord really with us or not?”

*Reader*    The Word of the Lord.

*People*    ***Thanks be to God.***

### **Psalm 95 (spoken)**

Come, let’s sing out loud to the Lord!

Let’s raise a joyful shout to the rock of our salvation!

<sup>2</sup> ***Let’s come before him with thanks!***

***Let’s shout songs of joy to him!***

<sup>3</sup> The Lord is a great God,  
the great king over all other gods.

<sup>4</sup> ***The earth’s depths are in his hands;  
the mountain heights belong to him;***

<sup>5</sup> the sea, which he made, is his  
along with the dry ground,  
which his own hands formed.

<sup>6</sup> ***Come, let’s worship and bow down!***

***Let’s kneel before the Lord, our maker!***

<sup>7</sup> He is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture,  
the sheep in his hands.

If only you would listen to his voice right now!

<sup>8</sup> ***“Don’t harden your hearts  
like you did at Meribah,  
like you did when you were at Massah,  
in the wilderness,***

- <sup>9</sup> when your ancestors tested me  
and scrutinized me,  
even though they had already seen my acts.
- <sup>10</sup> ***For forty years I despised that generation;  
I said, ‘These people have twisted hearts.  
They don’t know my ways.’***
- <sup>11</sup> So in anger I swore:  
‘They will never enter my place of rest!’”

## A Reading from Romans

5:1-11

Therefore, since we have been made righteous through his faithfulness, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. We have access by faith into this grace in which we stand through him, and we boast in the hope of God’s glory. But not only that! We even take pride in our problems, because we know that trouble produces endurance, endurance produces character, and character produces hope. This hope doesn’t put us to shame, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

While we were still weak, at the right moment, Christ died for ungodly people. It isn’t often that someone will die for a righteous person, though maybe someone might dare to die for a good person. But God shows his love for us, because while we were still sinners Christ died for us. So, now that we have been made righteous by his blood, we can be even more certain that we will be saved from God’s wrath through him. If we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son while we were still enemies, now that we have been reconciled, how much more certain is it that we will be saved by his life? And not only that: we even take pride in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, the one through whom we now have a restored relationship with God.

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

*The people stand*

*1 Rock of ages, cleft for me,  
let me hide myself in thee;  
let the water and the blood  
from thy wounded side which flowed,  
be of sin the double cure,  
cleanse me from its guilt and power.*

*2 Should my tears for ever flow,  
should my zeal no languor know,  
all for sin could not atone;  
thou must save, and thou alone;  
in my hand no price I bring,  
simply to thy cross I cling.*

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

**4:5-42**

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

He came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, which was near the land Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Jesus was tired from his journey, so he sat down at the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to the well to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me some water to drink." His disciples had gone into the city to buy him some food.

The Samaritan woman asked, "Why do you, a Jewish man, ask for something to drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" (Jews and Samaritans didn't associate with each other.)

Jesus responded, "If you recognized God's gift and who is saying to you, 'Give me some water to drink,' you would be asking him and he would give you living water."

The woman said to him, "Sir, you don't have a bucket and the well is deep. Where would you get this living water? You aren't greater

than our father Jacob, are you? He gave this well to us, and he drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock.”

Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks from the water that I will give will never be thirsty again. The water that I give will become in those who drink it a spring of water that bubbles up into eternal life.”

The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I will never be thirsty and will never need to come here to draw water!”

Jesus said to her, “Go, get your husband, and come back here.”

The woman replied, “I don’t have a husband.”

“You are right to say, ‘I don’t have a husband,’” Jesus answered. “You’ve had five husbands, and the man you are with now isn’t your husband. You’ve spoken the truth.”

The woman said, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you and your people say that it is necessary to worship in Jerusalem.”

Jesus said to her, “Believe me, woman, the time is coming when you and your people will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You and your people worship what you don’t know; we worship what we know because salvation is from the Jews. But the time is coming—and is here!—when true worshippers will worship in spirit and truth. The Father looks for those who worship him this way. God is spirit, and it is necessary to worship God in spirit and truth.”

The woman said, “I know that the Messiah is coming, the one who is called the Christ. When he comes, he will teach everything to us.”

Jesus said to her, “I Am—the one who speaks with you.”

Just then, Jesus’ disciples arrived and were shocked that he was talking with a woman. But no one asked, “What do you want?” or “Why are you talking with her?” The woman put down her water jar and went into the city. She said to the people, “Come and see a man

who has told me everything I've done! Could this man be the Christ?" They left the city and were on their way to see Jesus.

In the meantime the disciples spoke to Jesus, saying, "Rabbi, eat."

Jesus said to them, "I have food to eat that you don't know about."

The disciples asked each other, "Has someone brought him food?"

Jesus said to them, "I am fed by doing the will of the one who sent me and by completing his work. Don't you have a saying, 'Four more months and then it's time for harvest'? Look, I tell you: open your eyes and notice that the fields are already ripe for the harvest. Those who harvest are receiving their pay and gathering fruit for eternal life so that those who sow and those who harvest can celebrate together. This is a true saying, that one sows and another harvests. I have sent you to harvest what you didn't work hard for; others worked hard, and you will share in their hard work."

Many Samaritans in that city believed in Jesus because of the woman's word when she testified, "He told me everything I've ever done." So when the Samaritans came to Jesus, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. Many more believed because of his word, and they said to the woman, "We no longer believe because of what you said, for we have heard for ourselves and know that this one is truly the savior of the world."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of our Savior.

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

**Hymn**

**Rock of Ages**

**H685 vs. 3**

**Tune: *Toplady***

***3 While I draw this fleeting breath,  
when mine eyelids close in death,  
when I rise to worlds unknown  
and behold thee on thy throne,  
Rock of ages, cleft for me,  
let me hide myself in thee.***

*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 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**

Sarah Ciarniello

Cherie Paisley

***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:** Jesus Loves Me L218  
Youth Choir & Jesus Loves the Little Children L222

Jesus loves me! this I know,  
For the bible tells me so;  
Little ones to Him belong;  
They are weak but He is strong.

*Refrain:*

Yes, Jesus loves me,  
Yes, Jesus loves me,  
Yes, Jesus loves me,  
The bible tells me so.

Jesus loves the little children,  
All the children of the world;  
Red and yellow, black and white,  
They are precious in His sight,  
Jesus loves the little children of the world.

***Jesus loves me! this I know,  
For the bible tells me so;  
Little ones to Him belong;  
They are weak but He is strong.***

*Refrain:*

***Yes, Jesus loves me,  
Yes, Jesus loves me,  
Yes, Jesus loves me,  
The bible tells me so.***

## 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 our God.*

*Celebrant*      Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*The Celebrant 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.

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 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 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: 'Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive'      H674**  
**Tune: Detroit**

*1. 'Forgive our sins as we forgive,'  
you taught us, Lord, to pray,  
but you alone can grant us grace  
to live the words we say.*

*2. How can your pardon reach and bless  
the unforgiving heart,  
that broods on wrongs and will not let  
old bitterness depart?*

*3. In blazing light your cross reveals  
the truth we dimly knew:  
how small the debts men owe to us,  
how great our debt to you!*

*4. Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls,  
and bid resentment cease;  
then, reconciled to God and man,  
our lives will spread your peace.*

**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, 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

Sevenfold Amen

Peter Lutkin

Closing Hymn: God of Grace and God of Glory

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Tune: *Cwm Rhondda*

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

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

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

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

*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:** Variations on *Cwm Rhondda*

Hal H. Hopson/Charles Callahan

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**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*



Use your smart phone to scan the code above or visit [ascension-lakewood.org](http://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.

# 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 4 <sup>th</sup> , 8:00pm
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 at Trinity Cathedral

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>.

## **Palm Crosses**

Join us in making palm crosses in Strom Hall,  
on Saturday, **March 28<sup>th</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.

## **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.

## **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 29<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, **March 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 Gutsell Dodson](#).

## 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.

## **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 Easter Sunday**



## **The Ministers of the Liturgy**

Celebrant: The Rev. Peter Faass  
Music Director and Organist: Jon Peterson  
Choir Director: Margie Hildebrandt  
Acolytes: Derek Lewallen, Jan Bednarski, Charlotte Sent  
Sunday School: Margie Hildebrandt  
Readers: Corky Thacker, Ray Pratt  
Spiritual Eucharist Reader: Corky Thacker  
Chalice Bearers: Derek Lewallen, Jan Bednarski  
Ushers: Joe Sgambellone, Bob Hankey  
Videographer: Gigi Evans  
Podcast Graphics & Post-production: Bill Rice

The Ascension String Ensemble  
Cara Clemens, Director: violin  
Cory Clemens: violin  
David Sent: viola  
Charlotte Sent: cello



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## **Office Hours**

Office Hours are: 9am – 1:30pm, Tuesday – Thursday

## **Noonday prayer**

**Tuesdays at 12:12pm via conference call**

**We will start prayer promptly at 12:12, and end just before 1pm.  
Please do not call in before 12:05pm.**

You can call in for all or part of the time.

Dial-in number: (425) 436-6300

Access code: 593523#

Use \*6 to mute and un-mute yourself when trying to talk.

We will use the Book of Common Prayer pp. 103-107.

## **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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