

Church of the Ascension

March 22, 2026

Fifth Sunday in Lent

10:30am

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

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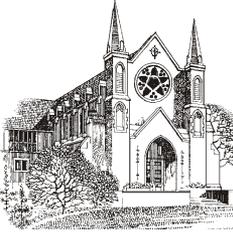
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Holy Eucharist, 10:30am

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: El Pensamiento

José White LaFitte, 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 Fifth Sunday in Lent

Celebrant God be with you.

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ 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 Ezekiel

37:1-14

The Lord's power overcame me, and while I was in the Lord's spirit, he led me out and set me down in the middle of a certain valley. It was full of bones. He led me through them all around, and I saw that there were a great many of them on the valley floor, and they were very dry.

He asked me, "Human one, can these bones live again?"

I said, "Lord God, only you know."

He said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, Dry bones, hear the Lord's word! The Lord God proclaims to these bones: I am about to put breath in you, and you will live again. I will put sinews on you, place flesh on you, and cover you with skin.

When I put breath in you, and you come to life, you will know that I am the Lord.”

I prophesied just as I was commanded. There was a great noise as I was prophesying, then a great quaking, and the bones came together, bone by bone. When I looked, suddenly there were sinews on them. The flesh appeared, and then they were covered over with skin. But there was still no breath in them.

He said to me, “Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, human one! Say to the breath, The Lord God proclaims: Come from the four winds, breath! Breathe into these dead bodies and let them live.”

I prophesied just as he commanded me. When the breath entered them, they came to life and stood on their feet, an extraordinarily large company.

He said to me, “Human one, these bones are the entire house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope has perished. We are completely finished.’ So now, prophesy and say to them, The Lord God proclaims: I’m opening your graves! I will raise you up from your graves, my people, and I will bring you to Israel’s fertile land. You will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you up from your graves, my people. I will put my breath in you, and you will live. I will plant you on your fertile land, and you will know that I am the Lord. I’ve spoken, and I will do it. This is what the Lord says.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

Psalm 130 (spoken)

I cry out to you from the depths, Lord—

² ***my Lord, listen to my voice!***

Let your ears pay close attention to my request for mercy!

³ If you kept track of sins, Lord—

my Lord, who would stand a chance?

⁴ ***But forgiveness is with you—***

that’s why you are honored.

⁵ I hope, Lord.

My whole being hopes,
and I wait for God's promise.

⁶ *My whole being waits for my Lord—
more than the night watch waits for morning;
yes, more than the night watch waits for morning!*

⁷ Israel, wait for the Lord!
Because faithful love is with the Lord;
because great redemption is with our God!

⁸ *He is the one who will redeem Israel
from all its sin.*

A Reading from Romans

8:6-11

The attitude that comes from selfishness leads to death, but the attitude that comes from the Spirit leads to life and peace. So the attitude that comes from selfishness is hostile to God. It doesn't submit to God's Law, because it can't. People who are self-centered aren't able to please God.

But you aren't self-centered. Instead you are in the Spirit, if in fact God's Spirit lives in you. If anyone doesn't have the Spirit of Christ, they don't belong to him. If Christ is in you, the Spirit is your life because of God's righteousness, but the body is dead because of sin. If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead lives in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your human bodies also, through his Spirit that lives in you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

The people stand

Sequence Hymn Breathe on me, Breath of God

H508 vs 1,2

Tune: Nova Vita

*1 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew,*

*that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.*

*2 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will,
to do or to endure.*

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

11:1-45

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

A certain man, Lazarus, was ill. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. (This was the Mary who anointed the Lord with fragrant oil and wiped his feet with her hair. Her brother Lazarus was ill.) So the sisters sent word to Jesus, saying, “Lord, the one whom you love is ill.”

When he heard this, Jesus said, “This illness isn’t fatal. It’s for the glory of God so that God’s Son can be glorified through it.” Jesus loved Martha, her sister, and Lazarus. When he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed where he was. After two days, he said to his disciples, “Let’s return to Judea again.”

The disciples replied, “Rabbi, the Jewish opposition wants to stone you, but you want to go back?”

Jesus answered, “Aren’t there twelve hours in the day? Whoever walks in the day doesn’t stumble because they see the light of the world. But whoever walks in the night does stumble because the light isn’t in them.”

He continued, “Our friend Lazarus is sleeping, but I am going in order to wake him up.”

The disciples said, “Lord, if he’s sleeping, he will get well.” They thought Jesus meant that Lazarus was in a deep sleep, but Jesus had spoken about Lazarus’ death.

Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus has died. For your sakes, I’m glad I wasn’t there so that you can believe. Let’s go to him.”

Then Thomas (the one called Didymus) said to the other disciples, “Let us go too so that we may die with Jesus.”

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Bethany was a little less than two miles from Jerusalem. Many Jews had come to comfort Martha and Mary after their brother’s death. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him, while Mary remained in the house. Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother wouldn’t have died. Even now I know that whatever you ask God, God will give you.”

Jesus told her, “Your brother will rise again.”

Martha replied, “I know that he will rise in the resurrection on the last day.”

Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me will live, even though they die. Everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?”

She replied, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, God’s Son, the one who is coming into the world.”

After she said this, she went and spoke privately to her sister Mary, “The teacher is here and he’s calling for you.” When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to Jesus. He hadn’t entered the village but was still in the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were comforting Mary in the house saw her get up quickly and leave, they followed her. They assumed she was going to mourn at the tomb.

When Mary arrived where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother wouldn’t have died.”

When Jesus saw her crying and the Jews who had come with her crying also, he was deeply disturbed and troubled. He asked, “Where have you laid him?”

They replied, “Lord, come and see.”

Jesus began to cry. The Jews said, “See how much he loved him!” But some of them said, “He healed the eyes of the man born blind. Couldn’t he have kept Lazarus from dying?”

Jesus was deeply disturbed again when he came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone covered the entrance. Jesus said, “Remove the stone.”

Martha, the sister of the dead man, said, “Lord, the smell will be awful! He’s been dead four days.”

Jesus replied, “Didn’t I tell you that if you believe, you will see God’s glory?” So they removed the stone. Jesus looked up and said, “Father, thank you for hearing me. I know you always hear me. I say this for the benefit of the crowd standing here so that they will believe that you sent me.” Having said this, Jesus shouted with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his feet bound and his hands tied, and his face covered with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Untie him and let him go.”

Therefore, many of the Jews who came with Mary and saw what Jesus did believed in him.

Celebrant The Gospel of our Savior.

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

Hymn

Breathe on me, Breath of God

H508 vs 3,4

Tune: *Nova Vita*

*3 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
till I am wholly thine,
till all this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.*

*4 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
so shall I never die;
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.*

The people sit

The people stand

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

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

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

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

***We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.***

***He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.***

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

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

Susan Hankey

Ann Pesta

Grace Hildebrandt

Carol Roser

***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: My Savior and My God

Jay Althouse

My life, my love I give to Thee,
Thou Lamb of God who died for me;
O may I ever faithful be,
My Savior and my God!

I'll live for him who died for me,
How richer then my life will be.
I'll bow to him on bended knee,
My Savior and my God!

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.

You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

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 Music: Spirit Song

LEVAS 118

*Oh, let the Son of God enfold you,
with His Spirit and His love,
Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.
Oh, let Him have the things that hold you,
and His Spirit like a dove,
Will descend upon your life, and make you whole.*

Refrain:

*Jesus. Oh, Jesus, come and fill your lambs.
Jesus. Oh, Jesus, come and fill your lambs.*

*Oh, come and sing this song with gladness,
as your hearts are filled with joy,
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name,
Oh, give Him all your tears and sadness,
give Him all your years of pain,
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name.*

Refrain

*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

*1 Holy Spirit, ever living
as the Church's very life;
Holy Spirit, ever striving
through her in a ceaseless strife;
Holy Spirit, ever forming
in the Church the mind of Christ;
thee we praise with endless worship
for thy fruits and gifts unpriced.*

*2 Holy Spirit, ever working
through the Church's ministry;
quickenng, strengthening and absolving,
setting captive sinners free;
Holy Spirit, ever binding
age to age, and soul to soul,
in a fellowship unending
thee we worship and extol.*

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 *Abbot's Leigh*

Michael Burkhardt

† † †

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	June Madden
Shirley Champion	Linda Moore
Doug Damron	Penelope Neujahr
Ray D'Arcy	Gil Newlands
Robert Dibb	Corey Niebes
Kaisu Donovan	Becky Novagrad
Jack Doyle	Betty Pantel
Barbara Faux	Thomas Price
Spencer Faux	Michael Redmond
Stephanie Foster	Miriam Schantz
Ella Jane Fowerbaugh	Wendie Semple
Hope Hungerford	Daniel Smith
Boots Johnston	Madelaine Tammoney
Emily Junkans	Corky Thacker
Joyce Knapp	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

Sandy Reagan
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 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.

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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, Seth Clemens
Sunday School: Stephanie Gilles
Readers: Keira Dodd, Joe Crichton
Spiritual Eucharist Reader: Keira Dodd
Chalice Bearers: Derek Lewallen, Jan Bednarski
Ushers: Adam Clemens, Ray Pratt
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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 th , 10:30am
Maundy Thursday service	April 2 nd , 7:30pm
Night Watch	April 2 nd , 9:00pm
Good Friday	April 3 rd , 7:30pm
Easter Vigil, Trinity Cathedral	April 4 th , 8:00pm
Easter Sunday, one service	April 5 th , 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 4th.

Palm Crosses

Join us in making palm crosses in Strom Hall,
on Saturday, **March 28th, at 9:30am.**
This is an intergenerational event. Bring the family!

Easter Cleaning at Church Saturday, March 28th, 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.

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. 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 29th (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.

Elevator Update

The installation of the new elevator will start in two weeks and will take four weeks. Completion will be in six weeks.

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 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](#).

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.

Supply Priest Schedule through April

Thru April 5 th	Fr. Peter Faass
April 12 th	Fr. John Keller
April 19 th	Fr. John Keller
April 26 th	Fr. Keith Owen

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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