



The First Sunday after Epiphany 7 Year B

Sunday, January 10, 2021 • 10:00 a.m.

Welcome to Church of the Ascension. We are an inclusive community that respects the dignity of every human being. Therefore, whoever you are in terms of race, ethnicity, gender, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, or ability and wherever you are on your faith journey, we welcome you and hope you will give us an opportunity to be your spiritual home.

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

PRELUDE

Brightest and Best
Bailey Myers, piano

American Folk Hymn, arr. Mark Hayes

PROCESSIONAL HYMN HYMNAL 616

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. Of Psalm 72

Music: *Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein*, German folk song; adapt. And harm. *A Student's Hymnal*, 1923, after Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941)

1 Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!
4 Kings shall bow down be - fore him, and gold and in - cense bring;
5 O'er ev - ery foe vic - to - rious, he on his throne shall rest;

1 Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!
4 all na - tions shall a - dore him, his praise all peo - ple sing;
5 from age to age more glo - rious, all bless - ing and all - blest:

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1 He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free;
 4 to him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows a - scend;
 5 the tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move;

1 to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.
 4 his king - dom still in - creas - ing, a king - dom with - out end.
 5 his Name shall stand for ev - er, his change - less Name of Love.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant This day and every day, grant to us light.

People **This day and every day, grant to us peace.**

Celebrant This day and every day, grant to us faith.

People **This day and every day, grant to us grace.**

Celebrant This day and every day, grant to us joy.

People **Let us come and worship God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:
 Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly
 love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

GLORIA

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

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

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

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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

THE FIRST LESSON

Jennifer Woods, Lector

Genesis 1:1-5

A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

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

PSALM 29

Jennifer Woods, Lector

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, *
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.**
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; *
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.**
- 4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.**
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; *
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;**
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**
- 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; *
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

- 8 **The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.**
- 9 **And in the temple of the Lord *
all are crying, «Glory!»**
- 10 **The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; *
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.**
- 11 **The Lord shall give strength to his people; *
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.**

THE SECOND LESSON

Jennifer Woods, *Lector*

Acts 19:1-7

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?” They replied, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” Then he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.” Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.” On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— altogether there were about twelve of them.

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

THE GRADUAL MUSIC

Baptized in Water

Words: Michael Saward (b. 1932)
Music: Eugene Hancock (b. 1929); LEVAS 121

THE GOSPEL

Mark 1:4-11

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

People The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Joan E. Beilstein, *Rector*

THE NICENE CREED

**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.***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In this season of God's light, let us offer our prayers, saying, "Christ, have mercy."

For peace, justice, and tranquility in the world, and for the salvation of all, let us pray.

Christ, have mercy.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop; Mariann and Chilton, our Bishops; Joan our Rector; Terri our Deacon; Creamilda our seminarian, and for Bailey, our Director of Music Ministries; and for all bishops and other ministers. In our Parish cycle of prayer we pray for Joyce Sterling; Trevor Fullerton, Sherece Fullerton, and Taya Stokes; Stephen, Mary Margaret, Alex, and Chloe Stone; and Blaise, Blaise Anthony, and Rachel Strandquist, and Deborah Percell. In our Diocese, we pray for each person in our diocese to deepen their relationship with Jesus. In our Diocese we pray for Christ Church, Washington Parish; Christ Church Parish, Kensington; Christ Church Accokeek (St. John's Parish) and St. John's Chapel; and Christ Church, Georgetown. And in the Anglican Communion we pray for the The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.

Let us pray.

Christ, have mercy.

For those who are unemployed, hungry, homeless, and in any kind of need, especially those whom we encounter in our own community of Silver Spring, let us pray.

Christ have mercy.

For those who are victims of hatred, injustice, gun violence, war, and terrorism (domestic and foreign), let us pray.

Christ, have mercy.

For those who suffer in body, mind, and spirit and are experiencing any kind of distress or trouble, especially: **All in the world that are suffering from the COVID-19 pandemic ...*Faye ... Virginia ...**

Rachel ... Tina ... *Dee ... The Bobb Family ... *Elizabeth ... Seth ... Michael¹ ... *Yvonne ...
*Rosemarie ... *Winston ... *Bob ... The Buzanski Family ... Lillian ... David ... Joré Yvonne ...
*Leona ... Arthur¹ ... Emer ... Arthur² ... Amy and Family ... Molly ... *Peggy ... Geoff ... Pat¹ ...
Jere ... *Maggie ... *Orion ... *Brandon ... *Tom ... *Bert ... Ansumana ... Anthony ... Karen¹...
Kara ... Edward ... Renata ... Pauline ... Linda ... *Chris ... *Karen² ... Pat² ... Mike ...
*Kathryn ... David ... Joe ... *Sharon ... Brian ... *Lisa ... Joy ... Michael² ... Zobida ...
George¹ ... Severn ... *April ... *Carol ... Brian ... *George² ... *Miata ... *Martha ... Don ... *
Joyce ... Marvin ... The Thomas Family ... *Helen ... The Williams Family ... *Libby ...
*Jennifer ... and The Young Family.

Let us pray.

Christ, have mercy.

For all the blessings of this life, especially the birthdays of Susan Farrer, Lorraine Van Buren, Joseph Ayettey, Judah Yoda, Maa-Yon Harris, and Christian Traore, and for those celebrating an anniversary; Bob and Leona Cosby (*30th*), and Caleb and Donna Yoda.

Let us pray.

Christ, have mercy.

For those who have died, especially Tommy Raskin, son of Rep. Jamie Raskin and Sarah Bloom Raskin, let us pray.

Christ, have mercy.

I invite you now to offer up your prayers and thanksgivings, either aloud or in the silence of your hearts.

Silence

Let us pray.

Christ, have mercy.

Celebrant

Gracious God, hear the prayers of your people. In this Epiphany season, empower us to be vehicles of your love, healing, and peace in the world. We ask through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.. **Amen.**

Deacon:

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

THE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

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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 Celebrant declares God's mercy and forgiveness.

THE PEACE

360

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN
LEVAS 134

Take Me to the Water

Words: Traditional
Music: Negro Spiritual, arr. Horace Clarence Boyer (b. 1935)

1. Take me to the wa - ter, take me to the
2. None but the right - eous, none but the
3. I love Je - sus, I love
4. He's my Sav - ior, He's my

1. wa - ter, take me to the wa -
2. right - eous, none but the right -
3. Je - sus, I love Je -
4. Sav - ior, He's my Sav -

1. ter to be bap - tized.
2. eous shall see God.
3. sus, oh yes, I do.
4. ior, oh yes, He is.

OFFERTORY WORDS

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.

People And of thine own have we given thee. *Amen.*

BLESSING OF THE AGAPE MEAL AT HOME

Celebrant How wonderful it is, how pleasant, for God's people to live together in harmony!

(*Psalm 133*) Welcome to this meal, in the name of Christ. We come to share in God's love.

People We come to share our food and our lives.

Celebrant We come to open ourselves to each other.

People **We come to express our faith and our thanks.**

Celebrant May God bless this bread and wine and this circle of friends in Christ.

People **As we share our food, we give thanks for this abundance, and we remember those who do not have enough.**

Celebrant May God give food to those who are hungry.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARIST PRAYER A

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 God thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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

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

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



SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

**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.

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:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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

**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

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us!
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

THE INVITATION

The Gifts of God, for you, the beloved people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ was born into the world for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Celebrant King of kings, yet born of Mary, as on earth of old, he stood,
People **Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the Body and the Blood,**
Celebrant He will give to all the faithful,
People **His own self, for heavenly food.**

No matter where you are on your walk of faith, this is Christ's table and all are welcome to the Feast.

MUSIC DURING THE ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION AND THE AGAPE MEAL AT HOME

Shall We Gather at the River

Words: Robert Lowry (1826-1899)
Music: Robert Lowry; LEVAS 141

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE EPIPHANY BLESSING

DISMISSAL

RECESSIONAL HYMN

LEVAS 120

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

Doris Akers (1923-1995)



1. There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, _____ And I
(2. There are) bless - ings you can - not re - ceive _____ Till you
(3. If you) say He saved you from your sin, _____ Now you're



1. know that it's the Spir - it of _____ the Lord. _____ There are
2. know Him in His full - ness, and _____ be - lieve. _____ You're the
3. weak, you're bound, and can - not en - ter in, _____ you can



1. sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, _____ And I
2. one to pro - fit when you say, _____ "I am
3. make it right if you will yield; _____ You'll en -



1. know they feel the pres - ence of _____ the Lord. _____
2. going to walk with Je - sus all _____ the way." _____
3. joy the Ho - ly Spir - it that _____ we feel. _____



Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, Sweet Heav - en - ly Dove,



Stay right here with us, _____ fill - ing us with your love.



And for these bless - ings _____ we lift our hearts in



praise; With - out a doubt we'll know _____ that we have



been re - vived when we shall leave this place. 1.-2. 3.
2. There are
3. If you place.

How Brightly Shines the Morning Star
Bailey Myers, organ

Tune: Wie Schön Leuchtet; Philipp Nicolai
Arranged by Geoffrey Edwards

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR



Today, January 10th – 11:15 AM – 12 PM

Today's Facilitator is Jane Alperson.

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PROMOTING SELF-CARE WITH MINDFULNESS • MONDAYS

EIGHT CONSECUTIVE MONDAYS, January 11th - February 22nd, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. An eight (8) session, free, virtual class that introduces participants to a variety of mediation and mindfulness practices to reduce stress and promote self-care led by **Cathy Eliot**. The group is limited to eight people so reserve your spot now. If interested, please email Cathy at cheliot@yahoo.com. Links will be sent out to participants ahead of time. **There is only one space left to get the class going – register now!**

COMMEMORATION OF THE REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14TH, 6:30 - 8 PM. The Conversations on Race group will host a Zoom session in honor of Dr. King, basing discussion on the video *King in the Wilderness*. This documentary addresses some of the conflicts Dr. King faced and the struggles he underwent during what turned out to be the last years of his life. Please see the trailer [HERE!](#) And watch this full-length film, which can be accessed [HERE](#) or on Netflix. Please join us for a thought-provoking discussion!

—Ginny Klein, writing for the *Conversations on Race Planning Group*.

[JOIN COMMEMORATION HERE](#)

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CONVERSATIONS ON RACE BOOK STUDY

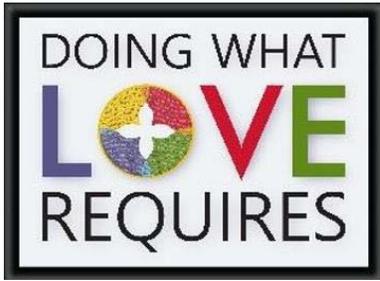
The Conversations on Race Planning Committee invites the **Ascension Community** to a Black History Month book discussion via zoom. We will be reading *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents*, by Isabel Wilkerson, the author of the *Warmth of Other Suns*, the book selection which launched our Conversations on Race series some years ago. **THREE CONSECUTIVE WEDNESDAYS, JANUARY 27TH, FEBRUARY 3RD, AND 10TH, 6:30 - 8 PM.** If you have any questions, contact one of us: **Annie Brown**, **Ginny Klein**, or **Susan Poling**.

[JOIN DISCUSSION HERE](#)

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VIRTUAL ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Coming soon ... **Sunday, February 7th, – 1:00 PM.** Watch for details how to attend! You will be provided how to register via Realm. This is an important meeting for all members to attend! **SO PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**



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Annual Stewardship Pilgrimage for 2021
Episcopal Church of the Ascension

Our/my gift is \$ _____ (circle one) per [*week* | *month* | *year*] for an annual total of \$ _____

Name(s): _____

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Signature: _____

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YOU MAY SUBMIT YOUR PLEDGE BY:

- **Scanning (or photographing the form) and emailing it to:**
Diane Martin, Treasurer, at treasurer-ascension@comcast.net.
- **Mailing it to:** Church of the Ascension, 634 Silver Spring Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910, Attn: Treasurer
- Putting it through the **mail slot** at Ascension House, to Attn: Treasurer (same address as above.)

Contact information if you have questions regarding pledging:

The Rev. Dr. Joan E. Beilstein, Rector – revdrjeb@comcast.net

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Mustard Seed Ministry Opportunities • January 2021



Ascension's Mustard Seed Ministry offers simple moments of ministry that are easy to complete, often from the comfort of your own home. Don't know what to do to combat the hate and need you see all around you? Choose one or more of the Mustard Seed opportunities below! **NOTE, SOME OF OUR DIRECT HANDS ON MINISTRIES WILL BE ON HIATUS UNTIL THE SOCIAL DISTANCING NEEDS ARE NO LONGER NECESSARY**

- Casserole Ministry. Help us feed the 5,000. Until the social distancing requirements are eased, we ask that, rather than making a casserole for Shepherd's Table, you donate the cost of making one (\$10), directly to Shepherd's Table. Please let Carol Schwobel know of your donation.
Cjs_skye@hotmail.com
- Knit a baby blanket, sweater, booties or caps for Palestinian newborns at St. Luke's Hospital in Nablus, Palestine. Please hold on to your items until social distancing requirements are lifted. Then get them to Rev. Terri.
- Donate time around Ascension to help with yard clean up shoveling or mowing in the spring.
- Due to the uptick in COVID 19 cases, our Late Night Walkabouts are postponed. However, we do have comfort packs ready to go! If you would like to pick some up to hand out to people as you drive past them on street corners, please contact Rev. Terri.
- Join the Bureau of Prisons Pen Pal program to be supportive of incarcerated persons who are serving time far away from home.
Contact Rabbi Chuck Feinberg at rebchuck@interfaithactionhr.org for details
- Make a Mask – to donate to friends, family, medical personnel
- Wednesday donations to support the Adventist Community Center pantry.
From 10-11 a.m on Wednesdays, drop off your donation of cereal at the front of the church.
- Drop off a Giant or Safeway food card at the front of the church on Wednesdays from 10-11 a.m. to help feed the homeless!
- Knit a prayer shawl for COVID patients at Holy Cross Hospital. Contact Rev. Terri for details:
reverendterri@aol.com

Serving This Week
SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2021
The First Sunday after Epiphany • Year B
Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Joan E. Beilstein
Rector: The Rev. Dr. Joan E. Beilstein
Deacon: The Rev. Terri M. Murphy
Seminarian: Creamilda Yoda
Director of Music Ministries: Bailey Myers
Lector: Jennifer Woods



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To submit a prayer request or
 add birthdays, anniversaries, and other thanksgivings
 to the Sunday prayer list please email:
 Jennifer Woods at knitpick@mac.com, and the Church Office
 at AscensionChurchSligo@comcast.net

*Special Thanks to Chris Chang and Astrocasters for
 helping make our live stream possible
 by providing our streaming server and cota.live site!*

PRAYER REQUESTS

For peace and an end to violence and terrorism everywhere.

Our Parish Cycle of Prayer

Joyce Sterling

Trevor Fullerton, Sherece Fullerton, and Taya Stokes
Stephen, Mary Margaret, Alex, and Chloe Stone
Blaise, Blaise Anthony, and Rachel Strandquist
and Deborah Percell

For those celebrating birthdays:

January 2: Susan Farrer

January 10: Lorraine Van Buren, Joseph Ayettey, Judah Yoda

January 15: Maa-Yon Harris, Christian Traore

For those celebrating an anniversary;

January 11: Bob and Leona Cosby (30th)

January 12: Caleb and Donna Yoda

In our Diocese:

We pray for each person in our diocese to deepen
 their relationship with Jesus.

Christ Church, Washington Parish

Christ Church Parish, Kensington

Christ Church Accokeek (St. John's Parish) and St. John's Chapel

Christ Church, Georgetown

In the Anglican Communion:

The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

For those with HIV/AIDS everywhere,
 but especially in Africa.

In the World

All with the COVID-19 virus and all who have died.

For people in need of healing

(*indicates a member of the parish; *italics*, new this week):

*Faye Adams, Virginia Allen, Rachel Anderson,
 Tina Arnold, *Dee Beilstein, The Bobb Family, *Elizabeth Bordley,
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