



The Second Sunday after Epiphany + Year B

Sunday, January 17, 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

What Wondrous Love Is This
Bailey Myers, *piano*

Tune: *Wondrous Love*, American Folk Hymn
Arr. Jeff Bennett

PROCESSIONAL HYMN LEVAS 1

Lift Every Voice and Sing

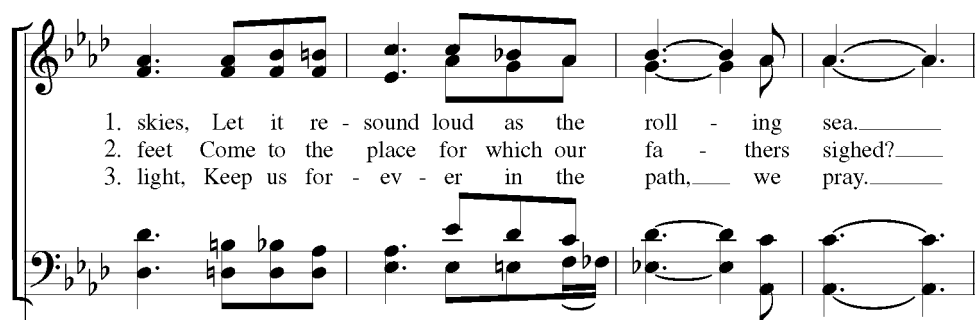
Words: James Weldon Johnson (1871-1938)
Music: J. Rosamond Johnson (1873-1954)

1. Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing, Till earth and heav - en
2. Sto - ny the road we trod, Bit - ter the chast - 'ning
3. God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent

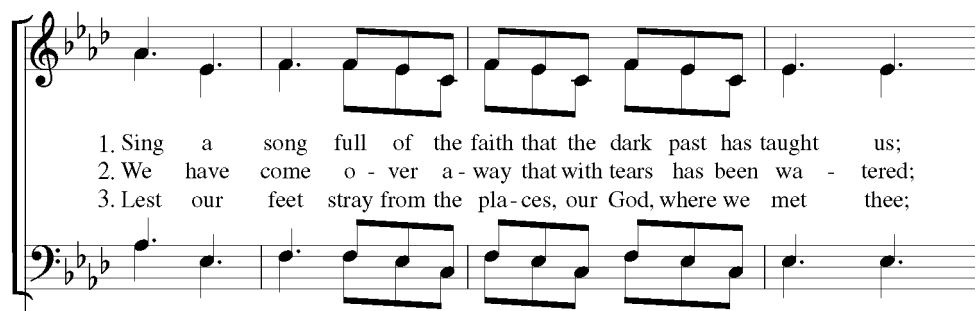
1. ring, Ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er -
2. rod, Felt in the days when hope un - born had
3. tears, Thou who hast brought us thus far on the

1. ty; Let our re - joic - ing rise High as the list - 'ning
2. died; Yet with a stead - y beat, Have not our wear - y
3. way; Thou who hast by thy might, Led us in - to the

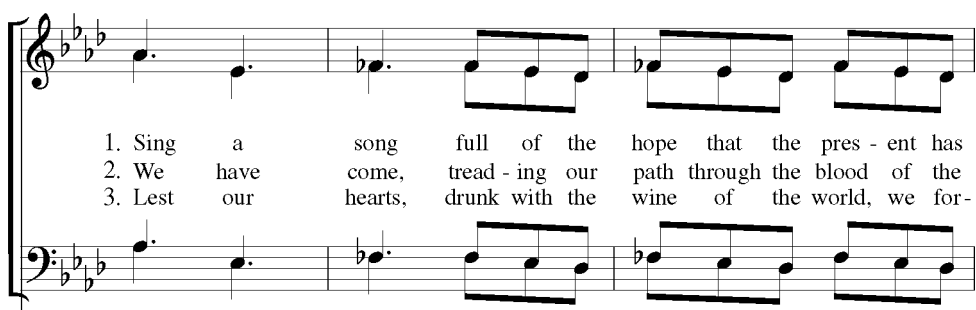
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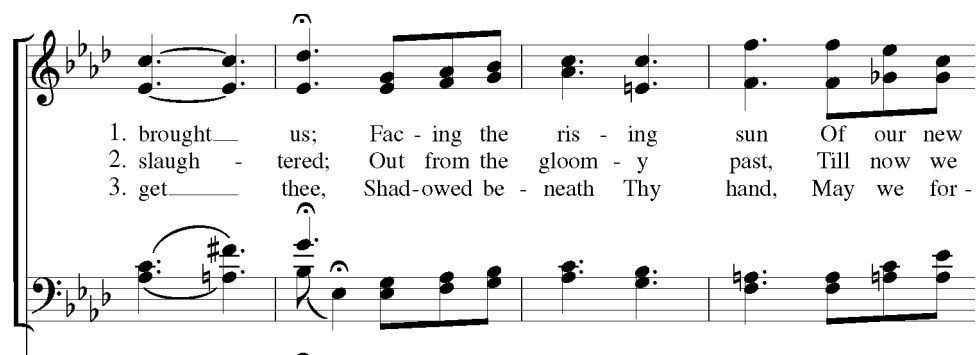
1. skies, Let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.____
 2. feet Come to the place for which our fa - thers sighed?____
 3. light, Keep us for - ev - er in the path,____ we pray.____



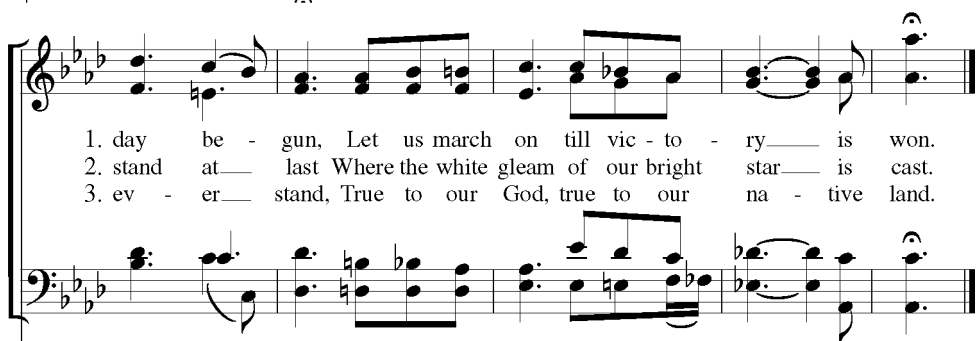
1. Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
 2. We have come o - ver a - way that with tears has been wa - tered;
 3. Lest our feet stray from the pla - ces, our God, where we met thee;



1. Sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has
 2. We have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the
 3. Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we for -



1. brought us; Fac - ing the ris - ing sun Of our new
 2. slaugh - tered; Out from the gloom - y past, Till now we
 3. get thee, Shad - owed be - neath Thy hand, May we for -



1. day be - gun, Let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
 2. stand at last Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
 3. ev - er stand, True to our God, true to our na - tive land.

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.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

COLLECT FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SUNDAY

Almighty God, by the hand of Moses your servant you led your people out of slavery, and made them free at last: Grant that your Church, following the example of your prophet Martin Luther King, may resist oppression in the name of your love, and may secure for all your children the blessed liberty of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE FIRST LESSON

Sandra Sussman, *Lector*

1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20)

A Reading from the First Book of Samuel.

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." [Then the Lord said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."

Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him."

As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord.]

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17

Sandra Sussman, *Lector*

- 1 **Lord, you have searched me out and known me; ***
 you know my sitting down and my rising up;
 you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 **You trace my journeys and my resting-places ***
 and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 **Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, ***
 but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
- 4 **You press upon me behind and before ***
 and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 **Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; ***
 it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

- 12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; *
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- 13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made; *
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.
- 14 My body was not hidden from you, *
while I was being made in secret
and woven in the depths of the earth.
- 15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
all of them were written in your book; *
they were fashioned day by day,
when as yet there was none of them.
- 16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God! *
how great is the sum of them!
- 17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; *
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

THE SECOND LESSON

Sandra Sussman, Lector

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

"All things are lawful for me," but not all things are beneficial. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food," and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, "The two shall be one flesh." But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

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

THE GRADUAL MUSIC

Will You Come and Follow Me

Words: John L. Bell & Graham Maule

Music: *Kelvingrove*, Scottish Traditional

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THE GOSPEL

John 1:43-51

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

Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under

the fig tree before Philip called you.” Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

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

SERMON

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

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in God above us, maker and sustainer of all life,
of sun and moon, of water and earth, of male and female.**

**We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ, the word made flesh,
born of a woman, servant of the poor, tortured and
nailed to a tree.**

**A man of sorrows, he died forsaken.
He descended into the earth to the place of death.
On the third day he rose from the tomb.
He ascended into heaven to be everywhere present,
and his kingdom will come on earth.**

**We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire,
Life-giving breath of the church,
Spirit of healing and forgiveness,
Source of resurrection and of eternal life. *Amen.***

From the Abbey of Iona, Scotland (Celtic)

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 our nation, the United States of America, that all our citizens will engage in a peaceful transition of power leading up to and on the day of the Inauguration, preserving our democratic government and ideals as set forth by our Founding Fathers in our Constitution, 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; Annemarie and Mary our deacon discerners; and for all bishops and other ministers. In our Parish cycle of prayer we pray for Rahul Mahajan, Sarah, Arian, and Kiran Strode; and Art and Marilyn Stump; Sandra Sussman, Dana Sussman-Martin, and Dawn Martin; Al and Betsy Taylor; and Joan and Giselle Thomas. In our Diocese, we pray for each person in our diocese to deepen their relationship with Jesus, and we pray for St. Peter’s Church, Poolesville; Church of the Ascension and St. Agnes, DC. And in the Anglican Communion we pray for the The Anglican Church of Australia.

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 who suffer from the COVID-19 pandemic ...*Faye ... Virginia ... Gloria ...**

Rachel ... Tina ... The Bobb Family ... Seth ... Michael¹ ... *Yvonne ... *Rosemarie ...

***Winston ... *Bob ... The Buzanski Family ... Lillian ... David ... Joré Yvonne ... *Leona ...**

Arthur¹ ... Emer ... Arthur² ... Amy and Family ... Molly ... Sean ... Sarah ... *Peggy ... Geoff ...

Pat¹ ... Jere ... *Maggie ... *Orion ... *Tom ... *Bert ... Ansumana ... Anthony ... Karen¹...

Kara ... Edward ... Renata ... Pauline ... Linda ... 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 Winston Broadbell, Sr., Rebecca Schwobel, Clarence Findley, Jr. Beatrice Lehman (18), Rachel Strandquist (16), and Nela Bowling.

Let us pray.

Christ, have mercy.

For those who have died, especially Robert Scott, long-time member of Ascension, husband of the late Sylvia Scott,

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 light, love, peace, healing, and justice 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

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN

LEVAS 106

Precious Lord, Take my Hand

Words: Thomas A. Dorsey (1899-1993)

Music: Thomas A. Dorsey (1899-1993); arr. Horace Clarence Boyer (b. 1935)

1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me
2. When my way grows— drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger
3. When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws—

1. stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
2. near, When my life is al - most gone;
3. near, And the day is past and gone;

1. — Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the
2. — Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my hand, lest I
3. — At the riv - er I stand, Guide my feet, hold my

1. light, Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, Lead me on.
2. fall, Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, Lead me on.
3. hand, Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, Lead me on.

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

As we share bread, we thank you, God, for our daily bread, for the food which delights and nourishes us, and for the companionship that sustains us. We thank you, too, for the fruit of the vine, to quench our thirst and for the Living Water with which you surprise, enrich, and transform our lives. We give thanks for this feast, a foretaste of your holy realm. Bless all of us, who are gathered together for worship this day, and may we know the fullness of your presence at every meal and in all our sharing. Amen.

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 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.**

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.

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

Here I Am, Lord

Music & Words: Daniel L. Schutte
Arr.: John Carter

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word, who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE EPIPHANY BLESSING

DISMISSAL

RECESSIONAL HYMN

LEVAS 227

We Shall Overcome

Words: Traditional

Music: Negro Spiritual; arr. Carl Haywood (b. 1949), from The Haywood Collection of Negro Spirituals, © 1992

We shall o - ver - come, We shall o - ver - come, We shall o - ver - come some - day; Oh, deep in my heart, I do be - lieve, (Oh) We shall o - ver - come some - day. day.

2. We'll walk hand in hand, today.
3. God is on our side, today.

4. We are not afraid, today.
5. We shall live in peace, someday.

POSTLUDE

I Am a Poor, Wayfaring Stranger

Anna Laura Page

Bailey Myers, organ

Tune: *Wayfaring Stranger*, Traditional African-American Spiritual



ANNOUNCEMENTS



VIRTUAL COFFEE KLATCH

Today, January 17th – 11:15 AM – 12:00 PM

Today's Facilitator is Jane Alperson

It's time to say "hi" in 2021! Join us for our virtual Coffee Klatch TODAY. You can choose your topic and get together for 10 minutes at a time with other like-minded people. Questions? Contact Jane Alperson at janea1212@gmail.com.

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Meeting ID: 856 5639 6366

PRE-INAUGURAL DAY HOLY EUCHARIST

Tuesday, January 19th, 2021

6:00 PM

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Meeting ID: 854 9554 4570

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[SERVICE BULLETIN](#)

****NOTE: NO 12pm Worship Service on January 20th, 2021****

****Stay home all, stay well, and watch the Inauguration****

We will resume on Wednesday, January 27th, 2021

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 February 10th, 2021, 6:30 - 8:00 PM.** If you have any questions, contact one of us: [Annie Brown](#), [Ginny Klein](#), or [Susan Poling](#).

[JOIN DISCUSSION HERE](#)

(Meeting ID: 301 585 1659; Passcode: 742476)

VIRTUAL ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Coming soon....**Sunday, February 7th, 2020 – 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!**



Doing What Love Requires
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 \$ _____

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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



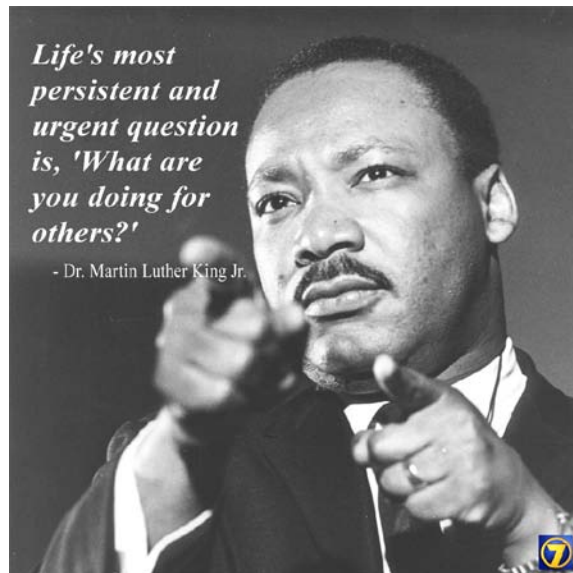
Ascension's Mustard Seed Ministry offers simple moments of ministry that are easy to complete, often from the comfort of your own home. Don't know what to do to combat the hate and need you see all around you? Choose one or more of the Mustard Seed opportunities below! **NOTE, SOME OF OUR DIRECT HANDS 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 17, 2021
The Second 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: Sandra Sussman

THE VESTRY OF ASCENSION

- Jane Alpersen ('22), Senior Warden • Leticia Read ('21), Junior Warden
 - Monica Allen ('21) • Heidi Clark ('21) • Steve Fromyer ('23)
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 - Blaise Strandquist ('23) • Sandra Sussman ('23)
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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

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 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

Rahul Mahajan, Sarah, Arian, and Kiran Strode
 Art and Marilyn Stump
 Sandra Sussman, Dana Sussman-Martin, and Dawn Martin
 Al and Betsy Taylor
 Joan and Giselle Thomas

For those celebrating birthdays:

January 18: Winston Broadbell, Sr.

January 19: Rebecca Schwobel

January 20: Clarence Findley, Jr

January 21: Beatrice Lehman (18), Rachel Strandquist (16),

January 23: Nela Bowling

In our Diocese:

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

St. Peter's Church, Poolesville
 Church of the Ascension and St. Agnes, DC
 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

In the Anglican Communion:

The Anglican Church of Australia

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, *Gloria Alexander*, Rachel Anderson,
 Tina Arnold, The Bobb Family, Seth Bowers, Michael Bowling,
 *Yvonne Boyd, *Rosemarie Broadbell, *Winston Broadbell, Sr.

For all who suffer from the COVID-19 pandemic,

*Bob Brown, Peggy Buzanski and Family,
 Lillian and David Chalmers, Joré Yvonne Chumbley,
 *Leona Cosby, Arthur Dixon, Emer Donnelly, Arthur Draper,
 Molly Galvan, *Sean Fitzsimmons*, *Sarah Fox-Robinson*, *Peggy
 Grosswiler, Geoff Grub, Pat Harrigan, Jere Herzenberg, *Maggie
 Howard, *Orion Howard,

Barbara Jacobs, *Tom Jacobson, *Bert Joseph, Karen, Kara Kohler,
 Renata Lama, Pauline Lerner, Linda LeVeque, Pat Martin,
 Mike Mattson, *Kathryn McCullough, David Meyer, Joe Miller,
 *Sharon Murphy, Brian Newby, *Lisa Null, Joy Orevik,
 Anne Piersanti, Michael Pope, Zobida Ragbirsingh, Severn Savage,
 *Carol Schwobel, Brian Seaton, *George and *Miata Sherman,
 *Martha Smith, Don Stallone, *Joyce Sterling,
 Marvin Tate, Jr, The Thomas Family, *Helen Van Doren,
 The Williams Family, *Libby Williams, *Jennifer Woods,
 The Young Family

For those who have died:

Robert Scott, beloved long-time member of Ascension,
 husband of the late Sylvia Scott

Please take the Prayer List home for use in daily prayers.