



THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B •

Sunday, May 16, 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

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

Bailey Myers, PIANO

ROBERT WILLIAMS
Arranged by Cindy Berry

PROCESSIONAL

HYMNAL 215 *See the Conqueror Mounts in Triumph*

Words: Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885), alt
Music: *In Bailone*, melody from *Oude en Nieuwe Hollantse Boerenlietjes en Contradamseu*, 1710

1 See the Con - queror mounts in tri - umph; see the King in
2 He who on the cross did suf - fer, he who from the
3 Thou hast raised our hu - man na - ture on the clouds to

roy - al state, rid - ing on the clouds, his
grave a - rose, he has van - quished sin and
God's right hand: there we sit in heaven - ly

char - iot, to his heaven - ly pal - ace gate!
Sa - tan; he by death has spoiled his foes.
plac - es, there with thee in glo - ry stand.

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Hark! the choirs of an - gel voic - es joy - ful
 While he lifts his hands in bless - ing, he is
 Je - sus reigns, a - dored by an - gels; Man with

al - le - lu - ias sing, and the por - tals
 part - ed from his friends; while their ea - ger
 God is on the throne; might - y Lord, in

high are lift - ed to re - ceive their heaven - ly King.
 eyes be - hold him, he up - on the clouds a - scends.
 thine as - cen - sion, we by faith be - hold our own.

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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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.*

SONG OF PRAISE

HYMNAL 679

Surely it is God Who Saves Us

Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944) para. of *The First Song of Isaiah*
 Music: Thomas Merton, Ray W. Urwin (b. 1950)

1 Sure - ly it is God who saves me; trust-ing him, I shall not
 2 Make his deeds known to the peo - ples; tell out his ex - alt - ed

fear. For the Lord de-fends and shields me and his sav - ing
 Name. Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works his

help is near. So re - joice as you draw wa - ter from sal -
 might pro - claim. Zi-on, lift your voice in sing-ing; for with

va - tion's liv - ing spring; in the day of your de -
 you has come to dwell, in your ve - ry midst, the

liv - erance thank the Lord, his mer - cies sing.
 great and Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

THE FIRST LESSON

ACTS 1:15-17, 21-26

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, “Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus-- for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us-- one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 1

- 1 **Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, ***
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 **Their delight is in the law of the LORD, ***
and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 **They are like trees planted by streams of water,**
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 **It is not so with the wicked; ***
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 **Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, ***
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 **For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, ***
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 John 5:9-13

A Reading from the First Letter of John.

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL

He Is King of Kings

Words: Traditional

Music: Negro Spiritual; arr. Horace Clarence Boyer (b. 1935)

(LEVAS 96)

THE GOSPEL

John 17:6-19

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus prayed for his disciples, “I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

The Rev. Terri M. Murphy, Deacon

A moment of silence for reflection will follow the sermon.

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 FORM III

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The Leader and People pray responsively

Gracious God, we pray for your holy catholic Church; in our diocese we pray for congregations to engage in understanding their history in racial inequity. Pray for St. Dunstan's Church, Bethesda; Seabury Resources for Aging; Friendship Terrace; St. Mary's Court; Collington Episcopal Life Care Community. Pray for all Seniors and their Ministries in the Church. Pray in thanksgiving for the life and witness of Thurgood Marshall (*May 17*). In the Anglican Communion we pray for The Anglican Church of Korea.

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; in our parish we pray for our members Diana and Carlos Gough; Libbie Griffin and Joan and Dee Beilstein; Peggy Grosswiler and Ray Cummings; Luz Guiab; Peter, Tim, and Sally Hardin, and Karen MacPherson; and Scott, Brandon, and Annarose Harris and Heidi Nelson. And for those celebrating birthdays this week: Anne Edwards, Sofia Read, Giselle Thomas, Ken Thompson, Heidi Clark and May Nakamura (*101*).

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; especially for Michael our Presiding Bishop; Mariann and Chilton, our Bishops; Joan our Rector; Terri our Deacon; Creamilda our seminarian; Bailey, our Director of Music Ministries; and for all bishops and other ministers.

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; especially: **All who are suffering from COVID-19 ... *Faye ... Virginia ... Gloria ... Gwendolyn ... Rachel ... Tina ... Glen ... Riza ...**

***Dee ... *Yvonne ... Jean ... *Bob ... Lillian ... Joré Yvonne ... The Clark Family ... Pat¹ ... Sean ...**

Geoff ... The Gust Family ... Lorraine ... Kitty ... Martie ... Pat² ... Jere ... *Maggie ... *Hunter ...
The Hunte Family ... Lynn ... Paul ... Roy ... Barbara ... *Tom ... *Bert ... *Maybelle ... Pauline ...
Linda ... Johannas ... Pat³ ... Mike ... Les ... Marsha ... *Kathryn ... David ... Joe ... *Sharon ...
Brian¹ ... *Lisa ... Zobida ... Belinda ... Rudi ... Severn ... *April ... *Carol¹ ... Brian² ...
The Seaton Family ... Carol² ... *Martha ... *Joyce ... *Dana ... The Tate Family ... *Giselle ...
The Thomas Family ... *Helen ... The Williams Family ... and *Libby.
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest, especially Joan Lamson, stepmother of George Rathbone.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

I invite you now to offer your petitions or thanksgivings either aloud or in the silence of your hearts.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding prayer.

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you." Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly city, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. AMEN.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

WELCOME AND BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN

HYMNAL 460

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

WORDS: WILLIAM CHATTERTON DIX (1837-1898)

Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887)

1 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the
4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, thee the
1 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the
4 Lord of lords we own: Al - le - lu - ia! born of

1 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the
 4 Ma - ry, earth thy foot - stool, heaven thy throne: thou with -

1 songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a
 4 in the veil hast en - tered, robed in flesh, our

1 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery
 4 great High Priest: thou on earth both Priest and

1 na - - nation hath re - deemed us by his blood.
 4 Vic - - tim in the eu - - cha - ris - tic feast.

OFFERTORY WORDS

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.

People And of thine own have we given thee.

BLESSING OF THE AGAPE MEAL AT HOME

OVER WINE

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe. You create the fruit of the vine; and you have refreshed us when we gather in community with the cup of salvation in the Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Glory to you for ever and ever. *Amen.*

OVER BREAD

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe. You bring forth bread from the earth; and you have given us the bread of life in the Body of your Son Jesus Christ. As grain scattered upon the earth is gathered into one loaf, so gather your Church in every place into the kingdom of your Son. To you be glory and power for ever and ever. **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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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 the one 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 all 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.

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

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us!

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

FRACTION ANTHEM

Celebrant The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread..

People The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ.

THE INVITATION

These are holy gifts, for you God's holy people. Take them in remembrance that Christ lived, died, and rose for you and feed on him in your hearts with thanksgiving

MUSIC DURING THE ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION *(instrumental)*

As We Gather at Your Table

Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (1944-)

Music: *Beach Spring*, attr. B. F. White (1800-1879), The Sacred Harp, 1844; arr. Jack Schrader (1942-)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

THE EASTER BLESSING

DISMISSAL

RECESSATIONAL HYMN

*Praise Him! Praise Him!**African American Heritage Hymnal 178*

Text: Fanny J. Crosby (1820-1915)

Tune: *Joyful Song*, Chester G. Allen (1838-1878) ONE LICENSE, License #A-729163

2. Praise Him! praise Him! Je-sus, our blessed Re-deem-er!

3. Praise Him! praise Him! Je-sus, our blessed Re-deem-er!

5

Sing, O earth— His won - der - ful love pro-claim!
For our sins He suf-fered and bled and died;
Heav'n - ly por - tals loud with ho - san - nas ring!

9

Hail Him! hail Him! high-est arch-ang-els in glo - ry,
He our Rock, our hope of e - ter-nal sal - va - tion,
Je - sus, Sav - ior, reign-eth for ev - er and ev - er,

13

Strength and hon - or give to His ho - ly name!
Hail Him! hail Him! Je - sus the Cru - ci - fied.
Crown Him! crown Him! Prophe - et, and Priest, and King!

17

Like a shep - herd Je-sus will guard His chil - dren—
Sound His prais - es— Je-sus who bore our sor - rows—
Christ is com - ing, o-ver the world vic - to - rious—

21

In His arms He carries them all day long;
 Love un-bound-ed, won-der-ful, deep and strong;
 Pow'r and glo-ry un-to the Lord be-long:

25

Praise Him! praise Him! tell of His ex-cellent great-ness!

29

Praise Him! praise Him! ev-er in joy-ful song!

POSTLUDE

Praise Him! Praise Him!

Mark Hayes

Tune: *Joyful Song* by Chester G. Allen, 1838-1878

Bailey Myers, piano

ANNOUNCEMENTS • SUNDAY, MAY 16, 2021



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11:15AM -12 PM

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PHASED REOPENING WITH IN-PERSON WORSHIP

****To begin next Sunday on Pentecost, May 23rd, 2021****
We will also be celebrating Ascension Day!

9:00 AM Outdoor Service (capacity 100 people)
10:00 Indoor Service (capacity 50 people)

Please make a note:
We will continue to livestream the 10:00 AM Service permanently.

****To begin on Wednesday, May 26th, 2021****

12:00 PM Holy Eucharist & Healing Rite Indoors (capacity 50 people)

Please make a note:
We will continue to Zoom this Wednesday Service permanently.

**This plan has been approved by the Bishop of Washington
and County Executive Elrich.**

Please note:
Changes may occur with this plan via CDC guidelines.
So please stay informed via the Sweet Spirit Express
& Sunday announcements.

Please See Attached PROTOCOLS for both services! !

Church of the Ascension
Beginning May 23rd, 2021

SUNDAYS AT 9:00 AM
IN-PERON OUDOOR SERVICE – ST. CLARE'S CHAPEL
Capacity: 100 People

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

- LIVE-STREAM:
This service will not be live-streamed.
- MUSIC:
There will be no live music at this service. This is a SAID service.
- RESERVATIONS:
No reservations are necessary for this service.
- VACCINATION:
It is strongly recommended that all attending this service, be fully vaccinated for the COVID-19 virus as a safety precaution but vaccination is not required.
- MASKS:
Masks are required for all adults and all youth over eight (8) years of age, by Montgomery County and Diocese of Washington guidelines. If you do not have a mask, one will be provided to you.
- BULLETINS:
Please provide your own bulletin (i.e., a print copy, on your phone, on your tablet.) A limited number of paper bulletins will be available for visitors and those who need them. Please take all paper copies of the bulletin with you upon departing the service.
- GENERAL PARKING:
Street parking and parking in the School lot behind the church is available.
- HANDICAPPED PARKING:
The church parking circle at 633 Sligo Avenue is reserved for those with limited mobility. If those with limited mobility need assistance, please notify the greeters and they will assist you.
- ENTRANCES:
Those attending the service may enter the church grounds either from 634 Silver Spring Avenue or 633 Sligo Avenue.

Please note: The **undercroft entrance** on 634 Silver Spring Avenue will **NOT** be open.

- **GREETERS:**

Greeters will be present at both entrances to the church (the ***ramp entrance*** at 634 Silver Spring Avenue & the ***red main doors*** at 633 Sligo Avenue) to welcome and assist you during the service.

- **SEATING:**

All **available seats** have been marked off in the sanctuary with blue tape. Please find a space that accommodates you and/or your family/friend group.

- **SOCIAL DISTANCING:**

When finding your seat please observe **social distancing** by placing you and/or your family at least ***six (6) feet apart*** from others who are not in your “bubble.”

- **RESTROOMS:**

The **restrooms** in the Gathering Space will be available for your use. You may reach the restrooms either by ***walking up the side aisle*** of the sanctuary into the Gathering space or ***exiting the red doors*** to the outside and walking around to the left ***to enter the outdoor Gathering space doors.***

- **THE PASSING OF THE PEACE:**

During **the Peace**, bows, waves, and peace signs are allowed. **No** elbow bumping, handshaking, kissing, or hugging are allowed at this time.

- **THE OFFERTORY:**

There will be **no collection** during this service. **Collection boxes** will be provided for you at each entrance (633 Sligo Avenue or 634 Silver Spring Avenue.) **Online giving** is strongly encouraged during this time via **Realm**, but these boxes will also be available for pledges and monetary donations.

- **HOLY COMMUNION:**

The sacrament will be distributed to you where you are seated. Communion pods **will be collected** after you have consumed their contents.

- **DEPARTURE:**

If you **engage with others**, after the conclusion of the service, please wear your mask and observe social distancing. As you **depart** from either entrance, designated members of the church and/or altar party will greet you to say hello and wish you well!

- **COFFEE HOUR:**

At this time, there will be **no coffee hour** gathering following the service.

SUNDAYS AT 10:00 AM
Church of the Ascension
Beginning May 23rd, 2021

IN-PERSON INDOOR SERVICE – SANCTUARY
Capacity 50 Persons

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

- **LIVE-STREAM:**
This service ***will be live-streamed.***
- **MUSIC:**
No congregational singing is allowed during this service.
- **RESERVATIONS:**
Reservations **are required** for this service on a first-come, first-serve basis. Reservations can be made through the weekly **Sweet Spirit Express** or through **Realm.**
- **VACCINATION:**
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- **GREETERS:**
Greeters will be present at both entrances to the grounds to welcome and assist you during the service.
- **SEATING:**
Please **bring your own lawn chairs** to accommodate yourself and/or members of your family. The **benches** in the outdoor St. Clare's Chapel **will be reserved** for those who find it difficult to carry chairs to the service.
- **SOCIAL DISTANCING:**
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- **COFFEE HOUR:**
Not applicable.

Mustard Seed Ministry Opportunities • May 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!

- **Restart!** We are hoping to restart the monthly Late Night Walkabouts. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Rev. Terri at reverendterri@aol.com
- **Casserole Ministry.** Please help us feed the local needy. Shepherd's Table asks that rather than making a casserole for Shepherd's Table, you donate the cost of making one (\$10), 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.
- **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 \$10.00 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
- For those who would like to make a casserole for those who live too far from Shepherd's Table please contact https://montgomerycountymd.galaxydigital.com/need/detail/?_id=522481 for details. These casseroles are for the hungry in Takoma Park.
- **Diaper Ministry to benefit Greater DC Diaper Bank.** On Sundays between 11-11:30 a.m. you can drop off items at the front door of the church. Contact Laura Schattschneider at les291@nyu.edu or Drew Snyder at drewsnyder@pobox.com for details.

Serving This Week

SUNDAY, MAY 16, 2021

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER • YEAR B

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Joan E. Beilstein

Preacher: The Rev. Terri M. Murphy

Rector: The Rev. Dr. Joan E. Beilstein

Deacon: The Rev. Terri M. Murphy

Seminarian: Creamilda Yoda

Director of Music Ministries: Bailey Myers

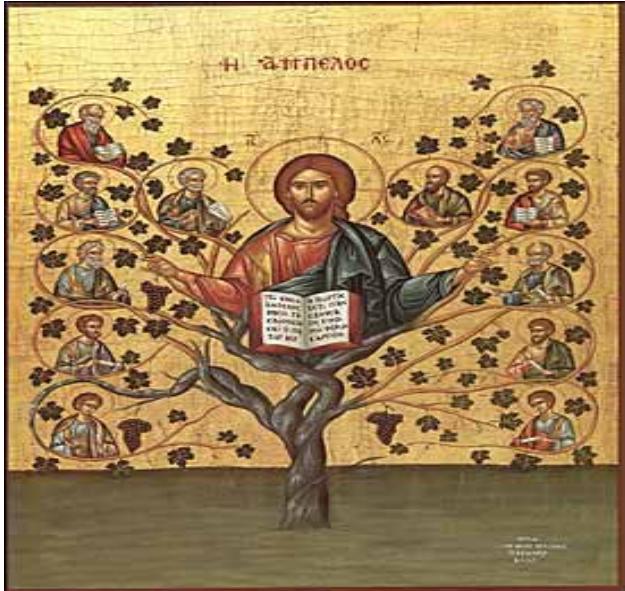
Lector: TBD

Tech Team: Lia Kvatum and Buck Buckingham

THE VESTRY OF ASCENSION

- Jane Alperson ('22), Senior Warden • Steve Fromyer ('23), Junior Warden
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 - Jonathan Mengesha ('23) • Laura Schattschneider ('22)
- Blaise Strandquist ('23) • Sandra Sussman ('23) • Joan Thomas ('24)
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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, knitpick@mac.com and
The Rev. Dr. Joan E. Beilstein, revdrjeb@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

Diana and Carlos Gough

Libbie Griffin and Joan and Dee Beilstein

Peggy Grosswiler and Ray Cummings

Luz Guiab

Peter, Tim, and Sally Hardin, and Karen MacPherson
Scott, Brandon, and Annarose Harris and Heidi Nelson

For those celebrating birthdays:

May 16: Anne Edwards

May 17: Ann Miles

May 18: Sofia Read, Giselle Thomas, Ken Thompson

May 20: Heidi Clark

May 21: May Nakamura (101)

In our Diocese:

We pray for congregations to engage in understanding their history in racial inequity.

St. Dunstan's Church, Bethesda

Seabury Resources for Aging

Friendship Terrace

St. Mary's Court

Collington Episcopal Life Care Community

Pray for all Seniors and their Ministries in the Church

Pray in thanksgiving for the life and witness of

Thurgood Marshall (*May 17*)

In the Anglican Communion:

Pray for The Anglican Church of Korea

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, Gwendolyn Alexander, Rachel Anderson, Tina Arnold, Glen Bediaram, Riza Bediaram, *Dee Beilstein, *Yvonne Boyd, Jean Brady, *Bob Brown, Joré Yvonne Chumbley, The Clark Family, Pat Cox, Sean Fitzsimmons, Geoff Grub, The Gust Family, Lorraine Haben, Kitty Hall, Martie Heckman, Jere Herzenberg, *Maggie Howard, *Hunter Howe, The Hunte Family, Lynn Hutcheson, Paul Jackson, Roy Jackson, Barbara Jacobs, *Tom Jacobson, *Bert Joseph, Pauline Lerner, Linda LeVeque, Johannes Mann-Chow, Pat Martin, Mike Mattson, Les Maul, Marsha Maul, *Kathryn McCullough, David Meyer, Brian Newby, *Lisa Null, Zobida Raghbir Singh, Belinda Recer, Rudi Salvermoser, Severn Savage, *April Schrock, *Carol Schwobel, Brian Seaton, The Seaton Family, Carol Fiddler Smith, *Martha Smith, *Joyce Sterling, Dana Sussman-Martin, The Tate Family, *Giselle Thomas, The Thomas Family, *Helen Van Doren, The Williams Family, *Libby Williams

For those who have died:

Joan Lamson, stepmother of George Rathone

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