



The Sunday of the Resurrection

Easter Sunday • Year C

Sunday, April 20, 2025 • 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. At this time, **masks are optional while you are inside.**

The lit candle before the altar is “the Peace and Justice Candle.” It stands to proclaim our commitment against any kind of injustice, prejudice, or discrimination based on difference, and also our prayers for an end to war, violence, genocide, and gun violence.

A FESTIVAL HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II AND RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

PRELUDE

Amazing Grace
Chris Ziemba, piano

Tune: *New Britian, Virginia Harmony*, 1831

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

HYMNAL 207

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Words: Latin, 14th cent.; tr. Lyra Davidica, 1708,
alt. St. 4, Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: Easter Hymn, from *Lyra Davidica*, 1708; adapt. *The Compleat Psalmodist*, 1749, alt., desc. *Hymns Ancient and Modern, Revised*, 1950
tr. John Ellerton (1826-1893), alt.

Descant

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en-dured, Al le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove Al le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - - le - lu - ia!
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - - le - lu - ia!
 now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - - le - lu - ia!
 praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - - le - lu - ia!

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

to be said three times.

SONG OF PRAISE

HYMNAL S 278

Glory to God/Gloria in excelsis

Setting: William Mathias (1934-1992)

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo- ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
might - y God and Fa-ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - - cy on us;
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For

7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE FIRST LESSON

Monica Allen, Lector

Isaiah 25:6-9

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
 a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
 of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain
 the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
 the sheet that is spread over all nations;
 he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
 and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
 for the LORD has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
 This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
 let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24**Monica Allen, Lector**

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim, *
“His mercy endures for ever.”
- 14 The LORD is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.
- 15 There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous:
- 16 “The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! *
the right hand of the LORD is exalted!
the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!”
- 17 I shall not die, but live, *
and declare the works of the LORD.
- 18 The LORD has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the LORD.
- 20 “This is the gate of the LORD; *
he who is righteous may enter.”
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the LORD’S doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the LORD has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

THE SECOND LESSON**Monica Allen, Lector****Acts 10:34-43***A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.*

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate

and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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

GRADUAL HYMN

When the Saints Go Marching In

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1. O when the saints go marching in, O when the
2. O when the sun refused to shine, O when the
3. O when they crown him Lord of all, O when they

saints go march - ing in, sun re - fused to shine, crown him Lord of all,

O Lord, I want to be in that

num-ber when the saints go march - ing in. when the sun re - fused to shine. when they crown him Lord of all.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 24:1-12

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

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had come with Jesus from Galilee came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Joan E. Beilstein, Rector

A moment of silence for reflection will follow the sermon.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance is ended, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully, in his holy Catholic Church.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?
People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**
 **He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
 and born of the Virgin Mary.**
 **He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died,
 and was buried.**
 He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.
 **He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand
 of the Father.**
 He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

- Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
- People** **I will, with God's help.**
- Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
- People** **I will, with God's help.**
- Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
- People** **I will, with God's help.**
- Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
- People** **I will, with God's help.**
- Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
- People** **I will, with God's help.**
- Celebrant* May the God who has given you the will to renew these vows, give you the grace and power to live them out. **AMEN.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FOR EASTER

God of the bright and morning star, God of the rising sun, God of darkness banished, we praise and worship you!

God of love, we praise you!

For empty tombs: thank you! For disciples running with good news: thank you! For your presence, alive, powerful, resurrected: thank you! We celebrate your victory over death, over all the powers that would defeat us.

God of love, we thank you!

Help us to grasp resurrection; to understand its power, to see its force at work in our world, overturning evil empires, changing the hatred within us, moving the world slowly, forcefully, bending us towards love and truth.

God of love, transform us!

On this day of great gladness empower us to be your ambassadors, proclaiming good news. Good news in our kitchens and living rooms, good news in the offices and workshops good news in the fields and factories. Today in our parish we pray for Mandy Bolgiano; Anna Botoe; Nela Bowling, Vanessa Bowling Ajavon, Sadie, Avery, and Cameron Ajavon; Abby and John Brady and Libby Williams; Jennifer Brannan; and Amy Branson. We pray also for the birthdays of A.J. Winters, Annie Woodley Brown, Diana Gough, Sadie Ajavon, Karen MacPherson, and Jenny Bates, and for the twentieth wedding anniversary of Kevin Connell and Lia Kvatum.

God of love, empower us!

We pray especially today for Sean our Presiding Bishop; Mariann our Bishop; Joan our rector; Terri our deacon; Bailey, our Director of Music Ministries; Ana, our Nursery Supervisor; our Vestry; Lisa our administrative assistant; and all parish ministries, and volunteers, and for all the People of God. In our Diocese, we pray in thanksgiving for committees in our churches and the people who volunteer to be involved and do the work, and for Church of the Redeemer, Bethesda; Calvary Church, DC; and the Church of the Atonement, DC. Pray for the stewardship of the earth on Internation Earth Day (*April*

22). In the Anglican communion we pray for the peace of Jerusalem (*Psalm 122:6*) and Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui.

God of love, fill our hearts with gratitude.

Help us to be that good news, walking softly on this good earth caring gently for all people, living hopefully into your kingdom. Today we pray to you for all who are sick or are in any need or trouble, especially **Norma ... Tony ... Cindy ... Christopher ... David ... *Keith ... Geoff ... Jere ... *Maggie ... *Linda ... Roland ... *Roger ... Barbara ... Astrid ... Robin ... Martha ... Ceil ... *Joyce ... Joan and Family ... *Libby ... and Amy.**

God of love, heal us!

We pray for those places in the world that are torn by war and bloodshed, especially for the oppressed, the marginalized, victims of gun violence, and those who subjected to the loss and ravages of war.

Silence

God of love, give us peace!

We pray for all who have died, and all who grieve the emptiness and loss, that death brings. May we have hope that we will see them again in the resurrection when we too join the Communion of the Saints, especially those in whose loving memory the Easter flowers have been dedicated.

God of love, comfort us!

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

Silence

Celebrant

In this world of broken hopes and dreams, may we catch sight of your kingdom to come, in the person of Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord, who lives and reigns, forevermore. **AMEN.**

Written by Carole Penner, and posted on her *Leading in Worship* blog. <http://carolpenner.typepad.com/leadinginworship/>

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 ANTHEM

The Storm is Passing Over
The Ascension Festival Choir with
Chris Ziemba, piano
Directed by Bailey Joy Myers

Charles Albert Tindley; Arr. Barbara W. Baker

*Have courage my soul
And let us journey on.
Though the night is dark
And I am far from home.*

*Thanks be to God
the morning light appears.
The storm is passing over.
Hallelujah!*

OFFERTORY HYMN

LEVAS 72

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Words: Anonymous
Music: American Folk Song

1. I am weak but thou art strong;
 2. Through this world of toil and snares,
 3. When my fee - ble life is o'er,

Refrain: Just a clos - er walk with thee,

1. Je - sus, keep me from all wrong; I'll be sat - is - fied as
 2. If I fal - ter, Lord, who cares? Who with me my bur - den
 3. Time for me will be no more; Guide me gent - ly, safe - ly

Refrain: Grant it, Je - sus, is my plea, Dai - ly walk-ing close to

D.C. for Refrain

1. long As I walk, let me walk close to thee.
 2. shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.
 3. o'er To Thy king - dom shore, to thy shore.

Refrain: thee, Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

OFFERTORY WORDS

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.

People And of thine own have we given thee.

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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his Death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us 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

HYMNAL S 128

Setting: William Mathias (1934-1992)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

The people stand or kneel.

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.

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.***



Christ is risen!
EL^ELUIA



THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us!

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

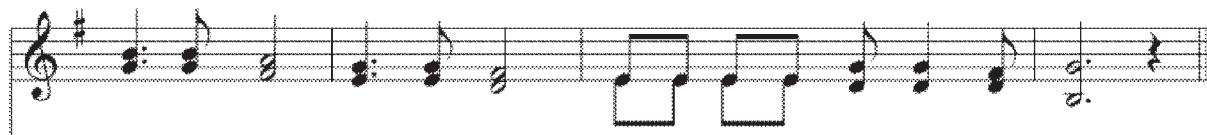
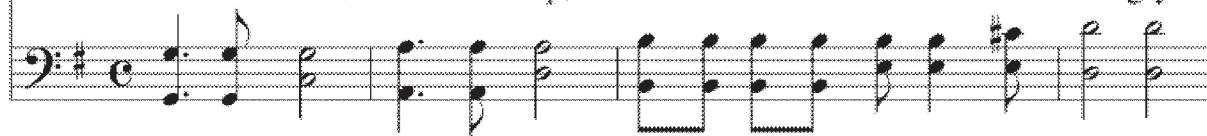
FRACTION ANTHEM

Eat This Bread

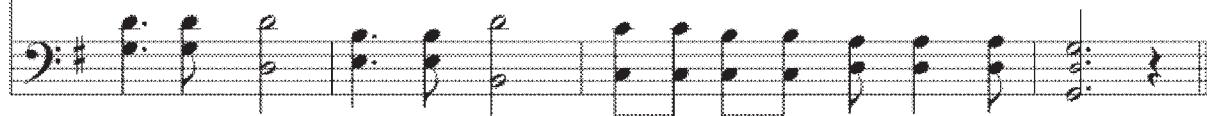
Taizé.



Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev-er be hun-gry.



Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.



THE INVITATION

The Gifts of God, for you, the beloved people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ lived, and died, and rose 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.
Gluten-free wafers available upon request.*

THE ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

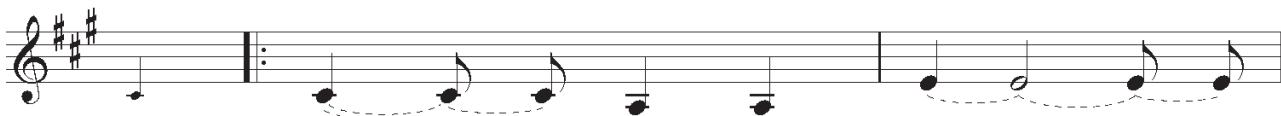
MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

HYMNAL 335

I Am the Bread of Life

Words: Suzanne Toolan (b. 1927), adapt. of John 6.

Music: *I Am the Bread of Life*, Suzanne Toolan (b. 1927); arr. Betty Puklingham (1928-2019)



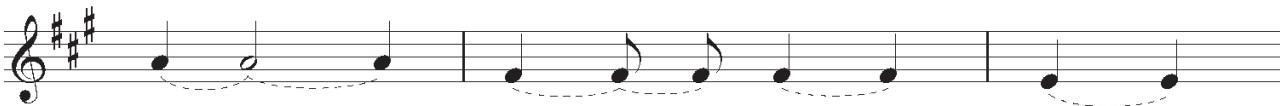
1	I	am	the	bread	of	life;	they who
2 (The)	Bread	that	I	will	give	is	my
3 (Un-)	less			you	eat	of	the
4	I	am	the	re - sur	-	rec - tion,	
5 (Yes,)	Lord,			be	-	lieve	that



1 come to me shall not hun - ger; they who be -
2 Flesh for the life of the world, and they who
3 Flesh of the Son of Man and
4 I am the life. They who be -
5 you are the Christ, the



1 lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
2 eat of this bread, they shall live for
3 drink of his Blood, you shall not have life with -
4 lieve in me, e - ven if they
5 Son of God who has



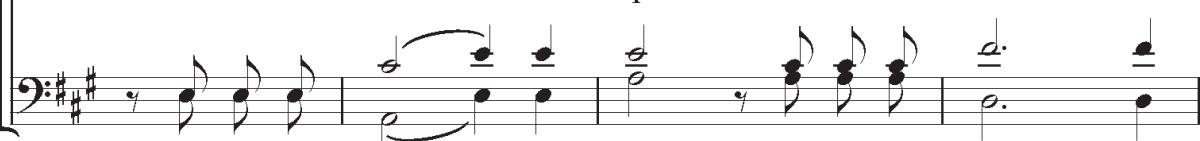
1 me un - less the Fa - ther draw them.
2 ev - er. they shall live for ev - er.
3 in you. you shall not have life with in you.
4 die, they shall live for ev - er.
5 come in - to the world.



And I will raise them up, and I will raise them



And I will raise them up, and I will raise them



up, and I will raise them up on the

up, and I will raise them up on the

up, and I will raise them up on the

last day.

1-4

Final Ending

5 Yes, (ξ) day.

last day.

2 The
3 Un- day.
4 —
5 Yes, (ξ) day.

The descant may be sung after stanzas 4 and 5.



1. God sent His Son, they called Him Je - sus; He came to love,
 2. How sweet to hold a new-born ba - by, And feel the pride,
 3. And then one day I'll cross the riv - er; I'll fight life's fi -

1. — heal, and for - give; He lived and died to buy my
 2. — and joy he gives; But great - er still the calm as -
 3. - nal war with pain; And then as death gives way to

1. par-don, An emp - ty grave is there to prove my Sav - ior lives.
 2. sur - ance, This child can face un-cer-tain days be - cause He lives.
 3. vic - t'ry, I'll see the lights of glo - ry and I'll know He lives.

Be-cause He lives I can face to - mor-row; Be-cause He lives

— all fear is gone; Be - cause I know He holds the



THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

CHRIST IS RISEN



PROCESSION INTO THE WORLD

LEVAS 120

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

Words & Music: Doris Akers (1923-1993)

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. 2. There are
 3. If you place.

POSTLUDE

Joy Spring
Chris Ziemba, piano

Clifford Brown



Sweet, Sweet Spirit





Easter Flowers 2025



Annette Achille
In memory of
Ernie Howe
Perine DeShields
Valma Yearwood
Eva McBorrough
In thanksgiving of
All the happy and healthy
Children of Ascension

Jane Alperson
In thanksgiving for
The ministries of Rev. Joan
and Rev. Terri

Annie Woodley Brown
In memory of
Bob Brown
Sherman and Rebecca
Woodley
Norvelle Beatty

Buck Buckingham
In Thanksgiving for
the ministries of
Rev. Dr. Joan E. Beilstein
and Rev. Terri M. Murphy

Spencer Cantrell and
Andy Kachor
In thanksgiving for
This Church Community
Calvin and Eloise

Margaret Chang
In memory of
Elizabeth Harris

The Cornish/Emory Family
In memory of
Ann Bodger Emery

Kathryn Foor and
Judith Blackistone
In memory of
Norma Bourke

Steve and Mary Fromyer
In memory of
Neal Oliver and
Lois Fromyer

In thanksgiving for
Keeva and Rory Smyth

Grayson Hadley
In memory of
Uta Weckerle

Morna Holden
In memory of
Wyotta and Stanley Holden
Frank and Gertrude Holden
Clara and George Miller
In thanksgiving for
My Ascension Family

Hunter Howe
In thanksgiving for
Ernie Howe and Family,
and Friends

Peter Humphery and
Jessica Smith
In memory of
Rev. Richard and Carole
Humphrey
Hazel Smith

Lia Kvatum, Kevin Connell,
and Violet Connell Kvatum
In memory of
Swan Kvatum Connell

Edwin Kvatum
Jerry Connell
Barbara Connell
David Martin
In thanksgiving for
Our spiritual home of
Ascension, our rector,
deacon, Music Ministry,
friends old, new, and future,
and all who make this such
a spiritual place.

Frank and Elizabeth Malone
In memory of
Frank and Harriet Malone

Herbert and Ruth
Lindemann
Mark Knoblauch
Karen Martin

Chuck McCarter
and Kenn Derby
In thanksgiving for
Family and Friends

Susan Poling
In memory of
Richard Baker
Steve Dougherty
Patricia Farrell

Roger and Kate Rohrbaugh
In memory of
our parents
In thanksgiving for
Our family, and many
blessings

Robin and Lisa Seiler
In memory of
Bob, Peggy, and
Louise Seiler

Mickey and Dolores Mundy
In thanksgiving for
My husband Robin

Jacki Smith
In memory of
Michelle Lockhart
Leslie Joliet

Ken and Maggie Thompson
In memory of
Family members and friends

Jennifer Woods
In memory of
my mother

Jane Amidon Woods, on the
anniversary of her death
My husband Bob Clayton
In thanksgiving
for their years of friendship,
my chosen family
Nela Bowling,
Lorraine Van Buren and
George Rathbone
And for the community of
Church of the Ascension

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MONDAY NIGHT SERIES ON *THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER*



Anne LeVeque is leading a lively adult education class on *The Book of Common Prayer* through mid-April. The class is structured around the book *Praying Shapes Believing*, revised edition, by Ruth Myers and Leonel Mitchell. However, you do not have to purchase or even read it to participate. We meet in Ascension House at 6 - 8 pm, starting with some refreshments — bring some food to share, if you like. Please email anne.leveque@gmail.com if you have any questions.



*Easter Egg Hunt
for the Children
after the 10 am service!*



COFFEE HOUR HOST SLOTS OPEN
PLEASE SPREAD THE JOY IN
MAY 4, 11, 18!

The new sign up sheet is now available on the bulletin board in the back of the parish hall. Sign up to host and scan the new QR code for instructions. Email or call **Lisa Middleton** with questions office@ascensionsilverspring.org or **301-587-3272**.

If you want to be matched with a co-host, add your name to the Looking for a Co-Host sign-up sheet or email Lisa Middleton at office@ascensionsilverspring.org

Conversations on Race Book Club Spring Selection for Sunday, June 8 • 11:30 a.m.

The Small and the Mighty by Sharon MacMahon

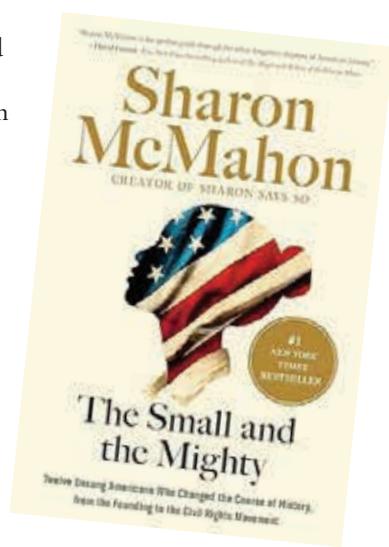
In these times in which we find ourselves, where the values, norms and ideals that have shaped our democracy are slowly slipping away, we must hold firm to the hope of our ancestors. We can inspire each other and look for inspiration in the work of others. McMahon has written an excellent series of essays on **ordinary people doing extraordinary things**. We know a few of them from past programs, i.e. Julius Rosenwald and Booker T. Washington. Others, we will hear of for the first time. The book is about the courage and resilience of those who believe in America.

Sharon MacMahon, a NYT's #1 best selling author is a former teacher of government and law in the Montgomery County Public School system and a former colleague of a member of the Ascension community, Amy Branson.

So, read the book and join us for a stimulating discussion on June 8 at 11:30 am in the Parish Hall.

Also, check out the table in the Gathering Space, peruse the book, pick up a bookmark, and learn of other resources generated by McMahon, such as a newsletter, and podcast.

Any questions? Check with **Jane Alperson, Amy Branson, Annie Brown or Susan Poling**.





Mustard Seed Ministry Opportunities

April 2025

Ascension's Mustard Seed Ministry offers simple moments of ministry that are easy to complete. Don't know what to do to combat the need you see all around you? Choose one or more of the Mustard Seed opportunities below!

- **Diaper Ministry:** Donate diapers and wipes to benefit Silver Spring/Takoma Park Mutual Aid. Drop your diapers and wipes off in the Gathering Space on Sunday mornings, for more info contact Laura at les291@nyu.edu or Drew at drewsnyder@pobox.com
- **Tommy's Pantry:** Volunteer to help at Ascension on Saturdays to prep and distribute food to those in need. For more information contact tommyspantry@gmail.org or Libbie Griffin at libbiegriffin@gmail.com
- **Homeless Street Ministry:** Please consider donating a \$10 Giant or Safeway gift card to our homeless ministry. Give the homeless the gift of the simple dignity to purchase something without having to ask for a few coins! Place the card in the offering plate or in the mail slot at Ascension House. Donations are also needed to the Deacon's Discretionary Fund to keep this vital ministry going.
- **Help to maintain the beauty of Ascension's grounds** by volunteering to help with yard work, gardening, etc. Please contact please update with juniorwarden@ascensionsilverspring.org to volunteer.
- **Little Library.** Fill our little library by dropping off books. The box is in front of the church...or drop your donations in the plastic bin in the Gathering Space.
- **Blessing Box** – This box is located at the Sunday School entrance. This is a free pantry where non-perishables are left for neighbors in need. Please drop off what you can.
- **PenPal Project for the Incarcerated:** Join Interfaith Action for Human Rights to become involved. Email Rabbi Chuck Feinberg at penpal.iahr@gmail.com for more info.
- **Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind:** Volunteer at their Silver Spring office to assist sight challenged neighbors. For more info call them at 301-589-0894.

This Month's Highlighted Ministry

Feed the 5,000 with a \$10 donation!

Your donation to Shepherd's Table helps to distribute warm, nutritious meals while connecting people to critical resources and restoring their dignity.
Donate at <https://www.shepherdstable.org>

Last month's donations:

Food cards distributed by the Street Ministry Team totaled \$1370
Diaper Bank Donations totaled 307 diapers and 80 containers of wipes.



Serving This Week

Easter Day

Sunday, April 20, 2025

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Joan E. Beilstein, Rector
The Rev. Terri M. Murphy, Deacon
Altar Guild: Hunter Howe, Jeanette Witter, Deborah Percell, and Stacy Cooper

Easter Vigil 12:00 AM Service

12:00 AM - *The Lighting of the Paschal Fire*
1:00 - 4:00 AM - *The Liturgy of the Word*
5:00 AM - *Renewal of Baptismal Covenant*
6:00 AM - *Sunrise Holy Eucharist*

8:00 AM Service

Sunday Warden: Brenda Freeman/Tom Jacobson/Leticia Read
Musicians: Karen Ashbrook, Sophie Chang
Lector/Intercessor: Susan Poling
LEM: Fred Paul
Coffee Hour: The Vestry of Ascension

10:00 AM Service

Sunday Warden: Jane Alperson
Director of Music Ministries: Bailey Joy Myers
Lector: Monica Allen
Intercessor: Annie Brown
LEM: Deborah Percell and Cathy Eliot
Ushers & Greeters: Jim Wolf and Addison Hunt
Tech Team: Monica Allen and Libbie Griffin
Coffee Hour: The Vestry of Ascension

Serving Next Week

Second Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 27, 2025

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Joan E. Beilstein, Rector
The Rev. Terri M. Murphy, Deacon
Altar Guild: Hunter Howe, Jeanette Witter, Deborah Percell, and Stacy Cooper

8:00 AM Service

Sunday Warden: Brenda Freeman/Tom Jacobson/Leticia Read
Lector/Intercessor: Tom Jacobson
LEM: Morna Holden

10:00 AM Service
Sunday Warden: Shellie Williams
Director of Music Ministries: Bailey Joy Myers
Lector: Frank Malone
Intercessor: Jane Alperson
LEM: Steve Fromyer and Kevin Connell
Ushers & Greeters: Kathleen Fulton and Bill Schauman
Coffee Hour: Annalies and Beth Echols

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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

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



For peace and an end to violence and terrorism everywhere.

Our Parish Cycle of Prayer

Mandy Bolgiano

Anna Botoe

Nela Bowling, Vanessa Bowling Ajavon,

Sadie, Avery, and Cameron Ajavon

Abby and John Brady and Libby Williams

Jennifer Brannan

Amy Branson

For those celebrating birthdays this week

April 21: A.J. Winters

April 22: Annie Woodley Brown, Diana Gough

April 23: Sadie Ajavon, Karen MacPherson

April 25: Jenny Bates

For those celebrating an anniversary

April 22: Kevin Connell and Lia Kvatum (20th)

In our Diocese

We pray for the campus ministries in our diocese and the ministry to youth and young adults that they all may know and live as beloved children of God.

Church of the Redeemer Bethesda

Calvary Church DC

Church of the Atonement DC

Pray for the stewardship of the earth
on International Earth Day (April 22)

In the Anglican Communion

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem

(Psalm 122:6)

Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

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):

Norma and Tony Argo, Cindy Bean, Christopher Blackwall,

David Cato, *Keith Ecker, Sean Fitzsimmons, Geoff Grub,

Jere Herzenberg, *Maggie Howard, Linda LeVeque,

Trish Martzolf, Roland Maynez,

*Roger Rohrbaugh, Barbara Ross-Rohey,

Astrid Schmidt-Nielson, Robin Schueneman,

*Martha Smith, Ceil Snyder, *Joyce Sterling,

*Joan Thomas and Family, *Libby Williams, Amy Zieler

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