

The Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost Year B • Proper 25 Sunday, October 24, 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. **At this time, masks are required for congregational singing.**

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

PRELUDE

Hymn of Promise

Bailey Myers, *piano*

Words & Music: Natalie Sleeth
Arr.: John Carter

PROCESSIONAL

HYMNAL 411

Bless the Lord, My Soul

WORDS: WILLIAM CHATTERTON DIX (1837-1898)
Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887)

1 O bless the Lord, my soul! His grace to thee pro - claim!
2 O bless the Lord, my soul! His mer - cies bear in mind!
3 He will not al - ways chide; he will with pa - tience wait;
4 He par - dons all thy sins, pro - longs thy fee - ble breath;
5 He clothes thee with his love, up - holds thee with his truth;

1 And all that is with - in me join to bless his ho - ly Name!
2 For - get not all his ben - e - fits! The Lord to thee is kind.
3 his wrath is ev - er slow to rise and rea - dy to a - bate.
4 he heal - eth thine in - fir - mi - ties and ran - soms thee from death.
5 and like the ea - gle he re - news the vi - gor of thy youth.

6 Then bless his holy Name,
whose grace hath made thee whole,
whose loving-kindness crowns thy days:
O bless the Lord, my soul!

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The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Blessed be the One, Holy, and Living God!

People And blessed be God's kingdom now and forever! *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.*

KYRIE

LEVAS 237

Lord Have Mercy

Music: Avon Gillespie (1937-1989), *Mass No. 1 in G*

Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy, have mercy, O Lord.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Joan Thomas, *Lector*

Job 42:1-6, 10-17

A Reading from the Book of Job.

Job answered the LORD:

“I know that you can do all things,
and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.

‘Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?’

Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand,
things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.
'Hear, and I will speak;
I will question you, and you declare to me.'
I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear,
but now my eye sees you;
therefore I despise myself,
and repent in dust and ashes."

And the Lord restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before. Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the Lord had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring. The Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. He also had seven sons and three daughters. He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Kerenhappuch. In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job's daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. After this Job lived for one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children's children, four generations. And Job died, old and full of days.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 34:1-8, (19-22) *Joan Thomas, Lector*

- 1 I will bless the LORD at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.**
- 2 I will glory in the LORD; *
let the humble hear and rejoice.**
- 3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; *
let us exalt his Name together.**
- 4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror.**
- 5 Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.**
- 6 I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles.**
- 7 The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.**
- 8 Taste and see that the LORD is good; *
happy are they who trust in him!**
- 19 [Many are the troubles of the righteous, *
but the LORD will deliver him out of them all.**
- 20 He will keep safe all his bones; *
not one of them shall be broken.**

21 Evil shall slay the wicked, *
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

22 The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in him.]

THE SECOND LESSON

Joan Thomas, *Lector*

Hebrews 7:23-28

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but Jesus holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

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

THE GRADUAL HYMN

WLP 773

Heal Me, Hands of Jesus

Words & Music: Kurt Kaiser (b. 1934)

1. Heal me, hands of Je-sus, and search out all my pain: re -
2. Cleanse me, blood of Je-sus, take bit - ter-ness a - way; let
3. Know me, mind of Je-sus, and show me all my sin; dis -
4. Fill me, joy of Je-sus: anx - i - e - ty shall cease and

store my hope, re - move my fear and bring me peace a - gain.
me for - give as one for-given and bring me peace to - day.
pel the mem - o - ries of guilt, and bring me peace with - in.
heaven's se - ren - i - ty be mine, for Je - sus brings me peace!

THE GOSPEL

Mark 10:46-52

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

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

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

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 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 VI

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The Leader and People pray responsively.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation.
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop; Mariann our bishop; Joan our Rector; Terri our Deacon; Creamilda our seminarian; Adela, our Deacon Candidate; Melissa, Annemarie, and Mary our Deacon Postulants; Bailey, our Director of Music Ministries; and for all bishops and other ministers. In our diocese we pray that all members of our congregations deepen their faith through prayer, spiritual direction, and other faith practices. Pray for World Mission Sunday. In the Anglican Communion, we pray for The Extra-Provincial Churches.

For all who serve God in God's Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially **all who are suffering from COVID-19 ... Virginia ... Gloria ... Gwendolyn ... Rachel ... Tina ... Florri ... Glen¹ ... Riza ... *Yvonne ... Jean ... *Bob ... Mary ... Lillian ... Joré Yvonne ... Paula and Andrew ... Pat¹ ... Jeff ... Giulia ... Sofia ... Amelia ... Brenna ... Patti ... Sean ... The Floyd Family ... Geoff ... Gloria ... Kitty ... Pat² ... Jere ... Dick ... *Maggie ... The Hunte Family ... Lynn ... Paul ... Sara ... *Bert ... Norma ... Pauline ... Linda ... Pat³ ... Mike¹ ... Les ... Marsha ... *The McCullough-Trujillo Family ... David ... *Lisa ... Keli ... Zobida ... Mike² ... Cynthia ... Elaine ... Val ... Severn ... *Carol¹ ... Joseph ... Brian ... The Seaton Family ... Pat ... Sam ... Carol² ... *Martha ... *Joyce¹ ... *Art ... The Tate Family ... *Giselle ... The Thomas Family ... Emma ... *Lorraine ... *Helen ... *Libby ... *Ginny ... *Jim ... Glenn² ... Joyce² ... and Judah.**

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. Today we pray for the following members of our parish: Chad Arsenault, Tom Houston, and Elizabeth Arsenault-Houston; Karen Ashbrook, Paul Oorts, and Gabriel Osborne; Charles and Ray Atwell; and Loris, Benjamin, Christina, Lana, and Samuel Ayirebi. And for those celebrating birthdays: Karema Daley, Liz Davenport, Alice Van Buren, Orion Howard, Keith Gerhard, Vivianne Clayton (7), and Deborah Percell Strandquist.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

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

Silence.

Celebrant concludes with this prayer.

God of love, we have offered up to you our prayers with our words and in the silence of our hearts. Hear us as we cry to you and shed upon us the comfort, hope, and strength we need to face the days to come. For you are a God of great compassion and mercy, and we know that you are present with us in both times of darkness and light. For this we give thanks and welcome your peace into our hearts. **AMEN.**

Deacon

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence

CONFESSION

Deacon and People

God of all mercy, we know that we have fallen short: We turn our backs when we could embrace; we remain silent when we could speak; we speak when we could listen. When we could fling the door open, instead we close it; when we could be open hearted, instead we judge. Forgive us, O God, and strengthen us to grow into the people you created us to be, through Christ our Lord. *AMEN.*

THE ABSOLUTION

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

I Must Tell Jesus
The Chancel Choir

Elisha A. Hoffman (1839-1929) Arr. Mark Hayes

OFFERTORY HYMN

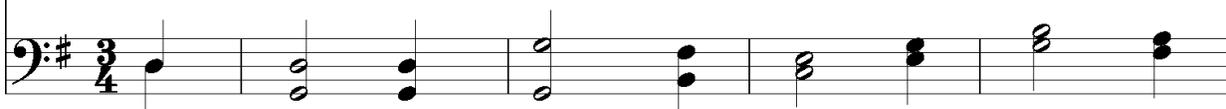
LEVAS 181

Amazing Grace

Words: John 13:1-17; adapt. Tom Colvin, 1969
Music: Ghana Folk song; adapt. Tom Colvin, 1969; harm. Charles H. Webb 1988



1. A - maz - ing grace! — how sweet the sound, That
2. 'Twas grace that taught — my heart to fear, And
3. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His
4. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
5. When we've been there — ten thou - sand years, Bright



1. saved a wretch like me! — I once was lost, but
2. grace my fears re - lieved; — How pre - cious did that
3. word my hope se - cures; — He will my shield and
4. have al - read - y come; — 'Tis grace that brought me
5. shin - ing as the sun, — We've no less days to



1. now am found, Was blind, but now I see. _____
 2. grace ap - pear The hour I first be - lieved! _____
 3. por - tion be As long as life en - dures. _____
 4. safe thus far, And grace will lead me home. _____
 5. sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun. _____

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

As we bless and 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 as a community of faith. We thank you, too, for the fruit of the vine to quench our thirst and for the Living Water with which you surprise and enrich and transform our lives. We give thanks for this feast at which all of us, are given a foretaste of your Holy Realm. *Amen.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING FORM 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.**

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

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who teaches us that it is better to serve than to be served, and that it is in giving, we receive.

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:

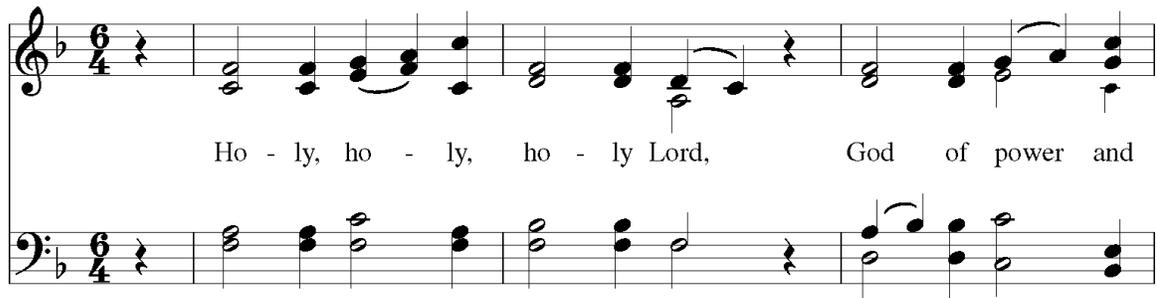


SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

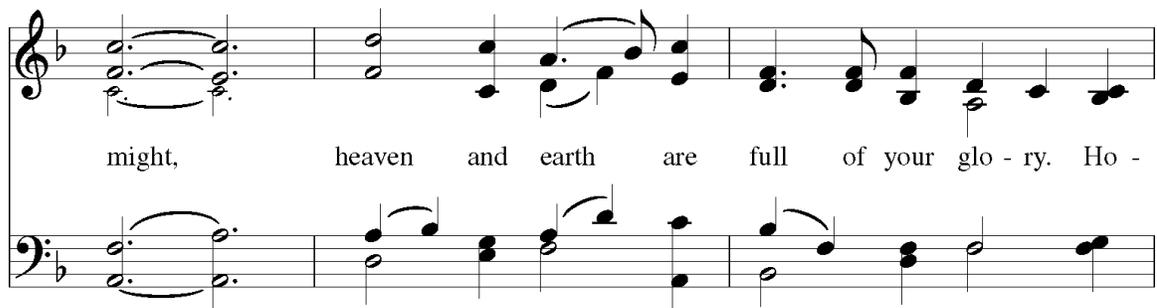
WLP 858

Holy, Holy, Holy

Music: Grayson Warren Brown (b. 1948),
A Mass for a Soulful People



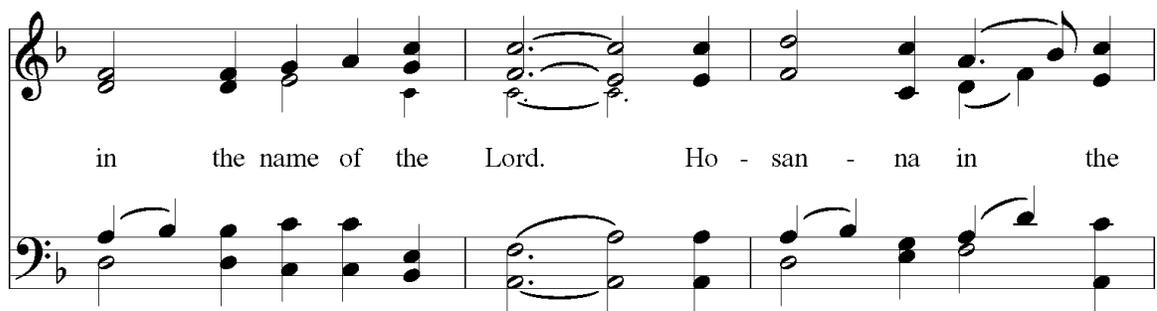
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and



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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel.

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and 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 God, 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 forever. 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!

FRACTION ANTHEM
LEVAS 270

Lamb of God

Lamb of
God, you take _ a - way the _ sins _ of the
world: have mer - cy on us. _____ Lamb of
God, you take _ a - way the _ sins _ of the
world: have mer - cy on us. _____ Lamb of
God, you take _ a - way the _ sins _ of the
world: _____ grant _ us _____ peace. _____

THE INVITATION

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

Please walk single file up the center aisle toward the priest.

Only the host will be distributed which is full communion. The common cup is still not allowed at this time.

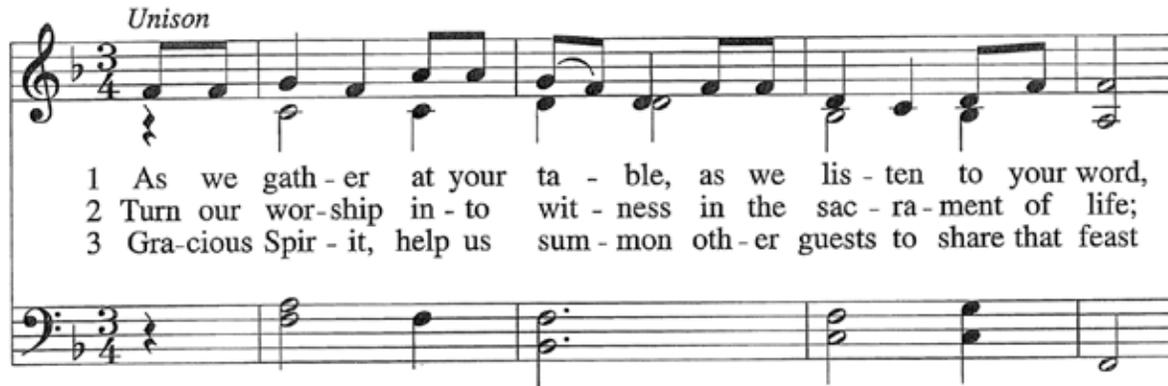
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MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

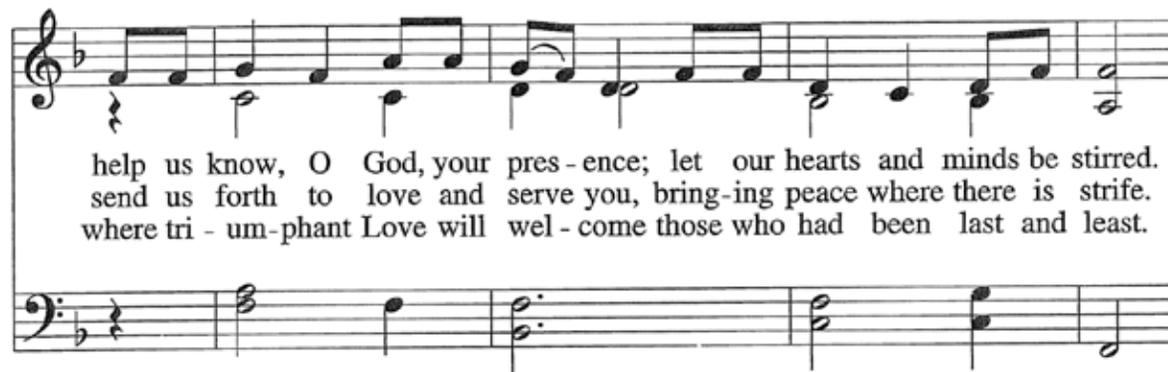
As We Gather at Your Table

Words: Samuel Crossman (162401683), alt.
Music: James E. Moore, Jr.

Unison



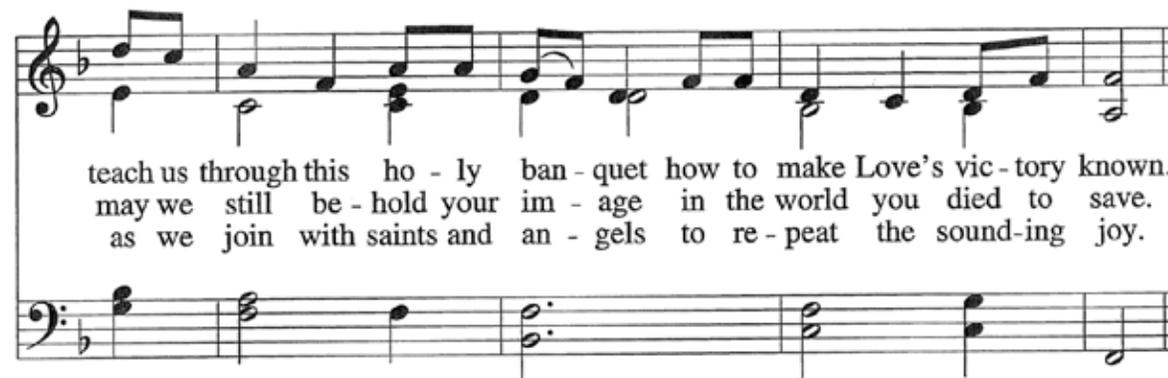
1 As we gath - er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
2 Turn our wor - ship in - to wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum - mon oth - er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres - ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
send us forth to love and serve you, bring - ing peace where there is strife.
where tri - um - phant Love will wel - come those who had been last and least.



Nour - ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
Give us, Christ, your great com - pas - sion to for - give as you for - gave;
There no more will en - vy bind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban - quet how to make Love's vic - tory known.
may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.
as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound - ing joy.

LEVAS 137

Just as I am

1. Just as I am, with - out one plea, But
 2. Just as I am, though tossed a - bout With
 3. Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; Sight
 4. Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive; Wilt
 5. Just as I am, thy love un - known Has
 6. Just as I am, of thy great love The

1. that thy blood was shed for me,
 2. ma - ny - a con - flict, ma - ny - a doubt;
 3. rich - es, heal - ing of the mind,
 4. wel - come, par - don, cleanse, re - lieve,
 5. bro - ken ev - ery bar - rier down;
 6. breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,

1. And that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O
 2. Fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out, O
 3. Yea, all I need in thee to find, O
 4. Be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve, O
 5. Now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone, O
 6. Here for a sea - son, then a - bove: O

Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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.*

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

RECESSIONAL HYMN

HYMNAL 493

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Words: Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)
Music: Dunedin, Vernon Criffiths (1894-1985)

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,
 2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim
 3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;
 4 He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,
 5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your loos - ened tongues em - ploy;

1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!
 2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.
 3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
 4 the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.
 5 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

6 Glory to God and praise and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the Church in earth and heayen.

POSTLUDE

Fugue No. 5 (Magnificat primi toni)
Bailey Myers, organ

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)



Remembering All the Saints

On Sunday, November 7th, 2021
At both the 8:00am & 10am Services
we will be remembering all the saints.

If you would like a loved one
Who has died to be prayed for at services,
please email their names to:

Rev. Joan+ at revdrjeb@comcast.net

No later than Friday, November 5th, 2021.

If you do not have email, please write their names below
and give to Rev. Joan+ or Rev. Terri+
at services on October 24th or October 31st.

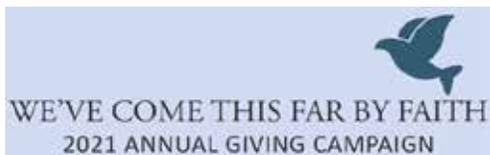
Thank you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS • OCTOBER 24, 2021

TENDING OUR SOIL 360 ASSESSMENT

OPEN UNTIL OCTOBER 1ST - 31ST, 2021!

Read your Sweet Spirit for Survey Links!



2022 Stewardship Pilgrimage

October 17th – November 21st, 2021

Theme: We've Come This Far by Faith

See attached Stewardship Letter and Pledge Card!

The Conversations on Race Group invites you to learn more about Native American history in November.

Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI, by David Grann

SUNDAYS, NOVEMBER 14 AND 21, 11:30 AM - 1 PM



On November 14, we will have a Zoom book discussion on *Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI*, by David Grann. In the 1920's the Osage people in Oklahoma were the richest people per capita in the world because of the oil discovered on their land. And then they began to die. Learn more about the Osage nation, greed, murders, and the birth of the FBI.

On November 21, we will take a different approach. Ascension members have grown up or lived in many different parts of the United States or the world, each with their own Indigenous peoples' history. We will ask participants to share a little of the history from their area, e.g., Louisiana and the Choctaw, the Carolinas and the Cherokee, or Ohio and Shawnee or Seneca at a Zoom meeting.

Get your book from the library or book store now! Any questions? Ask Annie Brown, Ginny Klein, Jane Alpers, Marta Brenden, or Susan Poling of the Conversations on Race group. or email Susan Poling at sapoling@verizon.net



Thanksgiving Day Service

In-person and Livestreamed

November 25th, 2021 -- 10:00 AM

Featuring musicians, Karen Ashbrook, Paul Oorts, and Sophie Chang

Stay tuned for Livestream Link!!

Mid-Week Serices

Holy Eucharist & Healing Rite (In-person & Zoom)

Wednesdays, 12:00 PM

Zoom Link provided on Weekly Editions of Sweet Spirit Express

Daily Offices (Monday-Saturday) (Zoom)

Morning Prayer -- 8:00 AM

Compline -- 8:00 PM

Zoom Links provided on Weekly Editions of Sweet Spirit Express

To sign up for the *Sweet Spirit Express* (Ascension's Weekly Newsletter)

Please email Rev. Joan at revdrjeb@comcast.net.

Mustard Seed Ministry Opportunities • October 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!

- Tommy's Pantry, volunteer to help at Ascension on Saturdays to prep and distribute food to needy neighbors. <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/10c0a4aafa72fa0f58-gift>.
- Give to Ascension's efforts to furnish an apartment for refugee families.
- Volunteer to help the Adventist Community Center sort supplies for refugee families
- **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.com¹
- Knit a baby blanket, sweater, booties or caps for Palestinian newborns at St. Luke's Hospital in Nablus, Palestine. Please drop off your items with Rev. Terri.
- **Donate time around Ascension** to help with yard clean up shoveling or mowing in the spring.
- **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!³
- **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.⁴

In September, you donated:

1. \$450.00 (45 casseroles) to Shepherd's Table
2. \$1390.00 in grocery store gift cards and 110 comfort packs to the area homeless|
3. 992 diapers; 1300+ wipes for the D.C. Diaper Bank.

Church of the Ascension
In-Person Worship Protocols
Revised July 30, 2021

In accordance with the CDC, Montgomery County, and Diocesan Guidelines
PLEASE READ CAREFULLY THESE REVISED PROTOCOLS
(New portions in RED)



8:00 AM— HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II (in the sanctuary)

10:00 AM—HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II (in the Sanctuary)

- **LIVE-STREAM:** This service will be *live-streamed permanently*.
- **MUSIC:** *Congregational singing or humming is allowed with a mask!*
- **RESERVATIONS:** *No reservations* are required for this service.
- **VACCINATION:** It is *strongly recommended* that all attending be *fully vaccinated* for the COVID-19 virus.
- **MASKS:** **masks are required for all attendees.**
- **BULLETINS:** Please provide *your own bulletin* (i.e., a print copy, on your phone, tablet, etc.) A limited number of print bulletins will be available for visitors and those who need them. Please *take all paper copies* of the bulletin with you as you depart.
- **GENERAL PARKING:** *Street parking* and the *school lot* behind the church are available.
- **HANDICAPPED PARKING:** The church parking circle at *633 Sligo Avenue* is reserved for those with *limited mobility*.
- **ENTRANCES:** You may enter the church through the *ramp entrance* at 634 Silver Spring Avenue or through the *red main doors* at 633 Sligo Avenue.
- **GREETERS:** Will be present to welcome and assist you during the service.
- **SEATING & SOCIAL DISTANCING:** 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. When taking a seat, please observe *social distancing* if the people around you would be more comfortable with more space between you.
- **RESTROOMS:** The *restrooms* in the Gathering Space will be available for your use.
- **THE PASSING OF THE PEACE:** Bows, waves, peace signs, elbow bumping, handshaking, kissing, or hugging are allowed but *please be respectful* and check if others welcome these gestures or not.
- **HOLY COMMUNION:** *Please walk single file* up the center aisle toward the priest. Only the host will be distributed which is full communion. The common cup is still not allowed at this time. Please return to your seat using the aisle to your right to avoid the live stream equipment.
- **COFFEE HOUR:** *No in-person coffee hour following the 10:00 AM service.*



Serving This Week

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2021

The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost • Year B

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Joan E. Beilstein

Rector: The Rev. Dr. Joan E. Beilstein

Preacher: The Rev. Terri M. Murphy

Deacon: The Rev. Terri M. Murphy

Seminarian: Creamilda Yoda

Deacon Candidate: Adela Vasquez

Deacon Postulants: Mary Kelly, Annemarie Quigley,
Melissa Sites,

Director of Music Ministries: Bailey Myers

Lector (8 a.m.): Creamilda Yoda

LEM: Luz Guiab

Lector (10 a.m.): Joan Thomas

LEM (10 a.m.):

Greeters: Chuck McCarter & Bob Jacobs

Warden of the Day: Laura Schattschneider

Tech Team (10 a.m.): Mary Kelly and Bill Schauman

Serving Next Week

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2021

The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost • 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

Deacon Candidate: Adela Vasquez

Deacon Postulants: Mary Kelly, Annemarie Quigley,
Melissa Sites

Director of Music Ministries: Bailey Myers

Lector (8 a.m.): Melissa Sites

LEM: Morna Holden

Lector (10 a.m.): Monica Allen

LEM (10 a.m.): Melissa Sites

Greeters: Chuck McCarter & Addison Hunt

Warden of the Day: Blaise Strandquist

Tech Team (10 a.m.): Mary Kelly and Bill Schauman

THE VESTRY OF ASCENSION

- Jane Alpersen ('22), Senior Warden • Steve Fromyer ('23), Junior Warden
 - Theo Emery ('24) • Anne LeVeque ('24)
 - Arabella Littlepage ('22) • Dick Marks ('22) • Chuck McCarter ('24)
 - Jonathan Mengesha ('23) • Laura Schattschneider ('22)
 - Blaise Strandquist ('23) • Sandra Sussman ('23) • Joan Thomas ('24)
 - Ex Officio: Mary Fromyer – Registrar
 - Leticia Read – Clerk of the Works
 - Leona Cosby – Treasurer • Fred Paul – Assistant Treasurer
- treasurer-ascension@comcast.net

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!



For peace and an end to violence
and terrorism everywhere.

Our Parish Cycle of Prayer

Chad Arsenault, Tom Houston, and Elizabeth Arsenault-Houston

Karen Ashbrook, Paul Oorts, and Gabriel Osborne

Charles and Ray Atwell

Loris, Benjamin, Christina, Lana, and Samuel Ayirebi

For those celebrating birthdays:

October 24: Karema Daley

October 25: Liz Davenport

October 27: Alice Van Buren

October 28: Orion Howard

October 29: Keith Gerhard

October 30: Vivianne Clayton (7), Deborah Percell Strandquist

In our Diocese:

We pray that all members of our congregations deepen their faith
through prayer, spiritual direction, or other faith practices.

World Mission Sunday

In the Anglican Communion:

The Extra-Provincial Churches

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):

Virginia Allen, Gloria Alexander, Gwendolyn Alexander,

Rachel Anderson, Tina Arnold, Florri Aversa, Dick Baker,

Glenn Bediaram, Riza Bediaram, *Yvonne Boyd, Jean Brady,

*Bob Brown, Mary Bucher, Joré Yvonne Chumbley,

The Rev. Canon Paula Clark, Bishop-elect of Chicago, and her

husband Andrew, Jane, Pat Cox, Jeff Crites, Giulia Del Priore,

Sofia Del Priore, Brenna and Amelia Digiovanni, Patti Faber,

Sean Fitzsimmons, The Floyd Family, Geoff Grub, Gloria Gunness,

Kitty Hall, Jere Herzenberg, *Maggie Howard, The Hunte Family,

Lynn Hutcheson, Paul Jackson, Sara Jackson, Barbara Jacobs,

*Bert Joseph, Norma Knight, Pauline Lerner, Linda LeVeque,

Pat Martin, Mike Mattson, Les Maul, Marsha Maul,

*The McCullough-Trujillo Family, David Meyer,

*Lisa Null, Keli Pirtle, Zobida Ragbirsingh, Mike Rivers,

Cynthia Roberts, Elaine Rutman, Val Sasmore, Severn Savage,

*Carol Schwobel, Joseph Sears, Brian Seaton, The Seaton Family,

Pat Seeger, Sam Shutt, Carol Fiddler Smith, *Martha Smith,

*Joyce Sterling, *Art Stump, The Tate Family, *Giselle Thomas,

The Thomas Family, Emma Tunaley, *Helen Van Doren,

*Libby Williams, *Ginny Ripley-Wolf, *Jim Wolf,

Glenn Woodley, Joyce Woody, Judah Yoda,

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

October 2021

My dear friends,

Over the past 19 months, we have travelled through the unprecedented experience of a global pandemic. Our lives have been altered in dramatic and unexpected ways. Within weeks, our Sunday worship services became an online digital experience as we were no longer able to gather in person. At the same time the clergy and parishioners at Ascension moved to assure that vital ministries and the work of our church continued.

Now, a year later, we find ourselves embarking on a different journey, as we move into the process of “re-gathering” and living out a hybrid model of ministry, one virtual and one in person. While positive technological innovations have allowed us to maintain our community life and welcome others in, let us not forget how hard it has been at times in terms of social distancing. I especially want to recognize our parents who found themselves being “homeschool teachers” and having to deal with the anxiety and difficulty it has been for children and youth to not see in person family members and friends, for such a long time.

This year’s Annual Giving theme, We’ve Come This Far by Faith, asks us to reflect on our journey together over the past 19 months of the pandemic and to cast our gaze forward to God’s desired future for our spiritual home given who we are, and the varying gifts we have to offer, both within and outside of our doors.

This stewardship pilgrimage theme also reminds us that our financial support, in the form of a pledge to the Operating Budget of Ascension is an essential component of our ability to carry out the work of the church, both within and outside of our doors. Over the past year, pledge revenues were used to sustain activities such as:

- Live stream and now in person worship (Sundays, Wednesdays, and Feast Days)
- Zoom Sunday School and an outdoor in-person Children’s chapel (weather permitting)
- The successful completion of our Capital Campaign (all during COVID!) [See video here!](#)
- Outreach to those in need (i.e. “Tommy’s Pantry”, Ascension is its base of operations, a feeding program that ministers to 300+ people a week, Shepherd’s Table where we donated \$5000+ to help feed the hungry, and our Diaper Drive Ministry for the DC Diaper Pantry)
- Ministry to support Afghan refugees (i.e., equipping an apartment, a coat drive)
- Zoom business meetings such as the Vestry and Finance Committee (attendance is up!)
- Zoom Christian Education and book studies (Advent & Lent Series, Conversations on Race)
- A VERY SUCCESSFUL online Annual Meeting and Cabaret fundraiser (we raised \$21,000)
- Our training of Seminarians, Deacon Discerners, Deacon Candidates, and Deacons
- Fair compensation to support our very dedicated and creative Clergy and Minister of Music
- Our acceptance into Tending our Soil, a new Diocesan Initiative for Parish Revitalization!
- Welcoming new members of our congregation via our Live Stream and In-person!
- And much more!

Through all of this, we journeyed on in faith. I can’t tell you how proud I am of Ascension that we have continued to thrive as a parish, been creative, and found new ways of being church and enriching our faith community’s life. As we turn our focus to the future, we do so secure in the assurance of God’s abiding and steadfast love. We could not have gotten this far during this difficult time, without them. So I am grateful to God and grateful to all of you!

As we regather in person, but also continue our live stream ministries, we delight in the opportunities to be with our families, friends, and Ascension friends, worship God with singing, and to engage in the

important work of continuing to build our beloved community. There is much to celebrate and there is much to do. More than ever, we must express our love and gratitude by pledging to our parish that is our spiritual home.

Current members, you have always been so supportive of Ascension, generously giving of your time, wisdom, experience, passion, and financial resources to sustain and grow our work and ministries. As we begin this year's We've Come This Far by Faith Annual Giving campaign, we hope we can count on your support again.

New members and visitors who are still discerning about joining Ascension, we welcome you! Please know we are here to listen to your spiritual journeys and find out what you are looking for in a church community. You can email me anytime [HERE](#) and Rev. Terri (our Christian Formation Director) [HERE](#). It would be our pleasure to talk with you. We welcome too your financial support and hope you will join us as an official member (i.e., attending worship, being part of our online Realm church directory, and being a giver of record.) We are so excited you have found Ascension and look forward to getting to know you!

Included with this email is a pledge card for 2022. Please prayerfully consider the amount you are willing to pledge financially so Ascension can continue to walk in faith, sharing God's love with even more people, and making a positive difference in the lives of everyone in our community and beyond. While we strive for the pledge to be the biblical standard of the tithe (10% of one's yearly income), all financial gifts are greatly appreciated and we know together we can reach our goal of \$390,000. We ask you return your pledge card by no later than Sunday, November 21st, 2021.

If you have any questions or would like to further discuss making a financial pledge to Ascension, please don't hesitate to get in touch. Me, Rev. Terri+, Jane Alperson (Senior Warden), and Leona Cosby (Treasurer) will be happy to speak with you. Our contact emails and phone numbers are below. Thank you for considering pledging for 2022. It is your generosity of heart and spirit that keeps us living and thriving, as a parish community, devoted to carrying out God's mission and ministry of love, justice, and peace, in the world.

Faithfully,

The Rev. Dr. Joan E. Beilstein, Rector • revdrjeb@comcast.net • Mobile: 240-476-9772
The Rev. Terri Murphy, Deacon • reverendterri@aol.com • Mobile: 240-535-3703
Jane Alperson, Senior Warden • Janea1212@gmail.com • Phone: 301-785-1524
Leona Cosby, Treasurer • rlcosby2@verizon.net





Come this far by Faith
Annual Stewardship Pilgrimage for

Episcopal Church of the Ascension

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

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Telephone(s): _____

E-mail: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

I would like information about Realm Online Giving to pay my pledge but don't have a Realm Account.

Contact Leona Cosby (Treasurer) for instructions.

I plan to fulfill my pledge to Church of the Ascension using Realm Online Giving through my Realm account.

NOTE:

Online Giving via ACH (for credit card) is a convenient and reliable way to fulfill your financial commitment to the church. ACH is also the most efficient method of giving to the church since it reduces administrative overhead and helps maintain predictable cash flow. To set up Online Giving login to your Realm account, select Giving, then +Give, and selected the frequency (once a week, once a month, etc.) Please also consider checking the box "Processing Costs" to contribute a little extra to offset processing costs."

I would like information about Appreciated Stock Transfers. Please contact Leona Cosby (Treasurer.)

YOU MAY SUBMIT YOUR PLEDGE BY:

- **Scanning (or photographing the form) and emailing to:**
Leona Cosby, Treasurer, at treasurer-ascension@comcast.net.
- **Mailing it to the church office address:**
Church of the Ascension, 634 Silver Spring Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910, ATTN: Treasurer
- **Putting it through the mail slot at Ascension House, ATTN: Treasurer**
- **Placing in the Offering Plate on Sundays if you attend a service in-person.**

If you any questions about pledging or methods of pledging please contact:

Leona Cosby (Treasurer) • rlcosby2@verizon.net • Mobile: 301-520-6179