



Church of the Ascension

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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9:30 AM



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WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION!

Ascension offers a place of comfort, hope, and peace of mind. We are dedicated to spreading the teachings of Jesus Christ. We are a welcoming and affirming community; we believe God accepts people of every race, culture, age, ability, gender, sexual orientation, educational level and economic status... and so must we.

The only Episcopal church in Frankfort, Ascension is grounded in scripture, tradition, and reason. We hold God's word as sacred, follow the Book of Common Prayer in our worship, and respect the capacity of individuals to explore and discern the truth of God. We invite you to join us, and look forward to meeting you!

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP: Children of all ages are truly welcome and encouraged to attend all church services with their parents. We understand that they have wiggles and need to move around, and we welcome them as part of our worship (noise included!). For the safety of all in our public space, never leave children unattended.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S RESTROOMS are at the end of the main hallway (head for the choir stalls, then turn right). A gender-neutral, accessible restroom with a baby-changing table is in the middle of that hallway.

KEEP IN TOUCH: If you would like someone from the church to contact you, we invite you to fill out a Visitor Card (available in your pew or from an usher). To receive our weekly online newsletter, either put your email address on a Visitor Card, or send us an email to info@ascensionfrankfort.org and we will add you to our list. We invite you to use your smartphone to check in at Ascension on our main Facebook page and also to check out our active Facebook group to see, share and discuss photos, events, announcements and more. Visit our web site at www.ascensionfrankfort.org to see our service schedules, event calendar, announcements, and to find more information about what we believe.

THE PLACE OF WORSHIP: As you enter our church, you will find an atmosphere of worship and reverence. The focus of worship in the Episcopal Church is the altar or holy table, and the cross. On and near the altar you will find candles to remind us that Christ is the "light of the world" (John 8:12). On both sides at the front of our church, you will see a lectern or a pulpit. On your right is the lectern where you will see and hear members of our congregation come forward and read from the Scriptures chosen for the service. The preacher usually stands at the pulpit on your left.

THE ACT OF WORSHIP: Episcopal or Anglican church services are congregational, or participatory. An usher will hand you a printed program that describes each step in the service. In your pew you will find the Book of Common Prayer (BCP), which enables you and the rest of the congregation to share fully in every service. You will also find Hymnals and Bibles in your pew. You may wonder when to stand or kneel; take your cue from the bulletin and those around you, as you are comfortable. Abbreviations used in our bulletin include:

- BCP – for the *Book of Common Prayer* (red book in your pew)
- Hymn (in front of a number) – for *Hymnal 1982* (blue book in your pew)
- S (in front of a number) –Service Music, located in the front section of *Hymnal 1982*
- LEVAS – for *Lift Every Voice and Sing* (book not provided; music printed in bulletin)
- WLP – for *Wonder, Love and Praise* (book not provided; music printed in bulletin)

HOLY COMMUNION: The principal service in our church is the Holy Eucharist (Holy Communion). All baptized Christians (of any denomination) are welcome to receive Communion at God's table; as your neighbors rise and go forward to partake, you may join them or not, according to your preference. To receive Communion, come forward and stand or kneel at the altar rail. As you kneel at the altar rail, you will be given a consecrated wafer and sip of wine. You may dip the wafer into the wine (called *intinction*), if you prefer that to drinking from the communal cup. We do use alcoholic wine, which is blessed as the blood of Christ for Holy Communion. If you prefer to receive a blessing in lieu of Holy Communion, come to the altar rail and so indicate by crossing your arms over your chest.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST • RITE II

Presider: The Rev. Dr. William G. Brown, *Assisting Priest Emeritus*

Deacons: The Rev. Deacon Rebecca A. Saager, *Curate* | The Rev. Deacon Susan E. Kurtz, *Deacon*

Lector & Organist: John Martin, *Director of Music*

Do not say responses or sing aloud (due to COVID restrictions still in place).

Voluntary Christ ist erstanden (Christ the Lord is risen again)

Karen Keene

Opening Hymn Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!

Hymnal 205

Gelobt sei Gott

1 Good Chris - tians all, re - joice and sing! Now is the
*2 The Lord of life is risen to - day! Sing songs of
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that
4 Your Name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to -
5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, to God the

1 tri - umph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
2 praise a - long his way; let all the earth re - joice and say:
3 life which can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
4 day with one ac - cord the life laid down, the life re - stored:
5 Spi - rit, al - ways One, we sing for life in us be - gun:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

Read all verses and responses silently, not aloud

Presider: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen, indeed. Alleluia.

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 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 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

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Word of God

First Lesson

The Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Psalm 133 *Ecce, quam bonum!*

Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
when brethren live together in unity!
It is like fine oil upon the head *
that runs down upon the beard,
Upon the beard of Aaron, *
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
It is like the dew of Hermon *
that falls upon the hills of Zion.
For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: *
life for evermore.

Second Lesson The First Letter of John 1:1-2:2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-- this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us-- we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Gospel Acclamation



The Holy Gospel The Gospel According to John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas

answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Sermon

The Rev. Deacon Susan E. Kurtz

The Nicene Creed

Read all verses and responses silently, not aloud

BCP 358

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People (Form III)

Standing

BCP 387

The Leader and People pray responsively

Read all verses and responses silently, not aloud

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
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;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
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.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

During the fifty days of Eastertide, the General Confession will not be said.

The Peace

Greet each other without touching, and maintain 6' social distance.

BCP 360

All stand.

The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

The Holy Communion

All Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion.

*If you wish to receive a blessing in lieu of Holy Communion,
come to the altar rail and so indicate by crossing your arms over your chest.*

An alms basin is available for you to place an offering when going up for Communion.

Offertory

Christ est ressuscite (Christ is risen)

Anonymous

German, 15th century

At the Presentation

Presider All things come of Thee, O God.

And of Thine Own have we given Thee.

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A)

BCP 361

The people remain standing.

Read all verses and responses silently, not aloud

The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Celebrant

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said.

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:

Remain standing until the Sanctus is ended

Sanctus

S 129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven 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 Great Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Read all verses and responses silently, not aloud

BCP 364

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.*

Fraction Anthem

Read all verses and responses silently, not aloud

S 161

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.

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

fu - ture, And life is worth the liv - ing just be-cause He lives.

Almighty and everliving God,
 we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
 of the most precious Body and Blood
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
 and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
 that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
 and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
 And now, Father, send us out
 to do the work you have given us to do,
 to love and serve you
 as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
 To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
 be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Lay Eucharistic Visitor Instruction

(if needed; see next page)

Benediction

Hymn

Arise, arise, lift up your voice

Hymnal 212

Richmond

Read all verses and responses silently, not aloud

1 A - wake, a - rise, lift up your voice, let
 2 Oh, with what glad - ness and sur - prise the
 3 those hands of lib - eral love in - deed in
 4 His en - e - mies had sealed the stone as
 5 O Dead a - rise! O Friend - less stand by

1 Eas - ter mu - sic swell; re - jice in Christ, a -
 2 saints their Sa - vior greet; nor will they trust their
 3 in - fi - nite de - gree, those feet still free to
 4 Pi - late gave them leave, lest dead and friend - less
 5 ser - a - phim a - dored! O Sol - i - tude a -

1 gain re - jice and on his prais - es dwell.
 2 ears and eyes but by his hands and feet,
 3 move and bleed for mil - lions and for me.
 4 and a - lone he should their skill de - ceive.
 5 gain com - mand your host from heaven re - stored!

Words: Christopher Smart (1772-1771), alt. Music: *Richmond*, melody Thomas Haweis (1734-1820); adapt. Samuel Webbe (1740-1816)

Lay Eucharistic Visitor Instruction*Read all verses and responses silently, not aloud**Presider/
Deacon*

In the name of this congregation I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that
that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's
Body and Blood.

We who are many are one body because we all share one bread and one cup.

THE HEALING LITURGY

*Anyone desiring to be anointed (for yourself or on behalf of another)
please go to the chapel and wait in prayerful silence until the priest arrives to conduct the liturgy.*

Read all verses and responses silently, not aloud

V: Savior of the world, by your cross and precious blood you have redeemed us.

R: **Save us, and help us, we humbly beseech you, O Lord.**

At the invitation of the priest, each individual will step forward, whisper their request, and be anointed.

*In respect for the sacredness of the rite, all others will please maintain prayerful silence
and an appropriate distance to allow privacy while the rite is administered.*

Each person please depart in silence after being anointed.

DAILY OFFICE LECTIONARY:**Week of 2 Easter, Year One - BCP 958**

Intercessions for the Church: Calvary Church, Ashland - The Rev. Antoinette "TJ" Azar, *Rector*; The Rev. Dcn. Tina Mussetter.

Recently in need of prayers: Allen; Bill; Correll; Darlene; Debbie; Faye & Steve; George; Kathy; Linda; Lynda; Marie; Marilyn; Michele and family; Mildred; Noreen; Ruth; and the students and staff of Stewart Home School, and also the victims of recent flooding in our city and state.

Continuing concern: Adrianna; Barbara; Dan; Dillard; Edith; Gillian; Ginni; Jinks; Mac; Mae & Frank; Mary; Melissa; Mike & Susie; and Polly. We also pray for those affected by the COVID pandemic, and for those on active duty in the military: Daniel, Houston, Nick, Seth, Tanner, and Walter.

Thanksgivings: for blessings of the Easter Season; for vaccines, and for the ability to resume worshipping together in person.

Birthdays: 4/12 - Rylie Jo Saager; 4/15 - Tim Agne, Molly Davis, Frances Kirchhoff.

Anniversaries: 4/11 - Kerry & Tracy Lamb.

Recently Deceased: Scott Kimbel (*husband of Kathy Kimbel*), Jean Whitaker.