



Church of the Ascension

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 23, 2022

9:30 a.m.

RITE I



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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. Ask an usher about the availability of Nursery services and Godly Play classes for youth.

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 (search Facebook for *Ascension Frankfort*). 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. There will be much movement during the service; **you are welcome to sit, stand, or kneel – whatever is most comfortable for you and aids in your worship.** Feel free to ask an usher to connect you with a church member who would be delighted to sit with you. Also, 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; however, everything you need to follow the service is included in your bulletin.

Abbreviations used in our bulletin include:

- BCP – for the *Book of Common Prayer*
- Hymn (in front of a number) – for *Hymnal 1982*
- S (in front of a number) –Service Music, located in the front section of *Hymnal 1982*
- LEVAS – for *Lift Every Voice and Sing* hymnal
- WLP – for *Wonder, Love and Praise* hymnal

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 participate 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 a taste of wine. As we continue to return to more “normal” worship practices we have begun using a common chalice again, *by intinction only* (aka “dipping your wafer in the cup”). If you prefer to receive a sip of wine rather than intinction, please let the deacons know before the service starts so that they can have an individual plastic communion cup set aside for you.

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. If you need Communion brought to you, please let an usher know.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST · RITE I

The Rev. Peter Doddema, *Priest* | The Rev. Dr. William G. Brown, *Assisting Priest Emeritus*
The Rev. Deacon Rebecca A. Saager, *Curate* | The Rev. Deacon Susan E. Kurtz
Mr. John B. Martin, Director of Music | Guest Musician: Ms. Lynn Vera, *Organist*

At this time, please continue to wear a mask.

Voluntary

Lord, I want to be a Christian

Gilbert M. Martin

Hymn in Procession

The spacious firmament on high

Creation

Hymnal 409

Unison or harmony

1 The spa - cious fir - ma - ment on high,
2 Soon as the eve - ning shades pre - vail,
3 What though in sol - emn si - lence all

with all the blue e - ther - eal sky,
the moon round takes up the won - drous tale,
move the dark dark ter - res - trial ball?

and span - gled heavens, a shin - ing frame,
and night - ly to the lis - tening earth
What though no re - al voice nor sound

their great O - rig - i - nal pro - claim.
re - peats the sto - ry of her birth:
a - mid their ra - diant orbs be found?

The un - wea - ried sun from day to day
 whilst all the stars round her burn,
 In rea - son's ear that they all re - joice,
 does his Cre - a - tor's power dis - play;
 and all the plan - ets in their turn,
 and ut ter forth a glo - rious voice;
 and pub - lish - es to ev - ery land
 con - firm the ti - dings, as they roll
 for ev - er sing - ing as they shine,
 the work of an al - might - y hand.
 and spread the truth from pole to pole.
 "The hand that made us is di - vine."

Words: Joseph Addison (1672-1719); para. of Psalm 19:1-6
 Music: *Creation*, Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809); adapt. *Dulcimer, or New York Collection of Sacred Music*, 1850, alt.

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant

All

BCP 323

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

People

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

BCP 163

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and all the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

The people sit. One or two lessons, as appointed, are read,

the Lector first saying

The First Lesson

A Reading from The Book of Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

The Book of Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

All the people of Israel gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, “Amen, Amen,” lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, “Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”

After the Reading, the Lector says

All

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.

Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,

Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.

In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight, *
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--Jews or Greeks, slaves or free--and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where

would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

After the Reading, the Reader says

All

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Then, all standing, the Deacon or Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

All

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Holy Gospel

The Gospel According to Luke 4:14-21

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

After the Reading, the Deacon says

All

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Reverend Peter Doddema

All 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

*Standing or kneeling.**The Deacon says*

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

After each paragraph of this prayer, the People may make an appropriate response, as directed.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers [especially _____], that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land [especially _____], that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor [_____ and] all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Additional petitions and thanksgivings may be included here.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear [especially _____], beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of [_____ and of] all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

BCP 330

A Confession of Sin is said here if it has not been said earlier.

On occasion, the Confession may be omitted. The Deacon or Celebrant says the following, or else the Exhortation on page 316

Deacon

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Minister may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

1 Timothy 1:15

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2:1-2*

The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And with thy spirit.

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

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.

All stand as the offering is carried forward to the altar.

Offertory

Like the murmur of the dove's song

Bridegroom

Hymnal 513

1 Like the murmur of the dove's song, like the
 2 To the members of Christ's Body, to the
 3 With the healing of division, with the

chalance of her flight, like the vigor of the
 branch-es of the Vine, to the Church in faith as
 cease-less voice of prayer, with the power to love and

wind's rush, like the new flame's eager
 sem-bled, to her midst as gift and
 wit-ness, with the peace be-yond com-

might: come, Ho-ly Spi-rit, come.
 sign: come, Ho-ly Spi-rit, come.
 pare: come, Ho-ly Spi-rit, come.

Phrase 1 of each stanza may be sung by one group, with a contrasted group singing phrase 2, and all joining for the final phrase.

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At the Presentation

Celebrant All things come of Thee, O God.

All And of Thine Own have we given Thee.

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer I)

BCP 333

The people remain standing.

The Celebrant faces them and sings or says The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Remain standing until the Sanctus is ended.

Sanctus

BCP 334

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.**

**Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ’s holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 336

People and Celebrant

**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

BCP 337

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Then may be sung or said

All

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem

BCP 337

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.**

Facing the people, the Celebrant may say the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

And may add

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Hymn

O spirit of the living God

Melcombe

Hymnal 531

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854), alt. Music: *Melcombe*, Samuel Webbe (1740-1816)

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The People may join in saying this prayer

BCP 339

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, gives the blessing

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

or this

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Words: William Walsham How (1823-1897), alt. Music: *Munich*, melody from *Neu-vermehrtes und zu Übung Christi, Gottseligkeit eingerichtetes Meiningsches Gesangbuch*, 1693; adapt. and harm. Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Dismissal

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, may dismiss the people with these words

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

From the Easter Vigil through the Day of Pentecost "Alleluia, alleluia" may be added to any of the dismissals.

The People respond

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Lay Eucharistic Visitor Instruction

(if needed – see below)

Voluntary

Psalm XIX: The heavens declare the glory of God

Benedetto Marcello

LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITOR INSTRUCTION

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.

All 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.

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 LECTORY

Week of 3 Epiphany, Year Two – BCP 945

PRAYER

changes things

Intercessions for the Church: St. Peter's Church, Paris – The Rev. Keila Thomas, *Priest-in-Charge*; The Rev. Deacon Paula Ott, *Deacon*.

Recently in need of prayers: Anissa, Bob, Debbie, Frances, Jesse, Jim, John B., John M., Laia, Linda, Martha, Mildred, Nancy, Richard, Robert, Sandy, Will.

Continuing concern: Angie, Barbara, Beverly, Bill, Dan, David, Deborah, Bonnie, Ellie, Faye, Florence, Jan & Dale, Jinks, Josh, Kathy, Lynda, Mac, Maja, Marilyn, Mark & Norma, Mike & Susie, Patricia, Polly, Shannon, and Tandy. We also pray for those affected by the COVID pandemic, and for those on active duty in the military: Daniel, Houston, Nick, and Tanner.

Thanksgiving: for our healthy, loving parish and for the excellent candidates who have agreed to serve on the Vestry and as Diocesan Convention deputies.

Birthdays: 1/23 - Candy Charters, Jenny Neat.

Anniversaries: 1/23 - Scott & Michal Mello; 1/24 - Kristi & Laura Buffenmyer; 1/25 - Jane & Jim Bartram.

Recently Departed: Julia Bookout.

NOTICE:

Part of the strength of this congregation is our care and concern for each other. Please help us to do this by letting us know when you are ill, hospitalized, or otherwise in need of prayer and/or visitation. We especially want to serve you during these times. Also, if we don't have your birthday or anniversary on file, or if it appears incorrectly, please let us know!

Please put ALL prayer requests in writing to Deacon Sue Kurtz (email deacon@ascensionfrankfort.org or text **502-330-5358**). Prayer requests must be received by end-of-day on **Sunday** to ensure publication in the next upcoming weekly newsletter and Sunday bulletin. 'Recently in Need' prayers will remain for ONE month only, unless requested again.



TODAY!

ASCENSION'S ANNUAL PARISH BUSINESS MEETING

will be held on

**Sunday, January 23, 10:45 a.m.
immediately following the worship service**

Your attendance is encouraged and needed as we review the year just past, and make important decisions for the year to come. Please stay with us for a brief meeting after the service.

ELECTIONS: The Ascension vestry has nominated four people for election at this meeting to serve on the vestry for the next three years. Deputies for the Diocesan Annual Convention are also nominated for election at the same parish meeting. See all candidate names below. Farewell and many thanks for the service of outgoing vestry members Tim Agne, Thomas Bemiss, Todd Elliott, and Zachary Horn.

If you cannot be with us in person, please join us via ZOOM, where online voting will be available. (Check your eWeekly newsletter and email meeting announcement for the ZOOM link.)

QUALIFIED VOTERS: In accordance with the **Bylaws of the Church of the Ascension, Article III, Membership and Parish Meetings, Section 1, Membership:** "Qualified voters at a Parish meeting shall be: (a) All those who are confirmed communicants in good standing of the age of 16 years or older, and (b) Any other baptized persons of age 16 years or older who are regular worshipers in the Parish and who for six months immediately preceding the meeting have been regular contributors to the support of the Parish. (Canon 17.04, Diocese of Lexington)"

From **The Constitution & Canons of the Episcopal Church, 2012:** Communicants in good standing: All communicants of this Church who for the previous year have been faithful in corporate worship, unless for good cause prevented, and have been faithful in working, praying, and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God, are to be considered communicants in good standing. (I.17.3)

Vestry

CANDIDATES ARE LISTED ALPHABETICALLY BY LAST NAME. CHOOSE FOUR (4).



CANDACE (Candy) CHARTERS is retired. She has been an Episcopalian since 1998 and a member of Ascension for 23 years. She served on the Vestry 2001-2004, and was Senior Warden 2003-4. She also sang in the choir for many years. Candy says, "In the early 2000s, my late husband, Tony, and I participated in Forum Groups. I also was a member of the Night Circle of ECW, and during that time, I edited Ascension's cookbook, "Holy Chow! A Second Helping." Last year, I helped with Reading Camp (a great experience, by the way!). I do not currently serve on any committees within the church, but I have served on several boards in the community, including the United Way, Red Cross, Preservation Kentucky, Downtown Frankfort, and currently, the Frankfort Bourbon Society.



JASON HARROD is a material handler and fork lift operator at Montaplast of North America. He was a member of the Youth Council in 1990; he and his wife attend services and book studies regularly. Jason is an active member of recovery groups in and around Frankfort, trying to help those suffering from alcohol and drug addiction. He has spoken at meetings, treatment centers, and jails. He also hosts a recovery group at Ascension every Tuesday night. Jason says, "I have held multiple service positions in the groups in which I participate. I currently serve as a board member for the Bridge Street Token Club and the Frankfort Token Club.



JENNIFER LEE is a homeschool teacher. She has participated in Centering Prayer and Taizé services, and she has served as a Lector and Lay Preacher. She is involved with financial support of various organizations. Jennifer says, "I am really thankful to be a part of this church community. You all are my people, and I feel like I have come home every time I worship/fellowship with you."



LEANDRA PRICE, a Professor of Nursing (retired 2020), most recently taught at Berea College, Berea, KY. (She previously taught at Eastern Kentucky University and Colorado Christian University.) She worked as Advanced Practice Psychiatric Nurse at Eastern State Hospital in Lexington, KY, for approximately five years, and has previous experience as a Hospice and Community Nurse. Her previous church committee involvement was in Broomfield, Colorado. Her community involvement includes assisting with providing meals for AA/NA meetings in Lexington, KY (pre-COVID); assisting with NAMI functions in Lexington, KY; and previously serving as a board member of INMI (Interfaith Network for Mentally Illness) in Boulder, CO, which provides education and support for faith groups seeking to assist people with mental illness. Leandra says: "My education, career in nursing and life experience have shown me that caring for people with mental illness, and for their families, is an important and often neglected aspect of Christian service. In Colorado I led a mental health support group at Broomfield United Methodist Church (at the request of the lead pastor), specifically designed for people who had family members suffering from mental illness. I also worked with the church leadership in developing educational programs on mental health related topics which were available for church members (and for the community), with the goal of reducing stigma toward mental illness. This stigma is prevalent in our society today and leads to unimaginable pain and misery for those suffering with mental illnesses, for their loved ones, and for society in general."



2022 CONVENTION

CANDIDATES ARE LISTED ALPHABETICALLY BY LAST NAME. CHOOSE THREE (3).

SHANNON LANCASTER, WILLIAM LEGG, LEAH MACSWORDS, JUDITH SPENCER, PAULINE VAN HORN

The Senior Warden is automatically a Deputy.

The top three vote-getters will also serve as Deputies; others will be designated as Alternates.

ENQUIRER'S CLASS

Father Peter is leading an Enquirer's Class. It is designed both for people who are new to the church and want to learn more about Ascension and the Episcopal Church, and also for people who have been a part of the Episcopal Church but want to brush up on their knowledge of it.

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The next meeting is on Saturday, February 5, at 1:00 p.m., in-person *and* on Zoom (please check your eWeekly newsletter or contact Father Peter for the ZOOM link). For this class, please read through the "What We Believe" section of the national church's web site: <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/what-we-believe/>

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

This class will not meet on Sunday, January 23, because of the Annual Parish Meeting. Class will resume on Sunday, January 30, with discussion of Romans 8 and also the last five pages of Chapter 8 of "What St. Paul Really Said."

WEDNESDAY BOOK STUDY

This class meets weekly via ZOOM at 5:30 p.m.; check with Father Peter for the link. Father Bill is leading a class of Comparative Christianity, looking at the beliefs of various Christian denominations.



NEW! AA TRADITIONS WORKSHOP

Saturday, January 29, in Ascension's Parish Hall

Hosted by Jason and Meagan Harrod;
please keep them in prayer as they do this vital work.
For more information, you may email jason.harrod123@icloud.com.



Lay Ministry

ASCENSION MINISTRIES SCHEDULE SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES - 2022				
	USHERS	READERS	CRUCIFER	SECURITY LOCKUP (Vestry Members)
Jan 23 Team 1 ANNUAL MEETING	Jim King & Rick Kurtz	Ron Gruzesky	Ron Gruzesky	Jim King
Jan 30 Team 2	Laura & Kristi Buffenmyer	Laura Buffenmyer	Julia Tyson	Kristi Buffenmyer
Feb 6 Scout Sunday Team 3	Fred Kirchhoff & Bryan Hendricks	Bryan Hendricks	Shannon Lancaster	Fred Kirchhoff
Feb 13 Team 4	Ginni Fox & Cynthia Campbell	Karen Hoover	Bryan Hendricks	Cynthia Campbell
Feb 20 Team 5	Scott & Michal Mello	Michal Mello	Cynthia Campbell	Leandra Price (first time, with Julia Tyson or Jim King)
Feb 27 Team 6	Shannon Lancaster & Judith Spencer	Pauline Van Horn	Julia Tyson	Julia Tyson
March 6 Team 7	Karen Hoover & Kathy Kimbel	Ginni Fox	Shannon Lancaster	Judith Spencer
March 13 Team 8	Bryan Hendricks & Jim King	Jennifer Lee	Cynthia Campbell	Jennifer Lee (first time, with Julia Tyson or Jim King)

thank you