



Church of the Ascension

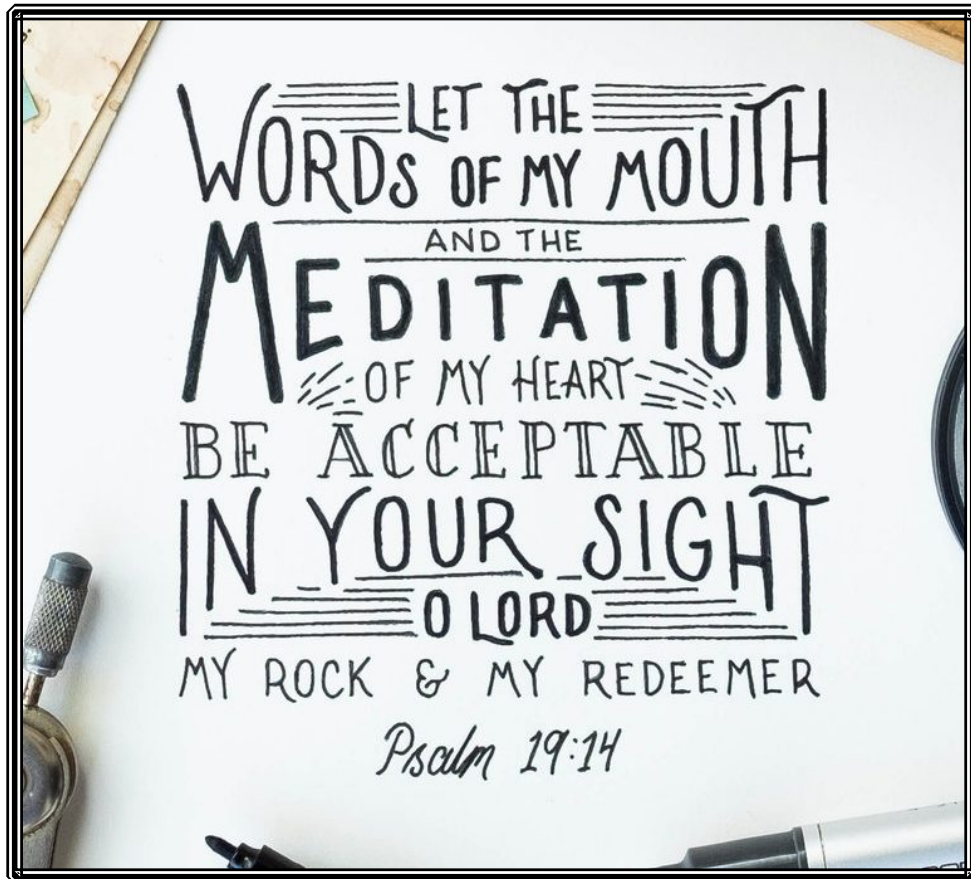
THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:

PROPER 21

September 26, 2021

9:30 AM

RITE I



☞ *Inside the Church: Please silence your mobile devices during all services.* ☛

*Permission to reprint/podcast/stream the music in this service obtained from ONE LICENSE with license #A-720295.
All rights reserved.*

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 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. If you need Communion brought to you, please let the ushers know.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST • RITE I

The Rev. Peter Doddema, *Priest* | The Rev. Dr. William G. Brown, *Associate Priest Emeritus*
The Rev. Deacon Rebecca A. Saager, *Curate* | The Rev. Deacon Susan E. Kurtz
Mr. John B. Martin, *Director of Music & Organist*

At this time, please refrain from singing.

Voluntary

Aria

Flor Peters
(1903-1986)

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant

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

All

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.

The Gloria

BCP 324

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

The Lord be with you.

People

And with thy spirit.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

BCP 181

O God, who declarest thy almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace, that we, running to obtain thy promises, may be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 20-22

The Book of Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 20-22

The king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, "What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled." Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me-- that is my petition-- and the lives of my people-- that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king." Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?" Esther said, "A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!" Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen.

Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, "Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high." And the king said, "Hang him on that." So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated.

Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

After the Reading, the Lector says

All

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Psalm

Psalm 124 *Nisi quia Dominus*

If the Lord had not been on our side, *
let Israel now say;

If the Lord had not been on our side, *
when enemies rose up against us;

Then would they have swallowed us up alive *
in their fierce anger toward us;

Then would the waters have overwhelmed us *
and the torrent gone over us;

Then would the raging waters *
have gone right over us.

Blessed be the Lord! *
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.

We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; *
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

Our help is in the Name of the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.

Second Lesson

The Epistle of James 5:13-20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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 Mark.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Holy Gospel

The Gospel According to Mark 9:38-50

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

"For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

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.

BCP 328

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

*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

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

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*

Renewal of Wedding Vows Dr. Willis Payne & Pamela J. McKee

BCP 423

The Celebrant addresses the congregation and says

Dearly beloved: We have come together in the presence of God to witness and bless the joining together of this man and this woman in Holy Matrimony. The bond and covenant of marriage was established by God in creation, and our Lord Jesus Christ adorned this manner of life by his presence and first miracle at a wedding in Cana of Galilee. It signifies to us the mystery of the union between Christ and his Church, and Holy Scripture commends it to be honored among all people.

The union of husband and wife in heart, body, and mind is intended by God for their mutual joy; for the help and comfort given one another in prosperity and adversity. Therefore marriage is not to be entered into unadvisedly or lightly, but reverently, deliberately, and in accordance with the purposes for which it was instituted by God.

Into this holy union Willis and Pamela now come to be joined. If any of you can show just cause why they may not lawfully be married, speak now; or else for ever hold your peace.

Then the Celebrant says to the persons to be married

I require and charge you both, here in the presence of God, that if either of you know any reason why you may not be united in marriage lawfully, and in accordance with God's Word, you do now confess it.

The Declaration of Consent

The Celebrant says to the woman

Pamela, will you have this man to be your husband; to live together in the covenant of marriage? Will you love him, comfort him, honor and keep him, in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all others, be faithful to him as long as you both shall live?

The Woman answers I will.

The Celebrant says to the man

Willis, will you have this woman to be your wife; to live together in the covenant of marriage? Will you love her, comfort her, honor and keep her, in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all others, be faithful to her as long as you both shall live?

The Man answers I will.

The Celebrant then addresses the congregation, saying

Will all of you witnessing these promises do all in your power to uphold these two persons in their marriage?

People **We will.**

The Marriage

The Man, facing the woman and taking her right hand in his, says

In the Name of God, I, Willis, take you, Pamela, to be my wife, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, until we are parted by death. This is my solemn vow.

Then they loose their hands, and the Woman, still facing the man, takes his right hand in hers, and says

In the Name of God, I, Pamela, take you, Willis, to be my husband, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, until we are parted by death. This is my solemn vow.

They loose their hands.

The Priest may ask God's blessing on a ring or rings as follows

Bless, O Lord, this ring to be a sign of the vows by which this man and this woman have bound themselves to each other; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The giver places the ring on the ring-finger of the other's hand and says

I give you this ring as a symbol of my vow, and with all that I am, and all that I have, I honor you, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit (or in the Name of God).

Then the Celebrant joins the right hands of husband and wife and says

Now that Willis and Pamela have given themselves to each other by solemn vows, with the joining of hands and the giving and receiving of a ring, I pronounce that they are husband and wife, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Those whom God has joined together let no one put asunder.

People **Amen.**

The Blessing of the Marriage

The husband and wife kneel, and the Priest says the following prayer

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The husband and wife still kneeling, the Priest adds this blessing

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you; the Lord mercifully with his favor look upon you, and fill you with all spiritual benediction and grace; that you may faithfully live together in this life, and in the age to come have life everlasting. **Amen.**

The Peace

All stand.

BCP 332

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

O dearest Jesus, what law hast thou broken

Flor Peters
(1903-1986)

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.

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.

Music During Communion

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The People may join in saying this prayer

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.**

Voluntary

Festival voluntary

Flor Peters
(1903-1986)

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.

*People
or the following*

Deacon

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

People

or this Deacon

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

Thanks be to God.

People

or this Deacon

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

People

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)

Lay Eucharistic Visitor Instruction

Presider/ In the name of this congregation I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that
Deacon 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 LECTIONARY:

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 21 - Year One - BCP 986



Intercessions for the Church: St. Raphael's Church, Lexington – The Reverend Canon Dr. Helen Van Koeving, Rector.

Recently in need of prayers: Allen; Andrew; Angie; Bill; Bob; Claudia; Correll; Deborah; Emily; Florence; George S.; Jan & Dale; Jesse; Linda P.; Lynda R.; Marie; Marilyn; Michele and family; Mike; Noreen; Ronnie; Ruth; Tandy; and the students and staff of Stewart Home School.

Continuing concern: Adrianna; Ann; Barbara; Dan; Debbie; Dillard; Edith; Faye; Ginni; Jinks; John; Kathy; Mac; Mary; Melissa; Mike & Susie; Mildred; Nancy; Polly; and Rena. We also pray for those affected by the COVID pandemic, and for those on active duty in the military: Daniel, Houston, Nick, and Tanner.

Thanksgivings: for sunshine and cooler weather; for new members and new HVAC systems!

Birthdays: 9/27 – Jim King; 9/30 – Linda Word; 10/1 – MacKenzie & Reagan Napier.

Anniversaries: 9/26 – Willis & Pamela McKee.

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!

NEW: 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.

Bible Study classes meet on Sundays at 11:00 a.m., in person AND via ZOOM.

Book Study classes meet on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m., via ZOOM only. We continue to discuss **Always a Guest**, by Barbara Brown Taylor.

Contact Father Peter for ZOOM links.

RESPONDING TO THE PANDEMIC: CHANGES & CHALLENGES

WEDNESDAYS: Wednesday daytime services have returned to the Ascension chapel, led by Father Peter Doddema. All are welcome to pray the Anglican rosary with us (*optional*), starting at 1:00 p.m. The Holy Eucharist service begins promptly at 1:15, concluding by 2:00 p.m.

SATURDAYS: Saturday **Taizé** is now postponed indefinitely due to the current COVID resurgence and the amount of singing usually involved.

SUNDAYS: Following are our current guidelines for in-person worship at Ascension:

- Because of the current COVID resurgence we ask all worshipers, vaccinated or not, to wear a mask while inside the building. Please remember that some of our members are immunocompromised.
- Ushers continue to check temperatures and keep a list of all folks who attend worship, in case there is a need for contact tracing. This is also required of any groups that use our facilities.
- We continue to observe social distancing in worship.
- Spoken responses and singing have again been suspended. Communion during the service will be bread only, with no wine.
- If you wish to receive Communion but are uncomfortable returning to the church for in-person worship, clergy are available to bring Communion to you or to meet you outside of Sunday morning worship at the church.

Again, thank you for your patience as we carefully, prayerfully resume our usual worship practices. Our goal is to worship God and to keep everyone as safe as possible.

NURSERY

Ascension is seeking **ONE MORE** paid, part-time nursery attendant to work with a small group of children, ages 0-4, on Sunday mornings, 9:00-11:30 a.m., and occasionally for special events (usually a couple of evening or weekend hours). This position is paid hourly and is part-time with no additional benefits. Must be over 18 and have/arrange reliable transportation. For a complete job description and application form, see Deacon Rebecca Saager (curate@ascensionfrankfort.org) or call 502-223-0557.



Honorary Chair, Ginni Fox, and Simon House Board Members are at work planning a fabulous event for you!

*covid strikes again!
We're Virtual!*

A Night in Margaritaville

All Proceeds
Benefit



Program

Friday, October 15, 2021
7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Silent Auction Online

Friday, October 8. at 5:00 p.m.
through Friday, October 15, at 10:00 p.m.

Find it all at

fundraiser.bid/simonhouse2021



ASCENSION MINISTRIES SCHEDULE SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES				
	USHERS	READERS	CRUCIFER	SECURITY LOCKUP
SEPT 26	Jim King & Frances Kirchhoff	Frances Kirchhoff	Shannon Lancaster	Jim King
OCT 3 Bishop's Visit & St. Francis Team 1	Jim King & Rick Kurtz	Ron Gruzesky	Ron Gruzesky	Jim King
OCT 10 Team 2	Laura & Kristi Buffenmyer	Laura Buffenmyer	Julia Tyson	Kristi Buffenmyer
OCT 17 Team 3	Fred & Frances Kirchhoff	Frances Kirchhoff	Shannon Lancaster	Fred Kirchhoff
OCT 24 Team 4	Ginni Fox & Will McKee	Cynthia Campbell	Cynthia Campbell	Cynthia Campbell
OCT 31 Team 5	Scott & Michal Mello	Michal Mello	Ron Gruzesky	Thomas Be miss
NOV 7 Team 6	Shannon Lancaster & Judith Spencer	Pauline Van Horn	Julia Tyson	Julia Tyson
NOV 14 Team 7	Karen Hoover & Kathy Kimbel	Ginni Fox	Shannon Lancaster	Judith Spencer
NOV 21 Team 8	Bryan Hendricks & Jim King	Jennifer Lee	Cynthia Campbell	Tim Agne
NOV 28 Team 1	Jim King & Rick Kurtz	Ron Gruzesky	Ron Gruzesky	Jim King
To notify of absence and request a substitute for the upcoming Sunday, please contact the Verger, Leah MacSwords, 502-545-0437 or lcmacs@aol.com <i>(substitutes include Suzanne Cox, Bryan Hendricks, Shannon Lancaster, Julia Tyson)</i>				
To inquire about serving as a lector, crucifer, chalice bearer, or usher, and to make specific requests for future scheduling, please contact Deacon Rebecca Saager, 502-316-8899 or curate@ascensionfrankfort.org				

Starting October 3, eight MINISTRY TEAMS are established to cover all duties on Sunday morning.
 Each entire team will rotate in order, weekly, as shown above.