



Church of the Ascension

THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:

PROPER 12

July 25, 2021

9:30 AM

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 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, *Assisting Priest Emeritus*
The Rev. Deacon Rebecca A. Saager, *Curate* | The Rev. Deacon Susan E. Kurtz
Mr. John B. Martin, *Director of Music & Organist*

Voluntary

O Welt, ich muß dich lassen
(O world, I now must leave thee)

Johannes Brahms
(1833-1897)

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant

All

Blessed by 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.

The Gloria

S 201

1. Glo - ry be to God on high, and on earth peace,
good will to - wards men. 2. We praise thee, we bless thee,
we wor - ship thee, we glo - ri - fy thee, we give thanks
to thee for thy great glo - ry, 3. O Lord God, heaven - ly
King, God the Fa - ther Al - might - y. 4. O Lord, the on -
ly - be - got - ten Son, Je - sus Christ; 5. O Lord God, Lamb
of God, Son of the Fa - ther, that ta - kest a - way
the sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

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6. Thou that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world,
 re - ceive our prayer. 7. Thou that sit - test at the right hand
 of God the Fa - ther, have mer - cy up - on us.
 8. For thou on - ly art ho - ly; thou on - ly art the Lord;
 9. thou on - ly, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost, art most
 high in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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 180

O God, the protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us thy mercy, that, thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal; 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

A Reading from The Second Book of Samuel 11:1-15

The First Lesson

The Second Book of Samuel 11:1-15

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.

It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, "This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite." So David sent messengers to get her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant."

So David sent word to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David. When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going. Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house, and wash your feet." Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. When they told David, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?" Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing." Then David said to Uriah, "Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day, David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house.

In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. In the letter he wrote, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die."

After the Reading, the Lector says
All

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Gradual Psalm

Psalm 14 *Dixit insipiens*

The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." *
All are corrupt and commit abominable acts;
there is none who does any good.

The Lord looks down from heaven upon us all, *
to see if there is any who is wise,
if there is one who seeks after God.

Every one has proved faithless;
all alike have turned bad; *
there is none who does good; no, not one.

Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers *
who eat up my people like bread
and do not call upon the Lord?

See how they tremble with fear, *
because God is in the company of the righteous.

Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, *
but the Lord is their refuge.

Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! *
when the Lord restores the fortunes of his people,
Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

Second Lesson

The Epistle to the Ephesians 3:14-21

I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

After the Reading, the Reader says The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Holy Gospel

The Gospel According to John 6:1-21

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

After the Reading, the Deacon says The Gospel of the Lord.
All Praise be to thee, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Peter Doddema

The Nicene Creed

BCP 326

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

Minister

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*

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

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

S 114

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of
Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -
- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.***

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The Breaking of the Bread

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

S 158

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
on us. O Lamb of God, that
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of
God, that ta - kest a - way 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

Agincourt Hymn

John Dunstable
(ca. 1370-1453)

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

People

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

or the following

Deacon
People

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

or this *Deacon*
People

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

or this *Deacon*
People

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)

Lay Eucharistic Visitor Instruction

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

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 10 - Year One - BCP 974



Intercessions for the Church: Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington – The Very Rev. Carol Wade, *Dean and Rector*; The Rev. Laura Masterson, *Associate Rector for Outreach and Welcome*; The Rev. Dcn. Paula Ott, *Deacon*.

Recently in need of prayers: Allen; Angie; Arnold; Bill; Claudia; Correll; Darlene; George A.; George S.; Jan & Dale; Jesse; Kathy; Linda P.; Lynda R.; Marie; Marilyn; Michele and family; Mildred; Noreen; Patricia; Ronnie; Ruth; and the students and staff of Stewart Home School.

Continuing concern: Adrianna; Ann; Barbara; Dan; Debbie; Dillard; Edith; Faye; Ginni; Jinks; John; Mac; Mary; Melissa; Mike & Susie; 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, Seth, and Tanner.

Thanksgivings: For much-needed rain and for the ability to worship together at the church.

Birthdays: 7/18 – Lucy Saunderson; 7/19 – Betsy Moore; 7/21 – Jack Bates; 7/22 – William Legg; 7/24 – Tracy Lamb; 7/30 – Judith Spencer.

Anniversaries: 7/29 – Mike & Susie Oder; 7/30 – Dave Obradovich & Katie Daugherty.

Recently Deceased: Steve Thacker (*husband of Faye Thacker*).

NOTICE:

Part of the strength of this congregation is our care and concern for each other. Please help us to do this by letting the church office know when you are ill, hospitalized, or otherwise in need of prayer and/or visitation. We especially want to serve you during these times. Call 502-223-0557 (messages are checked Tuesday thru Friday) or email Deacon Rebecca, curate@ascensionfrankfort.org

THANK YOU!

TO EVERYONE

who helped our young campers

discover the joys of reading!

- Deacon Rebecca Saager



MORE SERVICES RETURN

In addition to in-person services on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m., all are welcome at these smaller, more intimate gatherings for worship, prayer and fellowship:

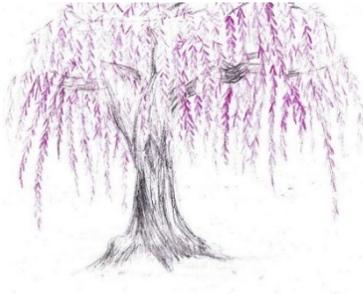
WEDNESDAYS: Wednesday daytime services have returned to the Ascension chapel, led by Father Peter Doddema. All are welcome to pray the Anglican rosary with us (*optional*), starting at 1:00 p.m. The Holy Eucharist service begins promptly at 1:15, concluding by 2:00 p.m.

SATURDAYS: Starting on August 7, Saturday **Taizé** services will resume starting at 5:00 p.m., led by Father Peter in the chapel.

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

- Worshipers who are vaccinated may choose whether or not to wear a mask to worship. Because some of our members are immuno-compromised, we ask all unvaccinated folks continue to wear a mask while attending worship.
- 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 resumed.
- As we continue to return to more “normal” worship practices, we are 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.
- 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.



*Please join us outdoors in the cloister garden
immediately after the 9:30 service
to bless the newly renovated
garden and fountain.*



A Rite for the Blessing of a Garden

Presider Blessed be the God of all creation:
People For in your goodness you make all things new.

Presider God be with you. or The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Gracious God, you open wide your hand and give of your goodness to all things living: Renew the face of the earth and increase the sustainable harvests of the world, that the land may bring forth enough for all, and your people may share justly and give honor to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Presider or other appointed leaders from the congregation may then lead the People in prayer, using one or more of the following collects, as appropriate.

Lover of all you have made: Protect and sustain the creatures of our local habitat. Increase their well-being, watch over them with love, and give us wisdom to honor our kinship with them; through Jesus Christ, the first-born of all creation. **Amen.**

God, whose Spirit moved over the deep: We thank you for the gift of water. Bless the waters on the ground and under the ground, and the waters that fall from the sky, that this garden may flourish and bear good fruit; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

God, who alone provides seed for the sower and bread for the eater, you have taught us to ask of you our daily bread: Bless the sowing of the seed this year, grant fertility to the soil, and strengthen the hands of the gardeners who till it, that through their labor your people may be nourished; through Jesus Christ, the bread of life. **Amen.**

Holy God, you have blessed our plowing and preparing of the ground: Protect what we plant in your name, and grant that working late and early, we and others may enjoy a fruitful harvest; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Holy God, you have blessed our plowing and preparing of the ground: Protect what we plant and bring it to maturity, that we and others may enjoy a fruitful harvest; through Jesus Christ our Sustainer. **Amen.**

The Presider and People then say

Holy One: Bless and protect this garden and all who keep it. Strengthen and uphold them in their labor, that these plants may bear good fruit and our care for the earth may witness to your love and justice; in the name of the Holy and Undivided Trinity. **Amen.**

The Deacon or Presider may dismiss the People with these words

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.