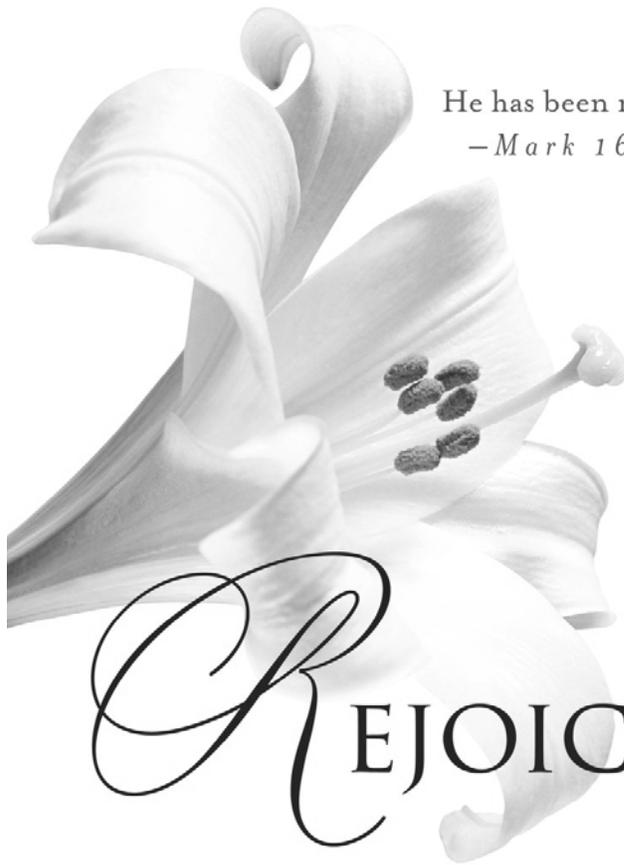


2017

Easter Lily Offerings



He has been raised.
—Mark 16:6

*R*EJOICE!

Church of the Ascension
Frankfort, Ky.

*The altar flowers are given by John Martin & Willie Boddie,
to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Nedra Diane Lundberg.*



*Lilies in the church are given to the glory of God
and in honor by:*

- ❖ Granville & Polly Coblin, in honor of Anna Roberts and Sherely Howell.
- ❖ Rick & Sue Kurtz, in honor of the clergy and staff of Ascension.



*Lilies in the church are given to the glory of God
and in thanksgiving by:*

- ❖ Kristi & Laura Buffenmyer, in thanksgiving for our Church of the Ascension family.
- ❖ Robert & Angela Bullock, in thanksgiving for their children and grandchildren.
- ❖ Linda Claus, in thanksgiving for Beth Snodgrass and Cindy Snodgrass Leal.
- ❖ David & Lynn Gorham, in thanksgiving for Chris & Ashley Lathrem.
- ❖ Karen & Jack Hoover, in thanksgiving for Will, Michael, Nelson & Hayden.
- ❖ Jim & Debbie Kimbrough, in thanksgiving for their church family and staff.
- ❖ Fred & Frances Kirchhoff, in thanksgiving for family.
- ❖ Rick & Sue Kurtz, in thanksgiving for their children and grandchildren.
- ❖ Shannon Lancaster, in thanksgiving for Ellie Grace finishing chemo!
- ❖ Leah MacSwords & William Legg, in thanksgiving for their church family.
- ❖ Mike & Susie Oder, in thanksgiving for Alex & Matt Amburgey and Jaidan Amburgey.
- ❖ Janet Riedel, in thanksgiving for her family.
- ❖ Chris Smith, in thanksgiving for her daughter Mia, and all of her “adopted” children.
- ❖ Art & Beverly VanHouten, in thanksgiving for Bert, Melissa, Abe and Carlee VanHouten, and for Melanie & William Duvall, and for Frances Sharfe.

*Lilies in the church are given to the glory of God
and in memory by:*

- ❖ Kristi & Laura Buffenmyer, in memory of Patricia Hollingsworth, and of John Philip Buffenmyer, and of William "Ed" Napier.
- ❖ Charlie Caudill, in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Charles E. Caudill.
- ❖ Linda Claus, in memory of Harold T. Snodgrass and of Fred R. Claus.
- ❖ Granville & Polly Coblin, in memory of Mary Milam & William Harrod, and of Betty & Granville Coblin.
- ❖ The Cox Family, in memory of Keith & Elizabeth Dicken, and of Charles H. Cox
- ❖ Katie Daugherty & Dave Obradovich, in memory of Martha J. Daugherty, and of Francis S. Obradovich, and of Elaine M. Obradovich, and of James T. Obradovich.
- ❖ David & Lynn Gorham, in memory of Robert & JoAnn Gorham.
- ❖ Conrad C. Gutermuth, Lorraine & Jimmie Bennet, in memory of Conrad F. & Louise C. Gutermuth.
- ❖ Rose Gayle W. Hardy & Family, in memory of Lt. Governor & Mrs. Harry Lee Waterfield.
- ❖ Jim & Debbie Kimbrough, in memory of their son, Christopher Davis Kimbrough, and of Col. Edward T. Davis & Murlene O. Davis, parents of Debbie Kimbrough.
- ❖ Fred & Frances Kirchhoff, in memory of family members.
- ❖ Rick & Sue Kurtz, in memory of Eleanor & Robert Kurtz, and of Bob & Betty Guy, and of Jean Ann Bates & George Edward Guy.
- ❖ Shannon Lancaster, in memory of Robert & Nancy Lancaster.
- ❖ The McKee Clan, in memory of Dr. Willis & Mary Evelyn McKee, and of Rock & Wanda Adkins, and of Marilyn McKee Sturgill, and of John Wallace & Mabel Nuttall.
- ❖ The McNamara Family, in memory of Samuel Gray McNamara.
- ❖ Eddie Miller, in memory of Faye Miller.
- ❖ Mike & Susie Oder, in memory of Merritt & Frances Oder, and of Deacon & Phyllis Shropshire and Paul Smith.
- ❖ Lynda Roberts & Family, in memory of Tom Roberts, Martha & Bernard Crutcher, and George & Silas Roberts.
- ❖ Carol Roe, in memory of Martin & Florence South, and Anne.
- ❖ Art & Beverly VanHouten, in memory of Art & Josephine VanHouten, and of Wynne & Bill Masters, and of Marvin Sharfe & Debi Furnish.

History of the Easter Lily: Symbol of Life, Purity and Beauty



By Michael Cerkas – used with permission

The origin of the White Easter Lily, properly known as the Bermuda Lily or *lilium longiflorum*, can be traced initially to Bermuda and subsequently to the Ryukyu Islands south of Japan. The flower was discovered in 1777 in Bermuda and then widely produced in England and Bermuda until 1898, after a virus destroyed the crops. According to Leonard Perry, a professor at the University of Vermont, growers then moved the plant to Japan.

Their entrance into the United States began with the action of a World War I soldier, Louis Houghton, who was enamored with the beauty of the snow white, pure lily and subsequently brought a suitcase full of hybrid lily bulbs to the west coast of the United States, in Oregon in 1919. Houghton had numerous friends and neighbors involved with horticulture and he freely distributed the bulbs to them. Large scale production followed and today, the entire Pacific (west) coast of the United States from California to Oregon is known as the ‘Easter Lily Capitol of the World.’

Examining the religious perspective, the Easter Lily and its inspiring trumpet-shaped blossoms joyfully announce the Resurrection of Jesus Christ in the Christian world. The pure and white flowers symbolize the hope of eternal life and peace, as does the Spring season. The Easter Lily is commonly referred to as the “White-Robed Apostles of Christ.” Christian lore associates the emergence and growth of lilies where the sweat of Christ met the ground in the Garden of Gethsemane after the Agony. Additionally, the regal white lily has been associated with womanhood. Early religious paintings depict the Angel Gabriel extending pure white lilies to the Virgin Mary, announcing her to be the mother of the Christ Child. Other paintings show saints offering vases full of white lilies to Mary and the Baby Jesus.

The spiritual quintessence of Easter is beautifully exemplified in the following poem by Louise Lewin Matthews:

*Easter morn with lilies fair
Fills the church with perfumes rare,
As their clouds of incense rise,
Sweetest offerings to the skies.
Stately lilies pure and white
Flooding darkness with their light,*



*Bloom and sorrow drifts away,
On this holy hallow'd day.
Easter Lilies bending low
in the golden afterglow,
Bear a message from the sod
To the heavenly towers of God.*