# The First Sunday in Lent

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# The Episcopal Church of the Ascension

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### Welcome to The Episcopal Church of the Ascension. Here "we challenge ourselves and the world to love like Jesus as we worship joyfully, serve compassionately and grow spiritually."

Our shared purpose in the Diocese of Atlanta, as agreed upon at Annual Council 2015

Please remember to silence your cell phone.

The people may make the sign of the cross (optional) when this sign † appears throughout the order of the service.

# The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

#### The Organ Voluntary

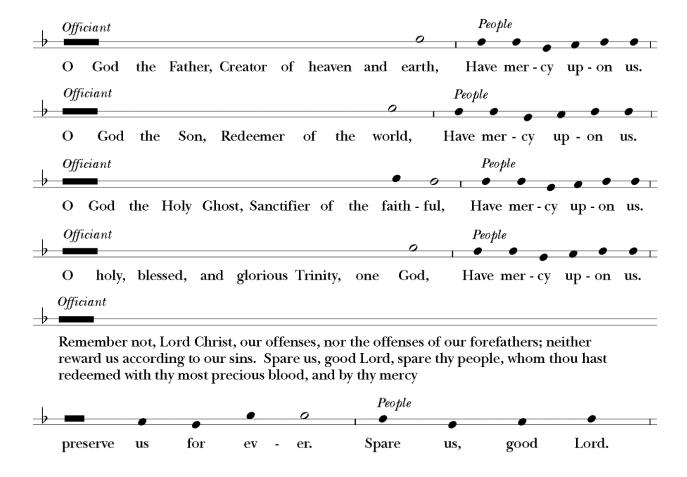
Vater unser in Himmelreich, BuxWV 219

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Please stand, as you are able, at the ringing of the bell. Please remain standing for the chanting of the Great Litany.

### The Great Litany

The Officiant at the Litany may be a lay cantor.





From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the



devil; and from everlast - ing dam - na - tion,



Good Lord, de - liv - er us.

(This same response is sung after the petitions that follow)

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way,



We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

(This same response is sung after the petitions that follow)



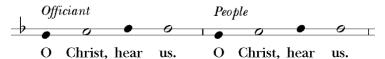
Officiant Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us. People Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.



- O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mer-cy up-on us.
- O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mer-cy up-on us.



O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Grant us thy peace.





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#### The Word of God

# The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

The people sit.

#### The First Lesson

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

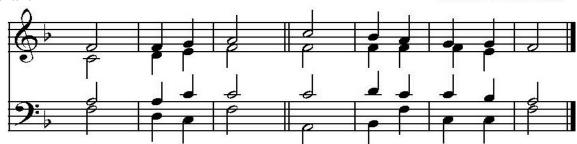
Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die." But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Lector The Word of the Lord. People Thanks be to God.

### The Response

#### Psalm 32

Beati quorum Richard Farrant



- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions | are for- | given, \* and whose | sin is | put a | way!
- 2 Happy are they to whom the Lord im- | putes no | guilt, \* and in whose | spirit there | is no | guile!
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones | withered a |way, \* because of my | groaning | all day | long.
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me | day and | night; \* my moisture was dried up as | in the | heat of | summer.
- 5 Then I acknowledged my | sin to | you, \* and did | not con- | ceal my | guilt.
- 6 I said," I will confess my transgressions | to the | Lord." \*
  Then you for- | gave me the | guilt of my | sin.
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in | time of | trouble; \* when the great waters overflow, | they | shall not | reach them.
- 8 You are my hiding-place; you preserve | me from | trouble; \* you surround me with | shouts | of de- | liverance.
- 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that | you should | go; \* I will | guide you | with my | eye.
- 10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no | under- | standing; \* who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else | they will | not stay | near you."
- 11 Great are the tribulations | of the | wicked; \* but mercy embraces | those who | trust in the | Lord.
- 12 Be glad, you righteous, and re- | joice in the | Lord; \* shout for joy, | all who are | true of | heart.

The Second Lesson Romans 5:12-19

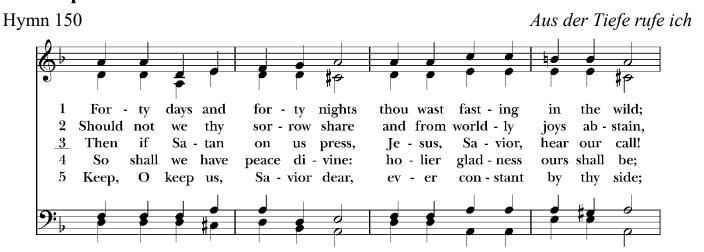
As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned-- sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Lector The Word of the Lord. People Thanks be to God.

## The Sequence





Words: George Hunt Smyttan (1822-1870), alt. Music: Aus der Tiefe rufe ich, melody att. Martin Herbst (1654-1681), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

The people stand and turn toward the Gospel as it is processing to the center of the people.

The Gospel Matthew 4:1-11

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.""

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

"Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

#### The Sermon

The Rev. Richard H. Winters

#### The Nicene Creed

Celebrant and People

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 and Confession of Sin have been omitted today due to the inclusion of the Great Litany in the service.

#### The Peace

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

#### **Parish Notices**

### **The Offertory Anthem**

Jesus, So Lowly

Harold Friedell (1905-1958)

#### The Presentation



Words: Att. Gregory the Great (540-604); tr. *Praise the Lord*, 1972, alt. James Quinn, SJ. Printed by permission of Geoffrey Chapman, a division of Cassell Ltd. Music: *Bourbon*, melody att. Freeman Lewis (1780-1859); harm. Thomas Foster (b. 1938).

# **The Holy Communion**

### The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

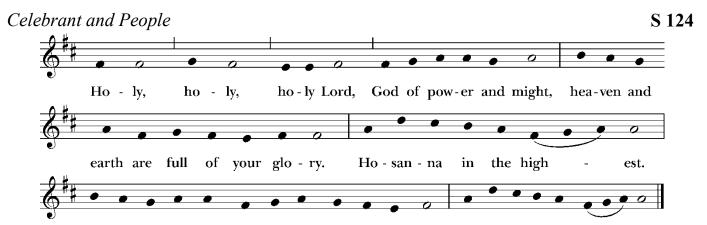
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

### The Celebrant proceeds

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

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est. Music: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950). Copyright © 1981 GIA Publications, Inc.

#### The Celebrant continues.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. †Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.** 

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

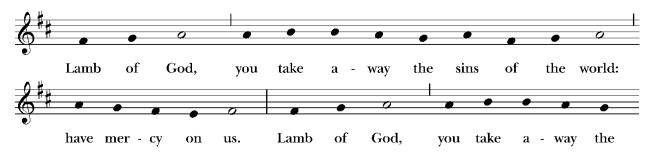
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

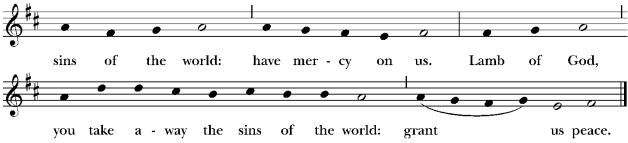
### The Breaking of the Bread

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

Celebrant and People

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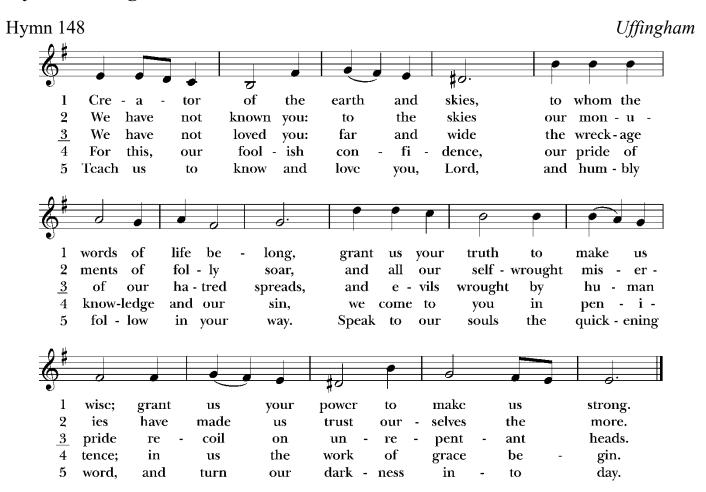


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### Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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

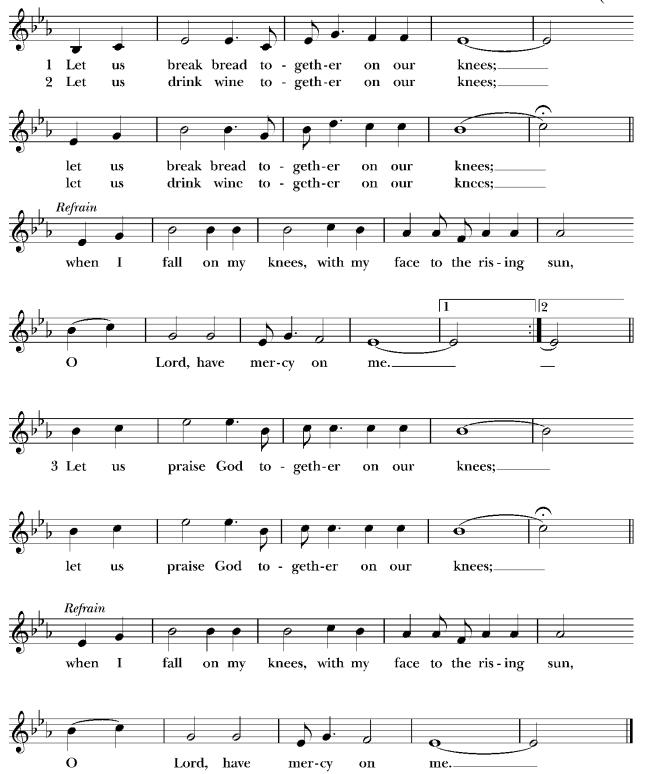
### **Hymns during Communion**



Words: David W. Hughes (1911-1967), alt. By permission of J. Donald P Hughs. Music: *Uffingham*, melody and bass Jeremiah Clarke (1670-1707), alt.; harm. *Songs for Liturgy and More Hymns and Spiritual Songs*, 1971.

Hymn 325

Let Us Break Bread arr. David Hurd (b. 1950)



Words: African-American spiritual. Music: Let Us Break Bread, Afro-American spiritual; arr. and harm. David Hurd (b. 1950).

If you are worshiping with us virtually, please pray the Prayer for Spiritual Communion.

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, and remembering particularly my own parish and those worshiping at home, I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. And particularly for the blessings given me... I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart.

\*I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

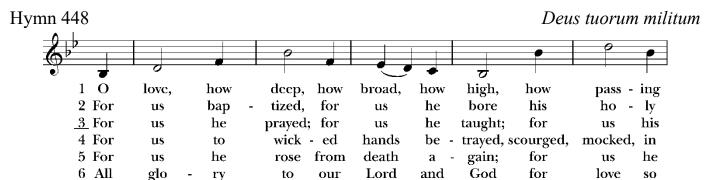
Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

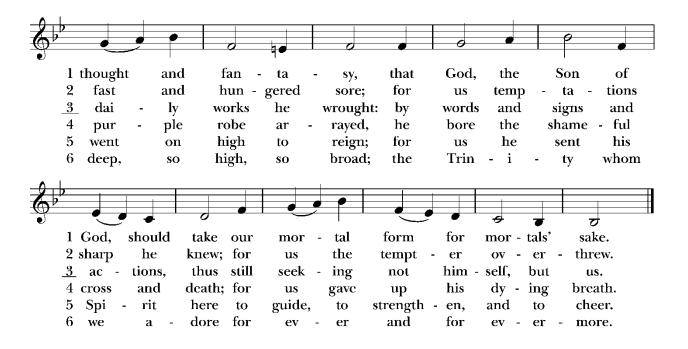
In Lent, in place of a seasonal blessing, a solemn Prayer over the People is used, as follows:

Celebrant Bow down before the Lord.

Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

### The Hymn in Procession





Words: Latin, 15th cent.; tr. Benjamin Webb (1819-1885), alt. Music: Deus tuorum militum, from Antiphoner, 1753; adapt. The English Hymnal, 1906, alt.; harm. after Basil Harwood (1859-1949).

#### The Dismissal

The people are dismissed to follow the cross into the world.

The people respond, saying

Thanks be to God.

# The Closing Voluntary

Fugue in D minor

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

The order of service from the Book of Common Prayer, 1979 according to the use of the Episcopal Church.

#### Please take this home with you and use it to guide your prayers.

#### Please pray for the world.

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Please pray for all veterans and their families and for those who are currently serving our country in the Armed Forces, especially Stovall Knight, Chandler Celluzi, Taylor Tekesky, Kyle Hubert, Steven Velencia, Louis Evans and Sean Baker.

#### Please pray for the Episcopal Church of the Ascension.

Lord, giver of every good and perfect gift, we pray for our next rector. We pray that he or she will listen to your voice and be led to apply for the position. We pray that he or she will discover a desire to lead our parish as we continue to love like Jesus. If he or she has a spouse and children in the home, we pray that they, too, will develop a love for our parish and our community. Finally, we pray that our nominating committee and Vestry will discern with wisdom and guidance from you as they work through the search process.

#### Pray for blessings on those who have birthdays or anniversaries this week.

Hampton Miller, Rebecca Wilson, Fredrick Knight, Christopher McAbee, Luann Spearing, Charles Pineo, and Kyle Harshey

#### Pray for guidance.

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with your most gracious favor, and further us with your continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy Name, and finally, by your mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Please pray for those among us in need of healing, comfort, support, and compassion.

Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers by name, especially Cash Yarbrough, Jackie Jewett, Raymond Jankura, Erle Newton, II, Carol Youd, the Hill family, Terry Brannon, Marina Robertson, Sis Eastland, Linda Jolly, Paul & Rebecca Wilson, Noah McLeod, Connie Evans, Linda Jones, Nancy & C. B. Hatch, Clive Smart, Chris Tripp, Brooklyn Schimke, Betty Dean, Arthur & Glenda Parker, Carolyn Spearing, Michael Johnson, Judy Anne, Mal Underwood, Jim Gilbert, Lynn Fowler, The Rev. Louis Tonsmeire, Sam Hood and Lynette Pasek.

Please pray for those who have long-term health problems or are homebound, especially William Brown, Joseph McLure, Gary Schebbta, Wendy Little, Beverly Montagno, Markie Montagno, Keith Scoimshaw, Arielle Levioff, Debbie White, Zane Hoyt, Janet Witner, Linda Kindon, Bob & Claudia White, Bonnie Harrelson, Sandy Rutters, Glendy Biggs, Hope Cunningham, Sarah McLeod, Kimberly Gottardi, and Steve Novak.

### Please pray for those who have died.

Eileen Forrester, Ella Kate Cartee

# You are called to ministry!

Please know that volunteering in the work of God here at Ascension will bring you joy and fellowship as well as bless those you encounter. You have a place in strengthening our efforts to bring God's mission for the Church of the Ascension to full measure by getting involved. If uncertain of how to begin please contact the church office, 770-382-2626, or anyone on the list below.

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# **Some Important Dates**

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March 2, 2023 – Lenten Lunch @ Sam Jones MC, 12:00 – 1:30 pm
March 5, 2023 – The Second Sunday of Lent
                  Family Service with Holy Eucharist
        9:00 am
       10:00 am
                  Christian Formation for all ages
       11:00 am
                  Holy Eucharist with Choir
                   Fellowship in the Parish Hall
       12:15 pm
March 8, 2023 – Lenten Wednesday
         5:00 pm St. Cecilia's Choir (Children) Rehearsal
         5:30 pm Stations of the Cross
                  Lenten Soup & Salad/Sandwich Supper
         6:00 pm
         6:30 pm Formation activities for all ages
         7:00 pm Canterbury Choir (Adult) Rehearsal
March 9, 2023 – Lenten Lunch @ Heritage Baptist, 12:00 – 1:30 pm
March 12, 2022 – The Third Sunday of Lent
        2:00 am Daylight Savings Time begins – Spring forward
        9:00 am Family Service with Holy Eucharist
       10:00 am Christian Formation for all ages
       11:00 am Holy Eucharist with Choir
       12:15 pm Fellowship in the Parish Hall
March 16, 2023 – Lenten Lunch @ Trinity UMC, 12:00 – 1:30 pm
March 19, 2023 – The Fourth Sunday of Lent
        9:00 am Family Service with Holy Eucharist
       10:00 am Christian Formation for all ages
       11:00 am Holy Eucharist with Choir
       12:15 pm Fellowship in the Parish Hall
March 23, 2023 – Lenten Lunch @ Ascension, 12:00 – 1:30 pm
March 26, 2023– The Fifth Sunday of Lent
        9:00 am Family Service with Holy Eucharist
       10:00 am Christian Formation for all ages
       11:00 am Holy Eucharist with Choir
       12:15 pm Fellowship in the Parish Hall
March 30, 2023 – Lenten Lunch @ First Presbyterian, 12:00 – 1:30 pm
April 2, 2023 – Palm Sunday
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