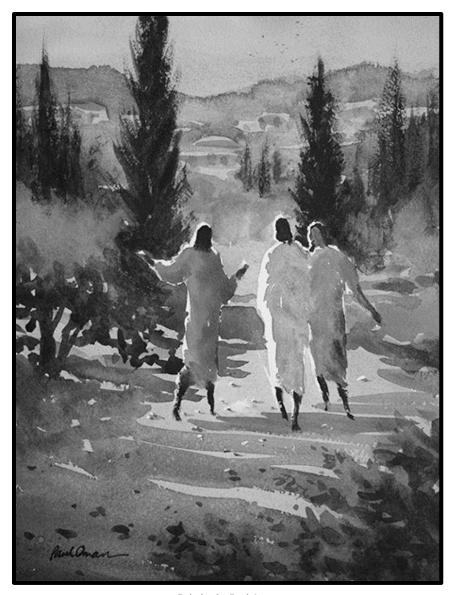
# Third Sunday of Easter

April 23, 2023 11:00 a.m.



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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

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

# The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

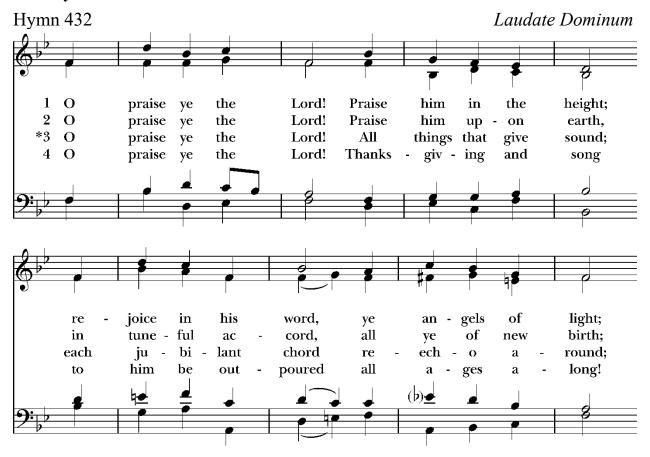
## The Organ Voluntary

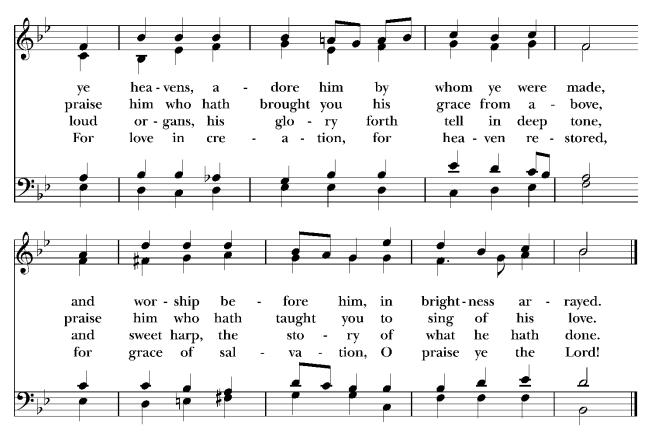
Hymn tune Improvisation on Noël nouvelet

Herbert Buffington

Please stand, as you are able, at the ringing of the bell.

#### The Hymn in Procession





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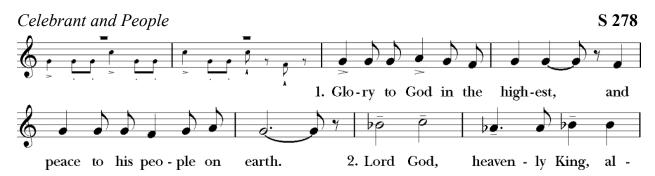
The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

#### Celebrant

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





## The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for eyer. **Amen.** 

The people sit.

#### The First Lesson

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

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

## The Response

Psalm 116: 1-3, 10-17

Chanted by congregation and choir



- 1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my | suppli | cation, \* because he has inclined his ear to me when | ever I | called up | on him.
- 2 The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the | grave took | hold of me; \* I | came to | grief and | sorrow.

- 3 Then I called upon the | Name of the | Lord: \* "O Lord, I | pray you, | save my | life."
- 10 How shall I re | pay the | Lord \* for all the good things | he has | done for | me?
- 11 I will lift up the | cup of sal | vation \* and call upon the | Name | of the | Lord.
- 12 I will fulfill my vows | to the | Lord \* in the | presence of | all his | people.
- 13 Precious in the | sight of the | Lord \* is the | death | of his | servants.
- 14 O Lord, I | am your | servant; \*
  I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
  you have | freed me | from my | bonds.
- 15 I will offer you the sacrifice | of thanks | giving \* and call upon the | Name | of the | Lord.
- 16 I will fulfill my vows | to the | Lord \* in the presence of | all | his | people,
- 17 In the courts of the | Lord's | house, \* in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. |Hal-le | lu | jah!

#### The Second Lesson

1 Peter 1:17-23

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

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

## The Sequence



## The Gospel

Luke 24:13-35

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing,

Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

Form III, BCP

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; **That your Name may be glorified by all people.** 

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest; especially Herbert M. Kohn and Wendy Little. Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

#### The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

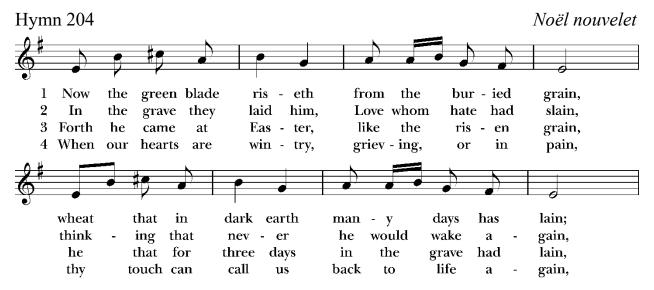
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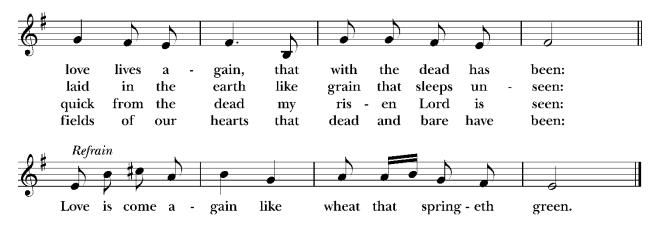
## The Offertory

O Taste and See

Richard W. Greig

#### The Presentation





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## **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.

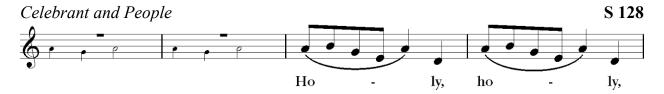
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

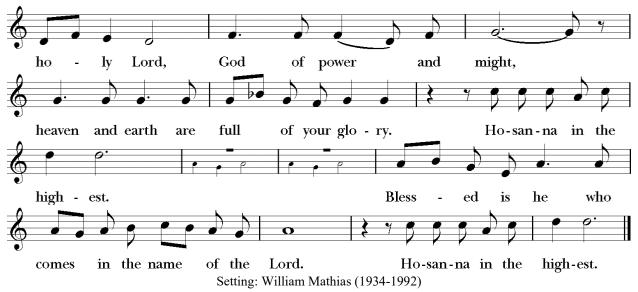
#### The Celebrant proceeds

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

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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:





The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

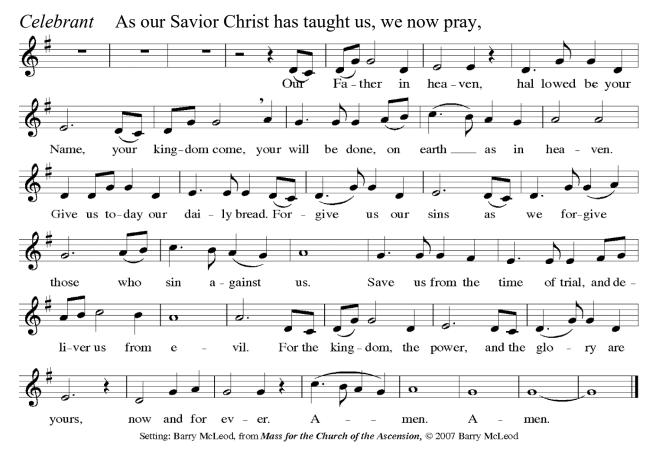
We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

#### The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. †Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

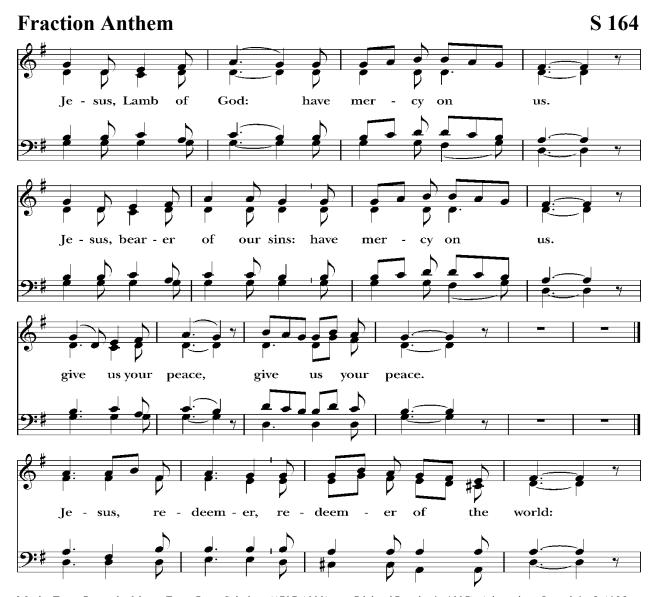
By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN**.



## The Breaking of the Bread

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

Celebrant and People

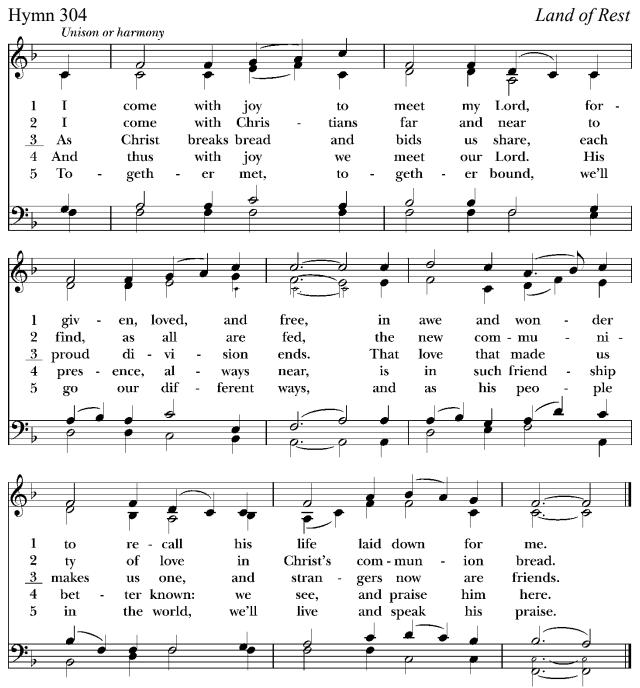


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Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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

## **Hymns during Communion**



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Words: Sts. 1-3, Philip Doddridge (1702-1751), alt.; st. 4, Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: *Rockingham*, melody from *Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature*, ca. 1780; adapt. Edward Miller (1731-1807); harm. Samuel Webbe (1740-1816).

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.

The people stand.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## The Easter Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.** 

## The Hymn in Procession





Words: John of Damascus (8th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt. Music: *Ellacombe*, melody from *Gesangbuch. der Herzogl. Wirtembergischen katolischen Hofkapelle*, 1784, alt.; adapt. *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, 1863; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889); desc. Cyril Winn (1884-1973). Descant by permission of Oxford University Press.

#### The Dismissal

The Celebrant dismisses the People.

The People respond,

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

## **The Closing Voluntary**

Rigaudon

André Campra (1660-1744)

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

#### Please use it to guide your prayers this week.

#### 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.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the priest you have appointed as our new rector. Thank you for blessing our church family with his leadership and wisdom. May we all strive to be welcoming, cooperative, and productive under his new leadership. Thank you for leading, directing, and protecting his family as they make this transition. Lord, you are our Good Shepherd, our High Priest. Amen.

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

Paul Wilson, Jennifer Franklin, Lynn Fowler, Cathy Harville, and Clive Smart

#### 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 the Kathy Gnann and her family, Gail McDaniel, David Cox, Sr., Nancy Zerbe, Katy Johnson, Derrick Smart, Pam Hyde, Jackie Jewett, Carol Youd, Terry Brennon, Marina Robertson, Sis Eastland, Linda Jolly, Paul & Rebecca Wilson, Noah McLeod, Michael Johnson, Mal Underwood, 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 Alan Haigler, June Hyde-Hight, William Brown, Joseph McLure, Gary Schebbta, Wendy Little, Beverly Montagno, Markie Montagno, Keith Scoimshaw, Arielle Levioff, 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.

Herbert M. Kohn and Wendy Little

## **Dates to Remember**

12:15 pm 5:00 pm	nird Week of Easter Holy Eucharist with healing St. Cecilia's Choir (Children) Rehearsal Canterbury Choir (Adult) Rehearsal	
April 28, 2023 – Coffee House 7-9 pm in the Parish Hall		
9:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	ourth Sunday of Easter Family Service with Holy Eucharist Christian Formation for all ages Holy Eucharist with Choir Fellowship in the Parish Hall	
5:00 pm	rth Week of Easter Holy Eucharist with healing St. Cecilia's Choir (Children) Rehearsal Canterbury Choir (Adult) Rehearsal	
10:00 am 11:00 am 12:15 pm	Family Service with Holy Eucharist Christian Formation for all ages Holy Eucharist with St. Cecilia and Canterbury Choirs Fellowship in the Parish Hall Vacation Bible School Planning Meeting	
	th Week of Easter Holy Eucharist with healing Canterbury Choir (Adult) Rehearsal	
May 12, 2023 – Coffee House 7-9 pm in the Parish Hall		
9:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	th Sunday of Easter Family Service with Holy Eucharist Christian Formation for all ages Holy Eucharist with Choir Fellowship in the Parish Hall	
	th Week of Easter Holy Eucharist with healing Canterbury Choir (Adult) Rehearsal	
9:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	venth Sunday of Easter Family Service with Holy Eucharist Christian Formation for all ages Holy Eucharist with Choir Fellowship in the Parish Hall	
May 24, 2023 – Set 12:15 pm 7:00 pm	venth Week of Easter Holy Eucharist with healing Canterbury Choir (Adult) Rehearsal	

June 12-15, 2023 – Vacation Bible School 5:30-8:00 pm "Jesus Loves Me" theme

## 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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