Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 30, 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

Please remember to silence your cell phone.

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

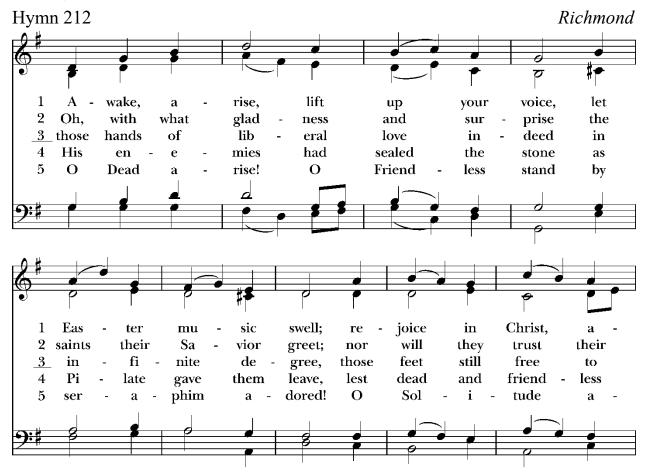
The Organ Voluntary

Hymn tune Improvisation on St. Columba

Herbert Buffington

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

The Hymn in Procession





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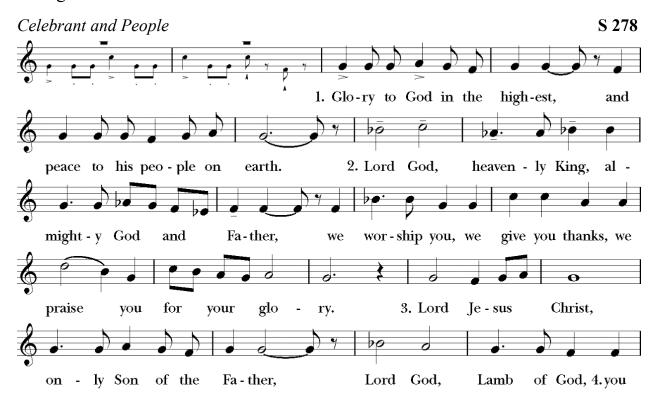
The people standing, the Celebrant says

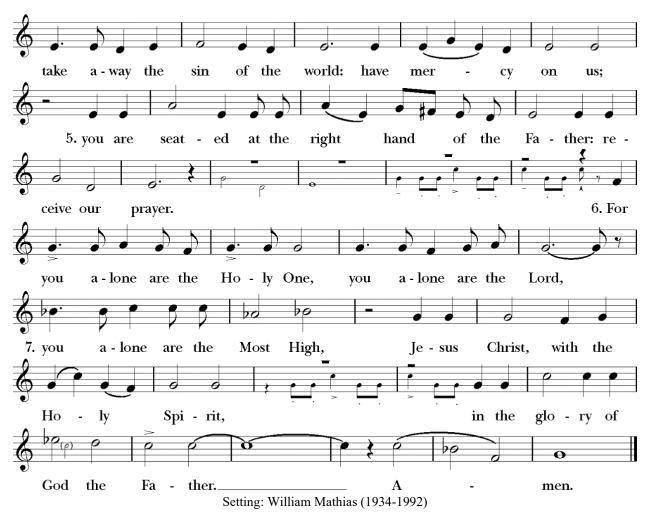
Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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 Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people sit.

The First Lesson Acts 2:42-47

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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

The Response

Psalm 23

Chanted by congregation and choir

Dominus regit me



- 1 The Lord | is my | shepherd; * I shall | not | be in | want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in | grëen | pastures * and leads me be | side | still | waters.
- 3 He re | vives my | soul * and guides me along right pathways | for his | Name's | sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall | fear no | evil; * for you are with me; your rod and your | staff, they | comfort | me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of | those who | trouble me; * you have anointed my head with oil, and my | cup is | running | over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the | days of my | life, * and I will dwell in the | house of the | Lord for | ever.

The Second Lesson

1 Peter 2:19-25

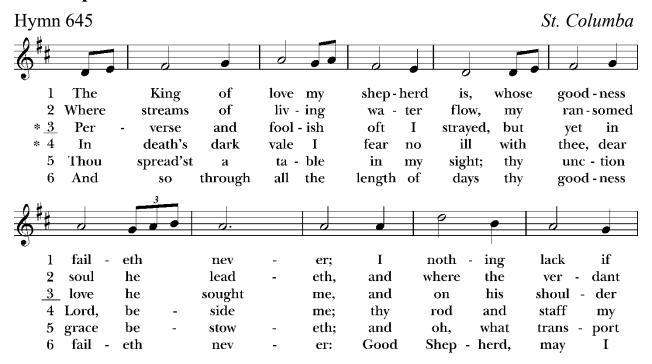
It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

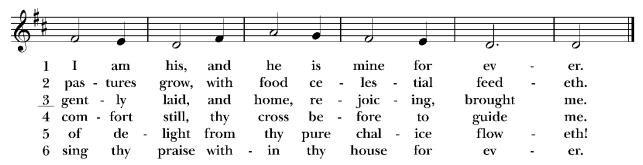
"He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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

The Sequence





Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877); para. Psalm 23. Music: St. Columba, Irish melody, harm. Hymnal 1982.

The Gospel John 10:1-10

CelebrantPeopleThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

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.

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.

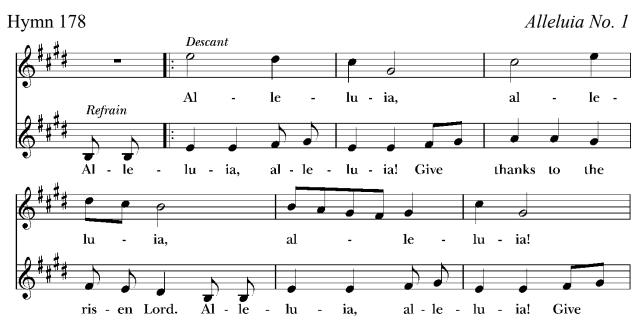
Parish Notices

The Offertory

Brother Jame's Air

Gordon Jacob (1895-1984)

The Presentation





The descant may be sung after stanzas 3 and 4.

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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.

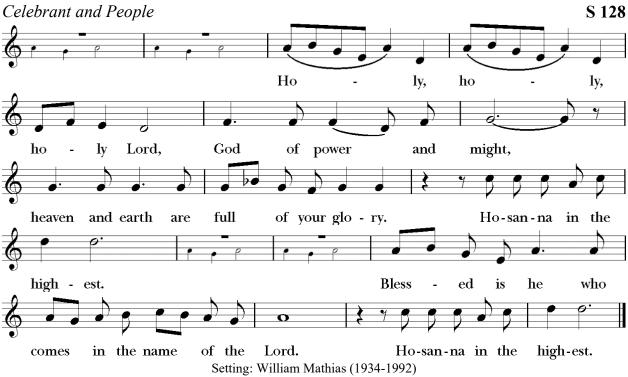
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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;

and the author of our salvation.

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.

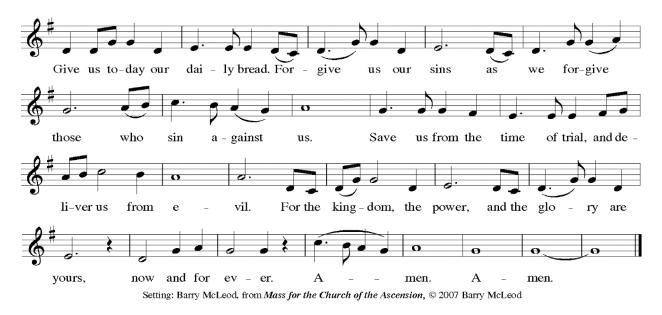
We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant.

†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,

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 As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

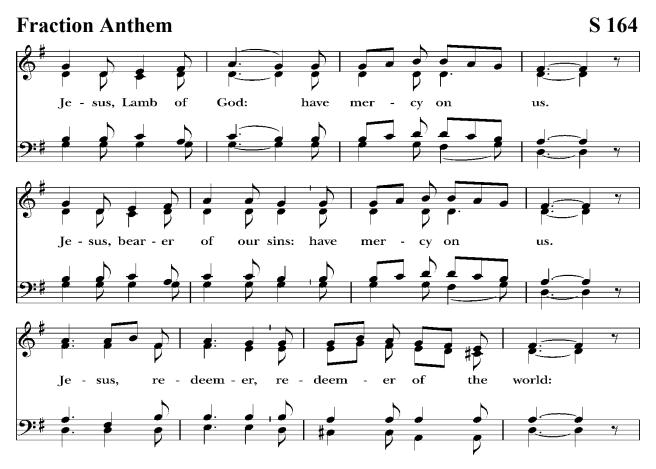




The Breaking of the Bread

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

Celebrant and People



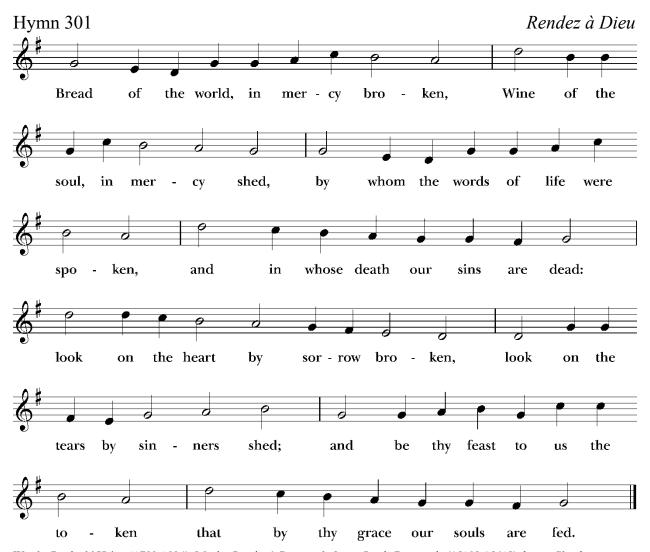


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Celebrant

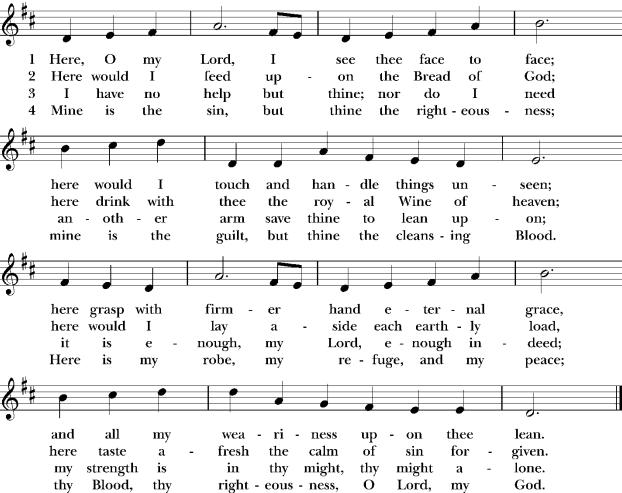
The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Hymns during Communion



Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826). Music: *Rendez à Dieu*, melody att. Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?); harm. Claude Goudimel (1514-1572), alt.





Words: Horatius Bonar (1808-1889). Music: Nyack, Warren Swenson (b. 1937). Copyright © 1970, Warren Swanson.

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: Latin, 1695; tr. Francis Pott (1832-1909), alt. Music: *Victory*, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594); adapt. and arr. William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

The Dismissal

The Celebrant dismisses the People.

The People respond,

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Closing Voluntary

Acclamations (from Suite Médiévale)

Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

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

Please use this 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.

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. Clive Smart, Amy Beaver, Noah Harper, and Susan Wade

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 Dale & Gloria Wansen, Tom Vanden Bush, Bill & Sandi Behrens, Cynthia Clark, Kathy Gnann and 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 Kendra Bacer, Justin Byrd, 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

May 3, 2023 – Fourth Week of Easter 12:15 pm Holy Eucharist with healing 5:00 pm St. Cecilia's Choir (Children) Rehearsal 7:00 pm Canterbury Choir (Adult) Rehearsal		
May 7, 2023 – Fifth Sunday of Easter 9:00 am Family Service with Holy Eucharist 10:00 am Christian Formation for all ages 11:00 am Holy Eucharist with St. Cecilia and Canterbury Choirs 12:15 pm Fellowship in the Parish Hall 12:15 pm Vacation Bible School Planning Meeting		
May 10, 2023 – Fifth Week of Easter 12:15 pm Holy Eucharist with healing 7:00 pm Canterbury Choir (Adult) Rehearsal		
May 12, 2023 – Coffee House 7-9 pm in the Parish Hall		
May 14, 2023 – Sixth Sunday of Easter 9:00 am Family Service with Holy Eucharist 11:00 am Holy Eucharist with Choir 12:15 pm Fellowship in the Parish Hall		
May 17, 2023 – Sixth Week of Easter 12:15 pm Holy Eucharist with healing 7:00 pm Canterbury Choir (Adult) Rehearsal		
May 21, 2023 – Seventh Sunday of Easter – Youth Sunday 9:00 am Family Service with Holy Eucharist 11:00 am Holy Eucharist with Choir 12:15 pm Fellowship in the Parish Hall		
May 24, 2023 – Seventh Week of Easter 12:15 pm Holy Eucharist with healing 7:00 pm Canterbury Choir (Adult) Rehearsal		
May 28, 2023 – Day of Pentecost 9:00 am Family Service with Holy Eucharist 11:00 am Holy Eucharist with Choir 12:15 pm Fellowship in the Parish Hall		
May 31, 2023 – Week of Pentecost 12:15 pm Holy Eucharist with healing 7:00 pm Canterbury Choir (Adult) Rehearsal		
June 12-15, 2023 – Vacation Bible School 5:30-8:00 pm		

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

June 15, 2023 – Parish-wide Cookout 5:30-8:00 All hands and appetites on deck!

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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