

# The Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost Year B • Proper 24 Sunday, October 17, 2021 • 8:00 a.m.



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**W**elcome to Church of the Ascension. We are an inclusive community that respects the dignity of every human being. Therefore, whoever you are in terms of race, ethnicity, gender, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, or ability and wherever you are on your faith journey, we welcome you and hope you will give us an opportunity to be your spiritual home.

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## HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

*Celebrant* Blessed be the One, Holy, and Living God!

*People* And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever. *Amen!*

### COLLECT FOR PURITY

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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.

### GLORIA

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Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. *Amen.*

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## THE FIRST LESSON

*Creamilda Yoda, Lector*

**Job 38:1-7, (34-41)**

*A Reading from the Book of Job.*

The Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind:

“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

Gird up your loins like a man,

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone

when the morning stars sang together

and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

[“Can you lift up your voice to the clouds,  
so that a flood of waters may cover you?

Can you send forth lightnings, so that they may go  
and say to you, ‘Here we are’?

Who has put wisdom in the inward parts,  
or given understanding to the mind?

Who has the wisdom to number the clouds?

Or who can tilt the waterskins of the heavens,  
when the dust runs into a mass

and the clods cling together?

“Can you hunt the prey for the lion,

or satisfy the appetite of the young lions,

when they crouch in their dens,

or lie in wait in their covert?

Who provides for the raven its prey,

when its young ones cry to God,

and wander about for lack of food?”]

The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 104:1-9, 25, 37b** Creamilda Yoda, *Lector*

- 1 Bless the Lord, O my soul; \*  
O LORD my God, how excellent is your greatness!  
you are clothed with majesty and splendor.
- 2 You wrap yourself with light as with a cloak \*  
and spread out the heavens like a curtain.
- 3 You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters above; \*  
you make the clouds your chariot;  
you ride on the wings of the wind.
- 4 You make the winds your messengers \*  
and flames of fire your servants.
- 5 You have set the earth upon its foundations, \*  
so that it never shall move at any time.
- 6 You covered it with the Deep as with a mantle; \*  
the waters stood higher than the mountains.
- 7 At your rebuke they fled; \*  
at the voice of your thunder they hastened away.
- 8 They went up into the hills and down to the valleys beneath, \*  
to the places you had appointed for them.
- 9 You set the limits that they should not pass; \*  
they shall not again cover the earth.
- 25 O LORD, how manifold are your works! \*  
in wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.

**37b Hallelujah!**

**THE SECOND LESSON**

Creamilda Yoda, *Lector*

**Hebrews 5:1-10**

*A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.*

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,  
today I have begotten you”;

as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,  
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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

## THE GOSPEL

**Mark 10:35-45**

*Deacon*     The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.  
**People**     **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**People**     **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## SERMON

**The Rev. Dr. Joan E. Beilstein, Rector**

*A moment of silence for reflection will follow.*

## THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in God above us, maker and sustainer of all life,  
of sun and moon, of water and earth, of male and female.**

**We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ, the word made flesh,  
born of a woman, servant of the poor, tortured and  
nailed to a tree.**

**A man of sorrows, he died forsaken.  
He descended into the earth to the place of death.  
On the third day he rose from the tomb.  
He ascended into heaven to be everywhere present,  
and his kingdom will come on earth.**

**We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire,  
Life-giving breath of the church,  
Spirit of healing and forgiveness,  
Source of resurrection and of eternal life. Amen.**

From the Abbey of Iona, Scotland (Celtic)

*The Leader and People pray responsively.*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation.

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Michael our Presiding Bishop; Mariann our bishop; Joan our Rector; Terri our Deacon; Creamilda our seminarian; Adela, our Deacon Candidate; Melissa, Annemarie, and Mary our Deacon Postulants; Bailey, our Director of Music Ministries; and for all bishops and other ministers. In our diocese we pray that all members of our congregations deepen their faith through prayer, spiritual direction, and other faith practices. Pray for St. Luke's Church, Bethesda; St. Luke's House, Bethesda; St. Luke's Church, Brighton; and St. Luke's Parish, DC. In the Anglican Communion, we pray for The Church of the Province of West Indies.

**For all who serve God in God's Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially **all who are suffering from COVID-19 ...**

**Virginia ... Gloria ... Gwendolyn ... Rachel ... Tina ... Florri ... Glen<sup>1</sup> ... Riza ... \*Yvonne ...**

**Jean ... \*Bob ... Mary ... Lillian ... Joré Yvonne ... Paula and Andrew ... Pat<sup>1</sup> ... Jeff ...**

**Giulia ... Sofia ... Amelia ... Brenna ... Patti ... Sean ... The Floyd Family ... Geoff ... Gloria ...**

**Kitty ... Pat<sup>2</sup> ... Jere ... Dick ... \*Maggie ... The Hunte Family ... Lynn ... Paul ... Sara ... \*Bert ...**

**Norma ... Pauline ... Linda ... Pat<sup>3</sup> ... Mike<sup>1</sup> ... Les ... Marsha ... \*The McCullough-Trujillo**

**Family ... David ... \*Lisa ... Keli ... Zobida ... Mike<sup>2</sup> ... Cynthia ... Elaine ... Val ... Severn ...**

**\*Carol<sup>1</sup> ... Joseph ... Brian ... The Seaton Family ... Pat ... Sam ... Carol<sup>2</sup> ... \*Martha ... \*Joyce<sup>1</sup> ... \***

**\*Art ... The Tate Family ... \*Giselle ... The Thomas Family ... Emma ... \*Lorraine ... \*Helen ...**

**\*Libby ... \*Ginny ... \*Jim ... Glenn<sup>2</sup> ... Joyce<sup>2</sup> ... and Judah.**

Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. Today we pray for the following members of our parish: David and Leslie Agro, and Keith Ecker; Monica Allen and MC Aquarone; Suzanne and Claire Alolga; Jane Alperson; Candy, Jonathan, Samantha, Rosario, Romanita, Jeremy and Enriques Angeles. And for those celebrating birthdays: Estie Dallett, Christopher Lindsay, Lisa Jacobs, Anna Menard Clark (18), Brenda Freeman, and Bill Schauman.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, especially Mona Scopilliti, mother-of Susan Poling's daughter-in-law, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

I invite you now to offer your petitions or thanksgivings either aloud or in the silence of your hearts.

*Silence.*

*Celebrant concludes with this prayer.*

God of love, we have offered up to you our prayers with our words and in the silence of our hearts. Hear us as we cry to you and shed upon us the comfort, hope, and strength we need to face the days to come. For you are a God of great compassion and mercy, and we know that you are present with us in both times of darkness and light. For this we give thanks and welcome your peace into our hearts. **Amen.**

*Deacon*

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence*

## CONFESSIO

**God of all mercy, we know that we have fallen short: We turn our backs when we could embrace; we remain silent when we could speak; we speak when we could listen. When we could fling the door open, instead we close it; when we could be open hearted, instead we judge. Forgive us, O God, and strengthen us to grow into the people you created us to be, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE ABSOLUTION

### THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

## WELCOME AND BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENTS

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

### OFFERTORY WORDS

*Celebrant* All things come of thee, O Lord.

*People* **And of thine own have we given thee.**

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*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 God thanks and praise.**

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

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who teaches us that it is better to serve than to be served, and that it is in giving, we receive.

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:

## SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS



**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people stand or kneel.*

Holy and gracious God: 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."



Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, 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 forever. AMEN.**

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

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us!  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

## FRACTION ANTHEM

*Celebrant* As Jesus broke bread,

**People** We break this bread.

*Celebrant* As Jesus shared wine,

**People** We share this cup.

## THE INVITATION

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

*No matter where you are on your walk of faith, this is Christ's table and all are welcome to the Feast.*

## ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*PLEASE walk up the center aisle of the chapel single file toward the priest.*

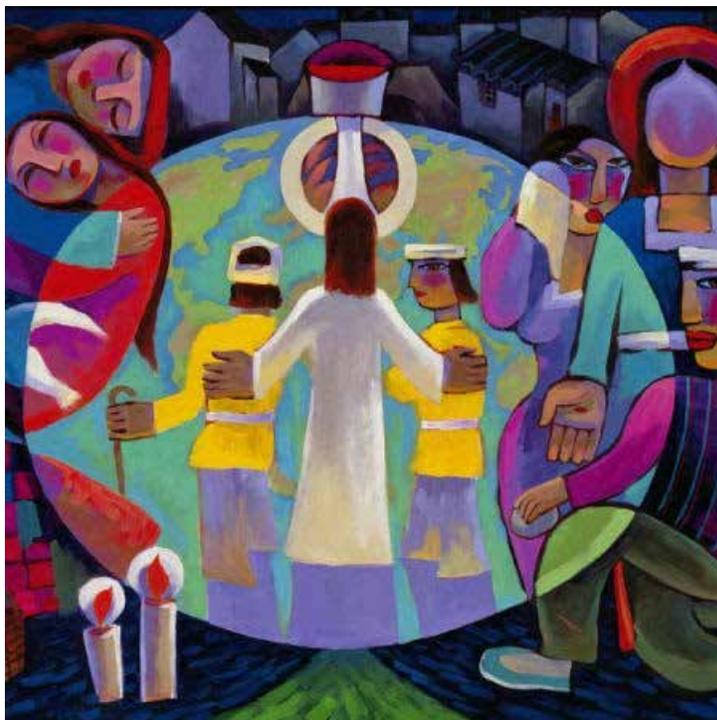
*Only the host will be distributed which is full communion. The common cup is still not allowed at this time.*

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

## THE BLESSING

## DISMISSAL

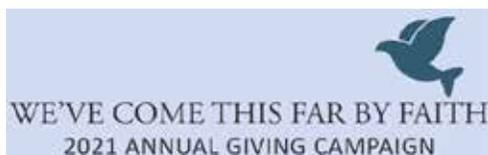


# ANNOUNCEMENTS • OCTOBER 17, 2021

## TENDING OUR SOIL 360 ASSESSMENT

October 1st - 31st, 2021 – NOW OPEN!

Read your Sweet Spirit for Survey Links!



## 2022 Stewardship Pilgrimage

October 17th – November 21st, 2021

Theme: We've Come This Far by Faith

Details will be posted this week in The Sweet Spirit Express!

*The Conversations on Race Group invites you to learn more about Native American history in November.*



*Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI, by David Grann*

**SUNDAYS, NOVEMBER 14 AND 21, 11:30 AM - 1 PM**



**On November 14,** we will have a Zoom book discussion on *Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI*, by David Grann. In the 1920's the Osage people in Oklahoma were the richest people per capita in the world because of the oil discovered on their land. And then they began to die. Learn more about the Osage nation, greed, murders, and the birth of the FBI.

**On November 21,** we will take a different approach. Ascension members have grown up or lived in many different parts of the United States or the world, each with their own Indigenous peoples' history. We will ask participants to share a little of the history from their area, e.g., Louisiana and the Choctaw, the Carolinas and the Cherokee, or Ohio and Shawnee or Seneca at a Zoom meeting.

**Get your book from the library or book store now!** Any questions? Ask Annie Brown, Ginny Klein, Jane Alperson, Marta Brenden, or Susan Poling of the Conversations on Race group. or email Susan Poling at [sapoling@verizon.net](mailto:sapoling@verizon.net)



## Thanksgiving Day Service

In-person and Livestreamed

**November 25th, 2021 -- 10:00 AM**

Featuring musicians, Karen Ashbrook, Paul Oorts, and Sophie Chang

Stay tuned for Livestream Link!!

## Mid-Week Serices

Holy Eucharist & Healing Rite (In-person & Zoom)

**Wednesdays, 12:00 PM**

Zoom Link provided on Weekly Editions of Sweet Spirit Express

Daily Offices (Monday-Saturday) (Zoom)

**Morning Prayer -- 8:00 AM**

**Compline -- 8:00 PM**

Zoom Links provided on Weekly Editions of Sweet Spirit Express

To sign up for the *Sweet Spirit Express* (Ascension's Weekly Newsletter)

Please email Rev. Joan at [revdrjeb@comcast.net](mailto:revdrjeb@comcast.net).

# Mustard Seed Ministry Opportunities • October 2021



Ascension's Mustard Seed Ministry offers simple moments of ministry that are easy to complete, often from the comfort of your own home. Don't know what to do to combat the hate and need you see all around you? Choose one or more of the Mustard Seed opportunities below!

- Tommy's Pantry, volunteer to help at Ascension on Saturdays to prep and distribute food to needy neighbors. <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/10c0a4aafa72fa0f58-gift>.
- Give to Ascension's efforts to furnish an apartment for refugee families.
- Volunteer to help the Adventist Community Center sort supplies for refugee families
- **Casserole Ministry.** Please help us feed the local needy. Shepherd's Table asks that rather than making a casserole for Shepherd's Table, you donate the cost of making one (\$10), to Shepherd's Table. Please let Carol Schwobel know of your donation. [Cjs\\_skye@hotmail.com](mailto:Cjs_skye@hotmail.com)<sup>1</sup>
- Knit a baby blanket, sweater, booties or caps for Palestinian newborns at St. Luke's Hospital in Nablus, Palestine. Please drop off your items with Rev. Terri.
- **Donate time around Ascension** to help with yard clean up shoveling or mowing in the spring.
- **Drop off a \$10.00 Giant or Safeway food card** at the front of the church on Wednesdays from 10-11 a.m. to help feed the homeless!<sup>3</sup>
- **Diaper Ministry to benefit Greater DC Diaper Bank.** On Sundays between 11-11:30 a.m. you can drop off items at the front door of the church. Contact Laura Schattschneider at [les291@nyu.edu](mailto:les291@nyu.edu) or Drew Snyder at [drewsnyder@pobox.com](mailto:drewsnyder@pobox.com) for details.<sup>4</sup>

*In September, you donated:*

1. \$450.00 (45 casseroles) to Shepherd's Table
2. \$1390.00 in grocery store gift cards and 110 comfort packs to the area homeless|
3. 992 diapers; 1300+ wipes for the D.C. Diaper Bank.

# Church of the Ascension

## In-Person Worship Protocols

Revised July 30, 2021

*In accordance with the CDC, Montgomery County, and Diocesan Guidelines*  
**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY THESE REVISED PROTOCOLS**  
*(New portions in RED)*



**8:00 AM— HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II (in the sanctuary)**

**10:00 AM—HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II (in the Sanctuary)**

- **LIVE-STREAM:** This service will be *live-streamed permanently*.
- **MUSIC:** *Congregational singing or humming is allowed with a mask!*
- **RESERVATIONS:** *No reservations* are required for this service.
- **VACCINATION:** It is *strongly recommended* that all attending be *fully vaccinated* for the COVID-19 virus.
- **MASKS:** **masks are required for all attendees.**
- **BULLETINS:** Please provide *your own bulletin* (i.e., a print copy, on your phone, tablet, etc.) A limited number of print bulletins will be available for visitors and those who need them. Please *take all paper copies* of the bulletin with you as you depart.
- **GENERAL PARKING:** *Street parking* and the *school lot* behind the church are available.
- **HANDICAPPED PARKING:** The church parking circle at *633 Sligo Avenue* is reserved for those with **limited mobility**.
- **ENTRANCES:** You may enter the church through the *ramp entrance* at 634 Silver Spring Avenue or through the *red main doors* at 633 Sligo Avenue.
- **GREETERS:** Will be present to welcome and assist you during the service.
- **SEATING & SOCIAL DISTANCING:** All *available seats* have been marked off in the sanctuary with blue tape. Please find a space that accommodates you and/or your family/friend group. When taking a seat, please observe *social distancing* if the people around you would be more comfortable with more space between you.
- **RESTROOMS:** The *restrooms* in the Gathering Space will be available for your use.
- **THE PASSING OF THE PEACE:** Bows, waves, peace signs, elbow bumping, handshaking, kissing, or hugging are allowed but *please be respectful* and check if others welcome these gestures or not.
- **HOLY COMMUNION:** *Please walk single file* up the center aisle toward the priest. Only the host will be distributed which is full communion. The common cup is still not allowed at this time. Please return to your seat using the aisle to your right to avoid the live stream equipment.
- **COFFEE HOUR:** *No in-person coffee hour following the 10:00 AM service.*



## Serving This Week

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*Celebrant & Preacher:* The Rev. Dr. Joan E. Beilstein

*Rector:* The Rev. Dr. Joan E. Beilstein

*Deacon:* The Rev. Terri M. Murphy

*Seminarian:* Creamilda Yoda

*Deacon Postulants:* Mary Kelly, Annemarie Quigley,  
Melissa Sites,

*Deacon Candidate:* Adela Vasquez

*Director of Music Ministries:* Bailey Myers

*Lector (8 a.m.):* Creamilda Yoda

*LEM:* Luz Guiab

*Lector (10 a.m.):* Libbie Griffin

*LEM (10 a.m.):* Steve Fromyer

*Greeters:* Chuck McCarter & Addison Hunt

*Warden of the Day:* Jonathan Mengesha

*Tech Team (10 a.m.):* Lia Kvatum and Monica Allen

## Serving Next Week

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2021

### The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost • Year B

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*Lector (10 a.m.):* Joan Thomas

*LEM (10 a.m.):* Kathryn McCullough

*Greeters:* Chuck McCarter & Bob Jacobs

*Warden of the Day:* Laura Schattschneider

*Tech Team (10 a.m.):* Mary Kelly and Bill Schauman

## THE VESTRY OF ASCENSION

- Jane Alperson (‘22), Senior Warden • Steve Fromyer (‘23), Junior Warden
  - Theo Emery (‘24) • Anne LeVeque (‘24)
  - Arabella Littlepage (‘22) • Dick Marks (‘22) • Chuck McCarter (‘24)
  - Jonathan Mengesha (‘23) • Laura Schattschneider (‘22)
  - Blaise Strandquist (‘23) • Sandra Sussman (‘23) • Joan Thomas (‘24)
  - Ex Officio: Mary Fromyer – Registrar
  - Leticia Read – Clerk of the Works
  - Leona Cosby – Treasurer • Fred Paul – Assistant Treasurer
- treasurer-ascension@comcast.net

To submit a prayer request or  
add birthdays, anniversaries, and other thanksgivings  
to the Sunday prayer list please email:  
Jennifer Woods, [knitpick@mac.com](mailto:knitpick@mac.com) and  
The Rev. Dr. Joan E. Beilstein, [revdrjeb@comcast.net](mailto:revdrjeb@comcast.net)

Special Thanks to Chris Chang and Astrocasters for helping make our live  
stream possible by providing our streaming server and cota.live site!



For peace and an end to violence  
and terrorism everywhere.

### Our Parish Cycle of Prayer

David and Leslie Agro, and Keith Ecker

Monica Allen and MC Aquarone

Suzanne and Claire Alolga

Jane Alperson

Candy, Jonathan, Samantha, Rosario, Romanita,

Jeremy and Enriques Angeles

*For those celebrating birthdays:*

October 17: Estie Dallett Christopher Lindsay

October 18: Lisa Jacobs

October 21: Anna Menard Clark (18)

October 23: Brenda Freeman, Bill Schauman

*In our Diocese:*

We pray that all members of our congregations deepen their faith  
through prayer, spiritual direction, or other faith practices.

St. Luke's Church, Bethesda

St. Luke's House, Bethesda

St. Luke's Church, Brighton

St. Luke's Parish, DC

*In the Anglican Communion:*

The Church of the Province of West Indies

For those with HIV/AIDS everywhere,  
but especially in Africa.

*In the World*

All with the COVID-19 virus and all who have died.

*For people in need of healing*

(\*indicates a member of the parish; italics, new this week):

Virginia Allen, Gloria Alexander, Gwendolyn Alexander,

Rachel Anderson, Tina Arnold, Florri Aversa, Dick Baker,

Glen Bediaram, Riza Bediaram, \*Yvonne Boyd, Jean Brady,

\*Bob Brown, Mary Bucher, Joré Yvonne Chumbley,

The Rev. Canon Paula Clark, Bishop-elect of Chicago, and her

husband Andrew, Jane, Pat Cox, Jeff Crites, Giulia Del Priore,

Sofia Del Priore, Brenna and Amelia Digiovanni, Patti Faber,

Sean Fitzsimmons, The Floyd Family, Geoff Grub, Gloria Gunness,

Kitty Hall, Jere Herzenberg, \*Maggie Howard, The Hunte Family,

Lynn Hutcheson, Paul Jackson, Sara Jackson, Barbara Jacobs,

\*Bert Joseph, Norma Knight, Pauline Lerner, Linda LeVeque,

Pat Martin, Mike Mattson, Les Maul, Marsha Maul,

\*The McCullough-Trujillo Family, David Meyer,

\*Lisa Null, Keli Pirtle, Zobida Ragbirsingh, Mike Rivers,

Cynthia Roberts, Elaine Rutman, Val Sasmore, Severn Savage,

\*Carol Schwobel, Joseph Sears, Brian Seaton, The Seaton Family,

Pat Seeger, Sam Shutt, Carol Fiddler Smith, \*Martha Smith,

\*Joyce Sterling, \*Art Stump, The Tate Family, \*Giselle Thomas,

The Thomas Family, Emma Tunaley,

\*Helen Van Doren, \*Libby Williams, \*Ginny Ripley-Wolf,

\*Jim Wolf, Glenn Woodley, Joyce Woody, Judah Yoda,

*For those who have died:*

Mona Scopilliti, mother of Susan Poling's daughter-in-law.

Please take the Prayer List home for use in daily prayers.

October 2021

*My dear friends,*

*Over the past 19 months, we have travelled through the unprecedented experience of a global pandemic. Our lives have been altered in dramatic and unexpected ways. Within weeks, our Sunday worship services became an online digital experience as we were no longer able to gather in person. At the same time the clergy and parishioners at Ascension moved to assure that vital ministries and the work of our church continued.*

*Now, a year later, we find ourselves embarking on a different journey, as we move into the process of “regathering” and living out a hybrid model of ministry, one virtual and one in person. While positive technological innovations have allowed to us maintain our community life and welcome others in, let us not forget how hard it has been at times in terms of social distancing. I especially want to recognize our parents who found themselves being “homeschool teachers” and having to deal with the anxiety and difficulty it has been for children and youth to not see in person family members and friends, for such a long time.*

*This year’s Annual Giving theme, We’ve Come This Far by Faith, asks us to reflect on our journey together over the past 19 months of the pandemic and to cast our gaze forward to God’s desired future for our spiritual home given who we are, and the varying gifts we have to offer, both within and outside of our doors.*

*This stewardship pilgrimage theme also reminds us that our financial support, in the form of a pledge to the Operating Budget of Ascension is an essential component of our ability to carry out the work of the church, both within and outside of our doors. Over the past year, pledge revenues were used to sustain activities such as:*

- *Live stream and now in person worship (Sundays, Wednesdays, and Feast Days)*
- *Zoom Sunday School and an outdoor in-person Children’s chapel (weather permitting)*
- *The successful completion of our Capital Campaign (all during COVID!) [See video here!](#)*
- *Outreach to those in need (i.e. “Tommy’s Pantry”, Ascension is its base of operations, a feeding program that ministers to 300+ people a week, Shepherd’s Table where we donated \$5000+ to help feed the hungry, and our Diaper Drive Ministry for the DC Diaper Pantry)*
- *Ministry to support Afghan refugees (i.e., equipping an apartment, a coat drive)*
- *Zoom business meetings such as the Vestry and Finance Committee (attendance is up!)*
- *Zoom Christian Education and book studies (Advent & Lent Series, Conversations on Race)*
- *A VERY SUCCESSFUL online Annual Meeting and Cabaret fundraiser (we raised \$21,000)*
- *Our training of Seminarians, Deacon Discerners, Deacon Candidates, and Deacons*
- *Fair compensation to support our very dedicated and creative Clergy and Minister of Music*
- *Our acceptance into Tending our Soil, a new Diocesan Initiative for Parish Revitalization!*
- *Welcoming new members of our congregation via our Live Stream and In-person!*
- *And much more!*

*Through all of this, we journeyed on in faith. I can’t tell you how proud I am of Ascension that we have continued to thrive as a parish, been creative, and found new ways of being church and enriching our faith community’s life. As we turn our focus to the future, we do so secure in the assurance of God’s abiding and steadfast love. We could not have gotten this far during this difficult time, without them. So I am grateful to God and grateful to all of you!*

*As we regather in person, but also continue our live stream ministries, we delight in the opportunities to be with our families, friends, and Ascension friends, worship God with singing, and to engage in the important work of continuing to build our beloved community. There is much to celebrate and there is much to do. More than ever, we must express our love and gratitude by pledging to our parish that is our spiritual home.*

*Current members*, you have always been so supportive of Ascension, generously giving of your time, wisdom, experience, passion, and financial resources to sustain and grow our work and ministries. As we begin this year's We've Come This Far by Faith Annual Giving campaign, we hope we can count on your support again.

*New members and visitors who are still discerning about joining Ascension*, we welcome you! Please know we are here to listen to your spiritual journeys and find out what you are looking for in a church community. You can email me anytime [HERE](#) and Rev. Terri (our Christian Formation Director) [HERE](#). It would be our pleasure to talk with you. We welcome too your financial support and hope you will join us as an official member (i.e., attending worship, being part of our online Realm church directory, and being a giver of record.) We are so excited you have found Ascension and look forward to getting to know you!

*Included with this email is a pledge card for 2022. Please prayerfully consider the amount you are willing to pledge financially so Ascension can continue to walk in faith, sharing God's love with even more people, and making a positive difference in the lives of everyone in our community and beyond. While we strive for the pledge to be the biblical standard of the tithe (10% of one's yearly income), all financial gifts are greatly appreciated and we know together we can reach our goal of \$390,000. We ask you return your pledge card by no later than Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021.*

*If you have any questions or would like to further discuss making a financial pledge to Ascension, please don't hesitate to get in touch. Me, Rev. Terri+, Jane Alperson (Senior Warden), and Leona Cosby (Treasurer) will be happy to speak with you. Our contact emails and phone numbers are below. Thank you for considering pledging for 2022. It is your generosity of heart and spirit that keeps us living and thriving, as a parish community, devoted to carrying out God's mission and ministry of love, justice, and peace, in the world.*

*Faithfully,*

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***Episcopal Church of the Ascension***

Our/my gift is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per [week | month | year] for an annual total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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I would like information about Realm Online Giving to pay my pledge but don't have a Realm Account.

Contact Leona Cosby (Treasurer) for instructions.

I plan to fulfill my pledge to Church of the Ascension using Realm Online Giving through my Realm account.

**NOTE:**

Online Giving via ACH (for credit card) is a convenient and reliable way to fulfill your financial commitment to the church. ACH is also the most efficient method of giving to the church since it reduces administrative overhead and helps maintain predictable cash flow. To set up Online Giving login to your Realm account, select Giving, then +Give, and selected the frequency (once a week, once a month, etc.) Please also consider checking the box "Processing Costs" to contribute a little extra to offset processing costs."

I would like information about Appreciated Stock Transfers. Please contact Leona Cosby (Treasurer.)

**YOU MAY SUBMIT YOUR PLEDGE BY:**

- **Scanning (or photographing the form) and emailing to:**  
**Leona Cosby, Treasurer, at [treasurer-ascension@comcast.net](mailto:treasurer-ascension@comcast.net).**
- **Mailing it to the church office address:**  
**Church of the Ascension, 634 Silver Spring Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910, ATTN: Treasurer**
- **Putting it through the mail slot at Ascension House, ATTN: Treasurer**
- **Placing in the Offering Plate on Sundays if you attend a service in-person.**

**If you any questions about pledging or methods of pledging please contact:**

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