

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

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Sunday, October 18, 2020 • 10:00 a.m.



Welcome 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.

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

PRELUDE

Jesus Shall Reign

Bailey Myers, *piano*

John Hatton
Arr.: Cindy Berry

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

HYMNAL 596

Judge Eternal, Throned in Splendor

Words: Henry Scott Holland (1847-1918), alt.

Music: *Komm, O komm, du Geist Des Lebens*, melody from *Neu-vermehrtes und zu Ubug Christl. Gottseligkeit eingerichtetes Meiningsches Gesangbuch*, 1693

1 Judge e - ter - nal, throned in splen - dor, Lord of lords and
2 Still the wea - ry folk are pin - ing for the hour that
3 Crown, O God, thine own en - deav - or; cleave our dark - ness

King of kings, with thy liv - ing fire of judg - ment
brings re - lease, and the ci - ty's crowd - ed clang - or
with thy sword; feed all those who do not know thee

purge this land of bit - ter things; sol - ace all its
cries a - loud for sin to cease; and the home - steads
with the rich - ness of thy word; cleanse the bo - dy

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wide do - min - ion with the heal - ing of thy wings.
 and the wood - lands plead in si - lence for their peace.
 of this na - tion through the glo - ry of the Lord.

The people standing, the Celebrant says

OPENING ACCLAMATION

From The Iona Abbey Worship Book

Celebrant As we share this place and time,
People **may our life in community reflect the dance
 of the Trinity by which the world is blessed.**
Celebrant Blessed be our One, holy, and living God!
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever! Amen!**

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COLLECT FOR PURITY

**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.

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.**

STWARDSHIP COLLECT

Gracious God, giver of all we have and hold as stewards; grant the people of this church a deep and abiding awareness that all things come from you – our health, our incomes, our jobs, our talents and our generous impulse. Send your Holy Spirit to help us as we swim against the rising tides of materialism, envy, individualism and greed in our culture. When we are tempted to think of money as a private matter, remind us that you have asked for part of what we are given, to be returned to you as a symbol of our awareness that you give all we have. And further, help us to help each other in this grace of giving, for you are the lover of our souls and call us to nothing less than transformation in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON

Jennifer Woods, Lector

Isaiah 45:1-7

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him-- and the gates shall not be closed: I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know

that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the Lord do all these things.

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

Psalm 96:1-9

Jennifer Woods, *Lector*

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song; *
 sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.**
- 2 Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; *
 proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.**
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations *
 and his wonders among all peoples.**
- 4 For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *
 he is more to be feared than all gods.**
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
 but it is the Lord who made the heavens.**
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
 Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!**
- 7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; *
 ascribe to the Lord honor and power.**
- 8 Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; *
 bring offerings and come into his courts.**
- 9 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *
 let the whole earth tremble before him.**

THE SECOND LESSON

Jennifer Woods, *Lector*

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Thessalonians.

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the

people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

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

THE GRADUAL HYMN
MHSO 20

Celtic Alleluia

Words & Music: Finian O'Carroll and Christopher Walker (b. 1947)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! ____

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 22:15-22

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

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Joan E. Beilstein, Rector

(Virtual Sermon)

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

In This Circle
Tret Fure, *vocals & guitar*

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)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE DURING OUR STEWARDSHIP PILGRIMAGE

In peace and gratitude, let us pray to the Lord.

Silence

That we may turn to God for guidance and direction as we strive to serve one another and the Church with the gifts God has entrusted to our care. Today, we especially pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop; Mariann and Chilton our bishops; Joan our Rector; Terri our Deacon; Shawn our guest celebrant, Sara, our Deacon candidate; Creamilda, our seminarian; Bailey, our Director of Music Ministries; Vickie, our Administrative Assistant; Ana, our nursery supervisor; and for all bishops and other ministers. In our diocese we pray for St. Luke's Church, Bethesda; St. Luke's House, Bethesda; St. Luke's Church, Brighton; St. Luke's Parish, DC; and World Mission Sunday. In the Anglican Communion: Pray for the Provincial Office. We also pray for the following members of our parish: William Lycette and Chris Delporte; Kathie Mack; Liz and Frank Malone; Cecilia Man, Johannas, Valerie, and Peter Chang; and Dick and Karen Marks. Open our hearts, Lord,

To serve you with joy.

That we may more easily choose to serve rather than to be served, to give rather than to take, to contribute rather than to consume.

Open our hearts, Lord,

To serve you with joy.

That we may learn to more deeply trust God to provide us with all that we need, especially during this challenging time of COVID-19 when our lives have undergone so many losses and hardships.

Open our hearts, Lord,

To serve you with joy.

That we may learn to see the difference between the simple things we need and the many things we want.

Open our hearts, Lord,

To serve you with joy.

That, like the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may say "Yes" to what God calls us to do, always remembering that God has done great things for us.

Open our hearts, Lord,

To serve you with joy.

That, through our good stewardship, we may build up God's kingdom here on earth as it is in heaven.

Open our hearts, Lord,

To serve you with joy.

That we may recognize the many blessings the poor and needy bring to us even as we seek to share our blessings with them.

Open our hearts, Lord,
To serve you with joy.

That we may come to more fully realize that everything we have is a gift from God and we are called to generously share these gifts with all who are in need.

Open our hearts, Lord,
To serve you with joy.

That we may learn to see ourselves as God's beloved children who have been called to work in God's kingdom and spread God's love throughout the world.

Open our hearts, Lord,
To serve you with joy.

That we may find more time to pray, to give thanks for all of God's blessings and ask for guidance in best using the gifts entrusted to our care. Today, we especially pray for those celebrating birthdays: Lisa Jacobs, Brenda Freeman, Bill Schauman, and Karema Daley.

Open our hearts, Lord,
To serve you with joy.

That as we look upon the world, we may see the unseen, love the unlovable, and bind up the brokenhearted wherever we find them. We pray today especially for those in any kind of need or trouble,

Faye ... Virginia ... Rachel ... Tina ... *Dee ... Joan ... *Elizabeth ... Seth ... Michael¹ ... *Yvonne ... *Bob ... The Buzanski Family ... Lillian ... David ... Joré Yvonne ... Arthur¹ ... Arthur² ... Molly ... *Peggy ... Geoff ... Glenn ... Pat¹ ... Jere ... *Maggie ... *Orion ... *Brandon ... *Bert ... Edward ... Renata ... The Lashlee Family ... Pauline ... Linda ... *Karen ... Pat² ... David ... Joe ... Richard ... *Sharon ... Brian ... *Lisa ... Joy ... Michael² ... George¹ ... Brent ... Severn ... *Carol ... Leslie ... *George² ... *Miata ... The Snider-Held Family ... Don ... *Joyce ... The Thomas Family ... *Helen ... The Williams Family ... *Libby ... Diana ... Greg ... and *Jennifer.

Open our hearts, Lord,
To serve you with joy.

That we may remember those who have died and now live in the Communion of the Saints. May we give eternal thanks for the privilege of loving and knowing them in this mortal life. We pray especially for Edmund Thomas, a friend of Lisa Null and Jennifer Woods,

Open our hearts, Lord,
To serve you with joy.

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

Silence

Open our hearts, Lord,
To serve you with joy.

Celebrant:

Loving God, we come to you in thanksgiving, knowing that all that we are and all that we have is gift from you. Speak your words into the depths of our souls, that we may hear you clearly. We offer to you this day all the facets of our lives, whether it be at home, at work, or at school – to be patient, to be merciful, to be generous, to be holy. Give us the wisdom and insight to understand your will for us and

the fervor to carry out our good intentions. We offer our gifts of time, talent and possessions to you as a true act of faith, to reflect our love for you and our neighbors. Help us to reach out to others as you our God have reached out to us. We ask these things in the name of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Silence.

Deacon

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

Silence

CONFESSION

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus 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 HYMN

LEVAS 72

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Words: Anonymous
Music: American Folk Song

1. I am weak but thou art strong;
2. Through this world of toil and snares,
3. When my fee - ble life is o'er,

Refrain: Just a clos - er walk with thee,

1. Je - sus, keep me from all wrong; I'll be sat - is - fied as
2. If I fal - ter, Lord, who cares? Who with me my bur - den
3. Time for me will be no more; Guide me gent - ly, safe - ly

Refrain: Grant it, Je - sus, is my plea, Dai - ly walk - ing close to

D.C. for Refrain

1. long _____ As I walk, let me walk close to thee.
 2. shares? _____ None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.
 3. o'er _____ To Thy king - dom shore, to thy shore.

Refrain: thee, _____ Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

OFFERTORY WORDS

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.

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

BLESSING OF THE AGAPE MEAL AT HOME

OVER WINE

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe. You create the fruit of the vine; and you have refreshed us when we gather in community with the cup of salvation in the Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Glory to you for ever and ever. *Amen.*

OVER BREAD

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe. You bring forth bread from the earth; and you have given us the bread of life in the Body of your Son Jesus Christ. As grain scattered upon the earth is gathered into one loaf, so gather your Church in every place into the kingdom of your Son. To you be glory and power for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARIST PRAYER C

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.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:



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 may stand or kneel as is their preference.

And so, Gracious God, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."



Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our ancestors of faith: God of Abraham, Sarah, and Hagar; Isaac and Rebekah; Jacob, Leah, and Rachel. God, Father and Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, loving God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. AMEN.

And now, in hope and confidence, let us pray as our Savior Christ has taught us,

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

(said three times)

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.

MUSIC DURING THE ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION AND THE AGAPE MEAL AT HOME

I Come With Joy

Tune: *Land of Rest*, arr. Steve Nehrenberg

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Generous and faithful God, you have fed us at your table. May the nourishment we have received enable us to enrich the lives of others wherever we may go from here. Whether the future be dark or bright, the road be smooth or rough, whether our care be light or heavy, our song be strong or weak, keep our hearts warm and our hands open, our lives ever embracing and ever embraced by your love. **Amen.**

From The Iona Abbey Worship Book

THE BLESSING

DISMISSAL

RECESSIONAL/POSTLUDE:

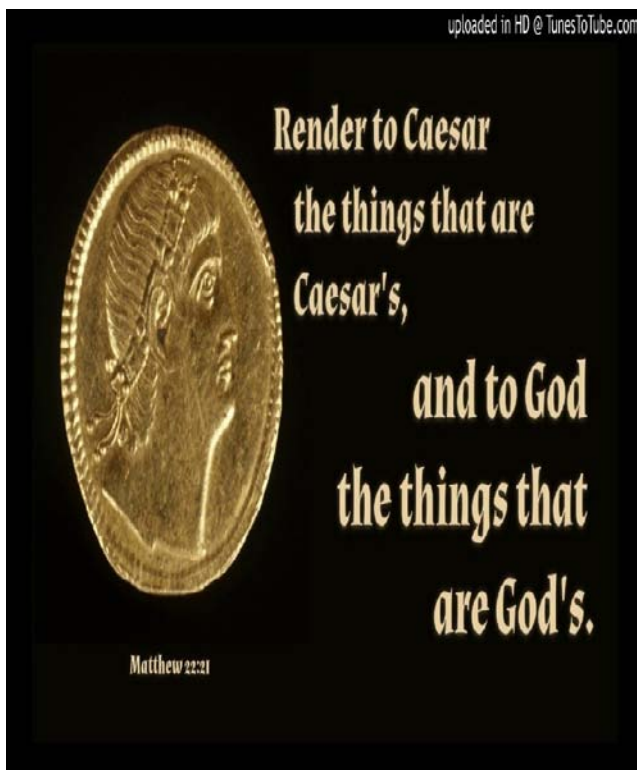
Always, Forever and Now
Tret Fure, *vocals & guitar*

Words and Music: Tret Fure

Serving SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2020
The Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Shawn Stroud, Ph.D
Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Joan E. Beilstein
Rector: The Rev. Dr. Joan E. Beilstein
Deacon: The Rev. Terri M. Murphy
Seminarian: Creamilda Yoda
Intern for the Diaconate: Sara Thorne
Director of Music Ministries: Bailey Myers
Lector: Jennifer Woods
Lay Eucharistic Minister: Morna Holden
Altar Guild: Leona Cosby, Denise Franklin,
and Nathan Franklin

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



RECTOR ON MEDICAL UPDATE

The Rector will be on medical leave recovering from surgery until October 25. If you have a pastoral emergency during this time, please contact Rev. Terri+ at 240-535-3703.

WEDNESDAY NOON SERVICE

The Wednesday 12 pm service continues as scheduled with **The Rev. Marian Humphrey** as our guest Celebrant.



PRAYER REQUESTS

For peace and an end to violence and terrorism everywhere.

Our Parish Cycle of Prayer
William Lycette and Chris Delporte
Kathie Mack

Liz and Frank Malone
Cecilia Man, Johannas, Valerie, and Peter Chang
Dick and Karen Marks

October 18: Lisa Jacobs
October 23: Brenda Freeman, Bill Schauman
October 24: Karema Daley

In our Diocese:
St. Luke's Church, Bethesda
St. Luke's House, Bethesda
St. Luke's Church, Brighton
St. Luke's Parish, DC
World Mission Sunday

In the Anglican Communion:
Pray for the Provincial Office

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):
*Faye Adams, Virginia Allen, Rachel Anderson,
Tina Arnold, *Dee Beilstein, *Joan Beilstein, *Elizabeth Bordley,
Seth Bowers, Michael Bowling, *Yvonne Boyd, *Bob Brown,
Peggy Buzanski and Family, Lillian and David Chalmers,
Joré Yvonne Chumbley, Arthur Dixon, Arthur Draper,
Molly Galvan, *Peggy Grosswiler, Geoff Grub,
Glenn Hardesty, Pat Harrigan, Jere Herzenberg, *Maggie Howard,
*Orion Howard, *Brandon Howe, *Bert Joseph, Renata Lama,
The Lashlee Family, Pauline Lerner, Linda LeVeque, *Karen Marks,
Pat Martin, David Meyer, Joe Miller, Richard Murphy,
*Sharon Murphy, Brian Newby, *Lisa Null, Joy Orevik,
Michael Pope, *George Rathbone, Brent Reeves, Severn Savage,
*Carol Schwobel, Leslie Scott, *George and *Miata Sherman,
The Snider-Held Family, *Don Stallone*, *Joyce Sterling,
The Thomas Family, *Helen Van Doren, The Williams Family,
*Libby Williams, Diana Woodley, *Jennifer Woods

For those who have died:
Edmund Thomas, a friend of Lisa Null and Jennifer Woods

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



My dear friends,

Beginning last March, our lives changed in extraordinary ways. Social distancing requirements and stay-at-home orders altered how and where we were able to work, eat, gather, serve, and worship. Our physical buildings closed, but our clergy and parishioners at Church of the Ascension stepped forward to assure that the vital work of ministry continued. Through activities such as live stream worship, virtual leadership meetings, programs (educational and social), pastoral care (zoom, email, and phone) online Sunday School classes, and the completion of our last Capital Campaign project (the stonework), WE responded, in both word and action, to the question “*What does love require of us?*”

This year’s Annual Stewardship theme, *Doing What Love Requires*, reminds us that our financial support, in the form of a pledge to the Operating Budget of our spiritual home, is an essential component of our ability to carry out the work of the church, especially in these challenging, uncertain times. Whether we gather in person, or online, we continue to be the body of Christ through our ministries, our witness, and our care for one another.

We cannot know what lies ahead of us, but we remain confident in the assurance of God’s abiding and steadfast love. Because of your generous and faithful gifts, our church is able to keep doing what love requires of us by nurturing life-giving, joyful ministries both inside and outside our parish walls – ministries known and beloved to us, and new ministries which are creative and innovative.

Nearly all members of our spiritual home make an annual financial pledge. Some members tithe, committing ten percent of their income to the life and mission of our church. Others give proportionally by committing a certain percentage. Still others give as they are able. What is most important is that everyone supports our church in the form of a financial pledge. We ask that you prayerfully consider making one.

On the next page, is a pledge card for 2021. Let each of us join together by doing what love requires of us by making a financial pledge **no later than November 26th, 2020 (Thanksgiving Day.)** At our 10:00 AM live stream service, we will be offering up to God our generous financial gifts and giving God thanks for all the blessings of our lives.

If you have any questions, or would like to further discuss making a financial pledge please don’t hesitate to get in touch, with either myself, our Treasurer, or our Senior Warden (contact info on the pledge card.) God bless you and keep you safe.

Faithfully,

Joan+

The Rev. Dr. Joan E. Beilstein, Rector

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Doing What Love Requires
Annual Stewardship Pilgrimage for 2021
Episcopal Church of the Ascension

Our/my gift is \$ _____ (circle one) per [*week* | *month* | *year*] for an annual total of \$ _____

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Signature: _____

- I want to receive pledge envelopes (*You will **NOT** automatically receive pledge envelopes unless you check this box.*)
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- I would like information about Appreciated Stock Transfers. Please contact Diane Martin for information.

YOU MAY SUBMIT YOUR PLEDGE BY:

- **Scanning (or photographing the form) and emailing it to:**
Diane Martin, Treasurer, at treasurer-ascension@comcast.net.
- **Mailing it to:** Church of the Ascension, 634 Silver Spring Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910, Attn: Treasurer
- Putting it through the **mail slot** at Ascension House, to Attn: Treasurer (same address as above.)

Contact information if you have questions regarding pledging:

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