

# ASCENSION EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 17, 2024

10:30 AM

**Holy Eucharist Rite II**



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# Welcome

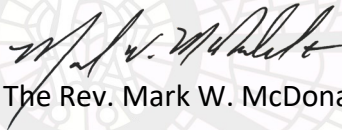
*You've found home.*

A church home, where whatever your background, however you see God today, no matter how challenging your journey is right now, you belong here. At Ascension Episcopal Church, we strive to be a welcoming and safe place for all people to belong. We hope you encounter the radical love of God and the love of His church community right here.

We're a multi-generational spiritual center, with grandparents, parents, singles, teens and children living out the central invitation from Jesus to Love God, Love Others, and Serve the World. We smile a lot around here, and it's authentic!

We believe that people desire relationships over religion; our Sunday services are engaging and hope-filled. And, I believe that fun and church worship are not mutually exclusive. Love and joy are the byproducts of life with God and with each other. Come see and experience the beauty and love of Christ with us.

Welcome home!



The Rev. Mark W. McDonald

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## JOIN US EVERY SUNDAY.

We offer two services; our **8:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE** is a Rite I Traditional Eucharist Service, without music and our **10:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE** is a Rite II Contemporary Eucharist Service with organ and choral music.

Our **NURSERY** is available from 9:30 to noon on Sunday mornings. The safeguarded staff maintains a healthy and safe environment for your children.

From 9:30am to 10:15am, join us in person in the Church Library for **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL** or Upstairs for **CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL**,

**Voices of small children are always welcome.  
Please take a moment to silence your cell phone.**

## The Word of God

## Penitential Order

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 495 *Hail, thou once despis'd Jesus* IN BABILONE


1 Hail, thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, thou Gal - i -  
 2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, all our sins on  
 3 Je - sus, hail! en - throned in glo - ry, there for ev - er  
 \*4 Wor - ship, hon - or, power, and bless - ing thou art wor - thy  
 le - an King! Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us;  
 thee were laid: by al - might - y love a - noint - ed,  
 to a - bid; all the heav - en - ly hosts a - dore thee,  
 to re - ceive; high - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing,  
 thou didst free sal - va - tion bring. Hail, thou u - ni - ver - sal  
 thou hast full a - tone - ment made. All thy peo - ple are for -  
 seat - ed at thy Fa - ther's side. There for sin - ners thou art  
 right it is for us to give. Help, ye bright an - gel - ic  
 Sa - vior, bear - er of our sin and shame! By thy mer - it  
 giv - en through the vir - tue of thy blood: o - pened is the  
 plead - ing: there thou dost our place pre - pare; ev - er for us  
 spi - rits, all your no - blest an - thems raise; help to sing our  
 we find fa - vor: life is giv - en through thy Name  
 gate of hea - ven, re - con - ciled are we with God.  
 in - ter - ced - ing, till in glo - ry we ap - pear.  
 Sa - vior's mer - its, help to chant Em - man - uel's praise!

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People *His mercy endures for ever.*

## CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP p. 351)

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

*Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

*The Priest stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

## TRISAGION S 102

*Holy God*

ARCHANGELSKY

*Repeated three times. Remain kneeling.*

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,  
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 357)

Celebrant      The Lord be with you.

People          And also with you.

Celebrant      Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## The Lessons

### FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

<sup>31</sup>“The days are surely coming,” says the LORD, “when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband,” says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>“But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days,” says the LORD: “I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,” says the LORD; “for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.”

Reader            The Word of the Lord.

People            *Thanks be to God.*

*Silence may follow.*

### PSALM: Psalm 51:1-13

*Remain seated. Please read responsively by half verse.*

<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; \*  
*in your great compassion blot out my offenses.*

<sup>2</sup>Wash me through and through from my wickedness, \*  
*and cleanse me from my sin.*

<sup>3</sup>For I know my transgressions, \*  
*and my sin is ever before me.*

<sup>4</sup>Against you only have I sinned \*  
*and done what is evil in your sight.*

<sup>5</sup>And so you are justified when you speak \*  
*and upright in your judgment.*

<sup>6</sup>Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, \*  
*a sinner from my mother's womb.*

<sup>7</sup>For behold, you look for truth deep within me, \*  
*and will make me understand wisdom secretly.*

<sup>8</sup>Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; \*  
*wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.*

<sup>9</sup>Make me hear of joy and gladness, \*  
*that the body you have broken may rejoice.*

<sup>10</sup>Hide your face from my sins, \*  
*and blot out all my iniquities.*

<sup>11</sup>Create in me a clean heart, O God, \*  
*and renew a right spirit within me.*

<sup>12</sup>Cast me not away from your presence, \*  
*and take not your holy Spirit from me.*

<sup>13</sup>Give me the joy of your saving help again \*  
*and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.*

## **SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:5-10**

*The people sit.*

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Hebrews.

<sup>5</sup>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”;

<sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place,

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

<sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of

eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Reader            The Word of the Lord.

People            *Thanks be to God.*

*Silence may follow.*

## SEQUENCE HYMN 691

*My faith looks up to thee*

OLIVET

*All stand.*

1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,  
2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,  
3 While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs a - round me spread,  
Sa - vior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my  
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, O may my  
be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day; wipe sor - row's  
guilt a - way; O let me from this day be whol - ly thine.  
love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire.  
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.

## THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 12:20-33

*All stand.*

Priest            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People            *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

<sup>20</sup>Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks.

<sup>21</sup>They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Those who love their

life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

<sup>26</sup>Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

<sup>27</sup>“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” <sup>29</sup>The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” <sup>33</sup>He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Priest                      The Gospel of the Lord.

People                      Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## THE SERMON - THE REV. MARK W. MCDONALD+ (BCP p. 358)

### THE NICENE CREED (BCP p. 358)

*All stand.*

*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.*

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FORM I (BCP p. 383)**

*Stand or kneel.*

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, the Presiding Bishop, Andy, our Bishop, Hector, our Bishop Assistant, Mark, our Rector, for the Church in Wales in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, for St. John's of Columbus, St. John's of Sealy, St. Mary's of Bellville, and St. Paul's of Navasota in the Diocese of Texas Cycle of Prayer, for all clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For Joe, our President, Greg our Governor, John our mayor, and for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the city of Houston, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, we especially pray for Vinnie, Phyllis, Todd, Dion, Jim, John, Albert, Cory, Todd, Stephanie, John, Ellen, Greg, Jack, Lucia, Jean, Bobby, Lance, Katy, Don, David, Lucia, Angela, Pat, Olive, Carissa, Laura, Pete, Maria Isabel, C.J., Margaret, Tim, Mary, David, Ann, Valerie, and those known privately to us.

*(Prayers are offered at this time, followed by silence)*

Let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy*

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives. Let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy*

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy*

In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

*To thee, O Lord our God.*

*Silence*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## **THE PEACE (BCP p. 360)**

*All stand.*

Celebrant      The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People          And also with you.

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

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Prayers for Birthdays & Anniversaries and those who are Traveling**

*If you are a visitor or guest, please scan the QR code in the announcements section of this bulletin and give us your contact information. Let us connect with you!*

## The Holy Communion

### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

by Victor C. Johnson

*Create in Me a Clean Heart*

## The Great Thanksgiving

### **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B BCP p. 367**

*The People remain standing.*

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 our thanks and praise.

*Facing the Holy Table, 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.

You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

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 S 128***Celebrant and People**Holy, holy, holy*

MATHAIS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,  
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the  
high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

*The People stand or kneel.*

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 [\_\_\_\_\_ and] 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.*

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

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 363)**

*People and Celebrant*

*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,  
forever and ever. Amen.*

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*A period of silence is kept.*

# FRACTION ANTHEM S 169

*My flesh is food indeed*

URWIN

*Cantor or Choir*

My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in -  
 deed, says the Lord. My Lord. Those who eat my  
 flesh and drink my blood dwell in me and I in them. My  
 flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord.

## INVITATION (BCP p. 364)

*The Celebrant says*

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.

## AT THE COMMUNION

- *All baptized Christian welcome to receive communion.*
- *To receive communion, place your right hand inside of your left to receive the bread.*
- *To receive a gluten free wafer please place your palms together.*
- *You may then either drink from the cup or dip the bread into the wine.*
- *If you wish to receive just a blessing, please cross your hands over your chest.*

## COMMUNION HYMN

*The Old Rugged Cross*

LEVAS 38

1. On a hill far a - way stood an old rug-ged cross,  
 2. Oh, that old rug - ged cross so de - spised by the world,  
 3. In the old rug - ged cross, stained with blood so di - vine,  
 4. To the old rug - ged cross I will ev - er be true,  
 1. The em - blem of suf - f'ring and shame;  
 2. Has a won - drous at - trac - tion for me;  
 3. A won - drous beau - ty I see;  
 4. Its shame and re - proach glad - ly bear;

1. And I love that old cross where the dear - est and best  
 2. For the dear Lamb of God left His glo - ry a - bove,  
 3. For 'twas on that old cross Je - sus suf - fered and died,  
 4. Then He'll call me some day to my home far a - way,

1. For a world of lost sin - ners was slain.\_\_\_\_\_  
 2. To\_\_\_\_ bear it to dark Cal - va - ry.\_\_\_\_\_  
 3. To\_\_\_\_ par - don and sanc - ti - fy me.\_\_\_\_\_  
 4. Where His glo - ry for - ev - er I'll share.\_\_\_\_\_

So I'll cher - ish the cross, the old rug - ged cross,

Till my tro - phies at last I lay down;\_\_\_\_\_

I will cling to the cross, the old rug - ged cross,

And ex - change it some day for a crown.\_\_\_\_\_

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 365)

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

## *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.*

## **BLESSING**

*The Priest blesses the people.*

## **RECESSIONAL HYMN 482**

SLANE

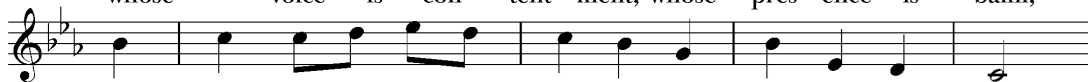
*Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy*



|   |      |    |     |                    |      |    |     |        |
|---|------|----|-----|--------------------|------|----|-----|--------|
| 1 | Lord | of | all | hope - ful - ness, | Lord | of | all | joy,   |
| 2 | Lord | of | all | ea - ger - ness,   | Lord | of | all | faith, |
| 3 | Lord | of | all | kind - li - ness,  | Lord | of | all | grace, |
| 4 | Lord | of | all | gen - tle - ness,  | Lord | of | all | calm,  |



|       |        |         |                    |             |             |       |                      |
|-------|--------|---------|--------------------|-------------|-------------|-------|----------------------|
| whose | trust, | ev - er | child - like,      | no          | cares       | could | de - stroy,          |
| whose | strong | hands   | were               | skilled     | at          | the   | plane and the lathe, |
| your  | hands  | swift   | to                 | wel - come, | your        | arms  | to em - brace,       |
| whose | voice  | is      | con - tent - ment, | whose       | pres - ence | is    | balm,                |



|    |       |    |     |              |     |      |     |    |       |
|----|-------|----|-----|--------------|-----|------|-----|----|-------|
| be | there | at | our | wak - ing,   | and | give | us, | we | pray, |
| be | there | at | our | lab - ors,   | and | give | us, | we | pray, |
| be | there | at | our | hom - ing,   | and | give | us, | we | pray, |
| be | there | at | our | sleep - ing, | and | give | us, | we | pray, |



|      |          |    |     |         |       |    |     |       |    |     |      |
|------|----------|----|-----|---------|-------|----|-----|-------|----|-----|------|
| your | bliss    | in | our | hearts, | Lord, | at | the | break | of | the | day. |
| your | strength | in | our | hearts, | Lord, | at | the | noon  | of | the | day. |
| your | love     | in | our | hearts, | Lord, | at | the | eve   | of | the | day. |
| your | peace    | in | our | hearts, | Lord, | at | the | end   | of | the | day. |



## DISMISSAL (BCP p. 366)

Priest                Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People                *Thanks be to God.*

## POSTLUDE

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# Announcements



### COME MAKE PALM CROSSES!

Join the Altar Guild on Thur. March 21 at 10am in the church library to help make the Palm Crosses that are distributed on Palm Sunday. They are simple and fun to make, you don't already need to know, we will teach you, and you do not need to be a member of the Altar Guild. Everyone is invited!

### CAMPUS WORKDAY



Join us on **March 23rd from 9 to noon** for some landscaping and campus clean-up; bring your rakes, shovels, and hardworking attitudes, and let's welcome spring! To thank you for your hard work, we will be serving BBQ Ribs and Sausage for lunch. But we have to plan ahead! Sign up and let us know you are coming to we make sure we have enough. (Scan QR code or use the link in Happenings.)



### THE EASTER CROSS WITNESS

The Easter Cross Witness seeks to be a catalyst for all of the branches of the church to come together in unity to jointly testify to the single most important event in history; the bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Easter Cross Witness believes that celebrating this event together with joy gives those who participate the opportunity to share with others the hope that is within them. Specifically, since Jesus has been raised from the dead, those who put their trust in Him by faith through grace for the forgiveness of their sins will not die but will be given life eternal.

The crosses are placed blank side out before Easter and are turned on Easter Sunday to display the message that "He is Risen!" The crosses are available at church for sale if anyone wants one. Carol Goulet has them available for a \$10.00 donation to Ascension. Call Carol at 713-303-3943 if your interested and she will arrange for you to pick them up.

## **POST SERVICE COFFEE ON EASTER SUNDAY**

Easter is one of our biggest days of Celebration! Rather than require one team to handle such a large task, we ask for a little bit from everyone. The tables will be set up outside, under the bell and the children will be hunting eggs. Please drop off your contribution of a meat/cheese tray, fruit/veggie tray, crackers, cookies, or other fun snacks.

## **FLOWERING OF THE CROSS**

One of Ascension's unique traditions is the flowering of the cross on Easter Sunday. We set up an empty, ribbon woven cross, and as people enter they press a flower into the woven ribbons creating a beautiful tapestry of flowers. The tradition started with parishioners bringing flowers from their own gardens, of all colors, shapes and sizes. Ascension provides a few flowers, but we would love for you to bring flowers from your garden to contribute to this wonderful occasion.



**COMMUNITY  
YARD  
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**SELL YOUR  
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EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
2525 SEAGLER RD, 77042

**SATURDAY 04/20/24  
8AM-1PM**

**DETAILS:**



## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE YARD SALE**

Help us out! Events like this are only successful because of the amazing people at Ascension!! Please sign-up to help. There are many different tasks, something for everyone. Whether you are an early bird or more of a late morning riser, there are ways to help. Please see the sign-up sheets in the narthex, or use this QR code to sign-up! We are truly blessed to have so many wonderful souls here!



## **TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY**

We are studying the Book of Acts every Tuesday at 6:30pm in the Church Library, and for those who are unable to join us in person, there is a zoom link, which can be used for ALL of the Tuesday Night Bible Study Classes. The two books needed for this class “Acts for Everyone Study Guide” by N.T. Wright and “Acts for Everyone, Part One” by N. T. Wright are available on Amazon. I hope you join us and do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. -God's Peace, Fr. Mark+

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES AT 9:30 AM**

Join us for Children's Sunday school, upstairs with Miss Allison Garcia and Adult Christian Education, downstairs in the church library. The Adult Class will continue to have an online option for those who are unable to be present in person.

## **WOMEN'S TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY, 1PM**

The Women's Tuesday Bible Study is a group of amazing women, led by amazing women. Join them every Tuesday at 1pm! Toyin Agboola guides this study in a safe trustworthy setting as they learn about the Bible. Julie Collins keeps things organized by sending out emails, reminders, and the weekly Zoom link. She will happily get you into the swing of things, (contact her at collins\_collins@comcast.net), or just come by!!

|                                 | <b><i>March 17th</i></b>  | <b><i>March 24th</i></b>   | <b><i>March 31st</i></b>  |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
|                                 | <i>Fifth Sunday<br/>in Lent</i>   | <i>Palm Sunday</i>   | <i>Easter Sunday</i>  |
| <b>Vestry of the Week</b>       | Carol Goulet and Tom Sutton   | Joan Harwood and Kathleen Hannah   | Todd Breton and Volunteer   |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>              | Smith   | Dipuma   | Cole  |
| <b>Lessons</b>                  | Jeremiah 31:31-34, Psalm 51:1-13 or Psalm 119:9-16, Hebrews 5:5-10, John 12:20-33 | Palms: Mark 11:1-11 Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29, Word: Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 31:9-16, Philippians 2:5-11, & Passion | Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 25:6-9, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24, 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or Acts 10:34-43, |
| <b>Ushers</b>                   | Cristina Mattern and Margo Kaplan   | Gemma Williams   | Alayne and Warren Bryant  |
| <b>8 am Lect./Intercessor</b>   | Allison Garcia  | Mike Black   | Glenn Criswell  |
| <b>1030am Lect./Intercessor</b> | Pam Schwabrow   | John Searle/Joni McDonald  | Tom and Julie Downs   |
| <b>Stream Team</b>              | Madeline Mattern  | Mike Black   |   |
| <b>Post Service Coffee</b>      | Cristina Mattern and Margo Kaplan   | <b>VOLUNTEER</b>   | <b>EVERYONE</b>   |

## **Calendar and Event Schedule**

- March 20 - Final Soup Supper, 6:30pm
- March 21 - Palm Cross making
- March 23- Campus Workday
- March 25 - Lily/Musician Dedications are due
- March 24- Palm Sunday
- March 28- Maundy Thursday
- March 29- Good Friday
- March 31- Easter Sunday
- April 6 - Lunch with Friends
- April 20 - -Second Annual Yard Sale



### **Welcome Visitors**

Please take a moment to let us know who you are!! Scan the QR code to the left and fill out the form. This will allow us to connect with you and get to know you and your family.

### **Giving**

A quick an easy way to give to the church!! If you would like to give your pledge, make a donation, contribute to specialty music or flower campaigns, or any other reason, simply scan the QR code to the right, make your contribution, and leave a message as to what it is for.



***Thank you for  
worshipping with us.  
Have a fantastic week!***