



## The Church of the Ascension

Rockville Centre, New York

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### The Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024

#### *A Guide to Mass at The Church of The Ascension*

Welcome to The Church of The Ascension, Rockville Centre. We hope that this guide will assist you in following our service and in making prayers and responses. Please maintain silence before the service in order to prayerfully prepare for worship.

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*All stand for the entrance of the choir and ministers.*

**Entrance Hymn**     *(Hyfrydol)*

**Hymnal 460**

**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!**

**Opening Sentences and Prayers**

**Celebrant:**     Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**People:**        **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia**

*The celebrant continues with the collect for purity and summary of the law. Then follows:*

**Kyrie**            *(sung by the choir)*

**Proulx**

*(at 10:30am service)*

Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.

*(at 8:00 am service)*

Lord, have mercy upon us  
Christ, have mercy upon us  
Lord, have mercy upon us

(at 10:30am service)

**Glory to God in the highest...**

and peace to his 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.*

(at 8:00 am service)

**Glory be to God on high...**

And on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee. We bless thee. We worship thee. We glorify thee. We give thanks to thee for thy great glory. Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty. O Lord, the Only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy, thou only art the Lord, thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the Glory of God the Father. *Amen.*

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

**Collect of the Day**

O God, the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven: We beseech thee, leave us not comfortless, but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Savior Christ is gone before; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

*Please be seated for the readings and the Psalm. Please stand for the Sequence Hymn.*

**The First Reading**

**Acts 15-17, 21-26**

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

**Psalm: 1**     *(sung by the choir)*

*Beatus vir qui non abiit.*

- 1 BLESSED is the man that hath not walked in the counsel of the ungodly,  
nor stood in the way of sinners, \*  
and hath not sat in the seat of the scornful.
- 2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD; \*  
and in his law will he exercise himself day and night.
- 3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the water-side, \*  
that will bring forth his fruit in due season.
- 4 His leaf also shall not wither; \*  
and look, whatsoever he doeth, it shall prosper.
- 5 As for the ungodly, it is not so with them; \*  
but they are like the chaff, which the wind scattereth away from the face of the earth.
- 6 Therefore the ungodly shall not be able to stand in the judgment, \*  
neither the sinners in the congregation of the righteous.
- 7 But the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous; \*  
and the way of the ungodly shall perish.

**Second Reading**

**1 John 5:9-13**

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

**Sequence Hymn**     *(St. Magnus)*

**Hymnal 483**

**The head that once was crowned**

*The Gospel may be preceded by an Alleluia verse sung responsively by the cantor and the congregation.*

**Introduction to the Gospel**     *(standing)*

**John 17:6-19**

**Deacon:**     The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**People:**     **Glory be to thee, O Lord**

[Jesus prayed for his disciples saying,] "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not

one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

**Deacon:** The Gospel of the Lord.  
**People:** Praise be to thee, O Christ.

*Please be seated for the sermon.*

**Sermon**

**The Very Rev. Kevin Morris**

**Nicene Creed** *(standing)*

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. *Amen.***

**Prayers of the People** *(standing)*

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**The Peace** *(standing)*

**Celebrant:** The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**People:** **And with thy spirit.**

**Offertory Anthem**

*Let All the World in Every Corner Sing*

**Erik Routley**

Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King!

The heavens are not too high, His praise may thither fly;  
The earth is not too low, His praises there may grow.

Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King!

The Church with psalms must shout, no door can keep them out;  
But, above all, the heart must bear the longest part.

Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King!

**The Offering of the Gifts** (standing)

*Celebrant:* All things come of thee O Lord

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

*or*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.**

**Praise Him all creatures here below, alleluia, alleluia**

**Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,**

**Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost,**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

**The Eucharistic Prayer Preface** (standing)

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*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

**People:** And with thy spirit.

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

**People:** We lift them up unto the Lord.

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

**People:** It is meet and right so to do.

*The celebrant continues with the Eucharistic prayer. The following parts of the prayer may be sung or said in unison:*

**The Sanctus** (sung by the choir)

**Proulx**

(at 10:30am service)

(at 8:00 am service)

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

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:  
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.  
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest

*The congregation may kneel or stand (as they are able) during the Eucharistic prayer.*

**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 celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. Then is sung by the choir or said.*

**Agnus Dei** (sung by the choir)

**Gregorian**

(at 10:30 service)

(at 8:00 am service)

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis  
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi  
miserere nobis.  
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,  
dona nobis pacem.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of  
the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of  
the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of  
the world, grant us thy peace.

**The Prayer of Humble Access**

*(kneeling or standing)*

**We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

**The Invitation to Communion**

*(kneeling or standing)*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*If you are unable to come forward, please notify an usher and communion can be brought to you. We have gluten free wafers upon request.*

**To receive communion:**

**All baptized Christians are welcomed to receive communion in our church. Please come forward when the usher directs you. Hand sanitizer is located at the end of each pew and at the choir steps. Please form two lines down the center aisle. At the altar rail please fill in spaces from right to left, kneeling at the rail and extending your palms out in a cup-like fashion to receive the host. Those who wish to remain standing may do so. Please allow sufficient distance between other worshipers. Then return to your seat either through the chapel or the hallway behind the organ. Those who wish to receive a blessing only should cross their arms across their chest. The wine is being offered however the practice of intinction (dipping the wafer into the wine) will NOT be allowed at this time. Those who wish to receive the wine may only drink from the chalice.**

**Communion Anthem**

*Trusting Jesus*

**I. D. Sankey**

Simply trusting every day, trusting through a stormy way;  
Even when my faith is small, trusting Jesus, that is all.  
    Trusting as the moments fly, trusting as the days go by;  
    Trusting Him whate'er befall, trusting Jesus, that is all.  
Brightly doth His Spirit shine, into this poor heart of mine;  
While He leads I cannot fall; trusting Jesus, that is all.  
    Trusting as the moments fly, trusting as the days go by;  
    Trusting Him whate'er befall, trusting Jesus, that is all.  
Singing if my way is clear, praying if the path is drear;  
If in danger, for Him call; trusting Jesus, that is all.  
    Trusting as the moments fly, trusting as the days go by;  
    Trusting Him whate'er befall, trusting Jesus, that is all.  
Trusting Him while life shall last, trusting Him till earth be past;  
Till within the jasper wall: trusting Jesus, that is all.  
    Trusting as the moments fly, trusting as the days go by;  
    Trusting Him whate'er befall, trusting Jesus, that is all.

**Communion Hymn**

*(Omni Die)*

**Hymnal 341**

**For the bread which you have broken**

The Post Communion Prayer

(kneeling or standing)

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

Dismissal

*Celebrant:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

**People:** Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Recessional Hymn

(*Diademata*)

Hymnal 494

Crown him with many crowns

Marion Antiphon

(*Lyra Davidica*)

Regina Caeli

Joy to thee, O Queen of Hea - ven Al - le - lu - ia!

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He whom thou wast meet to bear, — Al - le - lu - ia!

9

As He prom-ised has a - ri - sen, Al - le - lu - ia!



*Celebrant* Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary. Alleluia.  
**People** **For the Lord is Risen indeed. Alleluia.**  
 Let us pray.

O God, Who by the Resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, hast been pleased to give joy to the whole world, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may attain the joys of eternal life. Through the same Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

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### Participants in Today's Service:

<b>Sunday:</b>	Eucharistic Minister:	8:00 am	Liz Edelstein
	Usher:		Geoff Broadhurst
	Eucharistic Minister:	10:30 am	Peter Carbonaro
	Ushers:		Nancy Devlin & Janice Graffagnino
	Altar Guild		Pam Heywood & Claudia Challice

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Wishing you the  
 very best this  
 Mother's Day!



## **Announcements**

### **Welcome To Ascension!**

The Church of The Ascension would like to cordially welcome all of our visitors and newcomers today. We are so glad that you have chosen to worship with us. Please visit our website at: [ascensionrvc.org](http://ascensionrvc.org) to learn more about our parish. If you would like to be added to our mailing list, please email our parish administrator at: [parishadmin@ascensionrvc.org](mailto:parishadmin@ascensionrvc.org). Follow us on Facebook as well!

### **The Tuesday Club**

The next meeting of the Tuesday Club will take place this Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am. We will begin studying "Acts of the Apostles" by Bishop N. T. Wright. Copies are available for \$13.

### **Sunday School & Child Care**

The last day of Sunday School and Child Care will be on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Sunday School and Child Care will resume in September. Hope everyone enjoys their summer!

### **Summer Schedule**

On June 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will begin our summer schedule of one mass at 9:30 am.

### **Scouting Food Drive THANK YOU!**

Hello everyone! On behalf of our Boy Scout Troop, I would like to thank the Ascension parishioners for helping contribute to our Spring food drive. Our Troop was able to collect over 1,400 pounds of food and personal dignity items, which were distributed to local charities for our neediest neighbors, and almost 160 pounds of that food came from this parish. Thank you again for your kindness and for supporting our Troop in our mission of service to the community! — Christian Carbonaro, Life Scout, Troop 332

### **Think you have a treasure?**

Find out at the Phillips House Museum's Antiques Appraisal Day on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> from 12 noon to 4:00 pm. Appraisals are \$10 per item or 3 for \$25 and items will be appraised by Phil Weiss of PBS's Antiques Roadshow. All proceeds benefit the Phillips House Museum and RVC Historical Society located at 28 Hempstead Avenue in Rockville Centre. Their website is [www.rvchs.org](http://www.rvchs.org) and tel # is 516-670-5737.

### **Parish Office Hours**

The parish office will be staffed on Monday and Wednesday from 9 am to 2 pm. At other times please leave a voice mail message which will be returned. Or you may send an email to [parishadmin@ascensionrvc.org](mailto:parishadmin@ascensionrvc.org). Material for the Sunday bulletin is due by Monday at noon.



# 50/50 Raffle Fundraiser



**May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

We are less than a week away until the Spring Gala 50/50 raffle!

This also means that we are in the home stretch with ticket sales. We have under 50 tickets left so we ask that you make your final purchases now and to please share this with your friends, family, co-workers, etc. so they can make their ticket purchases before we sell out.

On Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 5pm, in the parish hall we will have a cocktail party, where we'll draw the winner. Admission to the cocktail party is included with your raffle ticket. There are also cocktail party only tickets available on the website for those who chose not to purchase a raffle ticket but would like to attend the event. Please come dressed in your best cocktail attire!!!

There are going to be other small raffles and additional opportunities to donate at the gala via check/cash. We will also be viewing the Preakness, so be prepared to have some fun with that.

If we meet our goal of selling all 200 tickets, we will have a prize of \$10,000 for the winner and \$10,000 raised for the church, so we ask that you share this with your family, friends, co-workers to help sell some tickets! The winner does not have to attend the event to win, they will receive a text message and we will contact them directly.

50/50 raffle tickets will be sold in between and after services this Sunday in the Parish Hall. Please see Jacqueline Gleason, Lisa Chiara and/or Dianna Beirne during this time. They are also available to answer any questions such as "What is my raffle ticket number?" or provide any assistance you may need related to the event.

You can visit the parish website (<https://ascensionrvc.org/>) to purchase tickets.

We are looking forward to a very fun night!

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## **Birthdays**

Devon Musa, Eva Corvetti, Victoria Hammer, Maura Walker,  
Alicia Worrell, Jacqueline Gleason

## **Book of Remembrance**

Julia Eastmond Pope, Rose Mary Murphy, Edward Carlson, Donald Montlack, Janice Olson,  
Camille Aita, Vincent Nollman, Helen White, Louise Niebler, Anne Anderson, John Snow, William Erny,  
Helen Engelhardt, Amelia Reiersen, Dorothy Miller, Albert Epp, Dorothy Delaney, Elva Lichtenberger,  
Marjorie Paxton, Jamie Ruocco, Hazel Davey, William Schwender, Alma DaCosta Davison, Ida Fisher,  
Gregory Bauerschubert, Louise Schad, Wesley Frensdorff, Anne Whitney, Jean Leslie Ferraro,  
Chauncey Worrell, Jennie Alice (Miller) Law, Joaquin Munoz, Joseph Rowbottom, Sr.,  
Elizabeth Brown, Mary O'Connell, Albert Steiner, Beulah Tietz,  
Doreene Cavaco, Robert Brendel

### Altar Memorial Gifts

The altar flowers and the sanctuary candle are given either in memory or in thanksgiving of a loved one or an event. Please stop and take a look at the bulletin board outside the sacristy for more information.

Donations:

High Altar Flowers	\$ 55
Chapel Flowers	\$ 20
Sanctuary Candle	\$ 15

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