



This Week at Ascension

[Link to the Bulletins for April 19](#)

[Link to the Rev. Susan Flander's Sermon "Doubting Thomas" from April 12.](#)

[Link to the Episcopal Diocese of Washington's Website](#)

Calendar Highlights

Saturday, April 18

9am Overeaters Anonymous, Undercroft Commons

11am AI-Anon, Undercroft Commons

11am Overeaters

Anonymous, Ascension House

4pm Youth Sunday Practice, Main Church

Sunday, April 19 - Youth Sunday

7:45am Holy Eucharist, Main Church

9am Holy Eucharist, Main Church

9am Godly Play, Room 6

9am ESOL Class, Room 1

10:15am Holy Eucharist for Families with Young Children, Chapel

10:15 am A Joyful Path, Room 3

10:15 am Rite 13, and Confirm, not Conform, Ascension House

10:15 am Choir Practice, Choir Room

10:15am Men's Shelter

Death and Resurrection

"Death and resurrection. It's the impossibility around which every other impossibility of the Christian faith orbits. Baptism declares that God is in the business of brining dead things back to life, so if you want in on God's business, you better prepare to follow God to all the rock-bottom, scorched-earth, dead-on-arrival corners of this world - including those of your own heart - because that's where God works, that's where God gardens. Baptism reminds us there's no ladder to holiness to climb, no self-improvement plan to follow. It's just death and resurrection, over and over again, day after day, as God reaches down into our deepest graves and with the same power that raised Jesus from the dead, wrests us from our pride, our apathy, our fear, our prejudice, our anger, our hurt, and our despair.

Most days I'm not sure which is harder for me to believe: that God reanimated the brain functions of a man three days dead, or that God can bring back to life all the beautiful things we have killed. Both seem pretty unlikely to me."

Rachel Held Evans - from the Baptism section of #SearchingForSunday <http://rachelheldevans.com/searching-for-sunday/>

Announcements

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HEADLINERS

[Family Movie Night, April 17](#)

[Youth Sunday, April 19](#)

[Men's Shelter Lunch Preparation](#)

[Acolyte Training and Review](#)

[The Portable Jung](#)

Lunch Preparation,
Undercroft Commons
11am Holy Eucharist in
Spanish, Chapel
11am Godly Play, Room 6
11:15 am Holy Eucharist,
Chapel
1pm Christian Counselor's
Meeting, Library
1:30pm Maryland Uke Jam,
Undercroft Commons
2pm Fibromyalgia Support
Group, Ascension House
5pm Holy Eucharist, Chapel

Monday, April 20

1pm Lord's Table Soup
Kitchen, St. Martin's
6:30pm Overeaters
Anonymous, Undercroft
Commons
7pm Listening Hearts
Community, Library

Tuesday, April 21

9:30am Staff Meeting,
Library
11am Yoga, Chapel
6pm Spanish Bible Study,
Room 3
7pm Education for Ministry,
Library
7pm Still Water Mindfulness
Practice, Chapel
8:30pm AI-Anon, Ascension
House

Wednesday, April 22

10am *Speaking Christian*
Book Group, Library
7pm Codependents
Anonymous, Ascension House
8pm Gamblers Anonymous,
Ascension House

Thursday, April 23

11am Episcopal Seeking
Seniors, Asbury
6pm Spanish Class, Room 3

[Link to our Online Calendar](#)

Worship Leaders

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

[Godly Play, April 19](#)

[A Joyful Path, April 19](#)

[Rite-13 and Confirm, not Conform](#)

[Still Water Mindfulness Practice Group](#)

[Listening Heart Community at Ascension](#)

[Speaking Christian Morning Book Study](#)

[Men's Retreat - Save the Date!](#)

WORSHIP

[Worship Rosters, April - June](#)

[Bulletins for Tablets Link](#)

SERVICE

[Work Camp 2015](#)

[Mother's Day Food Drive](#)

[Lord's Table Soup Kitchen](#)

[Gaithersburg HELP](#)

[Ascension's Cancer Support Group](#)

LIFE AT ASCENSION

[Ascension Softball](#)

[Save these May Dates...](#)

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THE ASCENDANT

[April](#)

Prayers

FOR THOSE WHOSE LIVES ARE CLOSELY LINKED WITH OURS:
Pray for Good Stewardship of the Earth (International Earth
Day : April 22)

Sunday, April 19 - Youth Sunday
Preachers: Alex Angel, Alex
Hanson, Kendall Anderson,
Gabrielle Derosier, and Ben
Heining

Flower Delivery: Hawa Clemens,
Adoma Baffoe

7:45 AM *Reader/Prayers:* Alfred
Wasikye, *Chalicians:* Angie Hight-
Walker, Trevor Walker, *Healing
Prayer:* Jean Cohn, *Acolytes:* Ron
Hayden, Jackson Douglas, Aidan
Douglas, *Welcome Team:* Ian Shear,
Alfred Wasikye, *Altar Guild:* Leslie
Sanya, Wadai Dennis

9:00 AM *Readers:* Peedy
Pshopelius, Douglas Wasikye,
Prayers: Alexandra Lord-Wilkinson,
Chalicians: Douglas Wasikye, *Healing
Prayer:* Randy Lord-Wilkinson,
Acolytes: Nuelle Johnson, Karyn
Anderson, *Welcome Team:* Ian
Shear, Alfred Wasikye, Angie Hight-
Walker, Trevor Walker, *Altar Guild:*
Nancy Carman, Cynthia Perley

11:15 AM *Reader:* Alfred Wasikye,
Chalicians: Ian Shaer, Karyn
Anderson, *Healing Prayer:* Kate
Siberine, *Welcome Team:* Alfred
Wasikye, Jenny TenHagen, Jerry
FitzPatrick, *Altar Guild:* Lynne
Shaer, Laura Shay

5:00 PM *Reader/Usher:* Dora
Krietzer

Eucharistic Visitors: Barb
Mansfield, Kate Foley

St. Mark's Church, DC
St. Mark's Church, Fairland
St. George's, Glenn Dale
St. George's Church, Valley Lee
St. George's Parish, DC

PRAY FOR COMFORT, HEALING, COURAGE, AND HOPE:

Sue, Lee, Roderick, Ann, Susan, Ellen, Joan, Nancy, Sarah,
Onepe, Nancy, Janet, Lou, Fran, Ryan, and all those who, in
this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or
any other adversity.

We pray for peace in the world and all who are serving our
country here and abroad, especially those in harm's way, and
their families. For all people affected by natural disasters,
violence, and war.

We pray for all special intentions, and those on our extended
Healing Prayer List.

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