



This Week at Ascension

[Link to the Bulletins for April 26](#)

[Link to Alex Angel's Sermon from Youth Sunday, April 19.](#)

[Link to Alex Hanson's Sermon from Youth Sunday, April 19.](#)

[Link to Kendall Anderson's Sermon from Youth Sunday, April 19.](#)

[Link to Gabby DeRosier's Sermon from Youth Sunday, April 19](#)

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

Calendar Highlights

Saturday, April 25

9am Overeaters Anonymous, Undercroft Commons
11am AI-Anon, Undercroft Commons
11am Overeaters Anonymous, Ascension House

Sunday, April 26

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

No Exceptions

Death is not just physical dying, but going to full depth, hitting the bottom, going the distance, beyond where I am in control, fully beyond where I am now. We all die eventually; we have no choice in the matter. But there are degrees of death before the final physical one. If we are honest, we acknowledge that we are dying throughout our life, and this is what we learn if we are attentive: grace is found at the depths and in the death of everything.

After these smaller deaths, we know that the only "deadly sin" is to swim on the surface of things, where we never see, find, or desire God and love. This includes even the surface of religion, which might be the worst danger of all. Thus, we must not be afraid of falling, failing, going "down." It is at the bottom where we find grace; for like water, grace seeks the lowest place and there it pools up. (Teresa of Avila says in her autobiography that water is the single best multilayered symbol for the entire spiritual journey.)

When you go into the full depths and death, sometimes even the depths of your sin, you come out the other side—and the word for that is resurrection. Something or someone builds a bridge for you between death and life, recognizable only from the far side. None of us crosses over by our own effort or merits, purity or perfection. We are all carried across by an uncreated and unearned grace—from pope to president to princess to peasant. Worthiness is never the ticket, only deep desire, and the ticket is given in the desiring. There are no exceptions to death and there are no exceptions to grace. And I believe, with good evidence, that there are no exceptions to resurrection.

Adapted from Richard Rohr's *Immortal Diamond: The Search for Our True Self*

Announcements
(click for more info)

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
11am Holy Eucharist in
Spanish, Chapel
11am Godly Play, Room 6
11:15 am Holy Eucharist,
Chapel
12:30pm Acolyte Training
and Review, Main Church
2pm Vestry Meeting, Room 1
5pm Holy Eucharist, Chapel
6pm Youth Group,
Undercroft Commons

Monday, April 27

6:30pm Overeaters
Anonymous, Undercroft
Commons

Tuesday, April 28

9:30am Staff Meeting,
Library
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 29

10am *The Portable Jung*
Book Group, Library
7pm Codependents
Anonymous, Ascension House
8pm Gamblers Anonymous,
Ascension House

Thursday, April 30

11am Yoga, Chapel
6pm Spanish Class, Room 3
6:45pm Girl Scouts, Room 6

[Link to our Online Calendar](#)

Worship Leaders

Sunday, April 26

HEADLINERS

[Acolyte Training and Review, Sunday, April 26](#)

[Mother's Day Food Drive](#)

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

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

[Godly Play, April 26](#)

[A Joyful Path, April 26](#)

[Youth Group, April 26](#)

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

[The Portable Jung](#)

[Still Water Mindfulness Practice Group](#)

[Listening Heart Community at Ascension](#)

[Yoga Class Change](#)

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

WORSHIP

[Worship Rosters, April - June](#)

[Bulletins for Tablets Link](#)

SERVICE

[G-SHARP Dine Out Fundraiser, Wednesday, April 29](#)

[Work Camp 2015](#)

[Lord's Table Soup Kitchen](#)

[Gaithersburg HELP](#)

[Ascension's Cancer Support Group](#)

LIFE AT ASCENSION

[Ascension Softball](#)

[ESOL Class](#)

[Prayer Request Updates](#)

THE ASCENDANT

[April](#)

Preacher: Ms. Kate Siberine

Flower Delivery: Musu Rogers,
Eliane Dunn-Johnson

7:45 AM *Reader/Prayers:* Jean Cohn, *Chalicians:* Sharon Hayden, Edna Leake, *Healing Prayer:* Meredith Horan, *Acolytes:* Raymond Chin, Jackson Douglas, Aidan Douglas, *Welcome Team:* Don Cohn, Jean Cohn, *Altar Guild:* Georgette Dennis, Yarvo Jones

9:00 AM *Readers:* Susan McLaughlin, Susan Ahalt, *Prayers:* Kirk Davies, *Chalicians:* Sari Stoddard, Swithin Kwamena-Poh, *Healing Prayer:* Paul Whitmore, *Acolytes:* Kayleigh Yankie, Alex Hanson, Nuelle Johnson, *Welcome Team:* Swithin Kwamena-Poh, Kevin Blanc, Algernon Thomas, Barbara Angel, *Altar Guild:* Carly Thomas, Dotty Pfadenhauer

11:15 AM *Reader:* Karl Didavi, *Chalicians:* Page Salazar, Laura Shay, *Healing Prayer:* Peg Ruppel, *Welcome Team:* Penelope Cudjoe, Musu Rogers, *Altar Guild:* Avin Lalmansingh, Anika Lalmansingh, Alice Padmore

5:00 PM *Reader/Usher:* Pete Minderman

Eucharistic Visitors: Musu Rogers, Enid Cole

Prayers

FOR THOSE WHOSE LIVES ARE CLOSELY LINKED WITH OURS:

Grace Church, Georgetown
Grace Church, Silver Spring Parish
St. Philip's Church, Laurel
St. Philip the Evangelist Church
St. Philip's Church, Baden

PRAY FOR COMFORT, HEALING, COURAGE, AND HOPE:

Sue, Lee, Peg, 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.

THANKSGIVING:

For the life of Mary Jane Liverman, who died on April 10.

For the life of Elaine Greene, mother of Andrew Greene, who died on April 16.

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