



This Week at Ascension

[Link to the Bulletins for May 17](#)

[Link to Dr. Tina Lightner-Morris' Sermon "Love One Another" from May 10.](#)

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

Calendar Highlights

Saturday, May 16

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

Sunday, May 17

Ascension 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
 10:15am Men's Shelter Lunch Preparation, Undercroft Commons
 10:15 am Choir Practice, Choir Room

Meet Meister Eckhart

Johannes "Meister" Eckhart (c. 1260 - 1327/8) is one of the great Christian mystics. He was born near Erfurt in Thuringia and in his distinguished career became a Parisian Professor of Theology and took a leading pastoral and organisational role in the Dominican Order. Scholars in Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam and Judaism have found in his teaching a resonance and sense of common ground with the teaching of their own religious traditions. Several of them have written books about his thought. He is thus a very important mediator in interreligious dialogue both social and formal. In the language of the Christian tradition Eckhart expounds the eternal mysteries in a style that is fresh and original in the best sense. Through the vividness of his use of imagery (alluding to the mysteries of the spark of the soul, the Abyss, the desert, the birth of the Word in the heart, etc.) Eckhart paradoxically directs us to that which lies beyond image.

- From the web site for "The Eckhart Society:" <http://www.eckhartociety.org/about-us/eckhart-society>.

Hear him now:

The eye through which I see God is the same eye through which God sees me, my eye and God's eye are one eye, one seeing, one knowing, one love.

One must not always think so much about what one should do, but rather what one should be. Our works do not ennoble us, but we must ennoble our works.

We rarely find people who achieve great things without first going astray.

Nothing in all creation is so like God as stillness.

We are celebrating the feast of the Eternal Birth which God the Father has borne and never ceases to bear in all eternity. But if it takes not place in me, what avails it? Everything lies in this, that it should take place in me.

11am Holy Eucharist in Spanish, Chapel
11am Godly Play, Room 6
11:15 am Holy Eucharist, Chapel
12:30pm Pledgers' Luncheon, Undercroft Commons
1:30pm Maryland Uke Jam, Chapel
2pm Fibromyalgia Support Group, Ascension House
5pm Holy Eucharist, Chapel
7:15pm Youth Group, Shadowland Gaithersburg

Monday, May 18

1pm Lord's Table Soup Kitchen, St. Martin's
6:30pm Ascension Softball vs. St. Journey's Crossing, Stewartown Field
6:30pm Overeaters Anonymous, Undercroft Commons

Tuesday, May 19

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, May 20

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

Thursday, May 21

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

[Link to our Online Calendar](#)

You may call God love, you may call God goodness. But the best name for God is compassion.

My Lord told me a joke. And seeing him laugh has done more for me than any scripture I will ever read.

God is at home, it's we who have gone out for a walk.

We are all meant to be mothers of God, for God is always needing to be born.

There exists only the present instant a now which always and without end is itself new. There is no yesterday nor any tomorrow, but only Now, as it was a thousand years ago and as it will be a thousand years hence.

Announcements

(click for more info)

HEADLINERS

[Youth Group Laser Tag, May 17, New Time](#)

[Work Camp 2015](#)

[Men's Shelter Lunch Preparation, May 17](#)

[Multi-lingual Readers for Pentecost Needed](#)

[Newcomer's Luncheon, May 31](#)

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

[Godly Play, May 17](#)

[A Joyful Path, May 17](#)

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

[The Portable Jung](#)

[Still Water Mindfulness Practice Group](#)

[Listening Heart Community at Ascension](#)

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

WORSHIP

[Worship Rosters, April - June](#)

[Attention Worship Leaders](#)

[Bulletins for Tablets Link](#)

Worship Leaders

Sunday, May 17

Preacher: (The Rev.) Randy Lord-Wilkinson

Flower Delivery: Musu Rogers,
Eliane Dunn-Johnson

7:45 AM *Reader/Prayers:* Enid Cole,
Chalicians: Edna Leake, Leslie Sanya, *Healing Prayer:* Lisa Murdock, *Acolytes:* Ron Hayden, Jackson Douglas, Aidan Douglas, *Welcome Team:* Meredith Horan, Wadai Dennis, *Altar Guild:* Georgette Dennis, Yarvo Jones

9:00 AM *Readers:* Susan Ahalt, Betsy Hasegawa, *Prayers:* Gordon Donnelly, *Chalicians:* Jerry Pfadenhauer, Dotty Pfadenhauer, *Healing Prayer:* Paul Whitmore, *Acolytes:* Kofi Dickson, Lisa Dickson, Stacy Taylor, *Welcome Team:* Nii Armah Akuete, Ruby King, Charles Dickson, *Altar Guild:* Shirley Allen, Sari Stoddard

11:15 AM *Reader:* Kirk Fitch, *Chalicians:* Anika Lalmansingh, Avin Lalmansingh, *Healing Prayer:* Sarah Rubin, *Welcome Team:* Pete Minderman, Sciou Broderick, *Altar Guild:* Avin Lalmansingh, Anika Lalmansingh

5:00 PM *Reader/Usher:* Feeta Caphart

Eucharistic Visitors: Pamela Irons-Forth, Barb Mansfield

SERVICE

Lord's Table Soup Kitchen

Gaithersburg HELP

Ascension's Cancer Support Group

LIFE AT ASCENSION

Ascension Softball Schedule

Ascension's Adventure Group to Sugarloaf Mountain, May 30

Evensong and Reception for Paul Kelley, May 31

Annual Parish Picnic, June 7

Broadhurst Architect Presentation, June 14

ESOL Class

Prayer Request Updates

THE ASCENDANT NEWSLETTER

May

Prayers

FOR THOSE WHOSE LIVES ARE CLOSELY LINKED WITH OURS:

St. Dunstan's Church
Thurgood Marshall

PRAY FOR COMFORT, HEALING, COURAGE, AND HOPE:

Sue, Lee, Peg, Nan, Susan, Gary, Nancy, 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.

We pray for those who died in Nepal and those who are bereaved; Lord, be with the rescue workers and keep them safe as they make heroic efforts in dangerous situations to rescue those still alive and in peril; be with everyone waiting to be rescued, keep them safe, and bring help to them soon.

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