

# EPISCOPAL Church of the Ascension



## This Week at Ascension

[Link to the Bulletins for May 29](#)

[Link to Randy's Sermon "One Sermon with Three Points" from May 22.](#)

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

### Calendar Highlights

**Saturday, May 28**

9am Overeaters Anonymous, Room 1

11am AI-Anon, Undercroft Commons

11am Overeaters Anonymous, Room 1

**Sunday, May 29**

7:45am Holy Eucharist, Main Church

8:15am Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

9am Holy Eucharist, Main Church

9am Godly Play, Room 6

9am A Joyful Path, Room 11

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

11am Holy Eucharist in Spanish, Chapel

11am Godly Play, Room 6

11am A Joyful Path, Room 11

11:15am Holy Eucharist, Main Church

12:15pm Budget Priorities Discussion Group, Library

### The Thin Places

There is in Celtic mythology the notion of "thin places" in the universe, where the visible and the invisible world come into their closest proximity. To seek such places is the vocation of the wise and the good, and those who find them find the clearest communication between the temporal and the eternal. Monasteries and holy places were meant to be founded at such spots to increase the likelihood of a transcendental communication. These thin places were threshold places, from the Latin *limen*, which can mean a border or frontier place where two worlds meet and where one has the possibility of communicating with the other. In Celtic studies the phrase can refer to places that stand at the border between the spiritual and temporal realms, and between people gifted with supernatural gifts in the mundane world and those living on the border.

Perhaps we can adapt the concept of such thin places to the experience that people are likely to have as they encounter suffering, joy, and mystery, and seek in some fashion to make sense of that encounter. If we think of these encounters as the ultimate thin places of human experience, and of religion as a way of talking and thinking about the encounters, we might do very well to think of the Bible as our guide through the thin places, and as providing us with a record of how our ancestors coped with their encounters and guidance beyond their particular situation which may be useful in ours.

Peter Gomes, *The Good Book*

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**Announcements**  
(click for more info)

#### HEADLINERS

[Survey About Sunday School](#)

[Final Budget Discussion Group, May 29](#)

[Outreach Retreat](#)

5pm Holy Eucharist, Chapel

**Monday, May 30**

*Memorial Day - Office Closed*

6:30pm Overeaters  
Anonymous, Room 1

**Tuesday, May 31**

6:30pm Spanish Class,  
Ascension House  
7pm Codependents  
Anonymous, Room 1  
7pm Stillwater Mindfulness  
Group, Chapel  
8:30pm AI-Anon, Room 1

**Wednesday, June 1**

10am *Gilead* Book Group,  
Library  
7pm Ensemble Rehearsal,  
Main Church  
8pm Gamblers Anonymous,  
Chapel

**Thursday, June 2**

10am Yoga, Chapel  
7:45pm Choir Rehearsal,  
Choir Room

[Link to our Online Calendar](#)

## Worship Leaders

**Sunday, May 29**

Preacher: (The Rev.) Randy Lord-  
Wilkinson

*Flower Delivery:* Eliane Dunn-  
Johnson, Alice Padmore

7:45 AM *Reader/Prayers:* Enid Cole,  
*Chalicians:* Edna Leake, Leslie  
Sanya, *Healing Prayer:* Janet King,  
*Acolytes:* Ron Hayden, Jackson  
Douglas, Aidan Douglas, *Welcome  
Team:* Wadai Dennis, Frank Sanya,  
*Altar Guild:* Georgette Dennis

9:00 AM, *Readers:* Susan Ahalt,  
Gordon Donnelly, *Prayers:* Carleton  
MacDonald, *Chalicians:* Swithin  
Kwamena-Poh, Sari Stoddard,  
*Healing Prayer:* Paul Whitmore,  
*Acolytes:* Manny Johnson, Msangwa  
Ogada, Nuelle Johnson, *Welcome  
Team:* Esther Allotey-Taylor, Bev  
Stennett, Christine Kroma,  
Josephine Clarke, *Altar Guild:*  
Sarah Gallagher, Kristin FitzPatrick

[Annual Picnic; June 5](#)

**CHRISTIAN FORMATION**

[Godly Play, May 29](#)

[A Joyful Path, May 29](#)

[Christian Formation Summer Break](#)

[Work Camp, 2016](#)

[Yoga at Ascension](#)

[New Book for Wednesday Morning Book Group: \*Gilead\*](#)

[Women's Retreat](#)

[Listening Heart Community at Ascension](#)

[Still Water Mindfulness Practice Group](#)

**WORSHIP**

[Attention Worship Leaders](#)

[Worship Rosters, April-June, 2016](#)

[Bulletins for Tablets Link](#)

**SERVICE**

[Men's Shelter Lunch Preparation](#)

[Gaithersburg HELP](#)

[Lord's Table Soup Kitchen](#)

**LIFE AT ASCENSION**

[Ascension's Adventurers Seeking Ideas](#)

[June Movie Night](#)

[Ascension Softball](#)

[Father's Day Food Drive](#)

[Congratulations Graduates](#)

[Church Yard Sale and Car Wash](#)

[Summer Office Hours](#)

[Living with Serious Illness Group](#)

[Keeping the Feast](#)

[Spanish Classes](#)

[Prayer Request Updates](#)

11:15 AM *Reader*: Laura Shay,  
*Chalicians*: Rimie Sicard, Peg  
Ruppel, *Healing Prayer*: Peg Ruppel,  
*Welcome Team*: Pete Minderman,  
Kendall Anderson, *Altar Guild*:  
Laura Shay, Georgana Maines

5:00 PM *Reader/Chalician*: Howard  
Holland

Eucharistic Visitors: Jean Cohn

## PUBLICATIONS

[Link to the Annual Report and the Vestry Candidate Questionnaire](#)

[May Ascendant](#)

[Together We Shine](#)

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## Prayers

### FOR THOSE WHOSE LIVES ARE CLOSELY LINKED WITH OURS:

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for The Diocesan Committee on Human Resources, The Canons and Staff of the Diocese of Washington, All Vestries, Parish Leaders and Staff Members.

### PRAY FOR COMFORT, HEALING, COURAGE, AND HOPE:

Rose, Carol, Alvaro, Marguerite, Sarah, Nancy, Janet, Lou, Fran, 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.

Equip us and empower us to be witnesses to your love - as advocates and as servants, as ministers of welcome and of hope for all affected by natural disasters, violence, and war.

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

### THANKSGIVING:

We give thanks for the lives of Rick Wilkinson and Lois Foxwell who died this past week. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

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