



# This Week at Ascension

[Link to the Bulletins for May 3](#)

[Link to Ms. Kate Siberine's Sermon from April 26.](#)

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

## Calendar Highlights

### Saturday, May 2

9am Overeaters Anonymous, Undercroft Commons  
11am AI-Anon, Undercroft Commons  
11am Overeaters Anonymous, Ascension House  
3pm The Lord's Table Soup Kitchen, St. Martin's

### Sunday, May 3

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  
11am Holy Eucharist in Spanish, Chapel  
11am Godly Play, Room 6

## You Are Where You're Supposed to Be

Jesus taught and healed, and then would withdraw to be alone. Not because he was finished. His work continues. "I assure you that whoever believes in me will do the works that I do. They will do even greater works than these because I am going to the Father" (John 14:12). I am one with the Risen Lord as he is one with God: in purpose, in desire, in dreaming, in action.

But what are my "works?" What difference can I make?

Many have said that Jesus was one of the most influential people that ever lived, and certainly the most influential figure in Western civilization. But the size of the area in which he lived out his earthly ministry was quite small. He wrote nothing and spent a lot of time alone.

We ought to do what Jesus did. "Pray" the places we live and work; minister to the people we see right in front of our faces. One thing I have found, living in a few different parts of the country (and military people know this, too), is that there are amazing human beings planted in all sorts of unheard of places. People in West Virginia or Maine are no less important than people in Los Angeles, New York, Baltimore, or Jerusalem. If more people like you and me decided that we could change the world by "thinking (and praying) globally and acting locally," then some of the things we see and hear about would not, could not, have happened.

We are where we are because God needs friends to do the work wherever lost sheep are found, wherever the seeds of hatred are germinating unseen, wherever quiet heroism can prune evil from the world before its roots take hold.

Rather than being paralyzed and numbed when we see injustice and horror, we should renew our dedication to bring Christ to right where we are.

Can I make a difference? Yes. Can I change what has already happened somewhere else on the planet? No. Can I change anything at all? Maybe. There is a young branch of science

11:15 am Holy Eucharist, Chapel  
12:30pm Vestry Luncheon with Bishop Mariann Budde, Room 1  
5pm Holy Eucharist, Chapel

#### Monday, May 4

11:30am Cancer Support Group, Room 3  
6:30pm Overeaters Anonymous, Undercroft Commons  
7pm Listening Hearts Community, Library

#### Tuesday, May 5

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 6

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

#### Thursday, May 7

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

[Link to our Online Calendar](#)

## Worship Leaders

Sunday, May 3  
Preachers: The Rt. Rev. Mariann Edgar Budde, (The Rev.) Randy Lord-Wilkinson

*Flower Delivery:* Alice Padmore, Esther Sawyer

7:45 AM *Reader/Prayers:* Jackson Douglas, *Chalicians:* Leslie Sanya, Enid Cole, *Healing Prayer:* Jean

and mathematics known as “chaos theory” that finds patterns and relationships in this awesome and vast universe where none had been suspected. A butterfly flapping its wings in a meadow on Mt. Rainier can contribute to the formation of a tropical storm in the south Pacific. Small initial changes in a situation can resonate to the point of revolution down the road of time. Author Malcolm Gladwell calls this phenomenon a “tipping point.”

I matter. I can make a difference. Or miss an opportunity.

Jesus walked the earth for a short while and met a few people, taught a few, healed a few. He “prayed with his feet.” And through you who accept him that life and work continues to transform the world.

Peace be with you, here and everywhere.— Randy

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### Announcements

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### HEADLINERS

[Mother's Day Food Drive](#)

[Broadhurst Architect Presentation, Rescheduled for June 14](#)

[Youth Group Schedule Change for May](#)

[Work Camp 2015](#)

[Keeping the Feast in the Narthex](#)

### CHRISTIAN FORMATION

[Godly Play, May 3](#)

[A Joyful Path, May 3](#)

[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

[Bilingual Readers for Pentecost Needed](#)

[Worship Rosters, April - June](#)

Cohn, Acolytes: Ron Hayden, Jackson Douglas, Aidan Douglas, *Welcome Team*: Herald Douglas, Lisa Murdock, *Altar Guild*: Enid Cole, Mardia Dennis

**9:00 AM** *Readers*: Gordon Donnelly, Suzyn Gonzalez, *Prayers*: Barbara Mansfield, *Chalicians*: Major Clemens, Esther Tellu, *Healing Prayer*: Javier Ocampo, *Acolytes*: Kofi Swamena-Poh, Stacy Taylor, Kayleigh Yankie, *Welcome Team*: Naomi Senkeeto, Esther Allotey-Taylor, Bev Stennett, Christine Kroma, *Altar Guild*: Sarah Gallagher, Kristin FitzPatrick

**11:15 AM** *Reader*: Megan Didavi, *Chalicians*: Rimie Sicard, Georgana Maines, *Healing Prayer*: Laura Shay, *Welcome Team*: Alex Langley, Alice Padmore, *Altar Guild*: Laura Shay, Alice Padmore

**5:00 PM** *Reader/Usher*: Christine Yankus-Eng

**Eucharistic Visitors**: Jean Cohn

## Bulletins for Tablets Link

### SERVICE

Lord's Table Soup Kitchen

Gaithersburg HELP

Ascension's Cancer Support Group

### LIFE AT ASCENSION

Save these Dates...

Ascension Softball

Annual Parish Picnic

ESOL Class

Prayer Request Updates

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### Prayers

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

St. Monica's and St. James'  
Seabury Resources for Aging  
Friendship Terrace  
Seabury Christian Communities Group Homes  
Collington Episcopal Life Care Community  
All Seniors and their Ministries in the Church.

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

Sue, Lee, Peg, Roderick, Susan, Gary, Rudi, Susan, Joan, 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.

Compassionate God, we pray for healing and justice for your people in Baltimore; deliver them and our nation from the systemic evils revealed by the violence manifest there in these latter days;

In your Word you have given us a vision of that holy City to which the nations of the world bring their glory: Behold and visit, we pray, all the cities of the earth. Renew the ties of

mutual regard which form our civic life. Send us honest and able leaders. Enable us to eliminate poverty, prejudice, and oppression that peace may prevail with righteousness, and justice with order, and that men and women from different cultures and with differing talents may find with one another the fulfillment of their humanity.

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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