



Paula Jones

ASCENSION MEMORIAL CHURCH
A Parish of the
Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts

Flourishing - Family - Community

*To bear witness to the Spirit of God
we see in Jesus as an Episcopal community open to all,
centered in worship, Christian education, table fellowship,
care for the environment,
and compassion for neighbors local and global*

October 9, 2022

P.O. 547, 31 County Street,
Ipswich, MA 01938
e-mail: amcipswich@verizon.net
978-356-2560
www.amcipswich.org

Acolytes - Ushers - Readers
Charlie Ackley, Malcolm, Margaret & Peter Joss-Green,
Emmett Lees-Rolfe, John Quimby, Charles Quimby,
Anja & Soren Suomi,
Vicki Hughes, Paul Philpy, Paula Jones

Prelude

The Singing Bowl

*Take a moment listen to the sound of the bowl
as it echoes and reverberates through the church and slowly fades away.*

Opening Invocation

As we gather here in this harbor of safety, we give thanks for fellowship and family.

We ask for strength in all adversity and the inspiration to love and care for one another.

*Let our hearts be filled with peace and understanding
so that as we journey onwards, we pour out love and grace to others.*

*We ask that our souls catch the wind of the Spirit
so that we may carry the promise of peace and joy to all the earth.*

Welcome

Prayer Cards

You are invited to write on your cards the things you are most grateful for about your family.

*The ushers will collect the cards and they will be read aloud during the Prayers
unless you indicate that you wish them to remain private.*

Reading: Colossians 3:12-15

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.

Reflection - Lucas Callahan

Song: Beatitudes

as sung by *Sweet Honey in the Rock*
from the album *Live at Carnegie Hall*

The Prayers

The Blessing Over the Bread

Just as rain and snow fall from the heavens and return not again, but water the earth, bringing forth life and giving growth, seed for sowing and bread for eating;

So is the love that flows through us, bringing us life and giving us growth;

It will not return empty, but will break open your life as a gift for feeding others, just as we now break open this loaf of bread as a gift for feeding one another.

*During the breaking of bread,
please feel warmly invited to come forward to receive a
piece of bread as a sign of your place in the family of things*

Blessing & Dismissal

*Life is short, and we do not have too much time
to gladden the hearts of those who walk the way with us;
so be swift to love, make haste to be kind,
and may the Blessing of the One who created us,
redeemed us, and who walks always with us,
be with us and all those we love, this day and always. Amen.*

Following the service,
please join us on the front lawn for
S'mores!

