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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*

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"Room on the Broom"

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The Singing Bowl

*Take a moment to 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

*During the following music meditation, you are invited to pray for
someone you may not really want to pray for.*

*The ushers will collect the cards later in the service and they will be read aloud during the Prayers.
You can indicate on the card if you wish your prayers to remain private.*

Music Meditation

Reading: Luke 6:27-31

But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

Reading: *Room on the Broom*

words by Julia Donaldson & illustrations by Axel Scheffler

Reflection

*If you see your brother standing by the road,
With a heavy load from the seeds he's sowed,
And if you see your sister falling by the way,
Just stop and say, you're going the wrong way.*

*You got to try a little kindness,
Yes show a little kindness,
Just shine your light for everyone to see.
And if you try a little kindness,
Then you'll overlook the blindness,
Of narrow-minded people on the narrow-minded streets.*

*Don't walk around the down and out,
Lend a helping hand instead of doubt,
And the kindness that you show every day,
Will help someone along their way.*

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 in the Parlor for
Halloween Snacks & Painting Pumpkins.