



## ASCENSION MEMORIAL CHURCH

Flourishing - Family - Community

A Parish of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts

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### NEWS & EVENTS

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Dear Friends and Parishioners of Ascension Memorial Church,

The annual observance of Holy Week, beginning with this Sunday morning with the celebration of Palm Sunday (The Sunday of the Passion) and extending through Easter morning, invites us to go deep, to step inside the movement of love to see where it takes us, to see that pain, loss, suffering, and darkness are real indeed, but not where the road ends. The more we trust in humbly letting down our guard, remaining present to all that is, the more we discover a loving, renewing, sustaining presence there to befriend us in the darkness. The various services offered this Holy Week at Ascension welcome you to join friends in boldly walking close to death and loss in order that we may grow more fully alive in the Way of love.

"Be watchful, brethren, lest the mysteries of this season pass you by without your gaining from them their due fruit. Abundant is the blessing; you must bring clean vessels to receive it, and offer loving souls and watchful senses, sober affections and pure consciences for such great gifts of grace. ... All Christians practise more than usual devotion in these seven days and try to be more humble and more serious than is their wont, so that in some sort they may share Christ's sufferings. And rightly so. For the Passion of the Lord is here in truth, shaking the earth, rending the rocks and opening the tombs; and His Resurrection also is at hand...."

*Bernard of Clairvaux 1090-1153*

*On Keeping Holy Week - De Passione Domini*



#### Ascension Holy Week Schedule of Services

##### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**04.14 Palm Sunday:** Eucharist at 8:00am & 10:15am

**04.15 Monday:** Holy Silence/Holy Communion: 7:00pm

**04.16 Tuesday:** Holy Silence/Holy Communion: 7:00pm

**04.17 Wednesday:** Holy Silence/Holy Communion: 7:00pm

**04.18 Maundy Thursday:** Agape Meal at 6:00pm

Eucharist at 7:00pm

Vigil from 8:00pm Thursday to 12:00pm Friday

*Sign Up Sheet in Parlor*

**04.19 Good Friday:** Services at 12:00pm and 7:00pm

**04.20 Holy Saturday:** Easter Vigil at 8:00pm

**04.21 Easter Sunday:** Eucharist at 8:00am & 10:15am

### THE ALMA CHENEY MEMORIAL CONCERT - Sunday, May 19th at 4:00PM

#### A CELEBRATION OF MUSIC AT ASCENSION

The Choir, The Choristers & Our Beach Children's Choir

Helen Badenhause & Frank Corbin, duo piano

Christopher Petre-Baumer, flute, John Petre-Baumer, baritone

Frank Corbin, organist & director

*Free Will Offering to benefit the Alma Cheney Memorial Music Fund*

## **REVEL IN YOUR INNER EASTER BUNNY - The GREENer Way**

Lent is rapidly approaching its annual Joyful conclusion. We'll get to say Alleluia again in church, bedeck crosses with daffodils, wear large hats – generally celebrate the Resurrection. And then of course there are Easter Eggs. Per tradition, we will be hiding eggs for the Easter egg hunt which commences after the 10:15 Eucharist on Easter Sunday morning. If you would like to help provide the sweet treasures for the hunt please leave appropriate candy (individually wrapped and small) in Matthew's Parlor by noon on Wednesday April 17th. Please do not put the candy in newly purchased plastic eggs. If you would like to actually fill eggs, a box with plastic eggs from previous years can be found on the table in the parlor – please pick some up after church. If you would like to purchase your own eggs to fill, please make sure they are clearly recyclable or, better yet - certified compostable.

## **OUTREACH MISSION EFFORT - DINNER BELL**

Dinner Bell is a weekly Monday community dinner, held at the Masonic Lodge, and another service effort we at Ascension are committed to. Thanks to the 10 parishioners who signed up for last Monday's Dinner Bell community dinner. Our team spent a couple of hours helping to prepare and serve the food, expertly cooked by a member of the Lodge. Dinner Bell is an enjoyable evening for the entire Ipswich community, an opportunity to share a delicious meal with our neighbors. There will be several other dates where we can offer our help, so look for a future announcement in the Bulletin with our next assigned time.

## **NEXT FUNDRAISING DATE: IPSWICH COMMUNITY YARD SALE**

**Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 9AM – Noon**



### **Call for Donation of Goods**

Downsizing? Decluttering? As you dig into your spring cleaning, please donate your quality items to Ascension as part of the Ipswich Community Yard Sale. The Ipswich Community Yard Sale is a popular event where multiple yard sale vendors sell their items on our front lawn. In addition, we host the Ascension Rummage Sale in the Dorman Gym, featuring a wide and eclectic mix of items donated by parishioners.

We are seeking these **new and gently used items in good condition:**

**Jewelry \* Home Décor \* Kitchen Items \* Housewares \* Small Appliances \* Toys  
Tools \* Books \* Holiday Items \* CDs \* Clothing \* Knick Knacks \* Sporting Goods Garden Items**

**Please NO gas-powered items, TVs, computers or large, heavy, upholstered furniture.**

#### **Donation Drop-off Times:**

Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 9 am – noon

Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 9 am – noon

Anytime during the week of May 27<sup>th</sup>.

We are also accepting **JEWELRY DONATIONS** for the Ascension Jewelry Table.

Jewelry can be dropped off in the Parlor anytime.

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## **THE GREEN INITIATIVE**

After our viewing of the documentary “ A Plastic Ocean” with the Ipswich Middle School Green Team on Shrove Tuesday, we resolved to see if we could do better recycling materials and organics here at Ascension. We have begun a “Green Initiative” policy and team to eliminate single-use plastic, recycle more conscientiously, and collect organics for composting. Please note our renewed efforts during Coffee Hour as we have eliminated Styrofoam cups, plastic utensils, and stirrers. We are now initiating collecting our organic waste for Ipswich’s curbside compost program.

Please look for the special bin in the Parlor for organics to be composted. What can go in it? Your used paper coffee cups, soiled paper plates and napkins, used stirrers and tea bags, and any food waste. Clean paper goes into the recycling bin. More information on our new “Green Initiative” in Tidings next week. A member of our Green Initiative team will be on hand during coffee hours to help you with questions you may have. We appreciate everyone’s help as we roll this out—

*The Green Initiative Team*

## **THIS WEEK AT ASCENSION**

### **04.14 Sunday**

8:00AM - Holy Eucharist Rite I  
10:15AM - Holy Eucharist Rite II  
4:00PM - Circle of Care - St. Matthew's Parlor

### **04.15 Monday**

12:15PM - Holy Silence  
7:00PM - Holy Silence/Holy Communion

### **04.16 Tuesday**

7:00PM - Holy Silence/Holy Communion

### **04.17 Wednesday**

9:30AM - Bible Study - St. Matthew's Parlor  
7:00PM - Holy Silence/Holy Communion  
7:30PM - Adult Choir Rehearsal - Church

### **04.18 Thursday**

6:00PM - Maundy Thursday Agape Meal - St. Matthew's Parlor  
7:00PM - Maundy Thursday Eucharist

### **04.19 Friday**

12:00PM - Good Friday Service  
7:00PM - Good Friday Service

### **04.20 Saturday**

8:00AM - AMC Men's Group - St. Matthew's Parlor  
8:00PM - Easter Vigil

### **04.21 Easter Sunday**

8:00AM - Holy Eucharist Rite I  
10:15AM - Holy Eucharist Rite II

For additional information and listings,  
please visit our website calendar: [www.amcipswich.org/calendar](http://www.amcipswich.org/calendar)

### **Parish Office Hours:**

**Monday through Thursday - 9:00am to 1:00pm**