



Church of the Ascension

June 28, 2020

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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Opening Acclamation

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A reading from Jeremiah

28:5-9

The priests and the others were still standing there, so I said:

Hananiah, I hope the LORD will do exactly what you said. I hope he does bring back everything the Babylonians took from the temple, and that our people who were taken to Babylonia will be allowed to return home. But let me remind you and everyone else that long before we were born, prophets were saying powerful kingdoms would be struck by war, disaster, and disease. Now you are saying we will have peace. We will just have to wait and see if that is really what the LORD has said.

A reading from Romans

6:12-23

Don't let sin rule your body. After all, your body is bound to die, so don't obey its desires or let any part of it become a slave of evil. Give yourselves to God, as people who have been raised from death to life. Make every part of your body a slave that pleases God. Don't let sin keep ruling your lives. You are ruled by God's kindness and not by the Law.

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Blessing

Good and gracious God, we pray for all who have yet to know of your love and mercy. May the Church of the Ascension be so inspired by your Holy Spirit that it may serve as a beacon of hope and a witness to the gospel for all people. Grant that we may continually grow in our own knowledge and love of you as we strive to use all that we have and all that we are to follow and imitate your beloved son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We go forth in the name of Christ.

† † †

Tom Clark died on Friday June 26th. May he rest in God's loving care.
Please pray for Betty and the family.

We plan to resume in-person worship on Sunday July 19.

Please call the office at 216-521-8727 to let us know if you are coming and how many in the party. Imagine it is like making reservations at a restaurant for now. This will help us better plan and be prepared. Of course we will also accommodate visitors and others who may not have been able to call ahead. We will also continue to offer a virtual worship opportunity as well.

Please do not come to church if you are not feeling well.

All will be required to wear a mask and keep a social distance of 6 feet. Please bring your own mask. Masks will be available if you forget to bring one.

Hand sanitizer will be provided, and you are asked to use it. It is recommended that you have your own hand sanitizer as well.

There will be no coffee hour following the services at this time. People may socialize at a safe distance outside on the lawn or in the garden.

8am service will be held in the West Garden weather permitting. Otherwise it will be in Ascension Hall. Those attending 8am service are asked to enter the building through the West Entrance unless the assistance of the elevator is required. When calling ahead please specify whether you will bring your own chair or need one to be provided for outdoor worship.

10:30am service will be in the church. Those attending 10:30 service are asked to enter and exit through the front doors in the Nartex. As a rule we will enter via the center isle, and exit via the side isles maintaining social distance. Those requiring the assistance of the elevator are welcome to enter and exit through the East Entrance.

All these things may seem to be a burden and to diminish our experience of worship. The devil, the power of evil, wants us to be discouraged and to give up hope. We need to be mindful that we worship God as our Creator and Redeemer and that all our hope on God is founded! We will not give up gathering as the Body of Christ simply because it is less than ideal. Remember we follow a Lord who was terribly inconvenienced by the crucifixion but in the end rose from the dead and freed us from death and despair. So in this season we gladly bear the burden of keeping each other and ourselves safe while simultaneously worshiping God and bearing witness to the world of God's unwavering love.

Please keep these people in your prayers today and all week long:

Our Spiritual Leaders:

+Michael -our Presiding Bishop; +Mark -our Bishop;
+Bill, and +Arthur -our Assisting Bishops;
+Vincent -our Priest; Noah -our deacon

Those for whom prayers have been requested:

Doug Amberman
Martha Amer
Bobby Armbrust
Debbie Armbrust
Ferdinand Afumbom
Endrit Bala
Tuggie Ballard
Cathy Barbato
Beck family
Jen Black
Raymond Black
Teddi Black
Carolyn Borsini
Larry Carey
Steve Conrad
Karen Cooper
Linda Cramer
Carol Culp
Robert Dibb
Joe Farkas
Don Farrell
Anne Ferguson
Bill Fickinger
Ella Jane Fowerbaugh
Linda Gardner
Martha Hartman
Pat Hendy
Diane Jackson
Lisa Jones
Beverly Kliber
Kristen Kowalsick

Delores Kulunigan
Barbara Kutza
Susan Latham
Marilyn Little
June Madden
MaryAnne
Lois Melchoire
David Meschter
Mueller family
Nancy Murphy
Jim Neal
Mike Neill
Gil Newlands
Corey Niebes
Sabrina Pewitt
Keith Robinson
Miriam Schantz
Delores Schew
Pat Scheetz
Rachel Sexton
Roselle Sgambellone
Naomi Singer
Wendi Stemple
Jonathan Tallman
Corky Thacker
Jeanette Triplet
Mimi Verberg
Betty Weber
Brenda & Jaimie Wells
Bill Wofford

Those We Know in the Military

Bill Bobowicz
Stephen Cline
Jason Hildebrandt
McDowell (Mac) Jones

Sydney Kline
Jason Strater
Brendon

The Departed

Tom Clark
Nancy Dittebrand
Bill Hopple
Bonnie O'Donnell
Ron Oleksiak

Mursay Pratt
Victor Ruggiero
Bob Tremlin
Ed Watts

Pledges and offerings to the Church.

Please mail in your pledges/financial offerings so we can continue with the ministries of the church as well as meet our financial obligations.

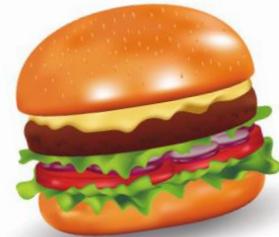
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YOU CAN USE PLASTIC TO DONATE TO THE CHURCH!

At theascensionshop.com you can use plastic to donate to the church. Credit and debit cards are accepted. One time, Weekly, Bi-Weekly, and Monthly contributions can be entered. All contributions will show on your annual statement. Just take a look! (With thanks to theascensionshop creator Michael Crowdes; send questions to crowdes@gmail.com.)

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If you prefer, you can take your food **to-go**.

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6:30 -7:30 pm

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Obituary for Thomas L Clark

Thomas L. Clark, age 81, of Avon Lake, passed away peacefully on Thursday, June 25, 2020.

Born December 16, 1938, in Cleveland, son of the late Merton and Bertha (nee Gaver) Clark. Thomas was an avid golfer and bowler. He worked at LTV Steel for 30 years. Thomas loved to sing and especially enjoyed singing in the choir at Church of the Ascension. Thomas had a unique love for people and could strike up a conversation with anyone. Thomas' kind heart and friendly nature will be greatly missed.

Devoted husband of 60 years to Elizabeth "Betty" (nee Andrews) Clark; cherished father of Madeline (Don) McKenney, Mary (Jeff) Kean, David (Rebecca) Clark, and Patricia (Brian) McKeegan; treasured grandfather of Kelly (Nick) Gentile, Shannon McKenney, Bryan (Katharina) Kean, Rachael Kean, Dominik Clark, and Matthew Clark; beloved great grandfather of Rocco Kean; loving brother of J. Alan Clark; preceded in death by six siblings; dearest brother-in-law of Robert and Mary Ann Guzik.

A private family service has taken place and Thomas will be laid to rest in Sunset Memorial Park, North Olmsted.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Thomas' name are suggested to Church of the Ascension, 13216 Detroit Ave., Lakewood, OH 44107 or to Crossroads Hospice, 9775 Rockside Rd., Suite 270, Valley View, OH 44125.



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