

Gentle reminder: When the lights have been lowered, please use this time for silent reflection. The 5:30 PM Vigil and 8:30 AM Sunday Masses are livestreamed.

Welcome to the
Church of the **Ascension**
15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
July 12, 2026



Morning Has Broken

Morning has broken like the first morning, Blackbird has spoken like the first bird. Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven, like the first dew fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where His feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning born of the one light Eden saw play! Praise with elation, praise every morning, God's recreation of the new day.

Glory to God

Mass of Renewal

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen, amen.

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55: 10 – 11

Just as rain and snow come down from heaven and do not return until the whole earth is watered and fruitful, so shall the word of the Lord go out to do God's will and accomplish God's purpose.

PSALM 65: 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

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R. The seed that falls on good ground



will yield a fruit - ful har - vest.

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SECOND READING

Romans 8: 18 – 23

Paul told the Romans that the whole created world eagerly awaits the revelation of God's children. The world will be set free and take part in the wondrous freedom of God's children.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL

Matthew 13: 1 – 9

Jesus told the parable of the sower.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

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I believe in one God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one LORD Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, Begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven (**A SLIGHT BOW**) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man. (**PLEASE RISE**)

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, He suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

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I believe in the Holy Spirit, the LORD, the giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, Who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

UNIVERSAL PRAYERS



Second Collection:

The Catholic Diocese of Richmond is organizing emergency special collections to assist victims of the twin earthquakes in Venezuela. The funds will be used to provide essential emergency relief on the ground through Catholic Relief Services, which offers shelter, safe water, and medical care.

Please make checks payable to the Church of the Ascension and write "Earthquake" in the Memo line.

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Tend the Ground

Refrain: We till the earth, we tend the ground, sowing hope and peace where none is found. In selfless love God's life abounds. We till the earth, we tend the ground.

1. As God provides our every need, with grateful hearts, let us receive these gifts of love, and make return to bless the world, to bless the world.
2. All creatures share one common home, one loving God, one song of hope. The rocks cry out and praises ring, rise up and sing, rise up and sing!
3. With open hand our Lord has giv'n his life for all that we might live. No greater love is there than this, no greater love, no greater love.
4. Where hardened hearts have turned to greed, trampling upon the fledgling seed, help us to tend to others' needs, open our eyes, open our eyes.

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15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME COMMUNION ANTIPHON [II]

Steve Angrisano, Sarah Hart, and Curtis Stephan

Who - ev - er eats my flesh and drinks my blood re -
mains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 3/4. The first staff begins with a repeat sign and contains the melody for the first line of text. The second staff continues the melody for the second line of text, ending with a double bar line and repeat dots.

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COMMUNION SONG(S)

Parable

To ev'rything there is a season; a time to be born and a time to die. A time to plant and a time for harvest; a time to meet and a time to part.

A sower went out to sow the seed. Some of it fell upon the path, some fell on shallow, rocky soil, and some among choking thorns. To ev'rything there is a season; a time to be born and a time to die. A time to speak and a time for silence; a time to wound and a time to heal.

Nothing can grow in barren soil; briars and ravens take their toll; still there is grain a hundredfold, from seed that took root and grew. To ev'rything there is a season; a time to be born and a time to die. A time for joy and a time for grieving; a time to seek and a time to lose.

God's word is like the farmer's seed, rooted in joyful, loving hearts, growing like grain in fertile ground, a harvest that overflows. To ev'rything there is a season; a time to be born and a time to die. A time to plant and a time for harvest; a time to meet and a time to part: a time to meet and a time to part.

GOD'S HOLY GIFTS

Dan Schutte



God's ho-ly gifts for God's ho-ly peo - ple; come now to share the



ban-quet of Christ. Feed on his love with faith and thanks-giv - ing.



Know in your heart that he died for you.



1. May the Bod - y of Christ be food for our souls
2. May the Blood of the Lord pro - tect us from harm
3. As the grain of this bread was gath - ered as one,
4. As the cup that we share is emp - tied for all,
5. When we eat of this bread and drink of this cup,



1. and bring us to ev - er - last - ing life.
2. and mark us as God's be - lov - ed ones.
3. may we who be - lieve be bound by love.
4. may we of - fer up our lives in love.
5. we hold in our mem - 'ry Christ the Lord.

REPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Bread of Angels

Bread of angels, we've received you; with us now abide.
Precious Jesus, manna of ages, with us now reside. Though
unworthy, we've received you, sacrament divine. Bread of
angels, accept our praises, let your glory shine!

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SENDING FORTH

Sing to the Mountains

Refrain: Sing to the mountains, sing to the sea. Raise your
voices, lift your hearts. This is the day the Lord has made.
Let all the earth rejoice.

I will give thanks to you, my Lord. You have answered my
plea. You have saved my soul from death. You are my
strength and my song.

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