

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
20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

August 16, 2026

When the lights have been lowered, take a moment to ponder the following questions to quiet your mind and open your heart:

- Who or what do I want to thank God for in my life?
- What sins do I need to confess and seek forgiveness for?
- What struggles and burdens do I need to surrender to the Lord?
- What assistance do I need to face the challenges of the coming week?

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Gather Us In

Here in this place new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away, see in this space our fears and our dreamings, brought here to you in the light of this day. Gather us in the lost and forsaken, gather us in the blind and the lame; Call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.

Here we will take the wine and the water, here we will take the bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us a-new to be salt for the earth. Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is you; Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

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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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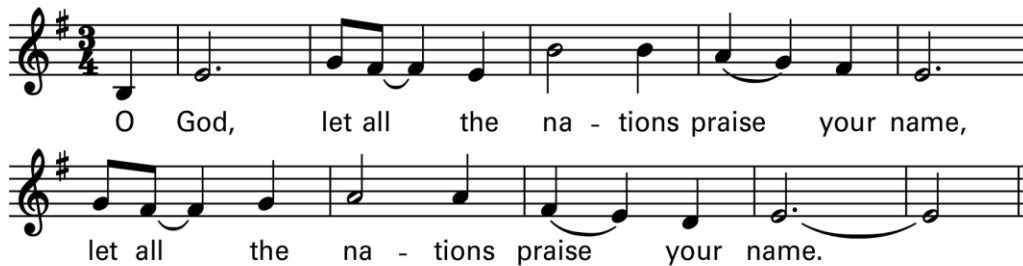
FIRST READING

Isaiah 56: 1, 6 – 7

The holy mountain, the temple of the Lord, is "a house of prayer for all people."

PSALM 67: O GOD, LET ALL THE NATIONS

Timothy R. Smith



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| 1. Lord, look with favor on us;
show us your face.
Reveal to the faithful your way, Lord,
salvation for all the world. | Your justice will guide all nations,
all people on the earth. |
| 2. May the nations sing and be glad,
for your word governs all the world. | 3. Lord, may we sing your praise;
may we sing to you all of our days.
O God, we ask you to bless us,
as we honor your name. |

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SECOND READING

Romans 11: 13 - 15, 29 – 32

God's love and mercy are gratuitous; we are all recipients of the benefits of Christ's life, death, and resurrection.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL

Matthew 15: 21 – 28

The Canaanite woman displayed an extraordinary confidence that Jesus would hear and answer her. She possessed an undaunted and persistent faith in the Messiah of Israel.

**Please remain standing until the
Book of Gospels is fully enthroned.**

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.

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

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS SONG IS ON THE NEXT PAGE

YOU ALONE

Sarah Hart and Dwight Liles

Refrain

You a-lone are ho - ly, you a-lone are Lord.
 You a-lone are wor - thy to be hon - ored and a -
 dored. Mer - cy you have giv - en, kind - ness you have
 shown. Love is you a - lone.

1 to Verse 1

2 7 to Verse 2 Final

Love is you a - lone.

Verses

1. Who of us is sin - less in this place?
 2. What is there to do but thank you, then,

1. Who of us de - serves your sav - ing grace?
 2. for the gift that we might call you friend?

1. Who of us is good at all with - out your bless -
 2. Great - er love has not been known than that for which

1. - ed love that falls up - on our hearts to
 2. you gave your on - ly son, that you might

2 to Refrain

1. heal our bro - ken - ness?
 2. see us, pure and blessed.

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

COMMUNION ANTIPHON [II]

Steve Angrisano, Sarah Hart, and Curtis Stephan

I am the liv - ing bread that came down from
heav-en, says the Lord. Who - ev - er eats of this
bread will live for ev - er.

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COMMUNION SONG(S) ARE ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES

HEALED IN CHRIST

Sarah Hart



1. Fa-ther, you are here; ho - ly, this a - noint-ing,
2. Je - sus, you a - bide; gen-tle is your pres-ence.
3. Spir - it, lead us home in - to our be - long - ing.



1. gift of sweet-est com - fort in our suf - fer - ing.
2. Grant to us your strength, for we are weak of heart.
3. Love has made a way; our fu - ture is se - cured.



1. God, we are a - fraid; you re - store our cour-age.
2. In your lov - ing cross is our res - to - ra - tion.
3. And be-yond the veil, all our tears for-got - ten,



1. Though we are in dark-ness, bind our wounds with light.
2. Ev - ery scar we've car - ried, you have cru - ci - fied.
3. ev - ery last af - flic - tion we will leave be - hind;



- 1, 2. We are healed in Christ.



- Bless-ed be our God, heal-ing us in Christ, con-so - la-tion of our



- soul. mak-ing all that once was bro-ken whole.



3. ev - ery shame for - giv - en as we find our life. And O how we shall



3. sing for-ev-er in the skies! We are healed in Christ.

Behold the Lamb

Those who were in the dark are thankful for the sunlight; we who live, we who die are grateful for his gift, thankful for his love.

Refrain: Behold, behold the Lamb of God. All who eat, all who drink shall live; and all, all who dwell in God shall come to know his glory.

Peaceful now, those whose hearts are blessed with understanding. Of the wheat, of the wine united with his word and the love we share.

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

Lift Up Your Hearts

Refrain: Lift up your hearts to the Lord, praise God's gracious mercy! Sing out your joy to the Lord, whose love is enduring.

1. Let the earth worship, singing your praise. Praise the glory of your name! Come and see the deeds of the Lord; bless God's holy name!
2. Listen now, all you servants of God, as I tell of these great works. Blessed be the Lord of my life, whose love shall endure!

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