

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



21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 23, 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?

Church Of God Elect and Glorious

Church of God elect and glorious, Holy nation chosen race;
Called as God's own special people, Royal priests and heirs
of grace. Know the purpose of your calling, Show to all His
mighty deeds; Tell of love which knows no limits, Grace which
meets all human needs

Church of God elect and holy, Be the people He intends;
Strong in faith and swift to answer each command your master
sends. Royal priests fulfill your calling through your sacrifice
and prayer: Give your lives in joyful service, Sing His praise
His love declare.

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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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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 22: 19 – 23

The Lord's servant will receive the key of the House of David.
What the servant does, God confirms.

Psalm 138/ You Answered Me

Aaron Thompson

Cantor

Musical score for the Cantor part of Psalm 138. The score is written in G major (three sharps) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are: LORD on the day I called for help, — you an-swered me, you an-swered me. All: You an-swered me, All: you an-swered me. All: LORD, ev -'ry day I call for help, — so I will give you thanks with all my heart.

Cantor:

1. Kneeling with the angels, I'll sing praise! And you shall hear sweet adoration from my mouth. And...
2. Because of your great kindness and your truth, your name and promise are exalted high above. So...

Musical score for the All part of Psalm 138. The score is written in G major (three sharps) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves of music. The lyrics are: All: I will wor-ship, oh, I will — wor-ship at your ho - ly, ho - ly tem - ple.

SECOND READING

Romans 11: 33 – 36

The riches, wisdom, and knowledge of God are too deep for humans to fathom. God's judgments are inscrutable and unsearchable. All things come from God, through God, and for God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL

Matthew 16: 13 – 20

At Caesarea Philippi, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Upon this rock I will build my church." Then he gave to Peter the keys to heaven's reign. Finally, Jesus ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

**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

Sacred Silence

Refrain: Sacred silence, holy ocean, gentle water, washing over me; help me listen, Holy Spirit. Come and speak to me.

God my Father, Christ my brother, Holy Spirit, sanctifying me; Lord, I'm sorry, please forgive me. Come and set me free.

Holy Mary, gentle mother, God's pure vessel, praying for me; saints and angels, all in heaven, come and be with me.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

EUCHARISTIC RITE

Holy, Holy, Holy
Save Us, Savior of the World
Great Amen

COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer
Peace
Lamb of God

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COMMUNION ANTIPHON [1]

Steve Angrisano, Sarah Hart, and Curtis Stephan

The earth is re-plete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you
bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

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COMMUNION SONG(S)

One Love Released

Refrain: One bread, one body, one cup, one call, one faith,
one Spirit present in us all. One prayer, one blessing, one
hope, one peace, one church, one people, one love released.

1. Is not this bread we share, the body of our Lord? Is not
this wine we drink, the blood of Christ outpoured?
2. I am the bread of life, eat and you shall live. To those
who share this meal, my strength I'll always give.
3. I am the living bread, as manna from the sky. This
bread I give to you, that you may never die.
4. No one will come to me, unless our God has led. And I
shall raise them up, raise them from the dead!

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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

One Spirit One Church

Refrain: We are a pilgrim people, we are the Church of God.
A fam'ly of believers, disciples of the Lord. United in one
spirit, ignited by the fire. Still burning through the ages, still
present in our lives.

O Comforter, to thee we cry, thou gift of God sent from on
high. Thou font of life and fire of love, the soul's anointing
from above.

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