

**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  
26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**September 27, 2026**

**Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens**

Praise the Lord, ye heav'ns adore him; praise him, angels in the height; sun and moon rejoice before him; praise him, all ye stars of light. Praise the Lord for he has spoken; Worlds his mighty voice obeyed; Laws which never shall be broken For their guidance he has made.

Praise the Lord for he is glorious; Never shall his promise fail; God has made his saints victorious; Sin and death shall not prevail. Praise the God of our salvation! Hosts on high his pow'r proclaim; Heav'n and earth and all creation, Laud and magnify his name.

## **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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## **CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL 10:30 SUNDAY MASS**

### **FOUR-YEAR-OLDS TO FIRST GRADE**

#### **We Send You Forth**

We send you forth to hear the word of the Lord,  
take these words to heart and walk in God's ways.

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## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **FIRST READING**

***Ezekiel 18: 25 – 28***

The Lord spoke through Ezekiel: "Hear now, house of Israel: If he turns from the wickedness he has committed, and does what is right and just, he shall preserve his life."

## PSALM 25: I LIFT UP MY SOUL

Tim Manion



1. O Lord, show your ways to me.  
Teach me your paths  
and keep me in the ways of your truth,  
for you are the God that saves me.
2. The Lord is so good, so holy;  
sinners find the way,  
and in all that is right he guides the humble.  
The poor he leads in his pathways.
3. All day long I hope in your goodness.  
Remember your love,  
the love that you promised long ago,  
and the kindness that you gave  
from of old.

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### SECOND READING

### *Philippians 2: 1 – 11*

Paul quoted an ancient hymn: "Though Christ was in the form of God, he did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. He emptied himself, taking the form of a slave and obediently accepted death on a cross. So, God exalted him and gave him a name above every other name."

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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### *Matthew 21: 28 – 32*

Jesus said that outcasts enter God's reign because of faith but not the righteous who lack repentance: "Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you."

### HOMILY

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

## NICENE CREED

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**

### **What Wondrous Love is This**

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul? What wondrous love is this, O my soul? What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, To bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down, When I was sinking down, sinking down, When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul, Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing; To God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb Who is the great "I Am"; While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing; While millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be; And through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And through eternity, I'll sing on.

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# 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON [I]

Steve Angrisano, Sarah Hart, and Curtis Stephan

Re - mem - ber your word to your ser - vant, O Lord,  
by which you have giv - en me hope. This is my  
com - fort when I am brought low.

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## COMMUNION SONG(S)

### Look Beyond

**Refrain:** Look beyond the bread you eat; See your Savior  
and your Lord. Look beyond the cup you drink; See his love  
poured out as blood.

1. Give us a sign that we might believe in you. Moses had manna from the sky.
2. I am the bread which from the heavens came; Those who eat this bread will never die.
3. The bread I give you will be my very flesh; My blood will truly be your drink.

Continued

**Refrain:** Look beyond the bread you eat; See your Savior  
and your Lord. Look beyond the cup you drink; See his love  
poured out as blood.

4. This man speaks harshly; who can listen to his word? We  
shall no longer follow him.
5. You, my disciples, will you also leave? Lord, to whom can  
we go?

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### **We Walk by Faith**

1. We walk by faith, and not by sight; No gracious words we  
hear; From him who spoke as none e'er spoke; But we believe  
him near.
2. We may not touch his hands and side, Nor follow where he  
trod; But in his promise we rejoice, And cry, "My Lord and  
God!"
3. Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; And may our faith abound To  
call on you when you are near, And seek where you are found:
4. That, when our life of faith is done, In realms of clearer light  
We may behold you as you are, With full and endless sight.

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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

### God Has Chosen Me

God has chosen me, God has chosen me to bring good news to the poor. God has chosen me, God has chosen me to bring new sight to those searching for light: God has chosen me, chosen me.

**Refrain:** And to tell the world that God's kingdom is near,  
to remove oppression and breakdown fear, yes, God's  
time is near, God's time is near, God's time is near, God's  
time is near.

God is calling me, God is calling me in all whose cry is unheard. God is calling me, God is calling me to raise up the voice with no power or choice: God is calling me, calling me.

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