

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

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 25, 2026



Gather Your People

Refrain: Gather your people, O Lord, Gather your people, O Lord. One bread, one body, one spirit of love, Gather your people, O Lord.

Draw us forth to the table of life: brothers and sisters, each of us called to walk in your light.

We are parts of the body of Christ, needing each other, each of the gifts the Spirit provides.

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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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THERE IS NO CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL 10:30 SUNDAY MASS

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Exodus 22: 20 – 26

The faithful and gracious Lord said, "You shall not wrong any widow or orphan....If you take your neighbor's cloak, return it before sunset. If he cries out to me, I will hear him; for I am compassionate."

PSALM 18/ I LOVE YOU, LORD MY GOD

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 1: 5c – 10

Paul commended the Christians of Thessalonica: "You became imitators of us and of the Lord... that you became a model for all believers...the word of the Lord has sounded forth."

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL

Matthew 22: 34 – 40

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart...soul...and mind. You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

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

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

Only This I Want

Refrain: Only this I want: but to know the Lord, and to bear his cross, so to wear the crown he wore.

1. All but this is loss, worthless refuse to me, for to gain the Lord is to gain all I need.
2. I will run the race; I will fight the good fight, so to win the prize of the kingdom of my Lord.
3. Let your heart be glad, always glad in the Lord, so to shine like stars in the darkness of the night.

Text based on Philippians 3:7–16; 2:15, 18. Text and music: Dan Schutte © 1981, OCP.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Holy, Holy, Holy

Save Us, Savior of the World

Great Amen

Communion Rite

The Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

Lamb of God

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COMMUNION ANTIPHON [I]

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The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 3/4 time signature. It contains a repeat sign followed by a melody of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics 'We will ring out our joy at your sav - ing' are written below the staff. The second staff continues the melody with a mix of eighth, quarter, and half notes, ending with a double bar line. The lyrics 'help and ex - ult in the name of our God.' are written below the staff.

We will ring out our joy at your sav - ing

help and ex - ult in the name of our God.

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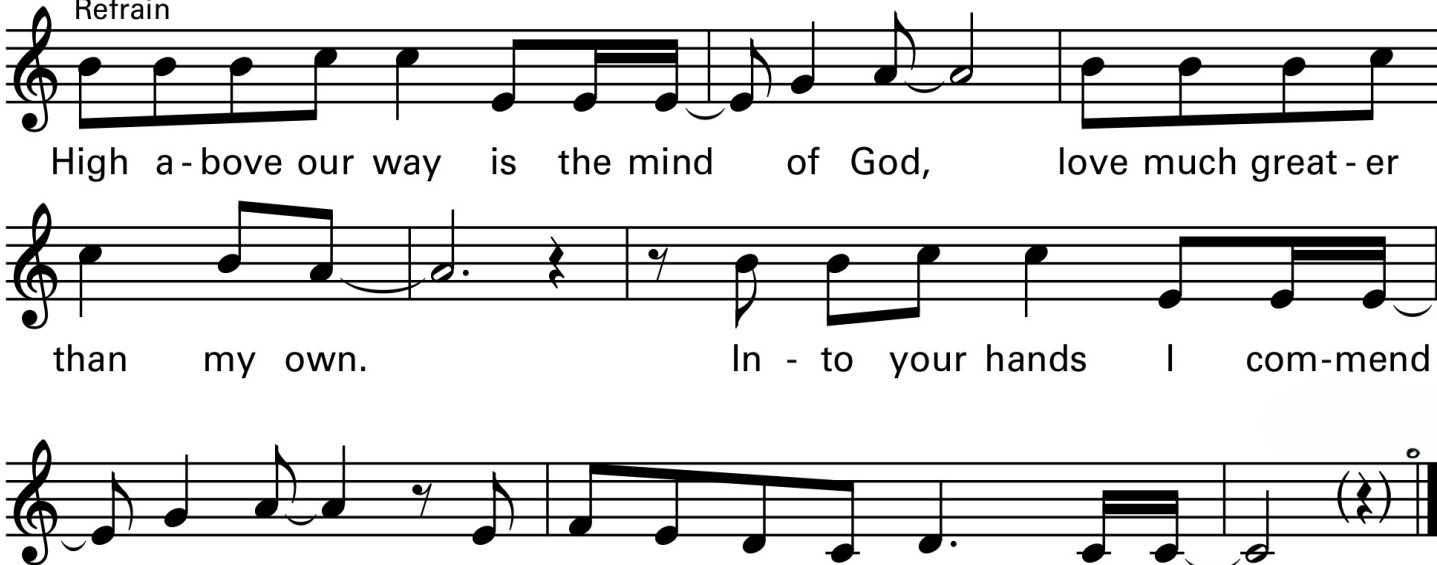
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Guidelines for Non-Catholics: Guests who have joined this service but do not share our Catholic Eucharistic Faith tradition (not Catholic) are invited to the table during the Procession. Please come with your hands folded over your heart, and the clergy will bless you.

COMMUNION SONG(S)

High Above Our Way

Refrain



High a - bove our way is the mind of God, love much great - er
than my own. In - to your hands I com - mend
my life; true love is found in Christ a - lone.

The musical notation is written on three staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody with a quarter rest and a quarter note. The third staff concludes the phrase with a quarter note and a quarter rest, ending with a double bar line.

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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!

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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UPCOMING EVENTS

- The *Feast of All Saints*, November 1st, is on Sunday this year! To celebrate, the 10:30 Mass is a Children's Mass, with our religious education children forming a Procession of Saints.
- The *Feast of All Souls* Mass will be celebrated on Monday, November 2nd at 10:00 AM. We will celebrate all the souls who entered into the Kingdom since November 1, 2025.
- *First Friday Adoration* on November 6th at 6:30 PM will be a time of worship with music and a theme of Thanksgiving. Come sit in the Real Presence and worship with us.

SENDING

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n to earth come down!
Fix in us your humble dwelling, all your faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, source of all compassion, Love unbounded, love all pure;
Visit us with your salvation, Let your love in us endure.

Finish then your new creation, Pure and spotless, gracious LORD,
Let us see your great salvation perfectly in you restored.
Change from glory into glory, 'Till in heav'n we take our place,
'Till we sing before the almighty Lost in wonder, love and praise.

Charles Wesley, 1707-1788. HYFRYDOL87 87 d. Rowland H. Prichard, 1811 - 1887