

**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  
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
May 3, 2026**



**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

## **Glory to God**

*Mass of St. Ann*

Glory, glory to God in the Highest. Glory, glory  
to God in the Highest and on earth peace  
to people of good will.

1. 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.
2. 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 on us.
3. 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.

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### **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

#### **FIRST READING**

***Acts 6: 1 – 7***

There were complaints that certain widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. Seven deacons were appointed to oversee an equitable distribution of food.

**PSALM 33:** Lord let your mercy be on us,  
as we place our trust in you.

## **SECOND READING**

***1 Peter 2 :4 – 9***

Christ is the cornerstone, precious to God. All who believe are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own" called to proclaim the gospel.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

### **GOSPEL**

***John 14: 1 – 12***

Jesus told the disciples that he would prepare a place for them in heaven. He explained that, in order to know the Father, one must first know the Son. People of faith will do the works I do and still greater.

**PLEASE REMAIN STANDING UNTIL THE  
*BOOK OF THE GOSPELS* IS 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. (*\*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**

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## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

#### **Be Not Afraid**

You shall cross the barren desert, but you shall not die of thirst. You shall wander far in safety though you do not know the way. You shall speak your words in foreign lands and all will understand. You shall see the face of God and live.

**Refrain:** Be not afraid. I go before you always.  
Come, follow me and I will give you rest.

If you pass through raging waters in the sea, you shall not drown. If you walk amid the burning flames, you shall not be harmed. If you stand before the pow'r of hell and death is at your side, know that I am with you through it all.

Blessed are your poor, for the kingdom shall be theirs. Blest are you that weep and mourn, for one day you shall laugh. And if wicked tongues insult and hate you all because of me, blessed, blessed are you!

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## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### **EUCHARISTIC PRAYERS**

*Holy, Holy, Holy*  
*When We Eat This Bread*  
*Great Amen*

# THE COMMUNION RITE

*The LORD's Prayer*

*Sign of Peace*

*Lamb of God*

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Steve Angrisano, Sarah Hart, and Curtis Stephan

I am the true vine and you are the branch - es, says the Lord.

Who-ev-er re-mains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plen-

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## **COMMUNION SONG(S)**

### **Bread of Heaven**

#### **The Supper of the Lord**

**Refrain:** Precious body, precious blood, seen as bread and wine; here the Lord prepares the feast divine. Bread of love is broken now, cup of life is poured: come, share the supper of the Lord.

1. This is the bread of God coming down from heav'n, giving life to us, to all the world.
2. "I am the living spring of eternal life; you that drink from me shall not thirst again."
3. "I am the bread of heav'n giving life to you; you that eat this bread shall never die."
4. "All those who feed on me have their life in me, as I have my life in the living God."
5. All praise to you, O Christ, present in this feast, in this bread we share in one life, one Lord.

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## **REPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

# SENDING FORTH

## Love Has Come


Matt Maher



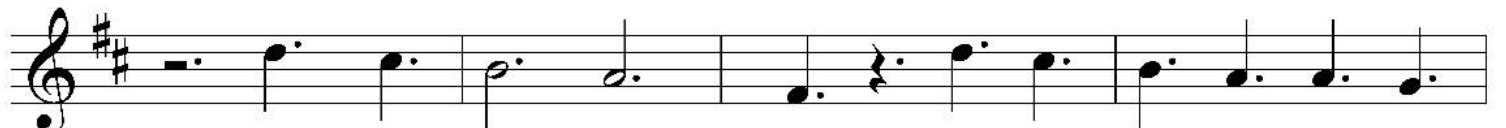
Now sal-va-tion has\_ come in the new Je -




ru - sa - lem. Danc-ers dance and sing-ers



Refrain roar; pro-claim-ing Je-sus Christ is LORD!




Word of God, en - throned, dwell in us for-eve-er -



more. Love has come to show the way.



Hal - le - lu - jah, peace be with



us love has come to show\_ the way.