



The Sower III, Vincent van Gogh (1858-1890) Van Gogh Museum, Netherlands

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
11 a.m. Solemn High Mass
July 12, 2026
Church of the Ascension

Parish Schedule

Sun July 12 The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

9 a.m. Sung Mass
10:15 a.m. Confession
10:15 a.m. The Holy Rosary
11 a.m. Solemn High Mass

Sun July 19 The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

9 a.m. Sung Mass
10:15 a.m. Confession
10:30 a.m. Blessing of the New Columbarium

This blessing and pastoral liturgy is scheduled between the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Masses, to allow as many parishioners as possible to attend. We ask that parishioners be seated in their pews before the start of the liturgy. The service will begin with an opening prayer at the High Altar, after which the Ministers will process to the new columbarium for the blessing and inurnment of ashes.

11 a.m. Solemn High Mass

Holy Days & Major Feasts

Thurs August 6 The Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ

8 a.m. Low Mass
7 p.m. Sung Mass

Sat August 15 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

11 a.m. Procession, Angelus & Solemn High Mass

Weekday Mass Schedule

12 p.m. on Monday & Friday
8 a.m. on Tuesday & Thursday
6:30 p.m. on Wednesday

- Please join us for Coffee Hour in Wheeler Hall after the Mass.
- If you are a visitor, please consider completing one of the blue visitor cards in the pews.

THE ENTRANCE RITE

Please stand as you are able as the Ministers enter. The Altar, Ministers and People are aspersed, sprinkled with holy water. During the Introit, the Altar is censed.

Opening Hymn 48

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Introit "Dum clamarem" (Ps. 55) Mode III

Dum clamarem ad Dominum, exaudivit vocem meam, ab his qui appropinquant mihi: et humiliavit eos, qui est ante saecula, et manet in aeternum: iacta cogitatum tuum in Domino, et ipse te enutriet. Ps. Exaudi Deus orationem meam, et ne despexeris deprecationem meam: intende mihi, et exaudi me. V. Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen. Dum clamarem ...

When I called upon the Lord, he heard my voice, even from the battle that was against me: yea, even God that endureth for ever shall hear me, and bring them down: O cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall nourish thee. Ps. Hear my prayer, O Lord, and hide not thyself from my petition: take heed unto me, and hear me. V. Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen. When I called ...

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant

Bless - ed be God: Father, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit.

People

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ev - er. A - men.

The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Kyrie eleison

Organ

Lord, have mer-cy___ u-pon us, Lord, have mer-cy u- pon us, Lord, have mer-cy u-

pon us. Christ, have mer - cy u-pon us, Christ, have mer-cy u-pon us, Christ, have mer-cy u-

pon us. Lord, have mer - cy u - pon___ us, Lord, have mer - cy u -

pon___ us, Lord, have mer - cy u - pon us._____

Gloria in excelsis Deo

Celebrant *People*

Glo - ry be to God on high, and on earth, peace, good - will towards men.___ We praisethee, we

bless thee,___ we wor-ship thee, we glo-ri - fy thee,___ we give thanks to thee for thy_ great glo -

- ry._____ O Lord, God, hea-ven-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al might-y.___ O Lord, the on-ly-be-

got-ten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son_ of the Fa-ther, that tak-est a-way the

sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on_ us._____ *Organ* Thou that tak-est a -

way the sins of the world, re- ceive our prayer. Thou that sit-test at the right hand of

God the Fa - ther, have mer cy up - on us. *Organ*

For_ Thou on-ly art ho - ly;_ thou on - ly art the Lord;_ thou on - ly, O

Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost art most high_ in the glo - ry of God_ the

Fa - ther. A - men, a - men.

The Salutation and The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The People are seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The First Reading

Isaiah 55:1-5, 10-13

Thus says the Lord: "Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual "Custodi me" (Ps. 17) Mode I

Custodi me, Domine, ut pupillam oculi: sub umbra alarum tuarum protege me.

Keep me, O Lord, as the apple of an eye: hide me under the shadow of thy wings.

The Epistle

Romans 7:21-8:6

You are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you. So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors,

not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia “Te decet hymnus” (Ps. 65) Mode VII

Alleluia, alleluia. V. Te decet hymnus, Deus, in Sion: et tibi reddetur votum in Ierusalem. Alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia. V. Thou, O God, art praised in Zion: and unto thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem. Alleluia.

As the Gospel procession moves towards the pews, the People stand.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Deacon The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: “Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!” “Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on

the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The People are seated.

The Sermon

The Rev. Carlos de la Torre

The People stand as able.

The Nicene Creed

Organ

We be-lieve in one God, the_ Fa - ther the Al-might-y, ma-ker of heav'n and
earth, of all that is, seen and un - seen. We be-lieve_ in one Lord, Je-sus Christ, the on-ly Son of God, e -
ter-nal-ly be-got-ten of the Fa-ther, God from God, Light from Light, true God_ from true God, be-
got-ten, not made, of one Be-ing with the Fa-ther. Through him all things were made. For
us and for our sal - va - tion he came down from hea-ven: *Organ* by the pow-er of the
Ho-ly Spi-rit he be-came in-car-nate from the Vir-gin Ma-ry and was made_ man. *Organ* For

Genuflect

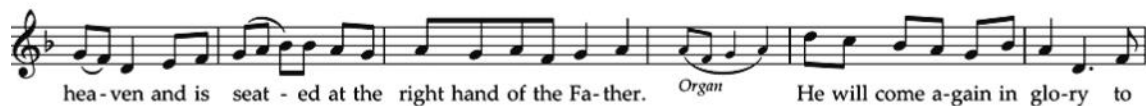
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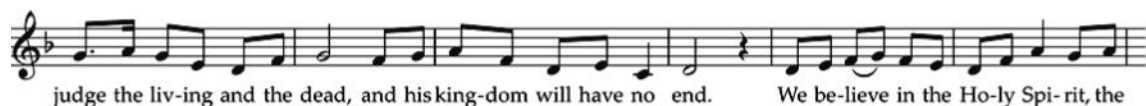
our sake he was cru-ci-fied un-der Pon-tius Pi-late; he suf-fered death and was bur-ied. *Organ*



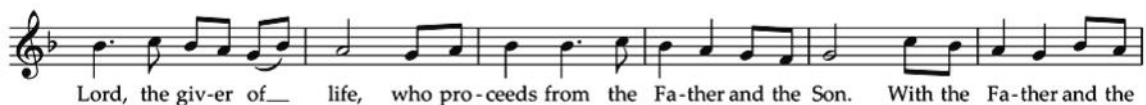
On the third day he rose a-gain in ac-cord - ance with the Scrip-tures; he a- scend-ed in-to



hea-ven and is seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther. *Organ* He will come a-gain in glo-ry to



judge the liv-ing and the dead, and his king-dom will have no end. We be-lieve in the Ho-ly Spi-rit, the



Lord, the giv-er of_ life, who pro-ceeds from the Fa-ther and the Son. With the Fa-ther and the



Son_ he is wor-shiped and glo - ri - fied. he has spo-ken through the Pro-phets. *Organ*



We be-lieve in one ho - ly cath-o-lic and a-po-stol-ic Church. We ack-now-ledge one



Bap-tism for the for - give-ness of sins. We_ look for the re-sur-rec-tion of the dead, and the



life of the world_ to come. A - men. A - - men.

The Prayers of the People

Form III (BCP p. 387)

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Confession of Sin

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The People kneel as able.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Priest stands and says
Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The People stand as able.

The Peace

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The People remain standing as the oblations are brought forward.

Offertory “Ad te Domine levavi” (Ps. 25) Mode II

Ad te Domine levavi animam meam: Deus meus, in te confido, non erubescam:
neque irrideant me inimici mei: etenim universi qui te exspectant, non
confundentur.

*Unto thee, O Lord, will I lift up my soul: my God, I have put my trust in thee, O let me
not be confounded: neither let mine enemies triumph over me: for all they that hope in thee
shall not be ashamed.*

The People are seated.

Offertory Motet

Benedicam Dominum in omni tempore; semper laus ejus in ore meo.

I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise shall be always in my mouth.

Setting: Giovanni Croce (1557-1609) *Benedicam Dominum*
Psalm 34:1

The People stand as able.

Offertory Hymn 505

O HEILIGER GEIST

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B (BCP p. 367)

Orate Fratres

Celebrant Pray, beloved, that this my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to
God the Father Almighty.

People May the Lord receive this sacrifice at your hands, to the praise and
glory of his Name, both to our benefit and that of all his holy
Church.

Celebrant Amen.

Sursum Corda

The musical notation for the Sursum Corda section consists of four staves, each with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are written below the notes, with the Celebrant's part on the first two staves and the People's part on the last two staves. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give him thanks and praise."

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them to the Lord.

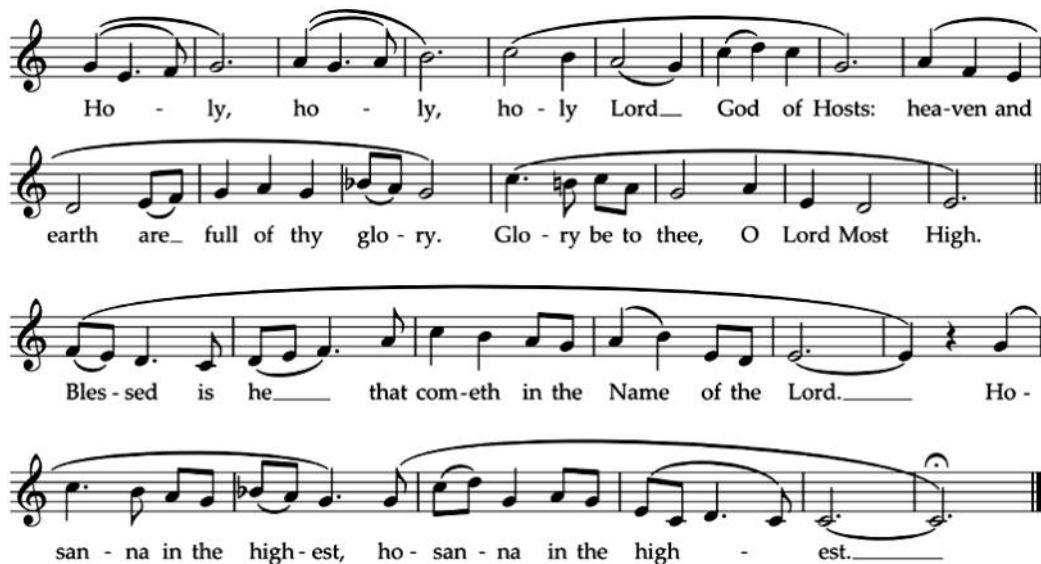
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; for you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus and Benedictus

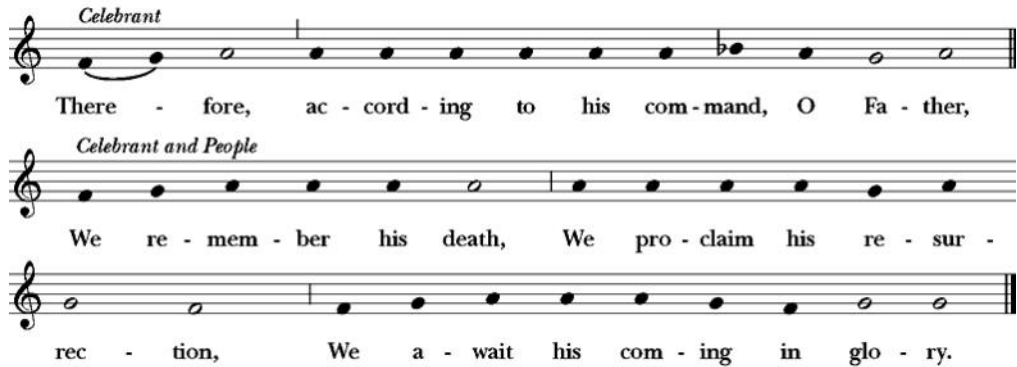


The People stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."



And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
 be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
 dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
 as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
 us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
 from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
 and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
People
 There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

Agnus Dei

Organ

O Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy up - on_ us.

Organ

O Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy up - on_ us.

O Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sins of the world, grant_ us_ thy_ peace.

Invitation to Communion

Celebrant Behold the Lamb of God; behold him that takes away the sins of the world. Happy are they who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy that you should come under my roof.

People **But speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.**

† All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion, and all may come forward.

Those who are not baptized or who do not wish to receive may indicate a desire for a blessing by crossing arms on the chest upon approaching the priest. If you prefer not to receive the Chalice, please cross your arms on your chest and remain until the minister has said the words of reception, "The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation." If you require a gluten-free host, put your right hand over your heart.

† Please alert an usher if you need the Sacrament brought to you in the pew.

THE COMMUNION

Communion “Passer invenit” (Ps. 84) Mode I

Passer invenit sibi domum, et turtur nidum, ubi reponat pullos suos: altaria tua Domine virtutum, Rex meus, et Deus meus: beati qui habitant in domo tua, in saeculum saeculi laudabunt te. Ps. Quam dilecta tabernacula tua Domine virtutum! Concupiscit et deficit anima mea in atria Domini. V. Cor meum et caro mea, exultavit in Deum vivum. V. Domine Deus virtutum exaudi orationem meam, auribus percipe Deus Iacob. V. Protector noster aspice Deus, et respice in faciem Christi tui. V. Gloria Patri.

The sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest, where she may lay her young: even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God: blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be alway praising thee. Ps. O how amiable are thy dwellings, thou Lord of hosts! My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord. V. My heart and my flesh, rejoice in the living God. V. O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer, hearken, O God of Jacob. V. Behold, O God our defender, and look upon the face of thine Anointed. V. Glory be.

Communion Motet

Ave, verum corpus natum de Maria Virgine:
vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine:
cuius latus perforatum unda fluxit cum sanguine:
esto nobis praegustatum, in mortis examine.
O Jesu dulcis, O Jesu pie, O Jesu, Fili Mariae.
Tu nobis miserere. Amen.

*Hail the true body, born of the Virgin Mary:
You who truly suffered and were sacrificed on the cross for the sake of man.
From whose pierced flank flowed water with blood:
Be a foretaste for us in the trial of death.
O sweet Jesus, O merciful Jesus, O Jesus, Son of Mary.
Have mercy on us. Amen.*

Setting: Amédée-Ernest Chausson (1855-1899) Ave verum corpus, op. 6, no. 2

The People kneel as able. The Celebrant says Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

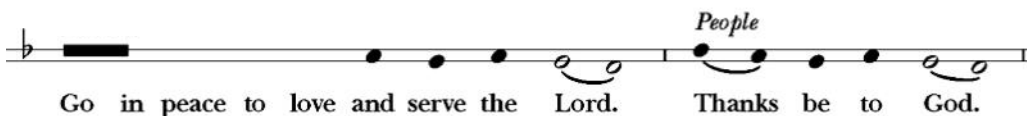
The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the + Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The People stand as able.

The Dismissal

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.



Closing Hymn 530

GOTT SEI DANK

ORGAN Pastorella BWV 590
IV. Giga: Allegro

Johann Sebastian Bach

Ascension Prayer List

For our prayers Christine Callahan, Ismael Ingco, Greg Spoor, Kirsten Finn, Michael Robertson, William Petite, Bekah and Josiah Hurty, Mary Jane Kowalski, Nat Simpson, Elsa Pineda, Kenneth Cozette, Todd Oswald, Mary Callahan, Lynette Ngumi, Leslie Sterk, Marcela Simpson, Christina Kimmel, Nate Cole, Ed Blatz, Marlea Edinger, Elizabeth McLaughlin, MB Hwang, Juanita Malone, Claire Green, Brenda Martins

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Anniversaries: James Baran & David Robertson, *Marriage*, 7/18/2013

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The mosaic on the door of the Altar tabernacle, Church of the Ascension

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