

SECOND READING (*Romans 13:8-10*)

Brothers and sisters: None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For this is why Christ died and came to life, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL (*Matthew 18:21-35*)

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times. That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt. At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.' Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan. When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount. He seized him and started to choke him, demanding, 'Pay back what you owe.' Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.' But he refused. Instead, he had the fellow servant put in prison until he paid back the debt. Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were deeply disturbed, and went to their master and reported the whole affair. His master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?' Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

**I believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.**

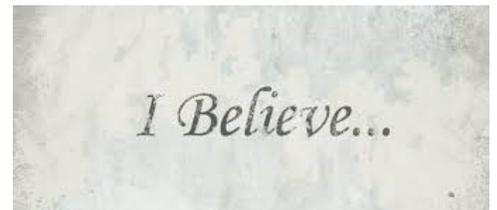
**I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from True God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us men and for all salvation he came down from heaven:
and by the Holy Spirit (*please bow*) was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.**

**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

. . . we pray to the Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Loving God, You speak to us and nourish us through the life of this Church community.
Bless us with good and holy priests.
Bless us with committed consecrated religious, deacons and lay ministers.
Bless those called to a chaste single life, and bless our community with good and faithful husbands and wives, for you are the God who calls us to live our baptism in these vocations.
We ask all this through Christ our Lord.



LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO PRAYER

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours
May be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.
**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right and just.**

It is truly right and justwe acclaim:
**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the Highest.**

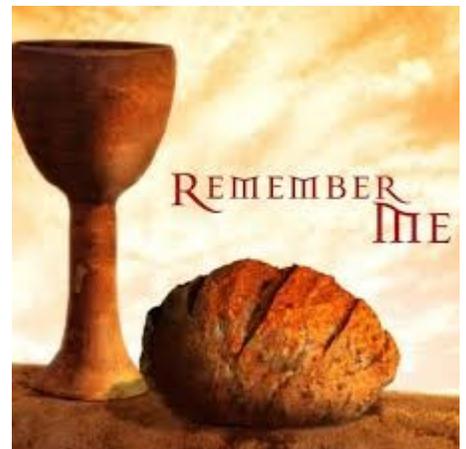
. . . The mystery of faith.

**When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your death,
O Lord, until you come again.**

--OR--

Save us Savior of the World, for by your cross and resurrection, you have set us free.

. . . Through him, with him and in him,
O God almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
All glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever. **Amen.**



THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day, our daily bread,
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.**

Deliver us, Lord . . . and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.

SIGN OF PEACE: Safely share a sign of peace with those near you.

LAMB OF GOD

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

Behold the Lamb of God,
Behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,
But only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

(We recite this in solidarity with our Ascension family viewing from home who are unable to receive)

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
Come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

RECEPTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Please remain in your seat until the minister comes to the pew in front of you. Then stand to receive the Precious Body of Christ in your hand.

CONCLUDING RITES

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

May Almighty God bless you, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

. . . the Mass has ended. **Thanks be to God.**

EXITING THE SANCTUARY: *We ask that you exit via the nearest door. Although this is contrary to the charism of Ascension Parish, we ask that you do not congregate inside the church and do so outside only with safe social distancing.*

