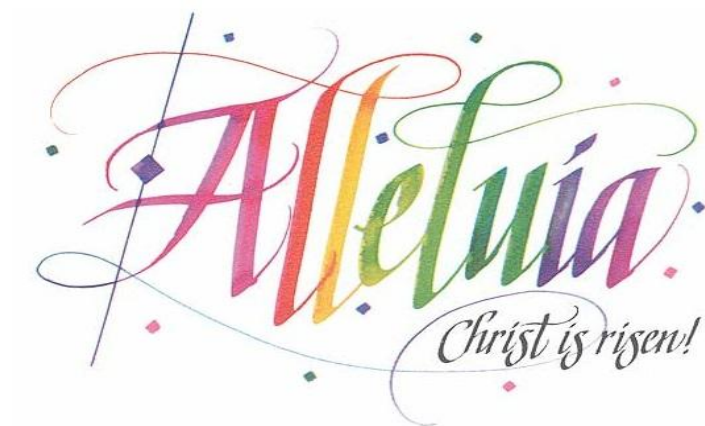


# The SOLEMNITY of the ASCENSION of the LORD

May 17, 2026



*First Communion at 10:30*

**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS recognize new Youth  
Liturgical Ministers at all the Masses**

St. Michael Poplar Springs

Mount Airy, MD

10:30 a.m. in church will be live-streamed.

**Prelude**

**"I Will Be With You"**

*James E. Moore*

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Refrain

♩

“I will be with you!” That is my prom-ise.

“I will be with you for ev - er - more.”

Trust in my love. Bring me all your

cares, for I will be with you for ev - er - more.

Verses

1. You are my peo - ple, and I am your  
2. You have re - ceived me, now go and spread my

God. I made you a prom-ise, to be with you al -  
word. You are with - in me and I am in

ways, be - cause I real - ly love you. I real - ly

love you, and I will be with you for ev - er - more. **D.S.**

# INTRODUCTORY RITES

## Gathering Song

## “Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise”

*Breaking Bread Book, Number 198*

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1. Hail the day that sees him rise
  2. There for him high tri-umph waits:
  3. High - est heav'n its Lord re - ceives;
  4. See! he lifts his hands a - bove.
  5. Lord, though part - ed from our sight
  6. There with you we shall re - main,
- } Al - le - lu - ia!



1. To his throne be - yond the skies;
  2. Lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates;
  3. Yet he loves the earth he leaves;
  4. See! he shows the wounds of love.
  5. Far be - yond the star - ry height,
  6. Share the glo - ry of your reign,
- } Al - le - lu - ia!



1. Christ, the Lamb for sin - ners giv'n,
  2. He has con- quered death and sin;
  3. Though re - turn - ing to his throne,
  4. Hark! his gra - cious lips be - stow,
  5. Lift our hearts that we may rise
  6. There your face un - cloud - ed view,
- } Al - le - lu - ia!



1. En - ters now the high - est heav'n!
  2. Take the King of glo - ry in.
  3. Still he calls the world his own.
  4. Bless - ings on his church be - low.
  5. One with you be - yond the skies:
  6. Find our heav'n of heav'ns in you.
- } Al - le - lu - ia!

## Greeting

## Sign of the Cross

## Collect

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## Song for CLOW Dismissal-10:30

## “The Word of God”

*M.D. Ridge and Timothy R. Smith*

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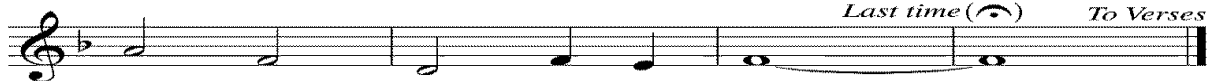
Chil-dren, as you go to hear the word of God,  
*Children Pray for us who go to hear the word of God:*



may your ears be o-pened; may you see God's light.  
*pray our hearts be o-pened; pray we see God's light.*



May the word of God be with you all your days: may it  
*Pray the word of God be with us all our days: may it*



find a home in your hearts. \_\_\_\_\_  
*find a home in our hearts. \_\_\_\_\_*

*Last time (☺) To Verses*

## First Reading

## Acts of the Apostles 1: 1 - 11

## Responsorial Psalm

## Psalm 47:

## “God Mounts His Throne to Shouts of Joy, a Blare of Trumpets for the Lord”

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**℟. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trum-pets for the Lord.**

## Second Reading

**Ephesians 1: 17 - 23**

## Gospel Acclamation

## Eastertide Gospel Acclamation

*from The Lyric Gospel Acclamations O FILII ET FILIAE, Tony Alonso*

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Al-le-lu-ia, al - le - lu-ia. Al-le-lu - ia.

## Gospel

**Matthew 28: 16 – 20**

## Homily

## 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,**

*At the words that follow, up to and including and became man, all bow.*

**and by the Holy Spirit 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 Prayer

# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## Preparation of the Gifts

## “All Peoples Clap Your Hands”

*Chris DeSilva*

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All peo-ples, clap your hands, cry out with shouts of  
joy! For the Lord has gone up and he sits up-on a  
throne. All na-tions, clap your hands, sing praise to God; sing  
praise! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is simple and rhythmic, with lyrics placed below the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

## Eucharistic Prayer

## Acclamations from MASS OF CHRIST THE SAVIOR

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“Holy, Holy”

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and  
 earth are full, are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na! Ho -  
 san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is  
 he who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

“Memorial Acclamation”

Save us, save us, Sav-ior of the world, for by your  
 Cross and Res - ur - rec-tion you have set us free.

“Great Amen”

A - men. A - men. A - men.

**Communion Rite**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Sign of Peace**

**The Lamb of God**

**Acclamation from MASS OF CHRIST THE SAVIOR**

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us. world, grant us peace.

## COMMUNION PROCESSION

### Communion Antiphon

### “Ascension”

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Be - hold, I am with you al - ways,  
e - ven to the end of the  
age, al - le - lu - ia.

### Communion Song

### “Spirit and Grace”

*Ricky Manalo*

*Breaking Bread, Number 350*

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1. Spir - it and grace, here in this meal;
2. Spir - it and grace, here in this meal;
3. Spir - it and grace, here in this place;
4. Spir - it of God, send - ing us forth;



1. you are the wind that breathes through the field.
2. you are the life that flows through the vine.
3. you are the light that shines in this space.
4. we spread your wis-dom through-out all the earth.



1. Gath - er the wheat\_\_\_ and form us in Christ.
2. Gath - er this drink\_\_\_ and form us in Christ.
3. Gath - er your peo - ple and form us in Christ.
4. Gath - er the na - tions and form us in Christ.



1. Come, be our source and breath of life.
2. Come, be our source and blood of life.
3. Come, be the heart - beat of our lives.
4. Come, be the pres - ence in our lives.



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In the bread, blessed, bro - ken and shared, Christ is our



life, whose presence we bear. Come, O Spir - it, make your



grace re - vealed in this ho - ly meal.

3 to Verses

## **Prayer after Communion**

### **Prayer for Vocations**

Loving and Generous God,  
it is You who call us by name  
and ask us to follow You.

Help us to grow in the Love  
and Service of our Church  
as we experience it today,  
and give us the energy and courage of Your Spirit to shape its future.

Grant us faith-filled leaders,  
who will embrace Christ's mission  
of love and justice.

Bless the Parish of St. Michael  
Poplar Springs, by raising up dedicated and generous leaders  
from our families and friends  
who will serve Your people as Sisters, Priests, Brothers, Deacons,  
and Lay Ministers.

Inspire us to know You better  
and open our hearts  
to hear Your call.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.                      Amen.

## **The Ascension of the Lord Solemn Blessing**

### **Dismissal**

**“Go Out, Go Out”**

*Curtis Stephan*

*Breaking Bread Book, number 387*

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Go out, go out to all the world and tell the  
 Good News, tell the Good, Good News! Go out, go  
 out to all the world and tell the Good News,  
 tell the Good, Good News! tell the Good, Good News.  
 tell the Good News, tell the Good, Good News.

1, 4 | 2, 3 to Verses

Final

Verse 1

1. Praise the LORD, praise the LORD, all you na - tions;  
 1. Glo - ri - fy him, glo - ri - fy him, you peo - ples!

Verse 2

2. Stead-fast, stead - fast is his kind - ness toward us,  
 2. and the faith - ful - ness of the LORD en - dures!

to Refrain