



St. Catherine of Siena Roman Catholic Church ITHACA, NEW YORK

August 30, 2026 | Twenty-second Sunday of Ordinary Time



22nd Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

"For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?" Matthew 16:25-26

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WELCOME!

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We are so pleased that you chose to celebrate with us this weekend. We warmly invite you to actively participate in our liturgical celebration. Please feel free to approach one of our Ministers of Hospitality if you are in need of any assistance. No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, your current family or marital situation, your past or present religious affiliation; no matter what your personal history, age, background, sexual orientation, gender, race, or color; no matter what your self-image or self-esteem: YOU are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved, and respected at St. Catherine of Siena Church in Ithaca, New York.

Parish Mission Statement

The mission of St. Catherine of Siena Parish is to inspire, engage, and nurture our community through worship, witness, and service.

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND

Saturday

5:00 p.m.

Sunday

9:00 a.m.

CONFESSION

Saturday

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
or by appointment

WEEKDAY

Tuesday

9:00 a.m.

Thursday

9:00 a.m.

Friday

9:00 a.m.

FIRST SATURDAY

9:00 a.m. at Immaculate
Conception

Accommodations: *Gluten-reduced hosts* are available; please go to the presiding priest during Communion. *Personal listening receivers* are available in the Atrium.

Church Hours

The church is open for prayer when the Parish Office is open: Monday 1-4 p.m.; Tuesday and Wednesday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.; and Friday 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration is held in the church on Wednesday evenings from 7:30-8:30 p.m.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to our parish community! Registration forms are available on our website or through the Parish Office.

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation is available on Saturdays from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. and by appointment.

Infant Baptisms We are so happy about the new addition to your family. Parents participate in a preparation program prior to baptism. Please contact Deacon Rick three months prior to the baptism. Please fill out the Baptism Registration Form on our website and return it to the office.

Marriage Congratulations on your engagement! As with the other sacraments, prior preparation is necessary. Please contact the office **at least six months** before the wedding. If you do not live in New York state, you must do your preparation in your home state.

Anointing of the Sick/Visitation Please contact the office for arrangements for individual anointing or for a visitation to someone who is sick or homebound. We have a communal anointing of the sick on the 3rd Thursday of every month after the 9 a.m. Mass. For emergencies, please contact Fr. Dan directly at 607-351-6458 or Fr. David at 315-220-0562. Please alert the Parish Office when family members are in the hospital. If you would like to add someone to the Prayer Corner, please call the Parish Office.

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (O.C.I.A.)

For information on becoming Catholic, or questions about the Catholic faith, contact Deacon Rick.

Holy Orders Please contact the Diocesan Office of Vocation Awareness at 585-461-2890 or vocations@dor.org.

A vibrant Catholic Community where all are welcomed, challenged, and supported in their lives' journey.

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Clothing for those in need

Clean used clothing in good condition accepted 24/7 at the shed adjacent to the west parking lot.

Blue Mutual Aid Food Cabinet

We host a blue food cabinet in front of the church, which functions as a small food pantry that is available for all community members. Anyone is invited to donate or take food from the cabinet.

Ithaca Kitchen Cupboard

St. Catherine's, as a member of Area Churches Together (ACT), supports the Ithaca Kitchen Cupboard Food Pantry with food donated by parishioners and volunteer hours.

PRAYER CORNER

PLEASE HOLD IN PRAYER THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR INJURED:

Steven Donnelly, Margaret DeGaetano, Father John Gagnier, Julia Steh, Caryl Funke, Rosalie Cook, Greg Janeck, Barbara Miklus, Bill Schultz, Samuel Swartz, Stella Swartz, Alma Cárdenas Schneider, Gary Barnaba, Robert Hillman, Andrew Vajk, Deb Roe, Peter Parkes, Susan Piliero, Peter Ladley, Sophia Clark, Ryan Frisbee, Louis Soto, Lillian Blain, Lucas Fedrizzi, Soren Lowell, Ryan Steh, Tom Roach, Parker Johnson, Mabel Bunting, Steve DeGloria, Donna Updike, Chris Hughes, Greg Ferguson, Gene Milliman, Chloe Wetzel, Ramona Forney, Donna Dutton, Emily O'Mara, Cindy Horner, Ruth Horner, Stephanie Hawkins, Beth Hawkins, Burt Allen, Lee Miller, Ruthe Bruen, Dale Bathe, Lonnie Sape, and Andrea Caraccilo.

PLEASE HOLD IN PRAYER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST: Robert Smith

MINISTRY TEAM

CLERGY

Pastor - Rev. Daniel T. McMullin,

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315-252-7111

Please contact the Finance Office with any questions regarding contributions to the parish.

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Pastoral Council minutes available at stcathofsiena.org/pastoral-council-minutes

ATTENDANCE

	In-person	Virtual
August 22, 5 p.m.	113	39
August 23, 9 a.m.	157	61
Total:	270	100
Church Capacity:	400	

WHAT'S HAPPENING: AUGUST 31 - SEPTEMBER 6

MONDAY, AUGUST 31

7:00 p.m. Cayuga Vocal Ensemble Rehearsal, *church*

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

9:00 a.m. MASS: *Paul Bates by Chris & Allyssa Bates*

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, *Conference Room*

1:00 p.m. **Red Cross Blood Drive**, *Mahler Hall*

5:00 p.m. Ignatian Prayer Group, *Pastoral Care Room*

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

7:30 P.M. EUCHARISTIC ADORATION, *Church*

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

9:00 a.m. MASS: *Living & deceased members of the Doyle-Leclere families by Jeff & Jane Doyle*

9:30 a.m. Meeting Christ in Prayer, *Pastoral Care Room*

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal, *church*

7:30 p.m. St. Catherine's Book Club, *Pastoral Care Room*

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

9:00 a.m. MASS: *Paul D. Lacey by Mary Lou Bailey-Smith*

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

The Blessed Virgin Mary

9:10 a.m. History Lights the Way AA meeting, *Conference Room*

3:30 p.m. Reconciliation, *Church*

5:00 p.m. MASS: *John Edward Backus by the Backus family*

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

9:00 a.m. MASS: *Eugene Menzenski by Gregory Menzenski and Pamela Hanna*

DAILY READINGS

MONDAY 8/31

1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Psalm 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102; Luke 4:16-30

TUESDAY 9/1

1 Corinthians 2:10b-16; Psalm 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14; Luke 4:31-37

WEDNESDAY 9/2

1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Psalm 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21; Luke 4:38-44

THURSDAY 9/3

1 Corinthians 3:18-23; Psalm 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Luke 5:1-11

FRIDAY 9/4

1 Corinthians 4:1-5; Psalm 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40; Luke 5:33-39

SATURDAY 9/5

1 Corinthians 4:6b-15; Psalm 145:17-18, 19-20, 21; Luke 6:1-5

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE for FY2026-27

August 30, 2026 collection numbers will be included next week. Thank you for your patience.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
Weekly Offertory Income

	8/23/26
Sunday Mass Envelope Collection:	\$2,676
Loose Collection:	\$357
Electronic Giving (Sunday Collection):	\$3,967
All Other Categories:	\$91
Total Collection for this week:	\$7,091

Strategic Plan action:

We prayerfully ask that, as a community, you consider increasing your offertory giving, so that you can help us initiate the match 1:1 pledges. In this way, St. Catherine's can be solvent in its current form and fulfill its Vision, "A Vibrant Catholic Community where all are welcomed, challenged, and supported in their life's journey". We believe in St. Catherine's because we believe in you.

Treasury Development Committee

INCREASE IN TREASURE

Towards \$120,000 Goal

QTD Increase in Treasure (1)

Quarter #	Amount	Match \$
#1: 7/1/26-9/30/26	\$13,166	\$0
#2: 10/1/26-12/31/26	\$0	\$0
#3: 1/1/27-3/31/27	\$0	\$0
#4: 4/1/27-6/30/27	\$0	\$0
Total	\$13,166	\$0

Note:

1. A \$0 in a cell means the quarter has not yet started. Also, we will not record the Match until two weeks after the end of each quarter.

YTD Amounts of Treasure

Totals of Treasure	
YTD Towards \$120,000 Goal	\$13,166
YTD Total Treasure	\$82,622

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA'S MATCH INITIATIVE

WHAT IS IT?

Twelve (12) generous St. Catherine benefactors have pledged \$5,000 each to match the increased giving of other parishioners for the fiscal year (July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027). At the end of each quarter, parish offertory collections will be compared with those from the corresponding quarter of the base fiscal year. Every dollar of increased offertory giving will be matched dollar-for-dollar by our benefactors. Watch the above for quarterly updates!

WHY IS THIS MATCH INITIATIVE CONTINUING FOR A THIRD YEAR?

By increased offertory giving, parishioners demonstrate their commitment to maintaining a balanced budget that will support the parish's financial objectives which include Father Dan's vision for our parish: to be present to preach about the person of Jesus Christ, to hire (when it becomes possible) a person who can manage our media presence, a pianist/organist for the Sunday liturgy, and a pastoral associate who can manage pastoral care to the sick and homebound, and organize our liturgical life.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

It is essential that we demonstrate long-term financial stability. This Match Initiative will provide the resources needed to strengthen our ministries and restore staffing levels that will allow us to serve our community more effectively. Your offertory generosity is essential.



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Are you an Adult who is baptized but never received Confirmation and/or First Eucharist? The Order for Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) is a program for people wanting to become Catholic or wanting to complete their sacraments. The OCIA program will begin this year on September 21 at Immaculate Conception Church. Please contact Deacon Rick Burgess at rickburgess@dor.org for more information.



THE ITHACA MOBILEPACK - FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

The Ithaca MobilePack for Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) will be September 24-27 at the NY State National Guard Armory. Volunteers hand pack nutritious MannaPack meals specifically designed to reverse malnutrition, then FMSC distributes them around the world to people in dire need. Packing sessions last for two hours including an initial orientation. There are sit-down jobs for those with limited mobility. St. Catherine's has reserved spots for our parishioners.

- Thursday, September 24, 6-7:30 p.m.
- Friday, September 25, 11:30-1:30 p.m.; 3-5 p.m. and 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, September 26, 11-1 p.m.; 2-4 p.m.; 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Sign up for a shift at crosleym22@gmail.com

Monetary donations are greatly appreciated as well.

Please contact Mary Crosley at crosleym22@gmail.com with any questions. Thank you, as always, for your support!



SAVE THE DATE!

Save the date of February 7, 2027 for the Beyond the Plate Dinner to benefit the Ithaca MobilePack/Feed My Starving Children. The 2027 early calendar has many major events - the Super Bowl, Oscars and Valentine's Day. If you would like to help plan for the Beyond the Plate Dinner, come join us on Tuesday, August 25, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. as we begin to plan for the event.



AN EASY WAY TO UPGRADE YOUR EFT GIVING ONLINE

Go to:

- stcathofsiena.org
- Click "online donations."
- Online giving click "here."
- Sign in.
- Amend your gift.

St. Catherine's dedicated staff and its budgeted building expenditures will thank you!



ITHACA PEACE WEEK – BUILD PEACE & COMMUNITY

Mark your calendars for September 12-21 so you don't miss our Peace Week events. This year is the 800th anniversary of the death of St. Francis of Assisi, so we will pray to him for peace and will end the month with a "Blessing of the Animals" on Oct 4, 2026. We will have a coffee hour on September 12 and 13 to publicize all the events. We have a Peace Plant for a door prize valued at over \$900 to be awarded on September 21. All attendees will get a raffle ticket. We will have a movie night, a speaker discussing Pope Francis and Pope Leo's peace messages, as well as a Taizé prayer service. There will also be events at Ithaca College and Cornell. Come and be part of the discussions on how to make our hearts and our world more peaceful!

Scan the URL code here for more details or go to <https://stcathofsiena.org/ithaca-peace-festival>



HELP US FEED OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED

Food insecurity does not go away during the summer. St. Catherine's hosts a blue cabinet found near the front of the church on the sidewalk next to the U driveway. We like to keep it stocked with non-perishable foods (canned goods and dry goods). We also have a wire bin in the Parish Center's Atrium for donations of food. **Please consider donating non-expired foods to the wire bin as it is empty right now.**



COLLIS INSTITUTE FOR CATHOLIC THOUGHT AND CULTURE NEWS

COLLIS Institute for Catholic Thought and Culture will be hosting political theorist Mary Keys (Notre Dame) for a lecture, "Rhetoric and the Virtues of the Heart: On Augustine's Political Thought," 5pm on Tuesday, Sept. 15 at Cornell University or via Zoom. For more information visit collisinstitute.org



INTERESTED IN THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS?

We're organizing a group order of Ascension Press's new four-volume *Liturgy of the Hours, Second Edition*. If you've been thinking about making the Liturgy of the Hours part of your prayer life or upgrading your current set this is a great opportunity to join others in ordering together and take advantage of group savings of up to 20%.

Sign up by September 14 if you'd like to participate. More info and signup here: <https://tinyurl.com/4bw92hrz>



Communication is a critical skill that empowers and connects people. Its impact can be felt in countless ways.

In San Antonio Lajas, Guatemala, a Catholic Relief Services program called Monthly Interval Resilience Analysis (MIRA) is helping families communicate and turn their voices into local action. [Through monthly, community-led surveys](#), residents identify their biggest challenges—from hunger and food shortages caused by drought to economic struggles and unemployment.

Residents like Consuelo Gutierrez and Luz Severia Lopez feel heard and valued, knowing their experiences can help shape a better future for the whole community.



Beyond collecting data, MIRA has created employment opportunities, equipped community leaders with information to make better decisions, and helped build trust throughout the community. [By collecting this data, communities are empowered to identify their needs, prepare for challenges and plan for their future so they may lead their own development.](#)

You help make programs like MIRA possible. Your support helps families build toward a future filled with possibilities—on their own terms, creating a lasting change. [Please light a candle and keep communities like San Antonio Lajas in your prayers as they work together to build a stronger, brighter future.](#)

Peace and light,



Sean L. Callahan
President & CEO
Catholic Relief Services

Ithaca Peace Week

September 13-21 and October 4, 2026



*"Give us the courage to build bridges
where the world erects borders."*

~ Pope Leo XIV, for the Franciscan Jubilee, calling on
St. Francis to intercede for peace in our world.

Thursday, September 10, 12:00noon-1:15pm

"The Future of International Order: Rupture, Resistance, and
Prospects for Peace," Clark Hall 700, Cornell

Monday, September 14, 6pm **"Bombshell,"* a

PBS Documentary. How the U.S. government manipulated
the narrative about the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and
Nagasaki, Japan. Film and discussion at St. Catherine of Siena
Church, 309 Siena Drive, Ithaca

Tuesday, September 15, 7pm **"Toward an Ethic of Comprehensive Nonviolence"* with
David Cortright, Professor Emeritus, prominent peace activist, historian, and scholar. Immaculate
Conception Church Hall, 113 N. Geneva St., Ithaca

Thursday, September 17, 10am-5:30pm *"Rethinking Nuclear Weapons and Global
Security,"* BioTech Building G10, Cornell.

Saturday, September 19, 7:30pm *Dorothy Cotton Jubilee Singers, Dedicated to
the preservation of Negro spirituals, St. Catherine of Siena Church, 309 Siena Drive, Ithaca

Sunday, September 20, 9:30am Ceremonial gathering at the International Peace
Pole (opposite the front door) followed by regularly scheduled Sunday morning mediation at
Foundation of Light, 391 Turkey Hill Road, Ithaca

Monday, September 21, 7pm *Taizé Prayer Service, a contemplative, ecumenical Christian worship
service. St. Catherine of Siena Church, 309 Siena Drive, Ithaca

Sept. 22-27, 9:00-4:00pm Sand Mandala Construction by Tibetan Buddhist monks
dedicated to Chenrezig, enlightened embodiment of compassion. Ithaca College Business
School, UpperAtrium, Ithaca College. Info: events.ithaca.edu

Sunday, October 4, *Feast of St. Francis of Assisi - Blessing of the animals
at each Catholic parish. See each parish for specific location and time.

Program Details



* Sponsored by Catholic Charities and the Catholic Parishes of Tompkins County



Ithaca Community Blood Drive **Proudly Sponsored by** **St. Catherine of Siena Church**

Held in Mahler Hall
 309 Siena Drive
 Ithaca, NY 14850

Tuesday, September 1, 2026
1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Please consider giving a Power Red Cell donation
 if you are O-, O+, A- or B-.

NEW DONORS NEEDED!

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READINGS AND PRAYERS FOR THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Processional: *Take Up Your Cross, Breaking Bread* #709

Greeting

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Glory to God *Belmont Mass, Breaking Bread* #828

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: *Jeremiah 20:7-9*

You duped me, O LORD, and I let myself be duped;
you were too strong for me, and you triumphed.
All the day I am an object of laughter;
everyone mocks me.

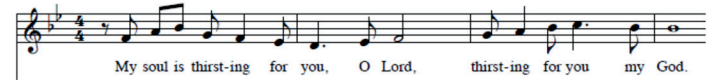
Whenever I speak, I must cry out,
violence and outrage is my message;
the word of the LORD has brought me
derision and reproach all the day.

I say to myself, I will not mention him,
I will speak in his name no more.
But then it becomes like fire burning in my heart,
imprisoned in my bones;
I grow weary holding it in, I cannot endure it.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9*
My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord, thirsting for you my God.



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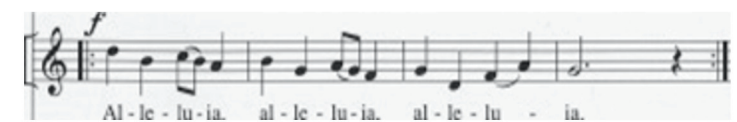
Second Reading: *Romans 12:1-2*

I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God,
to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice,
holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship.
Do not conform yourselves to this age
but be transformed by the renewal of your mind,
that you may discern what is the will of God,
what is good and pleasing and perfect.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia--*Mass of Remembrance*



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Deacon/Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Deacon/Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

Jesus began to show his disciples
that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer
greatly
from the elders, the chief priests, and the
scribes,
and be killed and on the third day be raised.
Then Peter took Jesus aside and began to
rebuke him,
"God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever
happen to you."
He turned and said to Peter,
"Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle
to me.
You are thinking not as God does, but as
human beings do."

Then Jesus said to his disciples,
"Whoever wishes to come after me must
deny himself,
take up his cross, and follow me.
For whoever wishes to save his life will lose
it,
but whoever loses his life for my sake will
find it.
What profit would there be for one to gain
the whole world
and forfeit his life?
Or what can one give in exchange for his life?
For the Son of Man will come with his angels
in his Father's glory,
and then he will repay all according to his
conduct."

Deacon/Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily**Universal Prayer**

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Liturgy of the Eucharist**Presentation and Preparation of the Gifts**

Offertory Hymn: *The Summons, Breaking Bread #388*

Invitation to Prayer

Priest: Pray...that my sacrifice and yours may
be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**People: 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.**

Preface Dialogue

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right and just.

Priest: ...we acclaim:

**Holy, Holy, Holy – Mass of St. Mary
Magdalene**



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Priest: The mystery of faith.

Memorial Acclamation--*Mass of St. Mary Magdalene*



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Priest: Through him, and 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.

Great Amen--*Mass of St. Mary Magdalene*



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Priest: ... we dare to say:

The Lord's Prayer

People: 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.

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

People: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

Sign of Peace

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles, peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

Priest: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

Lamb of God --*Mass of St. Mary Magdalene*



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

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

Communion Hymn: *Tree of Life/Adoramus Te*
Christe, Gather #476

Concluding Rites

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Priest/Deacon: Go in peace.

People: Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn: *A Rightful Place, Breaking*
Bread #639

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