



THE ASCENSION

Above the Altar

*“And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven.”
Luke 24:51*

*“And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.”
Acts 1:9*

Symbols:

This window represents hope and strengthens our faith, for it depicts Christ rising above clouds as he ascends to heaven. He is dressed in ruby and white: ruby signifying sacrifice and love, and white representing purity. Wounds from the crucifixion nails can be seen on His hands and feet. The first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, Alpha and Omega, signify that Jesus is the beginning and the end of all things. The stars on the red fields signify the adoration of God by angels.



THE GREAT COMMISSION

Above the Narthex

*“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.”
Matthew 28: 19, 20*

Symbols:

The figure of Christ appears to be standing over the world since the earth, flowers, and running water are below His feet. His right hand is raised in blessing and conveys the message of sending out missionaries to preach the word of God. The left hand holds the cross and orb, which suggests that the kingdom of this world shall become the kingdom of our Lord. The white dove by Christ's right hand signifies the Holy Spirit and the presence of God hovering over the water at creation and above Jesus at his baptism. The dove also denotes the new creation at Pentecost. By Christ's left hand are grapes, the chalice and host, and wheat signifying the Holy Eucharist. The chalice is the grace of forgiveness, and the bread the grace of abundant life. The grape vines signify that Christ is the vine and we are the branches. The crown stands for King of all and power on earth, as well as the gift of eternal life.