



*"Saint John the Baptist in Prison Visited by Two Disciples"*  
Giovanni di Paolo (1403-1482), Art Institute of Chicago

## The Third Sunday of Advent

11 a.m. Solemn High Mass + December 11, 2022  
Church of the Ascension, Chicago

Sun Dec 11 The Third Sunday of Advent, 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.  
Waiting with the O Antiphons, Library, 1 p.m. (*see below*)  
Wed Dec 14 Said Mass at 6:30 p.m., John of the Cross  
Sun Dec 18 The Fourth Sunday of Advent, 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.  
Waiting with the O Antiphons, Library, 1 p.m. (*see below*)

### **Waiting with the O Antiphons, Sundays during Advent**

Advent is a time of waiting for the light of Christ. But it is not passive waiting. We actively seek the light of Christ in prayer, calling out the ancient names for the Incarnate One in what are known as the O Antiphons.

Following coffee hour after the Solemn High Mass (around 1 p.m.), we'll gather in the Library to learn more about the antiphons, and how we might use them to prepare our own hearts for the birth of Christ. We'll listen to these Antiphons chanted in Latin, read them in English, and reflect on them using Malcome Guite's O Antiphon-inspired sonnets.

### **Giving Tree for RefugeeOne**

Beginning this Sunday, we will have a Christmas tree near the parish house entrance decorated with paper ornaments with names of household goods needed by newly arrived refugees, many of whom are from Ukraine. Please take one (or more!) of these ornaments and bring to the church the **UNWRAPPED** item(s) on your ornament. You can drop off your gifts in St. Michael Hall. Please look for the sign that says "Gifts for RefugeeOne Here." We'll be collecting gifts throughout Advent and Christmas and delivering them to RefugeeOne after The Epiphany. Please contact Mtr. Murphy-Gill with any questions.

### **Advent Greens and Christmas Flowers**

A card and envelope for your commemorative gifts of greens and flowers that adorn Church of the Ascension during Advent and Christmas may be found in the back of this bulletin.

### **Second Sunday Rosary**

The Rosary will be prayed this morning at the Shrine of Saint Mary the Virgin following the 11 a.m. Mass. All are welcome to join.

*Please silence all electronic devices that may distract you or others from worship.*

*Cameras in the church are for the purposes of live-streaming and/or recording our liturgies and music, but anyone in the church may be incidentally viewed.*



## ORGAN

Nun komm der Heiden Heiland BWV 659

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

## ENTRANCE RITE

*Please stand as you are able as the Ministers enter. The Altar, Ministers and People are aspersed, sprinkled with holy water, a reminder of our baptism as we prepare to worship God. During the Introit, the Altar is censed.*

### Opening Hymn 68

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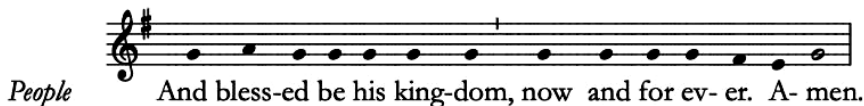
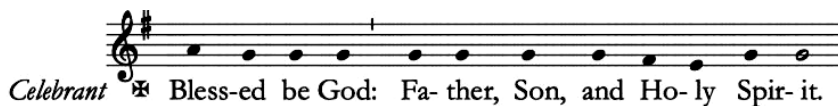
#### Introit

*Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, rejoice. Let your softness be known unto all men: the Lord is e'en at hand. Be careful for nothing: but in all prayer and supplication, let your petitions be manifest unto God with giving of thanks. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesu. Amen.*

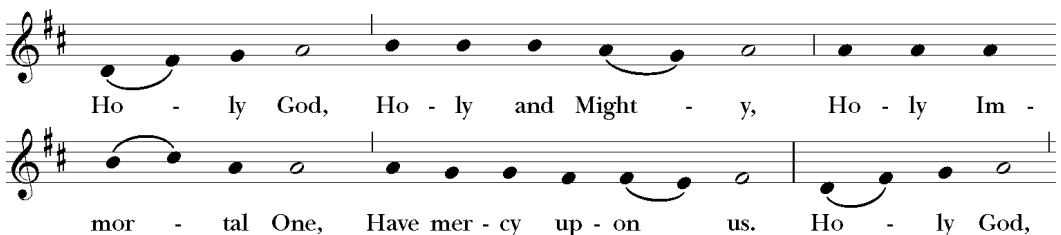
Philippians 4:4-7

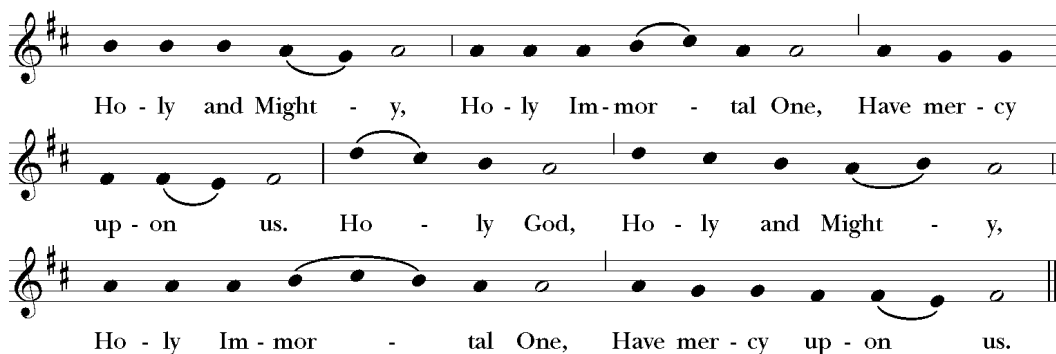
Setting: Anon. 16th century *Rejoice in the Lord Always*

#### The Opening Acclamation



#### Trisagion





## The Salutation and The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The people sit.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### The First Lesson

Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall

be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.      *People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual** “Qui sedes Domini” (Ps. 80) Mode VII

Qui sedes, Domine, super Cherubim, excita potentiam tuam, et veni. V. Qui regis Israel, intende: qui deducis velut ovem Ioseph.

*Shew thyself, O Lord, thou that sittest upon the Cherubim: stir up thy strength and come. V. Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel: thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep.*

## **The Epistle**

James 5: 7-10

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.      *People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**Alleluia** “Excita Domine” (Ps. 80) Mode IV

Alleluia, alleluia. V. Excita, Domine, potentiam tuam, et veni, ut salvos facias nos. Alleluia.

*Alleluia, alleluia. V. Stir up thy strength, O Lord: and come and help us. Alleluia.*

## The Holy Gospel

Matthew 11:2-11

*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.**

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.” As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, ‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.’ Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## The Sermon

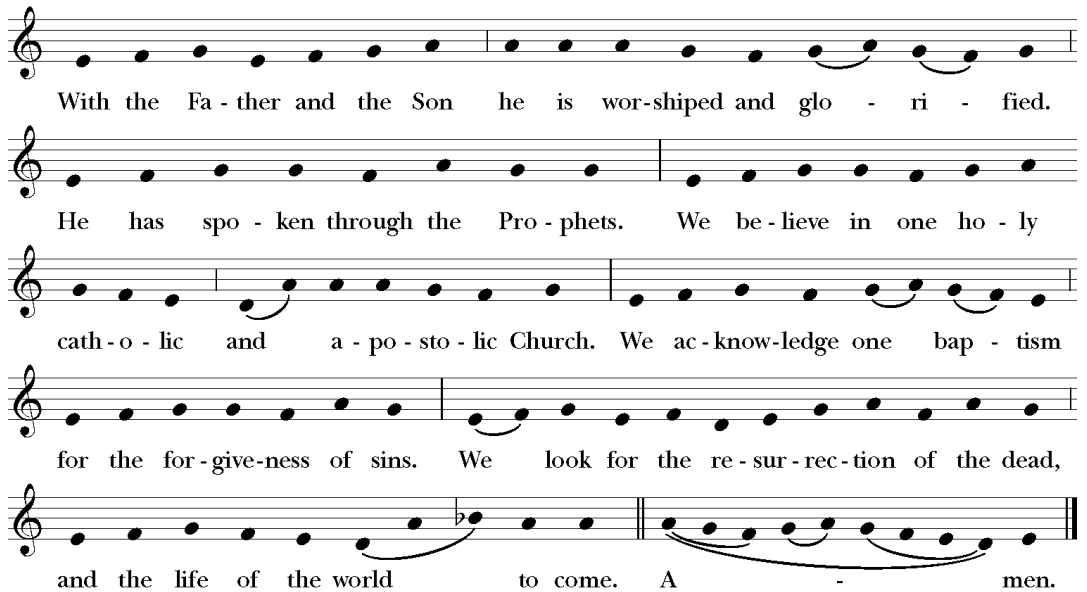
The Rt. Rev. Daniel Martins

**The Nicene Creed (S-104 Contemporary)** *Please stand as you are able.*

We be - lieve in one God, the Fa - ther, the Al - might - y, ma - ker of  
hea - ven 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: 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.  
For our sake he was cru - ci - fied un - der Pon - tius Pi - late;  
he suf - fered death and was bur - ied. 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. 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.



## The Prayers of the People

Form IV (BCP p. 388)

*Deacon or other leader*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**



Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

**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 Bishop, when present, or the Priest, 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 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**

### **Offertory “Benedixisti Domini” (Ps. 85) Mode IV**

Benedixisti, Domine, terram tuam: avertisti captivitatem Iacob: remisisti iniquitatem plebis tuae.

*Lord, thou art become gracious unto thy land: thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob: thou hast forgiven the offence of thy people.*

### **Offertory Motet**

*Lord, we beseech thee,  
give ear unto our prayers,  
and by thy gracious visitation  
lighten the darkness of our hearts,  
by our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Amen.*

Setting: Adrian Batten (c. 1590-1637) *Lord, we beseech thee*  
Collect for the 3rd Sunday of Advent, from the 1549 *Book of Common Prayer*

### **Offertory Hymn 72**

RICHMOND

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Eucharistic Prayer A (BCP p. 361)*

**Orate Fratres** *Please stand as you are able.*

*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 treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes, with 'Celebrant' and 'People' labels above the respective parts.

*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. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.*

*Glory be to thee, O Lord most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

Setting: Charles Wood (1866-1926) *Short Communion Service in the Phrygian Mode*

*The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues.*

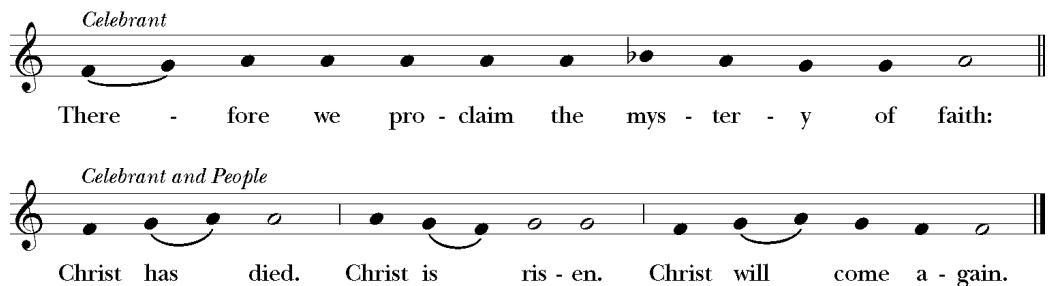
Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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."

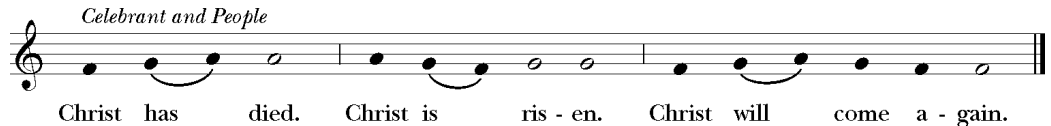
After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

*Celebrant*



There - fore we pro - claim the mys - ter - y of faith:

*Celebrant and People*



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

*The Celebrant continues* We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

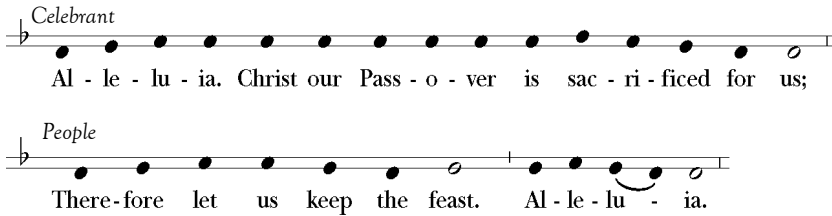
All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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.*



## 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.**

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## Agnus Dei

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: grant us thy peace.*

Setting: Charles Wood (1866-1926) *Short Communion Service in the Phrygian Mode*

† *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.*

## Communion "Dicite pusillanimes" (Is. 35) Mode VII

*Dicite pusillanimes: Confortamini, et nolite timere: Ecce Deus noster veniet, et salvabit nos. V. Gloria Patri.*

*Say to them that are of a fearful heart: Be strong, fear not: behold your God will come and save you. V. Glory be.*

## Communion Hymn

BONNEMERE



1. Her - ald, sound the note of judg-ment, war-ning us of\_\_ right and\_\_wrong,
2. Her - ald, sound the note of glad-ness, tell the news that\_ Christ is\_\_ here,
3. Her - ald, sound the note of par - don, those re-pent-ing\_ are for - given;
4. Her - ald, sound the note of tri - umph! Christ has come to\_\_ share our\_\_ life,



turn - ing us from sin\_\_ and sad-ness 'til once more we sing the song:  
make a path-way through the des - ert for the one who brings God near:  
God re-ceives his way - ward child ren, and to them new life is given:  
bring - ing God's own love\_\_ and pow - er, grant-ing vic - tory in our strife:



Sound the trum-pet! Tell the mes-sage! Christ, the Sa - vior King, has come.\_\_

## The Post-Communion Prayer

*The People stand or kneel. 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 Advent Blessing

*The Priest blesses the people.*

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. **AMEN.**

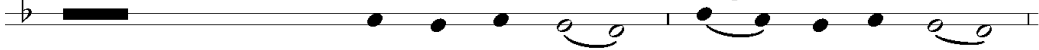
May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. **AMEN.**

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. **AMEN**

And the blessing of God Almighty, + the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **AMEN.**

*The People stand as they are able.*

## The Dismissal

<i>Deacon</i>					<i>People</i>				
									
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.									

## Recessional Hymn 640

ABERYSTWYTH

## ORGAN

Nun komm der Heiden Heiland PV 386

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

## Ascension Prayer List

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**FLOWERS** on the High Altar are given by James Drury to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the Interim Rector, the Curate, the Assisting Clergy, the Acolytes on the Altar, the Organist, the Choirmaster and choir, the flower guild, the Treasurer and counters, the Office and Facility Managers, the Wardens and Vestry, and the Benefactors—all who make Ascension run well all year long. **FLOWERS** at the Shrine of Saint Michael the Archangel are given by Fr. Thomas Heard and Dr. Cheryl Winters-Heard to the glory of God in thanksgiving for their 39th wedding anniversary.

### **Prayer requests**

Do you have a need for special prayer in your life? Whether your prayer needs are because you have an upcoming surgery, an ill family member, or you're just feeling particularly lonely lately, Fr. Heard and Mtr. Murphy-Gill would like to know. We've created a way for letting us know about your requests for prayers in a way we hope makes it easy for you to reach out, though you can always call the church or reach out to one of the priests personally. Check out the link in TWAA to share your prayer requests.



*Please do remember your financial offerings to the church. At this time, they may be placed in the offering plates as they are passed. You may also write a check and mail it to the church or make a gift by scanning this QR Code.*

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Welcome to worship at the  
**Church of the Ascension**  
An Anglican-Episcopal parish in the  
city and Diocese of Chicago

SOME WHO HAVE GATHERED HERE TODAY may have traveled from afar and visited before. Church of the Ascension has long been a destination for those who feel blessed by the Anglo-Catholic worship here. Others may have made a shorter trip, and those here for the first time may ask, “What’s Anglo-Catholic?” The term refers to two aspects of our history and ongoing faith and worship.

Anglican churches are those in the tradition of, and with ongoing ties to, the Church of England. (In the United States we are mainly called Episcopalians.)

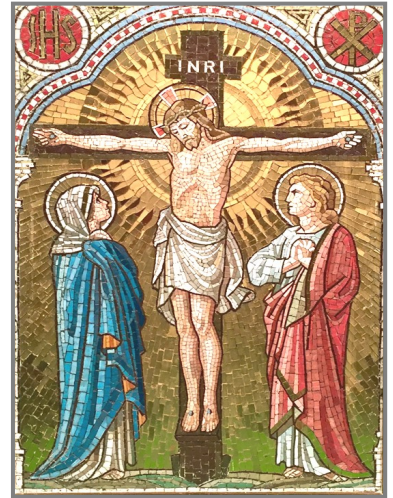
The ‘Catholic’ part of our identity is evident all around us here, in the church interior and in our worship.

- + We value and relish liturgy and music that engage and nourish the heart the mind and all the senses.
- + Our reverence for the sacrament of the Eucharist, the Mass, Christ’s Body and Blood, is emphasized by the architecture of the space and many elements of our worship.
- + We have a strong sense of taking part, as Christ’s people, in the Communion of Saints, including Blessed Mary and our patron saint, Michael the Archangel. Our faith is inspired and sustained by remembering the lives and witness of those who are now eternally with God.

We hope and pray that our sense of grateful, divine fellowship translates to our welcome of all and to faithfulness in the ministries that we share beyond our life of worship.

Your questions about our parish community, our worship and other ministries may be found by inquiring with our clergy or parishioners, or on our website – [www.ascensionchicago.org](http://www.ascensionchicago.org).

Thank you and bless you for joining us.



*The mosaic on the door of the altar tabernacle, Church of the Ascension*

- **All baptized Christians are welcomed to receive Communion.** Others are welcomed to come forward at the time of Communion to receive a blessing.
- **Live-Streaming** of select liturgies is available on Facebook and YouTube. Links for these can be found on our website Home page.
- **Please ask an usher about a parking permit** if your car will be in our parking lot after 1:30 pm today.

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