

The Parable of the Unjust Judge, Pieter de Grebber, 1628
Szépmûvészeti Mûzeum, Budapest

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
11 a.m. Solemn High Mass + October 16, 2022
Church of the Ascension, Chicago

This week's Calendar

Sun Oct 16 19th Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 24C) 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.
Open House Chicago, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Tues Oct 18 **Saint Luke the Evangelist:** Said Mass at 12 p.m.

Wed Oct 19 Henry Martyn, *Priest & Missionary to India & Persia*: Said Mass 6:30 p.m.

Fri Oct 21 Bible Study: Book of Revelation via Zoom 10 a.m. with St. Chrysostom's

Sun Oct 23 20th Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 25C) 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.

Book of Revelation Bible Study

Join in a study of the Book of Revelation on Friday at 10 am via Zoom with nearby St. Chrysostom's. (See TWAA newsletter for the link.)

Preparing for our final journey

On Sunday, November 13 and 20, Barbara Susman and Fr. Heard will talk through the things we can do to ease the way for those who care for us and follow us as we make our transition from this life to the next.

We'll meet at 10 a.m. in the Undercroft (also known as the AA Room) to consider how we can ensure that our wishes are known and do what we can to help those we leave behind.



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.

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

A la mémoire de Charles Gounod [ca. 1905] René Ambroise Vierne (1878-1918)

ENTRANCE RITE

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

Opening Hymn 478

MONK'S GATE

Introit "Ego clamavi" (Ps. 17) Mode III

Ego clamavi, quoniam exaudisti me, Deus: inclina aurem tuam, et exaudi verba mea: custodi me, Domine, ut pupillam oculi: sub umbra alarum tuarum protege me. Ps. Exaudi Domine iustitiam meam: intende deprecationem meam. V. Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen. Ego clamavi ...

I have called upon thee, O God, for thou shalt hear me: incline thine ear unto me, and hearken unto my words: keep me, O Lord, as the apple of an eye: hide me under the shadow of thy wings. Ps. Hear the right, O Lord: consider my complaint. V. Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen. I have called ...

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant

Bless - ed be God: Father, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit.

People

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ev - er. A - men.

The Celebrant may say

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Kyrie eleison

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Setting: Charles Gounod (1818-1893) *Messe à deux voix égales* (1876)

Gloria in excelsis Deo



1. Glo - ry be to God on high, and on earth peace,
good will towards men. 2. We praise thee, we bless thee,
we wor - ship thee, we glo - ri - fy thee, we give
thanks to thee for thy great glo - ry, 3. O Lord God, heaven - ly
King, God the Fa-ther Al - might - y. 4. O Lord, the on - ly be - got - ten Son, Je - sus Christ;
5. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, that
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -

on us. 6. Thou that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer. 7. Thou that sit - test at the right hand of God the Fa - ther, have mer - cy up - on us.

8. For thou on - ly art ho - ly; thou on - ly art the Lord; 9. thou on - ly, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost, art most high in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

A - men.

The Salutation and The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people sit.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The First Lesson

Genesis 32:3-8,22-30

Jacob sent messengers before him to his brother Esau in the land of Seir, the country of Edom, instructing them, “Thus you shall say to my lord Esau: Thus says your servant Jacob, ‘I have lived with Laban as an alien, and stayed until now; and I have oxen, donkeys, flocks, male and female slaves; and I have sent to tell my lord, in order that I may find favor in your sight.’” The messengers returned to Jacob, saying, “We came to your brother Esau, and he is coming to meet you, and four hundred men are with him.” Then Jacob was greatly afraid and distressed; and he divided the people that were with him, and the flocks and herds and camels, into two companies, thinking, “If Esau comes to the one company and destroys it, then the company that is left will escape.” ... The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, “Let me go, for the day is breaking.” But Jacob said, “I will not let you go, unless you bless me.” So he said to him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Jacob.” Then the man said, “You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.” Then Jacob asked him, “Please tell me your name.” But he said, “Why is it that you ask my name?” And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, “For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.”

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

Gradual “*Salvum fac*” (Ps. 28) Mode VII

Salvum fac populum tuum, Domine: et benedic hereditati tuae. V. Ad te Domine clamavi: Deus meus, ne sileas a me, et ero similis descendentibus in lacum.

O Lord, save thy people, and give thy blessing unto thine inheritance. V. Unto thee will I cry, O Lord my strength: think no scorn of me, lest I become like unto them that go down into the pit.

The Epistle

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred

writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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

Please stand as you are able.

Alleluia “Lauda anima mea” (Ps. 146) Mode VIII

Alleluia, alleluia. V. Lauda, anima mea, Dominum: laudabo Dominum in vita mea: psallam Deo meo, quamdiu ero. Alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia. V. Praise the Lord, O my soul: I will praise the Lord as long as I live: I will sing praises to my God, as long as I have my being. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 18:1-8a

Deacon The Lord be with you. *People* And also with you.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Grant me justice against my opponent.’ For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, ‘Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.’” And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord. *People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Thomas Heard

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
he a - 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.
With the Fa - ther and the Son he is wor - shiped and glo - ri - fied.
He has spo - ken through the Pro - phets. We be - lieve in one ho - ly
cath - o - lic and a - po - sto - lic Church. We ac - know - ledge one bap - tism
for the for - give - ness of sins. We look for the re - sur - rec - tion of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. A - men.

The Prayers of the People

Form VI (BCP p. 392)

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop and Primate, Paula, our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant stands and 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 "Meditabor" (Ps. 119) Mode II

Meditabor in mandatis tuis, quae dilexi valde: et levabo manus meas ad mandata tua, quae dilexi.

My delight shall be in thy commandments, which I have loved exceedingly: my hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments, which I have loved.

Offertory Motet

Verbe égal au Très-Haut, notre unique
espérance,
Jour éternel de la terre et des cieux,
De la paisible nuit nous rompons le silence:
Divin Sauveur, jette sur nous les yeux.

Répands sur nous le feu de Ta grâce
puissante;
Que tout l'enfer fuie au son de Ta voix;
Dissipe le sommeil d'une âme languissante
Qui la conduit à l'oubli de Tes lois!

Ô Christ! sois favorable à ce peuple fidèle,
Pour Te bénir maintenant rassemblé;
Reçois les chants qu'il offre à Ta gloire
immortelle,
Et de Tes dons qu'il retourne comblé.

*Word of the Highest, our only hope,
Eternal day of earth and the heavens,
We break the silence of the peaceful night;
Saviour Divine, cast your eyes upon us!*

*Pour on us the fire of your powerful grace,
That all hell may flee at the sound of your
voice;
Banish the slumber of a weary soul,
That brings forgetfulness of your laws!*

*O Christ, look with favor upon your faithful
people
Now gathered here to praise you;
Receive their hymns offered to your immortal
glory;
May they go forth filled with your gifts.*

Setting: Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924) *Cantique de Jean Racine*, arr. Shakeshaft

Offertory Hymn 629

HALIFAX

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B (BCP p. 367)

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

Celebrant

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant

Lift up your hearts. 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. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Setting: Charles Gounod (1818-1893) *Messe à deux voix égales* (1876) and Mode VIII

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to

be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, ac - cord - ing to his com - mand, O Fa - ther,

Celebrant and People

We re - mem - ber his death, We pro - claim his re - sur -

rec - tion, We a - wait his com - ing in glo - ry.

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 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. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

People

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

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: dona nobis pacem.

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 Gounod (1818-1893) *Messe à deux voix égales* (1876)

† 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.”
- Please alert an usher if you need the Sacrament brought to you in the pew.

Communion Motet

O salutaris hostia quae caeli pandis ostium,
bella premunt hostilia: da robur, fer auxilium.

O saving Victim, opening wide The gate of Heaven to us below;
Our foes press hard on every side; Thine aid supply; thy strength bestow.

Charles Gounod (1818-1893) *O salutaris hostia*, from *Messe à deux voix égales*

Text: St. Thomas Aquinas

Communion “Domine Dominus noster” (Ps. 8) Mode II

Domine Dominus noster, quam admirabile est nomen tuum in universa terra! Ps. Quoniam elevata est magnificentia tua super caelos. V. Ex ore infantium et lactantium perfecisti laudem, propter inimicos tuos ut destruas inimicum et ultorem. V. Quoniam videbo caelos tuos, opera digitorum tuorum, lunam et stellas quae tu fundasti. V. Quid est homo quod memor es eius, aut filius hominis quoniam visitas eum. V. Gloria Patri.

O Lord our Governor, how excellent is thy Name in all the world! Ps. Above the heavens thy majesty is praised in song. V. Out of the mouth of very babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength, because of thine enemies that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger. V. For I will consider thy heavens, even the works of thy fingers, the moon and the stars thou hast ordained. V. What is man that thou art mindful of him, and the son of man that thou visitest him? V. Glory be.

Communion Hymn 51

DECTAUR PLACE

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 Blessing

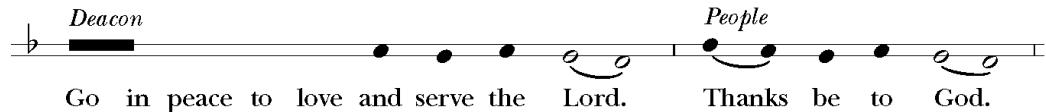
Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

The Priest blesses the People. The People respond, "Amen."

The People stand as they are able.

The Dismissal



Recessional Hymn 610

BLÆNHAFREN

ORGAN Toccata pour Notre Dame de Paris [ca. 1912] René Ambroise Vierne

Ascension Prayer List

For our prayers: Irma, Burton Nelson, Winslow, Pablo Illás, Victor Fernandez, Claire Green, Beth Hall, Sue Lenz, Brenda Martins, Lee Gould, Gertrude Isaac, Marty Stenson

Birthdays: Bram Bassford, 10/16; Jim Drury, 10/17; Charles Michael Clark, 10/17; Scott Knitter, 10/18; Taylor Payton Mays, 10/22/2012

Anniversaries: Mtr. Meghan Murphy-Gill, *priesthood*, 10/16/2021;

In thanksgiving for the marriage of Nicholas Cast & Holly Hagerty, 10/15/2022; David & Jenna Jones, *marriage*, 10/16/2010

Requiescat in pace: Dorothy Murray, 10/17/2019; Margaret Leonard, 10/20/1990; Mary Potter, 10/21/1980

New Ascension Parking Stickers

Ascension will be issuing new parking stickers to replace the current blue ones.

Applications are hard copy only and, unless special arrangements are made, can be picked up from a Sunday morning usher and then submitted in person to clergy, Sunday usher or at the church office. Completed applications with accompanying signature and date assure compliance with all requirements, limitations and responsibilities listed on the application form. New stickers will be mailed within two weeks of approval by the vestry. **The current Blue stickers will no longer be valid after Nov 30, 2022.**

Please contact Ken Cozette with questions: 630-660-5293 or cozetteken@yahoo.com

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.

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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.

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.