



CHURCH
OF THE
ASCENSION

Instructions for Mass in Special Circumstances November 15, 2020

“Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.” Psalm 96

For your safety and the safety of others, your familiarity and cooperation with all safety measures will be greatly appreciated.

If you are sick

If you have any symptoms that may be related to COVID-19, please turn around and go home. Please ask if you need help.

Wear a mask

Masks are to be worn at all times inside all parts of the church. Ask for one if needed. See our reminders about proper mask fit.

Clean hands

Please wash and sanitize your hands often. Hand sanitizer is available throughout the building.

Take a seat

Please wait for an usher to help you find a seat that complies with social distancing. Members of the same household may share a pew. Whether alone or with others, please remain a few feet from any aisle.

Communion

Please know, anticipate and follow Communion safety measures found on the following pages.

Restrooms

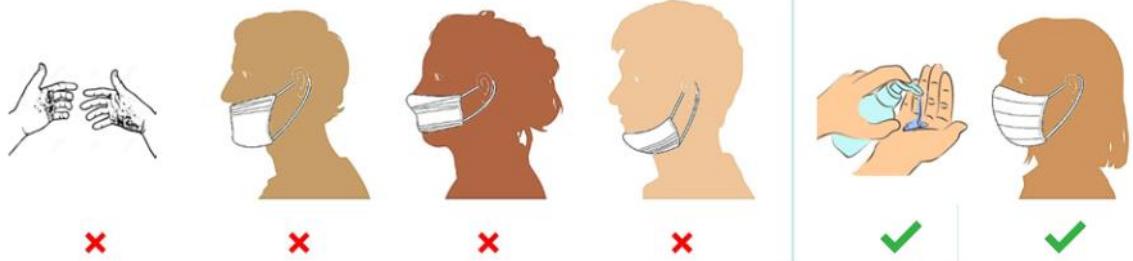
Restroom use instructions are found on the following pages.

Going home

Following the mass and organ voluntary, please exit only by the side aisles and nearest narthex door. Stay safe out there.

**Thank you for taking part in the mass today.
Please see additional information on the following pages.**

DOs AND DON'Ts OF WEARING A MASK



- Masks are to be worn and worn properly at all times in all parts of the church building.
- Disposable surgical masks can be provided to you at no charge.

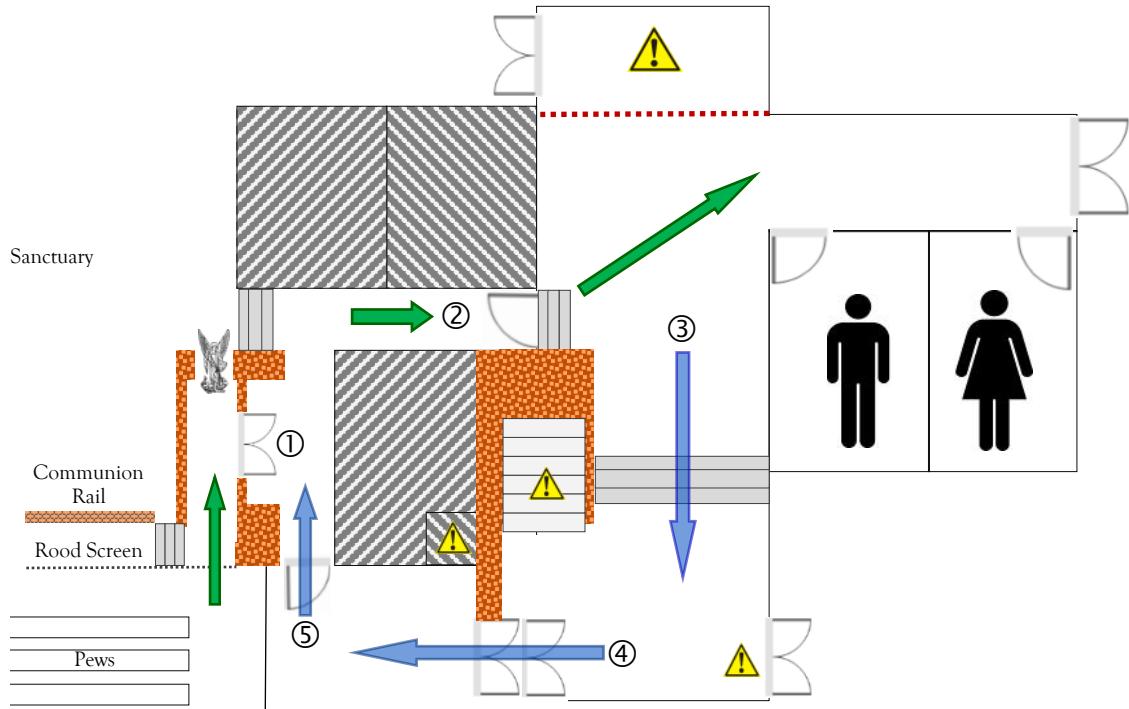
Nave Seating with Social Distancing



For your safety and the safety of others, please sit only in designated seats.

In the event that a restroom is needed during the mass...

- Leave the nave through the doors by the shrine to St. Michael). ①
- Proceed through the sacristies hallway. ②
- Use only the restrooms in the back hallway of the parish house one person at a time.
- Return by way of the parish house hallway ③, Wheeler Hall ④ and the Wheeler Hall door into the sacristies hallway.



Contact Tracing

In the event that we learn of someone at today's mass who later tests positive for COVID-19 or who displays and reports concerning symptoms, you will be timely notified by email at the address you provided to register for this mass.

In the event that you test positive or display concerning symptoms, please report it to the Rector or Parish Administrator at office@ascensionchicago.org.



Information about safely receiving Communion is found at the place in the following order of worship where/when you will need it.

Prayer for the Parish

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent.

Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Book of Common Prayer, page 817

Prayers in a Time of Peril

We humbly beseech thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities; and, for the glory of thy Name, turn from us all sickness, evil, fear and sorrow; and grant that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in thy mercy, and evermore serve thee in holiness and pureness of living, to thy honor and glory; through our only

Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Supplication from the Great Litany, Book of Common Prayer, page 154

Prayer for an Election

Almighty God, to whom we must account for all our powers and privileges: Guide the people of the United States in the election of officials and representatives; that, by faithful administration and wise laws, the rights of all may be protected and our nation be enabled to fulfill your purposes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Book of Common Prayer, page 822

A Prayer attributed to St. Francis of Assisi

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled

as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. *Amen.*

Book of Common Prayer, page 833

Prayer after Receiving Communion

O Lord Jesus Christ, who in a wonderful Sacrament hast left unto us a memorial of thy passion: Grant us, we beseech thee, so to venerate the sacred mysteries of thy Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of thy redemption; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Book of Common Prayer, page 834



Parable of the Talents, oil on canvas, Andrei Mironov, 2013

The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 2020

Church of the Ascension, Chicago

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



ORGAN Corrente Italiana WSC 155 Juan Bautista Cabanilles (1644-1712)

THE ENTRANCE RITES

All stand as the Ministers enter.

Introit “Dicit Dominus” (Jer. 29) Mode VI

Dicit Dominus: Ego cogito cogitationes pacis, et non afflictionis: invocabitis me, et ego exaudiam vos: et reducam captivitatem vestram de cunctis locis. Ps 85. Benedixisti Domine terram tuam: avertisti captivitatem Iacob. V. Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

Thus saith the Lord: I know the thoughts that I think toward you, thoughts of peace and not of evil: ye shall call upon me, and I will hearken unto you: and will turn away your captivity from all the nations. Ps. 85. Lord, thou art become gracious unto thy land: Thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob. 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.

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant: 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

Lord, have mercy upon us. **Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Christ, have mercy upon us. **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us. **Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Gloria in excelsis

Celebrant and People

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory + of God the Father. **Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sit **The First Lesson** Zephaniah 1:7,12-18

Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm." Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

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

Gradual "Liberasti nos" (Ps. 44) Mode VII

Liberasti nos, Domine, ex afflagentibus nos: et eos qui nos oderunt, confundisti.
V. In Deo laudabimur tota die, et Nomini tuo confitebimur in saecula.

It is thou, O Lord, that savest us from our enemies: and puttest them to confusion that hate us.
V. *We make our boast of God all day long, and will praise thy Name for ever.*

The Epistle 1 Thessalonians 5:1-10

Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the

day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Stand Alleluia “De profundis” (Ps. 130) Mode VII

Alleluia, alleluia. V. De profundis clamavi ad te, Domine: Domine exaudi vocem meam. Alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia. V. Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel Matthew 25:14-15, 19-29

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.

Jesus said, "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where

you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, ' You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away."

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

Sit The Sermon The Very Rev. Patrick Raymond

Stand The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

Genuflect For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

Rise For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
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.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son

he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism

for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Kneel The Prayers of the People

Form III (BCP p. 387)

*After parochial prayers and thanksgivings are offered, the Leader and People
pray responsively:*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Celebrant O God, from whom proceed all good things and every blessing:
Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities, and for the common good, and for the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Clergy Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence.*

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 Priest 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

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

All greet one another in the name of the Lord.



Please feel free to turn and greet others distantly. Unless a member of your immediate household with whom you are sitting, please refrain from hugging, shaking hands, fist-bumping, elbow-bumping, etc. Thank you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

Offertory "De profundis" (Ps. 130) Mode II

De profundis clamavi ad te, Domine: Domine, exaudi orationem meam: de profundis clamavi ad te, Domine.

Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice: out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord.

ORGAN Tiento primer tono lleno WSC 74

Juan Bautista Cabanilles

Thank you for your financial offerings. Please wait until after the mass to leave them in one of two offering boxes at the back of the aisles. For the sake of social distancing, offering plates will not be circulated.

Stand The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

Orate Fratres

Celebrant Pray, my brothers and sisters, 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.

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

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

Celebrant and People
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Then the Celebrant continues

Kneel 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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 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 Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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.

Please see Communion instructions below.

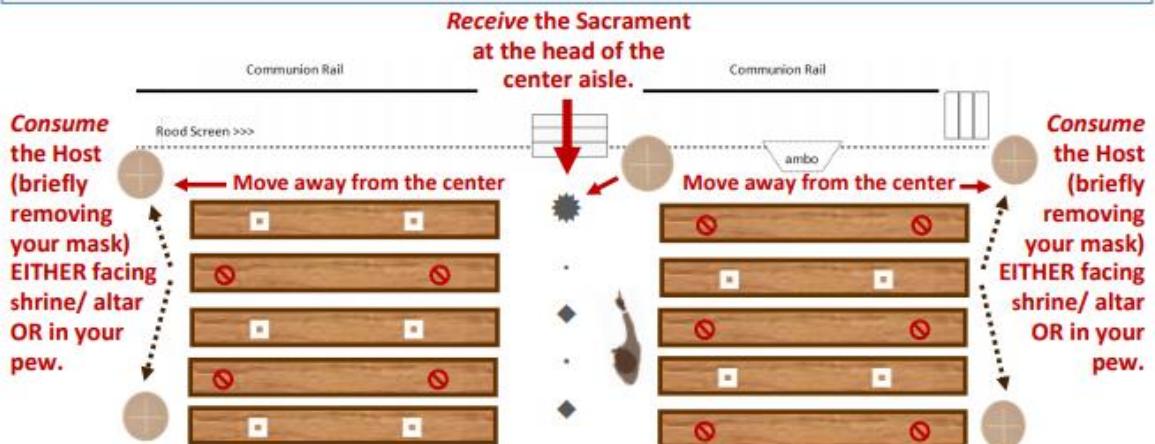
Please remain seated as the priest receives the Sacrament, puts on a face shield, Communicates others in the Sanctuary, and moves to the head of the main aisle.

Please remain seated until an usher in the aisle makes eye contact and indicates you may go forward. Use the center aisle. Maintain social distancing. (The black diamonds on the aisle floor are 6 feet apart.)

When you come forward for Communion, please ... • keep your mask on • extend your hands, palm up, one over the other, to receive a Host • We are unable at this time to serve a Host directly in the mouth.

Please move right or left before consuming the Host—EITHER to the head of the side aisle, near the shrine of Mary or Michael, OR returning to your pew—timely replacing your face covering.

If you are unable to go forward to receive Communion, the priest will bring the Sacrament to you.



† All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion, and all may come forward. Those who are not baptized or who do not wish to take Communion may indicate a desire for a blessing by crossing arms on the chest upon approaching the priest.

THE COMMUNION

Communion “Domine quinque talenta” (Mt. 25) Mode VII

Domine, quinque talenta tradidisti mihi: ecce alia quinque superlucratus sum. Euge serve fidelis, quia in pauca fuisti fidelis, supra multa te constituam, intra in gaudium Domini tui.

Lord, thou didst deliver to me five talents: behold, I have gained another five over and above. Well done, good and faithful servant, because thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will place thee over many things, enter thou into the joy of your Lord.

Offertory Motet

Ave, verum corpus natum ex Maria Virgine: vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine: cuius latus perforatum unda fluxit et sanguine: esto nobis praegustatum, mortis in examine. O clemens, O pie, O dulcis Jesu, Fili Mariae.

Hail the true body, born of the Virgin Mary: You who truly suffered and were sacrificed on the cross for the sake of man. From whose pierced flank flowed water and blood: Be a foretaste for us in the trial of death. O gentle, O merciful, O sweet Jesus, Son of Mary.

Giacomo Carissimi (1605-1674) *Ave verum corpus*

Text: Henry Vaughan (1622-1695) Recorded by the Choir of the Ascension

Kneel After Communion, 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

The Priest blesses the people.

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. ***Amen.***

The Dismissal

The Deacon dismisses the people; the People respond: Thanks be to God.

ORGAN Toccata de quinto tono à 4 WSC 337 Juan Bautista Cabanilles

For our prayers: Charley Taylor, August 'Augie' Alonzo, Jim Berger, Ethel Martin, Dean Pineda, Charlene MacDougal, Marty Stenson, David Byerly, Bonnie Joseph, Catriana Patriarca, Robert Devens, Richard Laibly, Nicholas Carl, Sara, the Howard family, John, Owen Raymond, Diane Burnett, Sandra, Rhea, Doreen Rao, Steven Wallis, Fr. Lawrence Larson

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Jana Holt, 11/17; Cheryl R. Peterson, 11/18;

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Requiescat in pace:

Alvin Joyner, 11/17/2006; Mary Margaret Skanes, *Religious*, 11/17/2009;
Richard Earl Pistole, *Priest*, 11/18/2008; John C. Hedley, 11/19/2002;
Leona Delores Jones, 11/21/1984; Glovenia A. Orr, 11/21/2001; John Fleckenstein, 11/21/2012

Since March 15, 2020, Masses have included recordings of the Ordinary, chants, hymns, solos, and/or motets, provided by members of our Choir, our Choirmaster, and our Organist.

Soprano: Alexandra Olsavsky, Alexia Rivera, Tiana Sorenson *Alto:* Amy Johnson, Emily Price, Cassidy Smith *Tenor:* Enrico Bellomo, Silfredo Serrano, Frank Villella *Bass:* David Goertzen, Ian Prichard, Peter Wesoloski

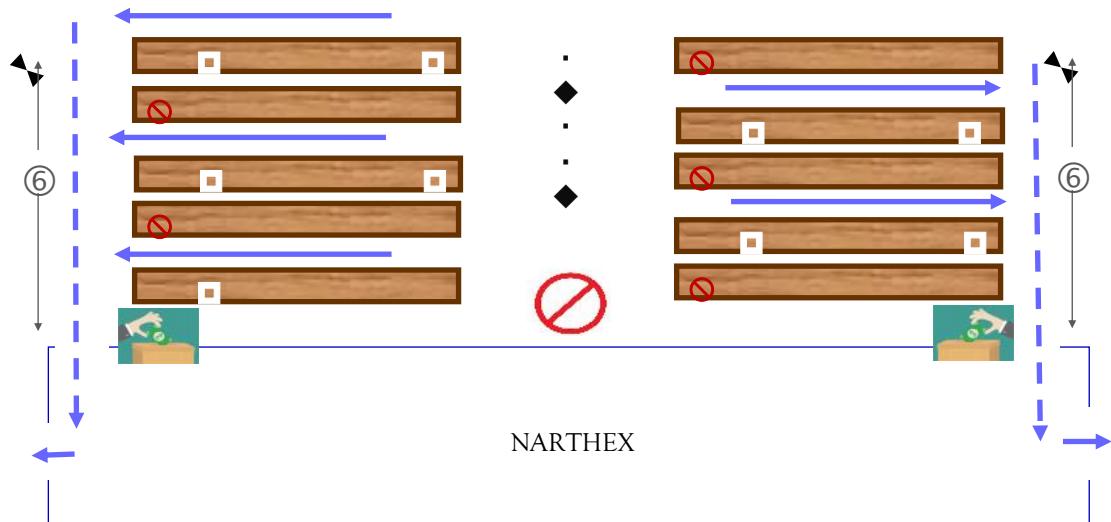
At the conclusion of the mass

Please remain seated during the final organ voluntary. If you need to leave prior, please raise your hand and wait for an usher to indicate that you may exit. Those seated in the north pews, facing the Mary shrine, are asked to leave by the north side aisle (under the rosary windows) and out through the Elm Street doors and gate. (6)

Those seated in the south pews, facing the St. Michael shrine, are asked to leave by the south side aisle (under the Apostle windows) and out through the LaSalle Street doors and gate. (6)

Please leave your financial gifts in one of the offering boxes at the back of the aisles. Continue to practice social distancing.

Pray for the Church and for the world.



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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.

- Father Patrick Raymond, Rector



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.
- Coffee Hour, Fellowship and Spiritual Formation opportunities are unavailable at this time due to health concerns arising from COVID-19. We look forward to a time when we can again gather in more diverse ways and contexts.
- Please ask an usher about a parking permit if your car will be in our parking lot after 1:30 pm today.