



Requiem Mass

For the Repose of the Soul of Sr. Barbara Louise Drell, OSA
February 22, 1932 - August 11, 2020

October 3, 2020 at 11:00 AM
The Church of the Ascension + Chicago, Illinois

Welcome to worship at



Church of the Ascension

An Anglican-Episcopal parish in the
city and Diocese of Chicago

'Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.' - Psalm 96

About Today's Liturgy

“The liturgy for the dead is an Easter liturgy. It finds all meaning in the resurrection. Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we too, shall be raised.

“The liturgy, therefore, is characterized by joy, in the certainty that ‘neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.’ (From Paul’s letter to the Romans, Chapter 8)

“This joy, however, does not make human grief unchristian. The very love we have for each other in Christ brings deep sorrow when we are parted by death. Jesus himself wept at the grave of his friend. So, while we rejoice that one we love has entered into the nearer presence of our Lord, we sorrow in sympathy with those who mourn.” - from *The Book of Common Prayer*, p. 507

Receiving the Sacrament

All baptized Christians from any tradition are welcomed to receive Communion. Others are welcomed to come forward at the time of Communion to receive a blessing. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the priest may offer only the Communion Host (the bread, and not the Blood of Christ, the wine). Communicants are not permitted at this time to receive the Sacrament in the mouth. Please familiarize yourself with additional information about Communion later in this bulletin.

Regarding the Church of the Ascension

We welcome your interest in and questions about the Episcopal Church, our particular parish and our history, worship and other ministries. You may inquire with any member of the clergy or any parishioner, or on our website.

Thank you and bless you for joining us.

Instructions for Mass in Special Circumstances

Autumn 2020

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 sit only in designated seats. 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

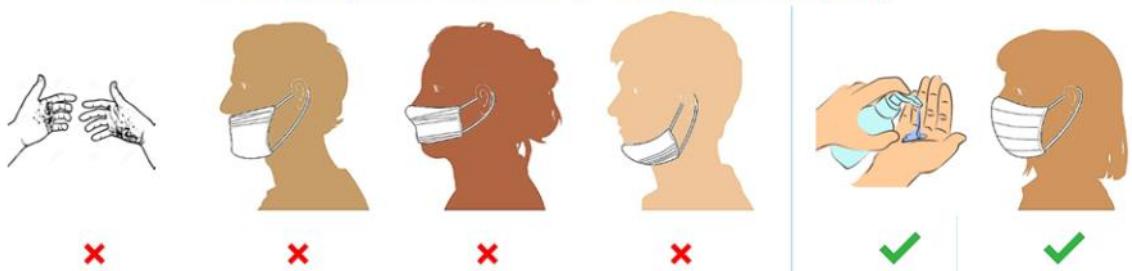
Restroom use instructions are found on the following pages.

Going home

Following the mass and organ voluntary, please exit only by the side aisles and nearest narthex. 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.

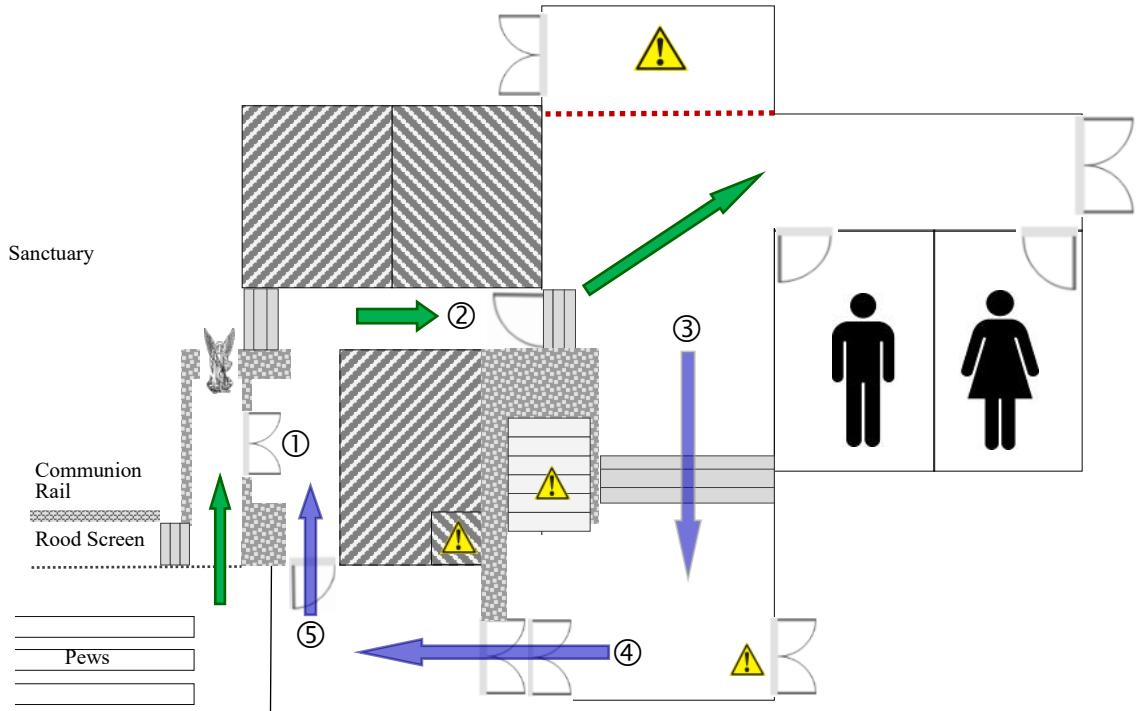
Nave Seating with Social Distancing



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 large restrooms in the back hallway of the parish house
- 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.

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



Organ Prelude from the Neumeister Chorales:

O Jesu, wie ist dein Gestalt BWV 1094

O Lamm Gottes unschuldig BWV 1095

Herr Gott, nun schleuß den Himmel auf BWV 1092

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

Introit and Kyrie “*Requiem aeternam*”

Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them. Ps. 65. Thou, O God, art praised in Zion, and unto thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem: thou that hearest the prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come. V. Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord: and let light perpetual shine upon them.

I am Resurrection and I am Life,
says the Lord.

Whoever has faith in me shall have life,
even though he die.

And everyone who has life,
and has committed himself to me in faith,
shall not die for ever.

As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives
and that at the last he will stand
upon the earth.

After my awaking, he will raise me up;
and in my body I shall see God.

I myself shall see, and my eyes behold him
who is my friend and not a stranger.

For none of us has life in himself,
and none becomes his own master
when he dies.

For if we have life, we are alive in the Lord,
and if we die, we die in the Lord.
So, then, whether we live or die,
we are the Lord's possession.

Happy from now on
are those who die in the Lord!
So it is, says the Spirit,
for they rest from their labors.

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

Anthems Said by the Celebrant

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of your servant Sr. Barbara Louise, and grant her an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of your saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sit: THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Wisdom 3:1-5, 9

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual “*Requiem aeternam*”

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them. Ps. 112. The righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance: they will not be afraid of any evil tidings.

THE NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 8:14-19, 34-35, 37-39

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Stand: **Tract “Absolve Domine”**

Absolve, O Lord, the souls of all the faithful departed from all the chains of their sins.

V. That by the succour of thy grace they may be found worthy to escape the avenging judgement.

V. And enjoy the bliss of everlasting light.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 14:1-6

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sit: **The Homily**

The Rev John Heschle

Organ Voluntary Improvisation on ORA LABORA

Stand: **The Apostles’ Creed**

Celebrant In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism,
let us proclaim our faith and say,

Celebrant and People

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son,
our Lord.

He was conceived by the power
of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers As indicated, all share in saying *Amen*.

For our sister, Barbara, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am Resurrection and I am Life."

Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for Barbara, and dry the tears of those who weep. *Hear us, Lord.*

You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow. *Hear us, Lord.*

You raised the dead to life; give to our sister eternal life. *Hear us, Lord.*

You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our sister to the joys of heaven. *Hear us, Lord.*

Our sister was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give her fellowship with all your saints. *Hear us, Lord.*

She was nourished with your Body and Blood; grant her a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom. *Hear us, Lord.*

Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our sister; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

Silence may be kept. The Celebrant concludes the prayers with a Collect.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the Celebrant and People 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

Stand: **THE OFFERTORY**

Offertory “*Hostias et preces tibi*”

We offer you, O Lord, this sacrifice of prayer and praise; receive it for those souls whose memory we this day recall: make them, O Lord, to pass from death to life, which long ago you promised to Abraham and his descendants.

Organ Voluntary Improvisation on EASTER HYMN

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

Sursum corda

Eucharistic Prayer A

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.**

The Celebrant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who rose victorious from the dead, and comforts us with the blessed hope of everlasting life. For to your faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body lies in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens. 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

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.

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.**

Communion Let light eternal shine upon them, O Lord: With thy Saints for evermore: For thou art gracious. V. Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.
With thy Saints for evermore, for you are gracious.

Organ Voluntary Improvisation on BRYN CALFARIA

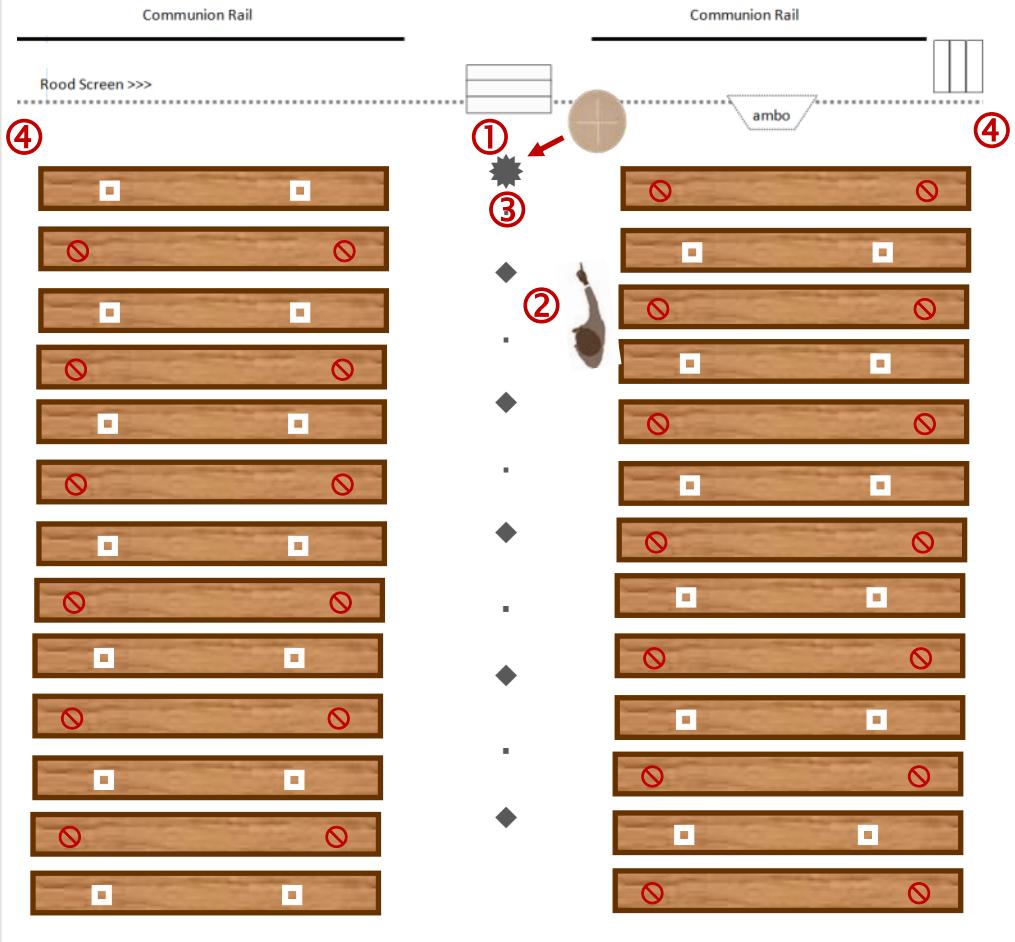
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Remain seated as the priest receives the Sacrament, puts on a face shield, Communicates others in the Sanctuary, and moves to the head of the main aisle.

②

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.)

Communion of the People with Social Distancing



③ Keeping your mask on, extend your hands, palm up, one over the other, to receive a Host. You may not receive Communion in the mouth. Before consuming the Host, proceed right or left ...

④ Pause at the head of the north or south aisle, near the Mary shrine or Michael shrine. Face the shrine or altar, briefly remove your mask, consume the Host, replace your mask, return to your same seat, give thanks and pray.

NOTE: If you are unable to go forward to receive Communion, the priest will bring the Sacrament to you after giving it to others.

Kneel: The Prayer after Communion

After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE COMMENDATION

The Celebrant and other ministers take their places at the Ashes.

Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,
where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

You only are immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return. For so did you ordain when you created me, saying, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return." All of us go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

The Celebrant, facing the Ashes, says

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Barbara Louise. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive her into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light.
Amen.

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

May the angels lead you into paradise; may the martyrs receive you at your arrival and lead you to the holy city Jerusalem. May choirs of angels receive you and with Lazarus, once a poor man, may you have eternal rest.

Please join the ministers and family immediately following the mass for the Committal at the church garden columbarium.

Please continue to practice social distancing as you leave the church, at the Committal and at the reception.

At the conclusion of the mass

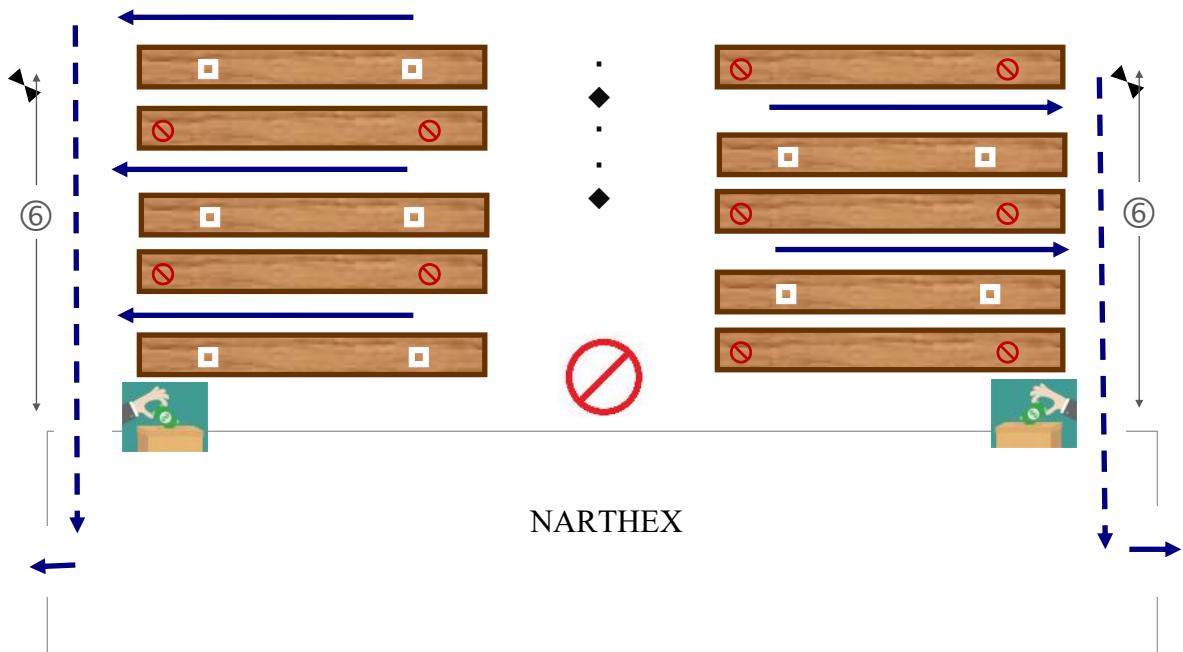
Please leave following the Dismissal or immediately after the Voluntary.

Leave by way of the side aisles only.

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.⑥



A form for the Committal of the Dead

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Words of Instruction *may be shared by the priest.*

Litany of Faith from Holy Scripture

Priest: Everyone the Father gives to me will come to me;
People: **I will never turn away anyone who believes in me.**

Priest: He who raised Jesus Christ from the dead;
People: **will also give new life to our mortal bodies through his indwelling Spirit.**

Priest: My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
People: **my body also shall rest in hope.**

Priest: You will show me the path of life;
People: **in your presence there is fullness of joy,**
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

The Blessing of a Grave, *said by the priest.*

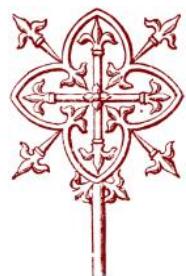
O God, whose blessed Son was laid in a sepulcher in the garden: bless, we pray, this grave, that Barbara Louise whose earthly remains are to be buried here may dwell with Christ in paradise, and may come to your heavenly kingdom, through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer, *said by all.*

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.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our sister Barbara. We thank you for giving her to us, her family and friends, to know and to love as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life, so that in quiet confidence we may continue our course on earth, until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



Concluding Prayer and Litany. Said by all who wish to take part.

Lord Jesus Christ, by your death you took away the sting of death: Grant to us your servants so to follow in faith where you have led the way, that we may at length fall asleep peacefully in you and wake up in your likeness; for your tender mercies' sake. Amen.

Priest: Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord;

People: ***And let light perpetual shine upon her.***

Priest: May her soul, and the souls of all the departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Priest: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: ***Thanks be to God.***

Family and friends may remain for personal reflection and prayers.

Ministers

The Rev. John Heschle
Warden, Order of Saint Anne
Celebrant and Preacher

The Very Rev. Patrick Raymond
Rector, Church of the Ascension
Assisting

First Reading: Wisdom 3:1-5, 9

Second Reading: Romans 8:14-19, 34-35, 37-39

Louise Gram
Kenneth Kelling
Readers

Mother Judith Marie Mandrath OSA
Acolyte and Intercessor

David R. White
Organist





Sister Barbara Louise with her Ascension family and friends at her 88th Birthday celebration in Church of the Ascension's Wheeler Hall, February 23, 2020



Sr. Barbara Louise, OSA, pictured here with one of her grateful students. She teaches one-on-one conversational English to students whose native languages are Korean, Creole, Spanish, Mandarin, and more. She is always eager to talk about her faith and always eager to welcome



March 2018



April 2018



Sister Barbara Louise & Mother Judith Marie in Saint Anne's Convent, January 2018

Born on February 22, 1932, Sister Barbara Louise Drell, OSA, was a third-generation true Chicagoan. She received her Bachelor's degree in Education while attending Roosevelt University and earned a graduate degree at DePaul University. She then did what she loved over many years, teaching in schools on Chicago's West Side and at Malcolm X College.

Sr. Barbara later continued and expanded her teaching vocation through her years of creative, faithful instruction in the children's Sunday School at the Church of the Ascension. A number of children's plays that she wrote brought Bible stories to life in modern settings with familiar language and characters. Her greatest teaching legacy, however, may be the countless English language students, young and old, immigrants from every continent, to whom she enthusiastically provided one-on-one instruction, even over the phone after the March 2020 COVID-19 stay-at-home orders.

Not always an Episcopalian, or Christian, Barbara was raised in the Jewish tradition. However, on July 27, 1955 the twenty-three year old Barbara was reborn into Christ through the Holy Spirit at her baptism in Saint Andrew's Chapel, located in Chicago's Saint James' Episcopal Cathedral. About that occasion she stated, "*This was, is and always will be the greatest event of my life.*"

Sister Barbara entered the Order of Saint Anne in 1976 at the age of forty-four. Then for the next forty-four and ½ years she served her Lord and the Church as a vowed bride of Christ, dying at age eighty-eight. Half of her life was spent living the vowed life of a Religious.

Sister Barbara greeted nearly everyone, everywhere with a big smile. She was easy to love and equally enjoyed a meaningful conversation and a lively party. She could also become feisty when advocating for children or others easy to overlook. She was a voracious reader of literary novels and church newsletters, and she especially appreciated others with whom she could explore new ideas, current events and matters of faith. A fixture for decades in the front pews at Church of the Ascension, Sister Barbara was both conspicuously and modestly devout. You never doubted if she said she would pray for you. If you knew her at all, you knew that she loved God, loved others, and loved milk chocolate.

Psalm 90 includes this prayer: "*So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts to wisdom*" (Ps. 90:12) Sister Barbara Louise lived that prayer and, for eighty-eight years gave us an example of what it looks like to apply our hearts to wisdom. Thanks be to God.



Based on an August 2020 remembrance written by Br. Nathanael Deward Rahm, BSG

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