



Faces Series: *Jesus the Fiery Prophet*,
Jyoti Sahi, oil on canvas, 2002

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

11 a.m. Solemn High Mass + August 14, 2022

Church of the Ascension, Chicago

Ordination of the 13th Bishop of Chicago

At long last, a date has been set for the ordination of Paula Clark as Bishop of Chicago. The service will be Saturday, 17 September at the Westin Chicago Lombard hotel in Lombard, IL. Only 2000 will be able to attend the liturgy, so the diocese has allocated 8 tickets per parish or mission. It is up to Ascension to distribute them. We must turn in the names of the attendees from Ascension on Monday, 15 August.

If you are interested in attending, there will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex after services on 7 and 14 August for you to indicate your interest. If there are more interested than can attend, we'll draw names.

Michael Paul Clark, Sr. Requiem

The Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of Michael Paul Clark, Sr. will be at Church of the Ascension on **Saturday, August 20, 2022 at 10 a.m.**

Second Sunday Rosary

The **Glorious Mysteries** of the Rosary will be said this morning at the Shrine of Saint Mary the Virgin immediately following the 11 a.m. Mass. All are invited to take part.

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.

Upcoming this week

Mon Aug 15 Feast of Saint Mary the Virgin (Assumption) 6 p.m. Evening Prayer;
 6:30 p.m. Mass followed by an Ice Cream Social
Wed Aug 17 6:30 p.m. Mass (Wednesday in Proper 15)
Sat Aug 20 10 a.m. **Requiem Mass for Michael Paul Clark, Sr.**
Sun Aug 21 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. (Proper 16)

Save the Date

Sunday, October 2: Michaelmas, the Ascension Choir returns, Parish Picnic

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 Two settings: *Vater unser im Himmelreich*

LV 22

Friedrich Wilhelm Zachow (1663-1712)

GBW 24

Georg Böhm (1661-1733)

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 1

CHRISTE SANCTORUM

Introit "Protector noster" (Ps. 84) Mode IV

Protector noster aspice, Deus, et respice in faciem Christi tui: quia melior est dies una in atriis tuis super millia. *Ps.* Quam dilecta tabernacula tua, Domine virtutum! Concupiscit, et deficit anima mea in atria Domini. *V.* Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen. Protector ...

Behold, O God, our defender, and look upon the face of thine Anointed: for one day in thy courts is better than a thousand. Ps. O how amiable are thy dwellings, thou Lord of Hosts! My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord. 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. Behold ...

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 *Sung by all.*


Organ ***People***



Lord, have mer-cy, Lord, have mer-cy, Lord, have mer - cy.



Christ, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy.



Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in excelsis Deo



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly



King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we



give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus



Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you



take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy

on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, 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 God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people sit.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The First Lesson

Jeremiah 23:23-29

Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back~ those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual "Bonum est confidere" (Ps. 118) Mode V

Bonum est confidere in Domino, quam confidere in homine.

It is better to trust in the Lord, than to put any confidence in man.

The Epistle

Hebrews 12:1-11

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And you have forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as children—"My child, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, or lose heart when you are punished by him; for the Lord disciplines those whom he loves, and chastises every child whom he accepts." Endure trials for the sake of discipline. God is treating you as children; for what child is there whom a parent does not discipline? If you do not have that

discipline in which all children share, then you are illegitimate and not his children. Moreover, we had human parents to discipline us, and we respected them. Should we not be even more willing to be subject to the Father of spirits and live? For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share his holiness. Now, discipline always seems painful rather than pleasant at the time, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint, but rather be healed. Pursue peace with everyone, and the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.

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

Please stand as you are able.

Alleluia “Venite exultemus” (Ps. 95) Mode VII

Alleluia, alleluia. V. Venite, exultemus Domino: iubilemus Deo salutari nostro.
Alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia. V. O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 12:13-21

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 said, “I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.” He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain’; and so it happens. And when you

see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat’; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rt. Rev. Daniel Martins

The Nicene Creed *Sung in Monotone. Please stand as you are able.*

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.

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.**

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.

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-elect, Chilton, our Assisting 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 “Immittet angelus Domini” (Ps. 34) Mode VIII

Immitet angelus Domini, in circuitu timentium eum, et eripiet eos:
gustate et videte, quoniam suavis est Dominus.

*The angel of the Lord tarrieth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them:
O taste and see how gracious the Lord is.*

Offertory Motet

Exsultate, justi, in Domino; rectos decet collaudatio. Confitemini Domino in
cithara; in psalterio decem chordarum psallite illi. Cantate ei canticum novum;
bene psallite ei in vociferatione.

*Rejoice in the Lord, O ye just: praise becometh the upright. Give praise to the Lord on the
harp; sing to him with the psaltery, the instrument of ten strings. Sing to him a new
canticle, sing well unto him with a loud noise.*

Setting: Lodovico Grossi da Viadana (c. 1560-1627) *Exsultate justi*
Psalm 33:1-3

Offertory Hymn 596

KOMM DU GEIST DES LEBENS

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

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

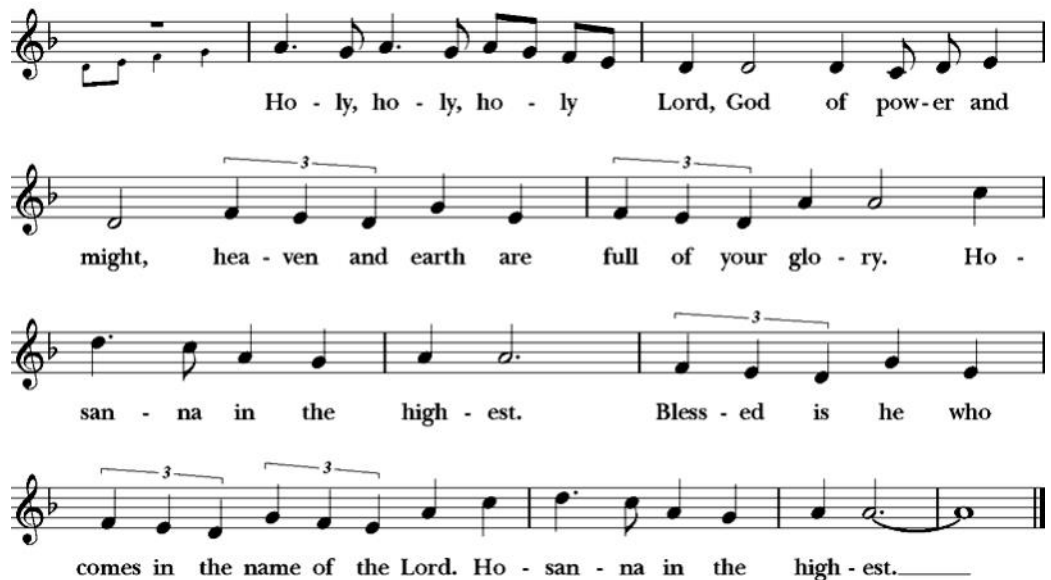
Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and

might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. _____

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."

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.

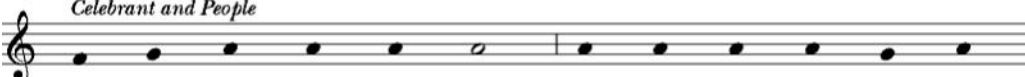
We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put 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.

Celebrant




There - fore, ac - cord - ing to his com - mand, O Fa - ther,

Celebrant and People



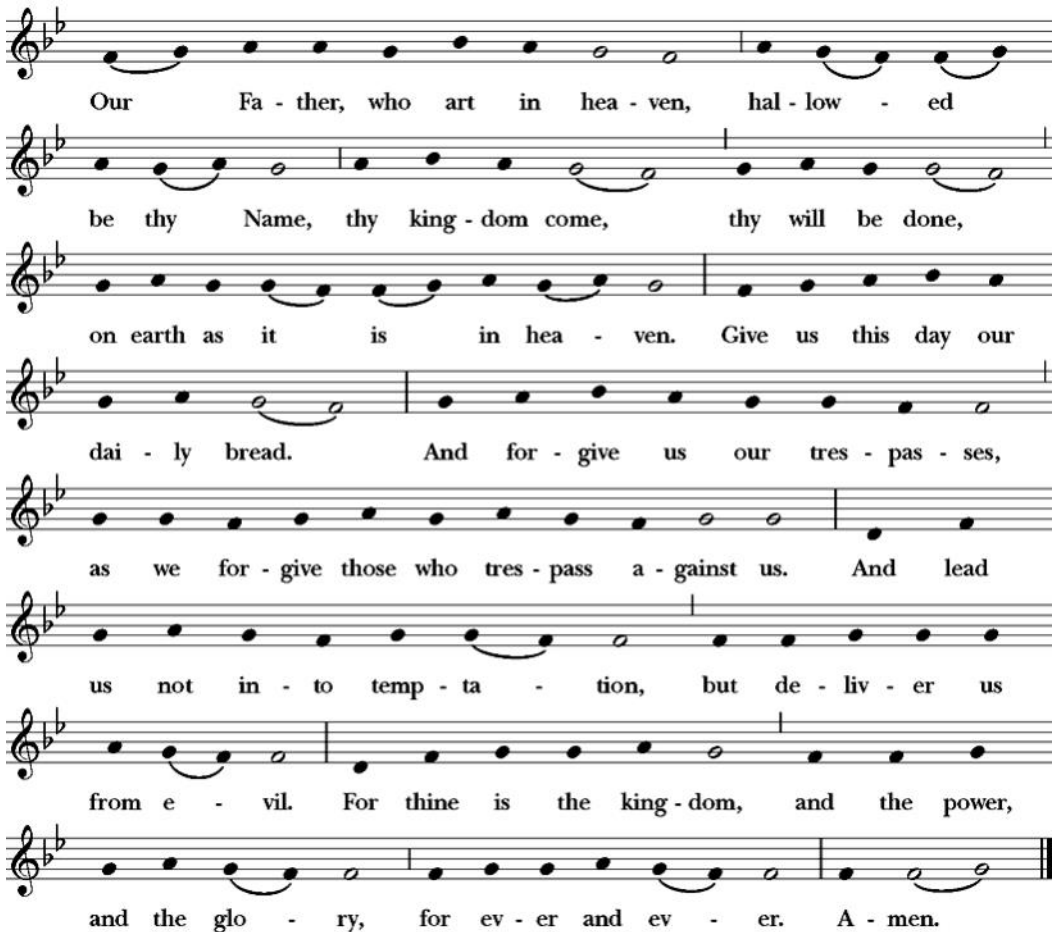
We re - mem - ber his death, We pro - claim his re - sur -



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

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.**

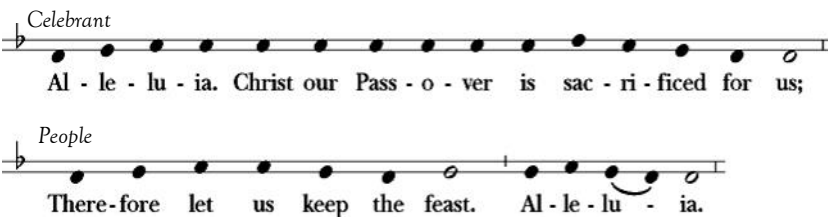
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:



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.



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

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way 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.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

† 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.

- Regrettably, the People may receive only the consecrated Communion host (and not the chalice) at this time.
- Please alert an usher if you need the Sacrament brought to you in the pew.

THE COMMUNION

Communion “Primum quaerite” (Mt. 6) Mode VIII

Primum quaerite regnum Dei, et omnia adiicientur vobis, dicit Dominus. *Ps. 37.*
Noli aemulari in malignantibus, neque zelaveris facientes iniquitatem. V. Spera in
Domino, et fac bonitatem, et inhabita terram, et pascaris in divitiis eius. V. Melius
est modicum iusto, super divitias peccatorem multas. V. Novit Dominus dies
immaculatum, et hereditas eorum in aeternum erit. V. Gloria Patri.

Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and all things shall be added unto you, saith the Lord.
Ps. 37. Fret not thyself because of the ungodly, neither be thou envious against the evildoers.
V. Put thou thy trust in the Lord and be doing good, dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt
be fed. V. A small thing that the righteous hath, is better than great riches of the ungodly.
V. The Lord knoweth the days of the godly, and their inheritance shall endure for ever. V.
Glory be.

Communion Motet

O salutaris Hostia,	O saving Victim, opening wide
Quae caeli pandis ostium:	the gate of heaven to us below:
Bella premunt hostilia,	Our foes press on from every side,
Da robur, fer auxilium.	Thine aid supply, thy strength bestow.

Setting: Charles Gounod (1818-1893) *O salutaris hostia* for mezzo-soprano and tenor

The Post-Communion Prayer

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.

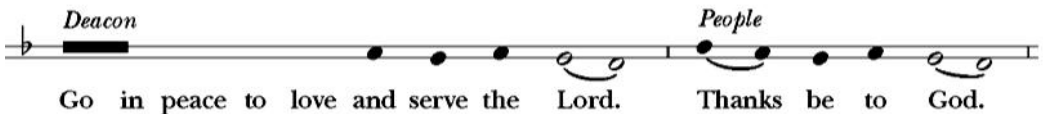
The Blessing

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

The Dismissal *Please stand as you are able.*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.



Recessional Hymn 546

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Praeludium, Fuga, e Ciaconna BuxWV 137 Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)



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.

Ascension Prayer List

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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.

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