



The Parable of the Unmerciful Servant (1556) Jan van Hemessen,
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The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

11 a.m. Solemn Mass + September 17, 2023
Church of the Ascension, Chicago, Illinois

Sun	Sep 17	Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
	9 a.m.	Sung Mass
	10 a.m.	Confession available
	11 a.m.	Solemn Mass
Wed	Sep 20	6:30 p.m. Said Mass: <i>John Coleridge Patterson & his Companions, Martyrs</i>
Thu	Sep 21	12:00 p.m. Said Mass: <i>Saint Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist</i>
Sun	Sep 24	Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
	9 a.m.	Sung Mass
	10 a.m.	Confession available
	11 a.m.	Solemn Mass
Wed	Sep 27	6:30 p.m. Said Mass: <i>Euphrosyne/Smaragdus of Alexandria, Monastic</i>
Fri	Sep 29	7:00 p.m. Solemn Mass: Patronal Feast <i>Saint Michael and All Angels</i> Institution of The Rev. Carlos de la Torre as 18th Rector

- Please join us for **Coffee Hour in Wheeler Hall** after the Mass.
- If you are a visitor, please consider completing one of the blue visitor cards in the pews.



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



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ORGAN

Schmücke dich, O liebe Seele BWV 654

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

ENTRANCE RITE

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

Opening Hymn 375

DU LEBENSBROT

Introit “Da pacem” (Eccclus. 36) Mode I

Da pacem, Domine, sustinentibus te, ut prophetae tui fideles inveniantur: exaudi preces servi tui, et plebis tuae Israel. Ps. 122. Laetatus sum in his quae dicta sunt mihi: in domum Domini ibimus. V. Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen. Da pacem ...

Give peace, O Lord, unto them that wait for thee, and let thy prophets be found faithful: hear the prayer of thy servants and of thy people Israel. Ps. 122. I was glad when they said unto me: we will go into the house 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. Give peace ...

The Opening Acclamation

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Opening Acclamation. The top staff is labeled "Celebrant" and the bottom staff is labeled "People". Both staves are in a single melodic line with a treble clef and a common time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. The Celebrant part starts with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note on G4, a quarter note on A4, a quarter note on B4, a quarter note on C5, a quarter note on B4, a quarter note on A4, a quarter note on G4, and a quarter note on F4. The People part starts with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note on G4, a quarter note on A4, a quarter note on B4, a quarter note on C5, a quarter note on B4, a quarter note on A4, a quarter note on G4, and a quarter note on F4. The lyrics are: "Bless - ed be God: Father, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit." for the Celebrant and "And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ev - er. A - men." for the People.

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 Collect for Purity

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

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.

The musical notation is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The organ part is on a single staff, and the people part is on a single staff. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Gloria in excelsis

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y 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

The musical notation is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above a bracket) in the fifth and sixth staves.

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.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ 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

Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7

Anger and wrath, these are abominations, yet a sinner holds on to them. The vengeful will face the Lord's vengeance, for he keeps a strict account of their sins. Forgive your neighbor the wrong he has done, and then your sins will be pardoned when you pray. Does anyone harbor anger against another, and expect healing from the Lord? If one has no mercy toward another like himself, can he then seek pardon for his own sins? If a mere mortal harbors wrath, who will make an atoning sacrifice for his sins? Remember the end of your life, and set enmity aside; remember corruption and death, and be true to the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not be angry with your neighbor; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook faults.

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

Gradual "Laetatus sum" (Ps. 122) Mode VII

Laetatus sum in his quae dicta sunt mihi: in domum Domini ibimus.

V. Fiat pax in virtute tua: et abundantia in turribus tuis.

I was glad when they said unto me: We will go into the house of the Lord.

V. Peace be within thy walls: and plenteousness within thy palaces.

The Epistle

Romans 14:5-12

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

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

Please stand as you are able.

Alleluia “Timebunt gentes” (Ps. 102) Mode I

Alleluia, alleluia. V. Timebunt gentes nomen tuum, Domine: et omnes reges terrae gloriam tuam. Alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia. V. The heathen shall fear thy Name, O Lord: and all the kings of the earth thy majesty. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

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.**

Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

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

The people sit.

The Nicene Creed (Contemporary) *The people stand as able.*

We be - lieve in one God, the Fa - ther, the Al - might - y, ma - ker of
 hea - ven and earth, of all that is, seen and un - seen. We be - lieve
 in one Lord, Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, e - ter - nal - ly
 be - got - ten of the Fa - ther, God from God, Light from Light, true God
 from true God, be - got - ten, not made, of one Be - ing with the Fa - ther.
 Through him all things were made. For us and for our sal - va - tion
 he came down from hea - ven: by the pow - er of the Ho - ly Spi - rit
 he be - came in - car - nate from the Vir - gin Ma - ry, and was made man.
 For our sake he was cru - ci - fied un - der Pon - tius Pi - late;
 he suf - fered death and was bur - ied. On the third day he rose a - gain
 in ac - cord - ance with the Scrip - tures; he a - scend - ed in - to hea - ven
 and is seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther. He will come a -

gain in glo - ry to judge the liv - ing and the dead, and his king-dom
will have no end. We be-lieve in the Ho - ly Spi - rit, the Lord,
the giv - er of life, who pro - ceeds from the Fa - ther and the Son.
With the Fa - ther and the Son he is wor-shipped 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

Deacon Lord in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Confession

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The 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

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 “Sanctificavit Moyses” (Ex. 24) Mode V

Sanctificavit Moyses altare Domino, offerens super illud holocausta, et immolans victimas: fecit sacrificium vespertinum in odorem suavitatis Domino Deo, in conspectu filiorum Israel.

Moses builded an altar unto the Lord, and offered burnt offerings upon it, and sacrificed peace offerings: and he made an evening sacrifice for a sweet-smelling savour unto the Lord God, in the eyes of the children of Israel.

Offertory Motet

Adoramus te, Christe, et benedicimus tibi, quia per sanctam crucem tuam et passionem tuam redemisti mundum. Domine, Domine, miserere nobis.

We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee, who by Thy Holy Cross and passion hast redeemed the world. O Lord, O Lord, have mercy on us.

Setting: Giovanni Matteo Asola (c. 1532-1609) Adoramus te Christe

Please stand as you are able.

Offertory Hymn 577

UBI CARITAS (MURRAY)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B (BCP p. 367)

Orate Fratres

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 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:

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."

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 -

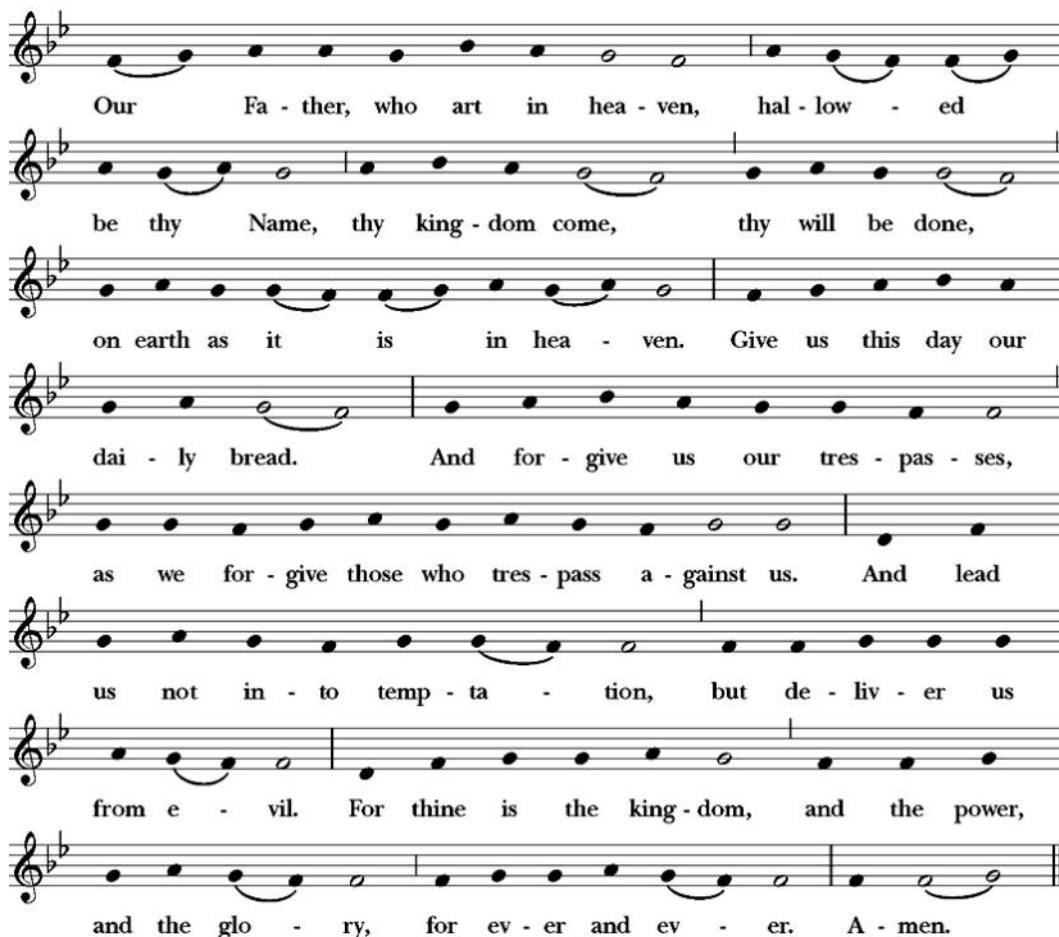
rec - tion, We a - wait his com - ing in glo - ry.

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.

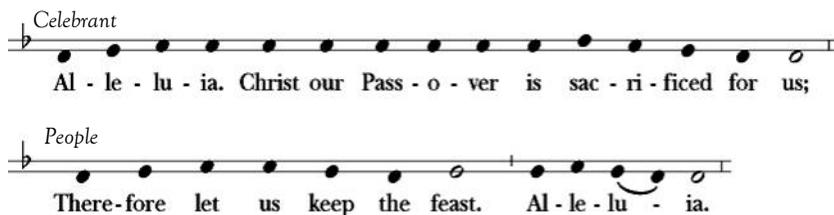
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:



Our 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.**

† *All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion, and all may come forward.*

Those who are not baptized or who do not wish to receive may indicate a desire for a blessing by crossing arms on the chest upon approaching the priest. If you prefer not to receive the Chalice, please cross your arms on your chest and remain until the minister has said the words of reception, "The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation." If you require a gluten-free host, put your right hand over your heart.

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

THE COMMUNION

Communion Motet

O sacrum convivium, in quo Christus sumitur:
recolitur memoria passionis eius;
mens impletur gratia et futurae gloriae nobis pignus datur. Alleluia.

*O sacred banquet, in which Christ is received,
the memory of His Passion is renewed,
the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory given to us. Alleluia.*

Setting: Pedro de Cristo (c. 1545-1618) *O sacrum convivium*

Communion “Tollite hostias” Mode II

Tollite hostias, et introite in atria eius: adorate Dominum in aula sancta eius. Ps.
Cantate Domino canticum novum, cantate Domino, omnis terra. V. Cantate
Domino benedicite nomini eius, annuntiate diem de die salutare eius. V.
Annuntiate inter gentes gloriam eius, in omnibus populis mirabilia eius. V.
Quoniam magnus Dominus, et laudabilis valde, terribilis est super omnes deos. V.
Gloria Patri.

*Bring presents and come into his courts: O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. Ps. O
sing unto the Lord a new song, sing unto the Lord, all the whole earth. V. Sing unto the
Lord and praise his Name, be telling of his salvation from day to day. V. Declare his
honour unto the heathen, and his wonders unto all peoples. V. For the Lord is great, and
cannot be worthily be praised; he is more to be feared than all gods. V. Glory be.*

Communion Hymn 336

WERDE MUNTER

Closing Hymn

DUNDEE



1. "For - give our sins as we for give" you taught us, Lord, to pray;
2. How can your par - don reach and bless the un - for - giv - ing heart
3. In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the truth we dim - ly knew,
4. Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls, and bid re - sent - ment cease;



but you a - lone can grant us grace to live the words we say.
that broods on wrongs and will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?
how small the debts are owed to us, how great our debt to you.
then, rec - on - ciled to God and all, our lives will spread your peace.

ORGAN

Pièce d'Orgue BWV 572

Johann Sebastian Bach

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FLOWERS on the High Altar are given by James Drury to the glory of God and with wishes for a warm welcome for Fr. de la Torre to Church of the Ascension.

The Ascension Schola

Enrico Bellomo, Miya Higashiyama, Stephanie Schoenhofer, Peter Wesoloski (guest leader)



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

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Welcome to worship at the Church of the Ascension

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

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

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

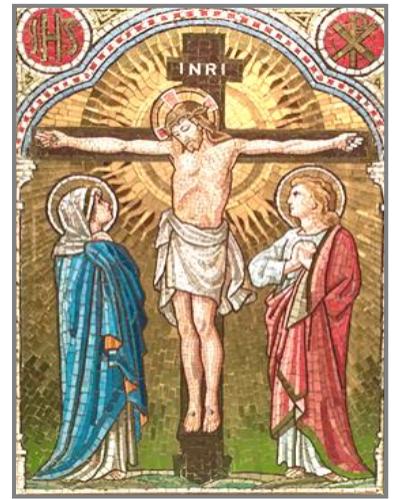
The '*Catholic*' part of our identity is evident all around us here, in the church interior and in our worship.

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

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

Your questions about our parish community, our worship and other ministries may be found by inquiring with our clergy or parishioners, or on our website - www.ascensionchicago.org.

Thank you and bless you for joining us.



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

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- **If you are a visitor**, please consider completing one of the blue visitor cards found in the pews.
- **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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