

Altarpiece from Thuison-lès-Abbeville: The Ascension, 1490/1500, The Art Institute of Chicago

Ascension Day

The 167th celebration of the parish's Feast of Title

7 p.m. Solemn High Mass + May 9, 2024

Church of the Ascension, Chicago



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ORGAN

L'Ascension (In Ascensione Domini) op. 56 Charles Tournemire (1870-1939)

ENTRANCE RITE

Please stand as you are able as the Ministers enter. After incense is made the Deacon intones

Let us go forth in peace, Al-le-lu - ia.
People
 In the Name of Christ. A men. Al-le-lu - ia.

Hymn in Procession 216

SALVE FESTA DIES

Station at the Rood

Celebrant God has gone up with a shout, alleluia:

People The Lord with the sound of the ram's horn, alleluia.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Hymn in Procession 214

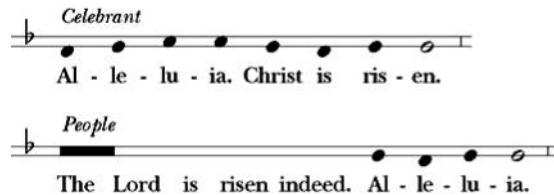
LLANFAIR (descant: DW)

Introit “Viri Galilaei” (Acts 1) Mode VII

Viri Galilaei, quid admiramini aspicientes in caelum? Alleluia: quemadmodum vidistis eum ascendentem in caelum, ita veniet, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Ps. 47. Omnes gentes plaudite manibus: iubilate Deo in voce exsultationis. Gloria Patri. Viri Galilaei ...

Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? Alleluia: in like manner as ye have seen him going up into heaven, so shall he come again, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Ps. 47. O clap your hands together, all ye people: O sing unto God with the voice of melody. Glory be to the Father. Ye men of Galilee ...

The Easter Acclamation



Celebrant

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en.

People

The Lord is risen indeed. Al - le - lu - ia.

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

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

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

Gloria in excelsis

Gloria in excelsis Deo; et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.

Laudamus te. Benedicimus te. Adoramus te. Glorificamus te. Gratiam agimus tibi
propter magnam gloriam tuam. Domine Deus, Rex coelestis,
Deus Pater omnipotens.

Domine Fili unigenite, Iesu Christe; Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris, qui
tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram.

Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis.

Quoniam tu solus Sanctus. Tu solus Dominus. Tu solus Altissimus, Iesu Christe,
cum Sancto Spiritu, in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.

*We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for
thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty*

*O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.*

Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.

*Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us
For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

Setting: Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791) *Missa brevis in C major* “Orgelsolo”, K. 259

The Salutation and The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant, we pray, Almighty God, that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into heaven, so we may also in heart and mind there ascend, and with him continually dwell; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The People sit.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The First Lesson

Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

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

Alleluia “Ascendit Deus” (Ps. 45) Mode IV

Alleluia, alleluia. V. Ascendit Deus in iubilatione, et Dominus in voce tubae. Alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia. V. God is gone up with a merry noise: and the Lord with the sound of the trumpet. Alleluia.

The Epistle

Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

As the Gospel procession moves towards the pews, the People stand.

Alleluia “Dominus in Sina” (Ps. 68) Mode VIII

Alleluia, alleluia. V. Dominus in Sina in sancto, ascendens in altum, captivam duxit captivitatem. Alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia. V. The Lord is among them as in the holy place of Sinai, he is gone up on high, he hath led captivity captive. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 24:49-53

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 to his disciples, “See, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.” Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

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

The People are seated.

The Sermon

The Rt. Rev. Daniel Martins

The People stand as able.

The Nicene Creed (Contemporary)

Organ

We believe in one God, the Fa - ther the Al-might - y, ma-ker of heav'n 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 Organ

Rise

Holy 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. Organ

On the third day he rose a-gain in ac- cord - ance with the Scrip-tures; he a- scend-ed in-to

he-a-ven and is seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther. Organ He will come a-gain in glo-ry to

judge the liv-ing and the dead, and his king-dom will have no end. We be-lieve in the Ho-ly Spi-rit, the

Lord, the giv-er of life, who pro-ceeds from the Fa-ther and the Son. With the Fa-ther and the

Son... he is wor-shiped and glo - ri - fied. he has spo-ken through the Pro-phets. Organ

We be-lieve in one ho - ly cath-o-lic and a-po-stol ic Church. We ack-now-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. A - - men.

The Prayers of the People

Form III (BCP p. 387)

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.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

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

The People remain standing as the oblations are brought forward.

Offertory “Ascendit Deus” (Ps. 47) Mode I

Ascendit Deus in iubilacione, Dominus in voce tubae, alleluia.

God is gone up with a merry noise, and the Lord with the sound of the trump, alleluia.

The People are seated.

Offertory Motet

Coelos ascendit hodie
Jesus Christus Rex Gloriae:
Sedet ad Patris dexteram,
Gubernat coelum et terram.
Iam finem habent omnia
Patris Davidis carmina.
Iam Dominus cum Domino
Sedet in Dei solio:
In hoc triumpho maximo
Benedicamus Domino.
Laudetur Sancta Trinitas,
Deo dicamus gratias,
Alleluia. Amen.

*Today into the heavens has ascended
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, Alleluia!
He sits at the Father's right hand,
and rules heaven and earth, Alleluia!
Now have been fulfilled all of
Father David's songs,
Now God is with God, Alleluia!
He sits upon the royal throne of God,
in this his greatest triumph, Alleluia!
Let us bless the Lord:
Let the Holy Trinity be praised,
let us give thanks to the Lord,
Alleluia! Amen.*

Setting: Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924) *Coelos ascendit hodie* for double chorus (1892)
This continues the choir's observance of the centenary of Stanford's death.

The People stand as able.

Offertory Hymn 435

KING'S WESTON (*descant: DW*)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer D (BCP p. 372)

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

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing

Sanctus and Benedictus

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis. Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Hosts. Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Setting: Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791) Missa brevis in C major "Orgelsolo", K. 259

The People stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues.

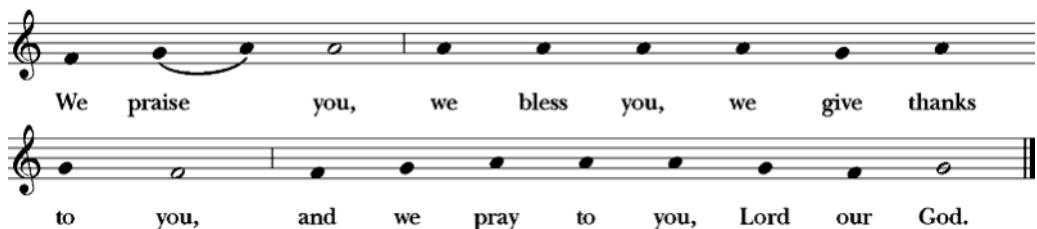
We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in

seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation. Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new. And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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.”

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ’s death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.



We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks
to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light. And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Anne, her mother, St. Michael the Archangel, our Patron, Saint Gregory the Great, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and for ever.
AMEN.

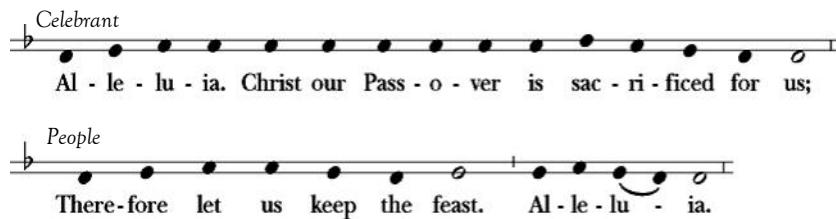
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:



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.

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.

Agnus Dei

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.

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

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: grant us thy peace.

Setting: Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791) Missa brevis in C major "Orgelsolo", K. 259

THE COMMUNION

Communion “Psallite Domino” (Ps 68)

Psállite Dómino, qui ascéndit super cælos cælórum ad Oriéntem, allelúja.

Sing to the Lord who has ascended the highest heavens, towards the East, alleluia.

Setting: William Byrd (c. 1540-1623) *Psallite Domino à5*

Communion Hymn 221

GONFALON ROYAL

The People kneel as able. 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 Ascension Day Blessing

God the Father, who has given to his Son the name above every name,
strengthen you to proclaim Jesus the Christ, the Son of God. **Amen.**

God the Son, our great high priest, who has passed into the heavens, clothe
you with power from on high. **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit, who pours out abundant gifts upon the Church, make
you faithful followers of the risen Christ. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

The People stand as able.

The Easter Dismissal

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Deacon

Let us go forth in the name of Christ, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia.

People

Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Closing Hymn 215

IN BABILON

ORGAN Toccata e fuga improvissata on *Llanfair* David R. White (b.1959)



*Please join us for a reception in Wheeler Hall
following the Mass.*



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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.
- Coffee Hour, Fellowship and Spiritual Formation opportunities are taking place via Zoom at this time. The Ascension Zoom link is always available at our website homepage or our weekly newsletter.
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