



CHURCH
OF THE
ASCENSION

Instructions for Mass in Special Circumstances October 25, 2020

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

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

If you are sick

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

Wear a mask

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

Clean hands

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

Take a seat

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

Communion

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

Restrooms

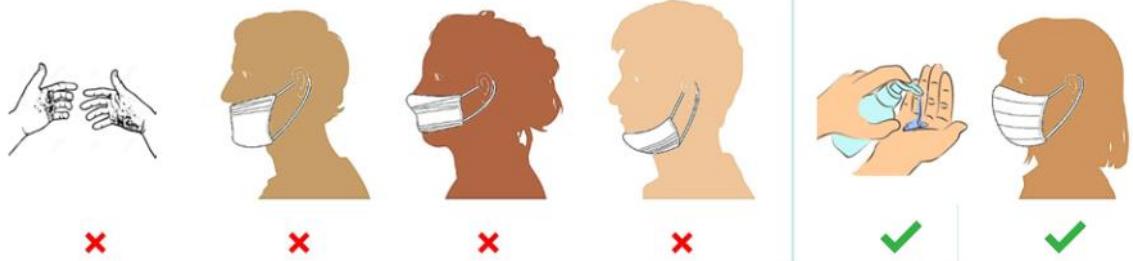
Restroom use instructions are found on the following pages.

Going home

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

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

DOs AND DON'Ts OF WEARING A MASK



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

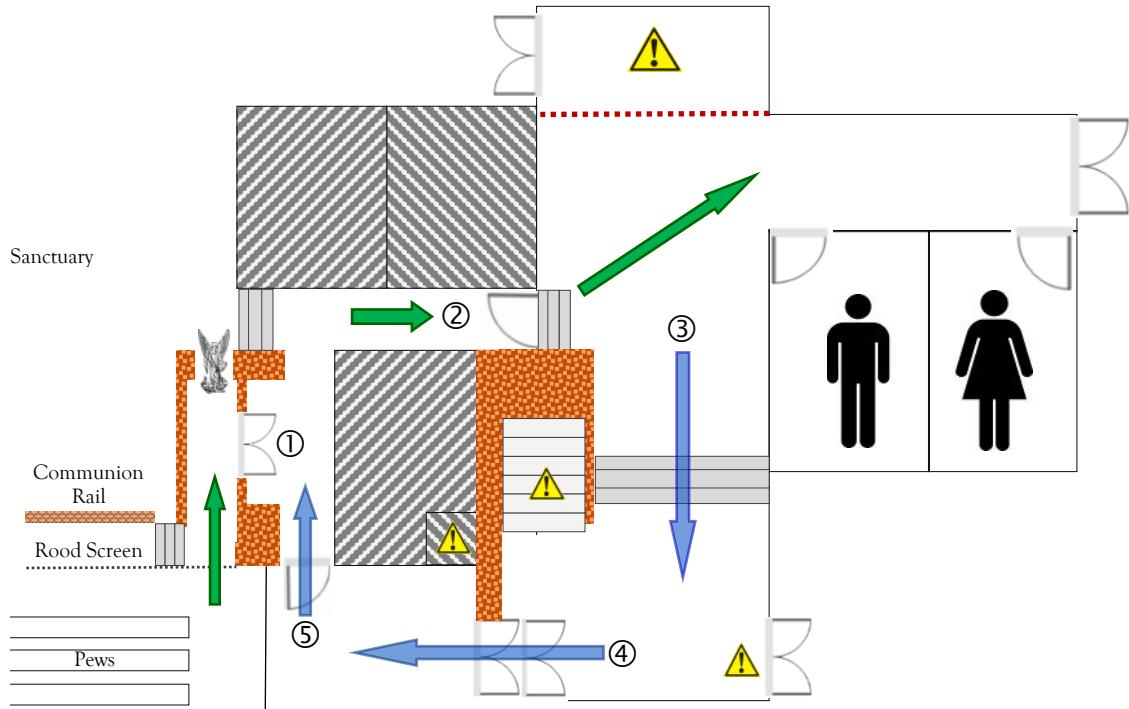
Nave Seating with Social Distancing



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

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

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



Contact Tracing

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

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



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

Prayer for the Parish

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

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

Book of Common Prayer, page 817

Prayers in a Time of Peril

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

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

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

Prayer for an Election

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

Book of Common Prayer, page 822

A Prayer attributed to St. Francis of Assisi

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

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

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

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

Book of Common Prayer, page 833

Prayer after Receiving Communion

O Lord Jesus Christ, who in a wonderful Sacrament hast left unto us a memorial of thy passion: Grant us, we beseech thee, so to venerate the sacred mysteries

of

thy Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of thy redemption; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Book of Common Prayer, page 834



Christ in Majesty, detail from early 15th c. Bohemian illuminated manuscript

The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
October 25, 2020
Church of the Ascension, Chicago

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



Organ Voluntary

IV. Chaconne: "...beside the still waters..."
(*Windows of Comfort*, Book I, 1996)

Dan Locklair (b. 1949)

THE ENTRANCE RITES

All stand as the Ministers enter.

Introit "Laetetur cor" (Ps. 105) Mode II

Laetetur cor quaerentium Dominum: quaerite Dominum, et confirmamini: quaerite faciem eius semper. V. Confitemini Domino et invocate nomen eius: annuntiate inter gentes opera eius. V. Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

Let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord: seek the Lord and his strength: seek his face evermore. Ps. O give thanks unto the Lord, and call upon his Name: tell the people what things he hath done. V. Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

The Opening Acclamation

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

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

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Kyrie eleison

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

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

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

Gloria in excelsis

Celebrant and People

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

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

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

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

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity;
and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sit **The First Lesson** Exodus 22:21-27

God said, "You shall not wrong or oppress a resident alien, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt. You shall not abuse any widow or orphan. If you do abuse them, when they cry out to me, I will surely heed their cry; my wrath will burn, and I will kill you with the sword, and your wives shall become widows and your children orphans. If you lend money to my people, to the poor among you, you shall not deal with them as a creditor; you shall not exact interest from them. If you take your neighbor's cloak in pawn, you shall restore it before the sun goes down; for it may be your neighbor's only clothing to use as cover; in what else shall that person sleep? And if your neighbor cries out to me, I will listen, for I am compassionate."

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

Gradual "Unam petii" (Ps. 27) Mode V

Unam petii a Domino, hanc requiram, ut inhabitem in domo Domini omnibus diebus vitae meae. Ps. 84. Beati qui habitant in domo tua, Domine: in saecula saeculorum laudabunt te.

One thing have I desired of the Lord, which I will require, even that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life. Ps. 84. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house, O Lord: they will be alway praising thee.

The Epistle 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for

her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Stand **Alleluia** "Lauda Ierusalem" (Ps. 147) Mode IV

Alleluia, alleluia. V. Lauda, Ierusalem, Dominum: lauda Deum tuum, Sion.
Alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia. V. Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem: praise thy God, O Zion. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:34-46

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.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, " ` You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ` You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, ` The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet" '? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sit **The Sermon**

The Very Rev. Patrick Raymond

Stand The Nicene Creed

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

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

Through him all things were made.

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.

Genuflect

Rise For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

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

he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Kneel The Prayers of the People

Form III (BCP p. 387)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Confession of Sin

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

Minister and People

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have
sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by
what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

All stand. *The Celebrant says to the people*

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

All greet one another in the name of the Lord.



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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

Offertory "Domine vivifica me" (Ps. 119) Mode III

Domine, vivifica me secundum eloquium tuum: ut sciam testimonia tua.

Quicken me, O Lord, according to thy word: that I may know thy testimonies.

Offertory Motet

If ye love me,
keep my commandments,
and I will pray the Father,
and he shall give you another comforter,
that he may 'bide with you forever,
e'en the spirit of truth.

Setting: Thomas Tallis (c. 1505-1585) *If Ye Love Me*
John 14:15-17 Recorded by the Choir of the Ascension

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

Stand The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

Orate Fratres

Celebrant Pray, my brothers and sisters, that this my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

People May the Lord receive this sacrifice at your hands, to the
praise and glory of his Name, both to our benefit and that of
all his holy Church.

Celebrant Amen.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those
who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

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

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

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

Invitation to Communion

Celebrant Behold the Lamb of God; behold him that takes away the sins of the world. Happy are they who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy that you should come under my roof.

People But speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.

Please see Communion instructions below.

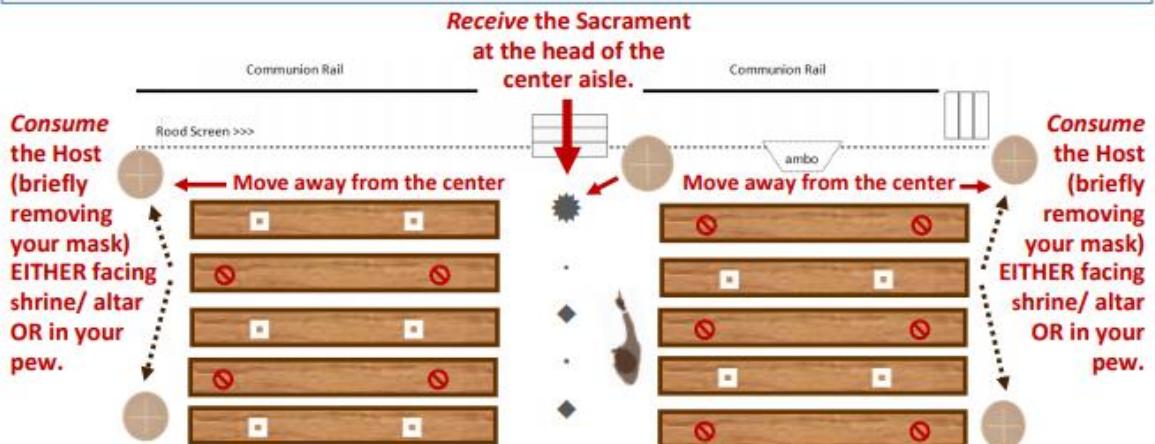
Please remain seated as the priest receives the Sacrament, puts on a face shield, Communicates others in the Sanctuary, and moves to the head of the main aisle.

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

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

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

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



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

THE COMMUNION

Communion “Laetabimur” (Ps. 20) Mode II

Laetabimur in salutari tuo: et in nomine Domini Dei nostri magnificabimur. Ps. Exaudi ad te Dominus in die tribulationis, protegat te nomen Dei Iacob.

We will rejoice in thy salvation: and triumph in the Name of the Lord our God. Ps. The Lord hear thee in the day of trouble, the Name of the God of Jacob defend thee.

ORGAN Herr Gott, nun schleuß den Himmel auf BWV 1092

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Kneel After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

The Priest blesses the people.

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

The Dismissal

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

Closing Voluntary

III. Baptism Dance: "... the heavens were opened..." Dan Locklair
(*Windows of Comfort*, Book I, 1996)

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

Birthdays: Cynthia Perrizo, 10/30

Bishop Candidates:

The Rev. Canon Paula E. Clark,
The Rev. Edwin Daniel Johnson,
The Rev. Dr. Fulton L. Porter III,
The Rev. Winnie Varghese

Requiescat in pace: David L. Brooks, 10/25/2008; Jean D. Gehrke, 10/26/2007;
Robert A. White, 10/27/2018, Rachael Ann Bottorff, 10/28/2012;
John W. Cracraft, Priest, 1st Rector, 10/31/1899

Recently Departed: Bradley Mott, 10/10/2020

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

Soprano Susan Nelson, Alexandra Olsavsky, Alexia Rivera
Alto Amy Johnson, Emily Price, Cassidy Smith
Tenor Enrico Bellomo, Jared Esguerra, Silfredo Serrano
Bass David Goertzen, Ian Prichard, Peter Wesoloski

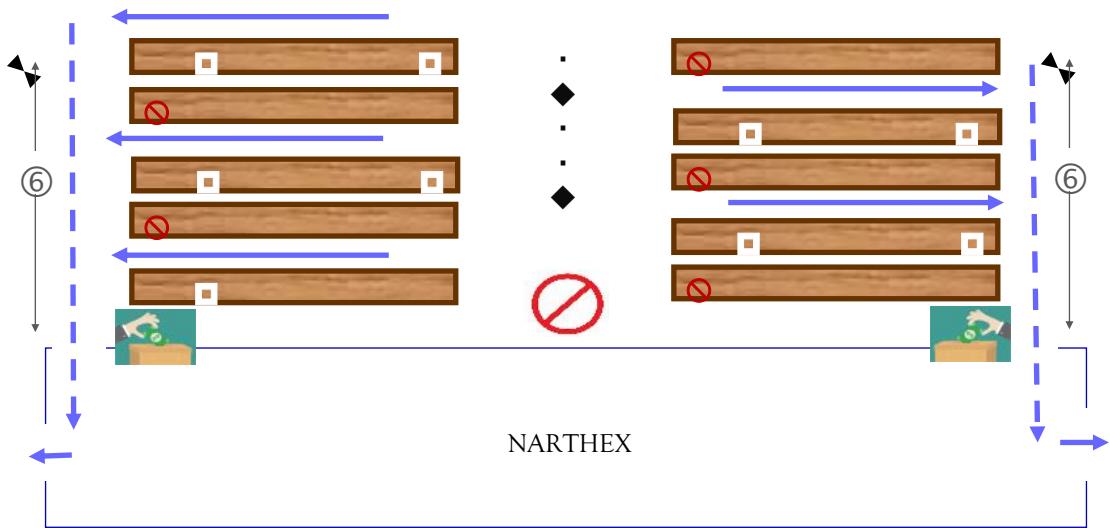
At the conclusion of the mass

Please remain seated during the final organ voluntary. If you need to leave prior, please raise your hand and wait for an usher to indicate that you may exit.

Those seated in the north pews, facing the Mary shrine, are asked to leave by the north side aisle (under the rosary windows) and out through the Elm Street doors and gate. (6)

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

Please leave your financial gifts in one of the offering boxes at the back of the



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Welcome to worship at the
Church of the Ascension
An Anglican-Episcopal parish in the
city and Diocese of Chicago

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thank you and bless you for joining us.

- Father Patrick Raymond, Rector



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

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