



**CHURCH
OF THE
ASCENSION**

Instructions for Mass in Special Circumstances November 8, 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



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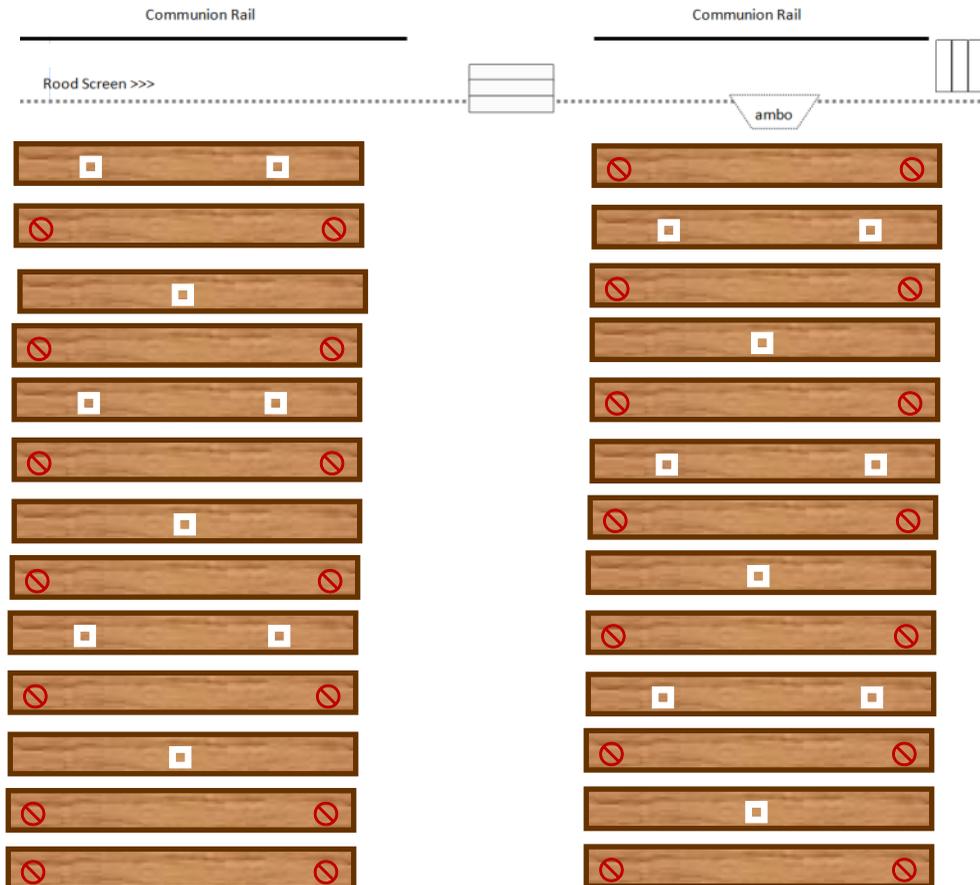
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- Masks are to be worn and worn properly at all times in all parts of the church building.
- Disposable surgical masks can be provided to you at no charge.

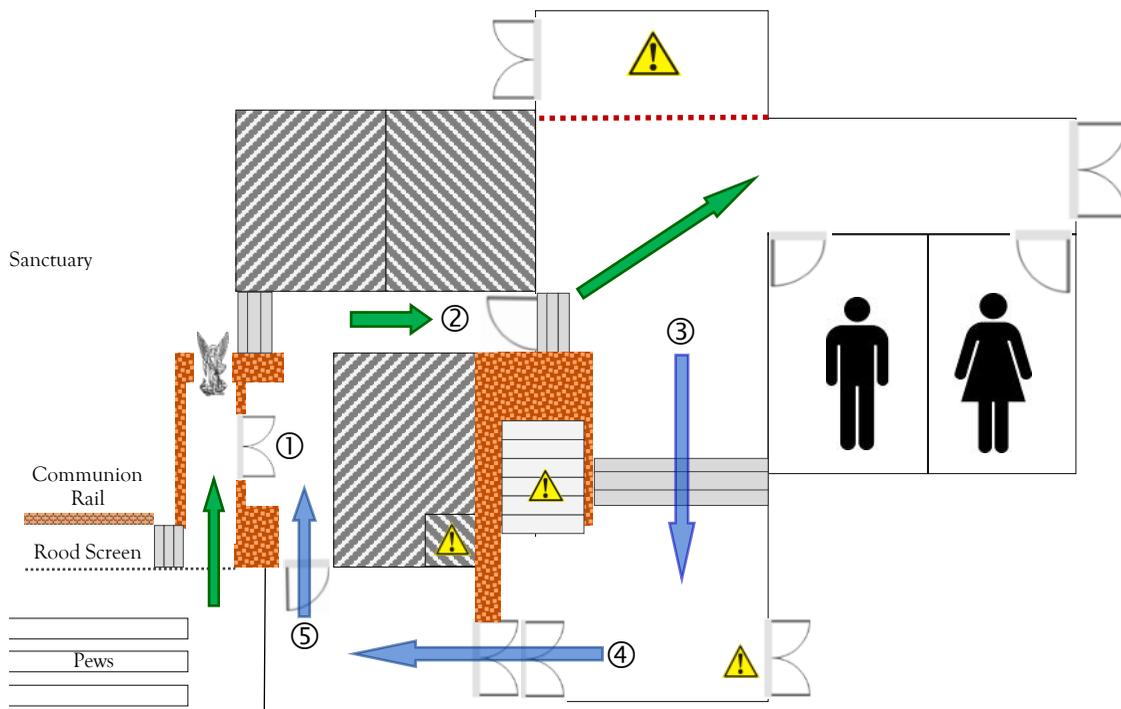
Nave Seating with Social Distancing



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



'Ten Bridesmaids,' Jorge Cocco Santángelo (b. 1936)

The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 2020

Church of the Ascension, Chicago

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



Organ Voluntary

Rhapsody on Tallis's *The Third Tune*

Basil Harwood (1859-1949)

THE ENTRANCE RITES

All stand as the Ministers enter.

Introit “Intret oratio mea” (Ps. 88) Mode III

Intret oratio mea in conspectu tuo: inclina aurem tuam ad precem meam Domine. Ps. Domine Deus salutis meae: in die clamavi, et nocte coram te. V. Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

O let my prayer enter into thy presence, O Lord: incline thine ear unto my calling. Ps. O Lord God of my salvation, I have cried day and night before thee. 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.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he 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**

Amos 5:18-24

Thus says the Lord, the God of hosts, the Lord: Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD! Why do you want the day of the LORD? It is darkness, not light; as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever flowing stream.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual “Dirigatur oratio mea” (Ps. 144) Mode VII

Dirigatur oratio mea sicut incensum in conspectu tuo, Domine.

Let my prayer be set forth in thy sight as the incense, O Lord.

The Epistle

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Stand **Alleluia** “Quinque prudentes virgines” (Mt. 25) Mode VII

Alleluia, alleluia. V. Quinque prudentes virgines acceperunt oleum in vasis suis cum lampadibus: media autem nocte clamor factus est: Ecce sponsus venit: exite obviam Christo Domino. Alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia. V. The five wise virgins took oil in their vessels with their lamps: but at midnight there was a cry made: Behold, the bridegroom cometh: go ye out to meet Christ the Lord. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:1-13

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.**

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit **The Sermon**

Bonnie Scott, Seminarian

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.

Genuflect 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.

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 “Gressus meos” (Ps. 119) Mode VIII

Gressus meos dirige Domine secundum eloquium tuum: ut non dominetur omnis iniustitia, Domine.

Order my steps in thy word: and so shall no wickedness have dominion over me, O Lord.

Offertory Motet

My soul, there is a country Far beyond the stars, Where stands a winged sentry All skilful in the wars: There, above noise and danger Sweet Peace sits crowned with smiles And One, born in a manger Commands the beauteous files. He is thy gracious friend And, O my soul, awake! Did in pure love descend To die here for thy sake. If thou canst get but thither, There grows the flow'r of Peace, The Rose that cannot wither, Thy fortress and thy ease. Leave then thy foolish ranges, For none can thee secure But One who never changes, Thy God, thy life, thy cure.

C. Hubert H. Parry (1848-1918) *My soul, there is a country*, from *Songs of Farewell* (1918)
Text: Henry Vaughan (1622-1695) 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

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

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

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

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant continues

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

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

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

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

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those

who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

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

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

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

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

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

Invitation to Communion

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

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

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

Please see Communion instructions below.

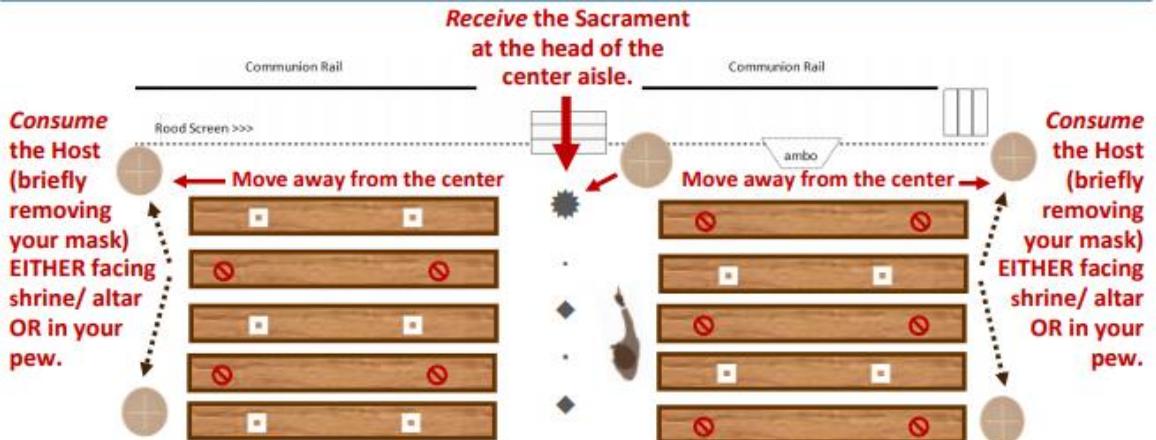
Please remain seated as the priest receives the Sacrament, puts on a face shield, Communicates others in the Sanctuary, and moves to the head of the main aisle.

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 “*Quinque prudentes virgines*” (Mt. 25) Mode V

Quinque prudentes virgines acceperunt oleum in vasis suis cum lampadibus: media autem nocte clamor factus est: Ecce sponsus venit: exite obviam Christo Domino.

The five wise virgins took oil in their vessels with their lamps: but at midnight there was a cry made: Behold, the bridegroom cometh: go ye out to meet Christ the Lord.

ORGAN Improvisation on PICARDY

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 Rhapsody, op. 38

Basil Harwood

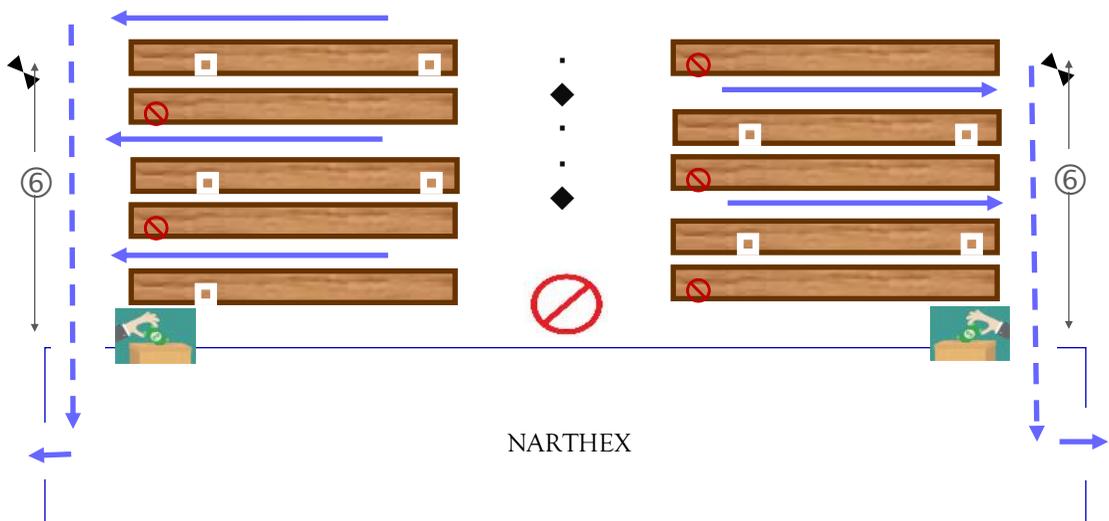
IV. *Allegro; maestoso*

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 aisles. Continue to practice social distancing. Pray for the Church and for the world.



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, Doreen Rao, Steven Wallis, Fr. Lawrence Larson

In Thanksgiving for

Birthdays: Pablo Illás, 11/10; Juan Soria, 11/13; James Jimason Robinson, 11/13; Jett McAlister, 11/14

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:

C. Jeriel (Jay) Howard 11/9/2011
Raymond A. Palmer, 11/9/2011
James Avery King, 11/10/2009
Jean Waterhouse, 11/14/2017

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

Soprano Susan Nelson, Alexandra Olsavsky,
Alexia Rivera, Tiana Sorenson
Alto Amy Johnson, Emily Price,
Cassidy Smith
Tenor Enrico Bellomo, Jared Esguerra,
Silfredo Serrano
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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 for-ward 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.

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