



The Annunciation to Joseph

The Fourth Sunday of Advent
11 a.m. Solemn High Mass + December 18, 2022
Church of the Ascension, Chicago

Sun Dec 18 The Fourth Sunday of Advent, 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.
Waiting with the O Antiphons, Library, 1 p.m. (*see below*)

Wed Dec 21 Said Mass at 6:30 p.m., **Saint Thomas the Apostle**

Sat Dec 24 10:30 p.m. A Prelude of Organ Voluntaries & Congregational Carols
11 p.m. Solemn Procession to the Crèche & The First Mass of Christmas

Sun Dec 25 10 a.m. Choral Mass for Christmas Day

Waiting with the O Antiphons, Sundays during Advent

Advent is a time of waiting for the light of Christ. But it is not passive waiting. We actively seek the light of Christ in prayer, calling out the ancient names for the Incarnate One in what are known as the O Antiphons.

Following coffee hour after the Solemn High Mass (around 1 p.m.), we'll gather in the Library to learn more about the antiphons, and how we might use them to prepare our own hearts for the birth of Christ. We'll listen to these Antiphons chanted in Latin, read them in English, and reflect on them using Malcome Guite's O Antiphon-inspired sonnets.

RefugeeOne Giving Tree

Thank you to all who have already taken an ornament (or more!) from the RefugeeOne Giving Tree. If you haven't already returned your household item, you have until January 9 to bring it to the church. You can place your gift in St. Michael Hall on the North wall, where the signs say, "Place RefugeeOne gifts here!"

If you haven't had a chance to get an ornament from the tree, there are just a few left! Please visit the tree in the parish house and find an ornament that meets your budget.

Thank you for your generosity as we play an important role in welcoming newly arrived refugees to Chicago. If you have questions about the tree, RefugeeOne, or how to be more involved, please see Mtr. Murphy-Gill.

Advent Greens and Christmas Flowers

A card and envelope for your commemorative gifts of greens and flowers that adorn Church of the Ascension during Advent and Christmas may be found in the back of this bulletin.

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

Cameras in the church are for the purposes of live-streaming and/or recording our liturgies and music, but anyone in the church may be incidentally viewed.



ORGAN Messe a l'usage des Paroisses (1697 ver.) François Couperin (1668-1733)

KYRIE: Plein chant; Fugue jeux D'Anches;

Récit de Chromhorne; Dialogue sur la Trompette et le Chromhorne

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 54

NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND

Introit "Rorate coeli" (Is. 45) Mode I

Rorate caeli desuper, et nubes pluant iustum: aperiatur terra, et germinet Salvatorem. Ps. 19. Caeli enarrant gloriam Dei: et opera manuum eius annuntiat firmamentum. V. Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen. Rorate ...

Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness: let the earth open, and bring forth a Saviour. Ps. 19. The heavens declare the glory of God: and the firmament sheweth his handy-work. 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. Drop down ...

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant * Bless-ed be God: Fa- ther, Son, and Ho- ly Spir- it.

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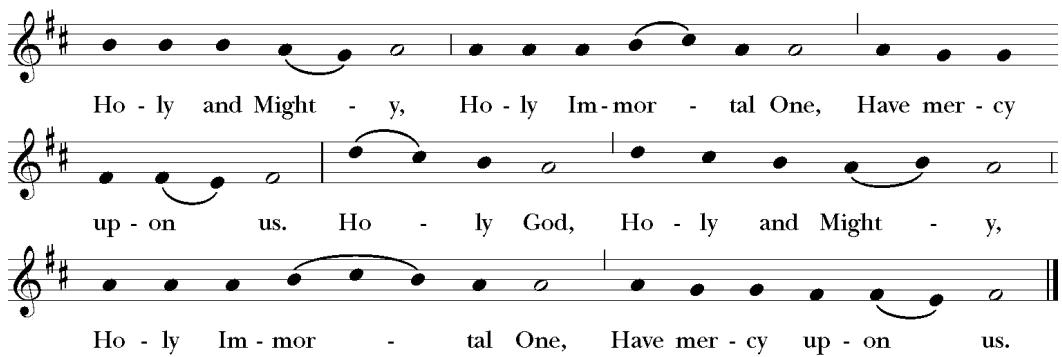
People And bless-ed be his king-dom, now and for ev- er. A- men.

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Trisagion

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -
mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God,

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The Salutation and The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The people sit.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The First Lesson

Isaiah 7:10-17

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted. The LORD will bring on you and on your people and on your ancestral house such days as have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah—the king of Assyria."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual “Prope est Dominus” (Ps. 145) Mode V

Prope est Dominus omnibus invocantibus eum: omnibus qui invocant eum in veritate. V. Laudem Domini loquetur os meum: et benedicat omnis caro Nomen sanctum eius.

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him: yea, all such as call upon him faithfully. V. My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord: and let all flesh give thanks unto his holy Name.

The Epistle

Romans 1:1-7

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

Alleluia “Veni Domine” (Cant.) Mode III

Alleluia, alleluia. V. Veni, Domine, et noli tardare: relaxa facinora plebis tuae. Alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia. V. Come, O Lord, and tarry not: forgive the misdeeds of thy people. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 1:18-25

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.**

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and

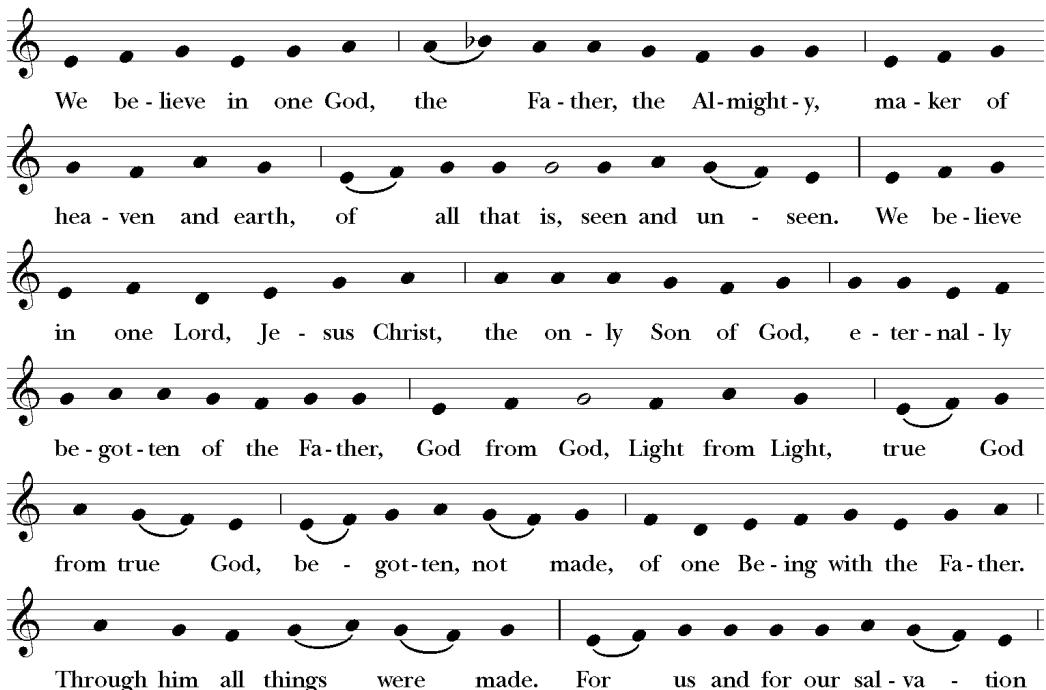
unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

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

The Sermon

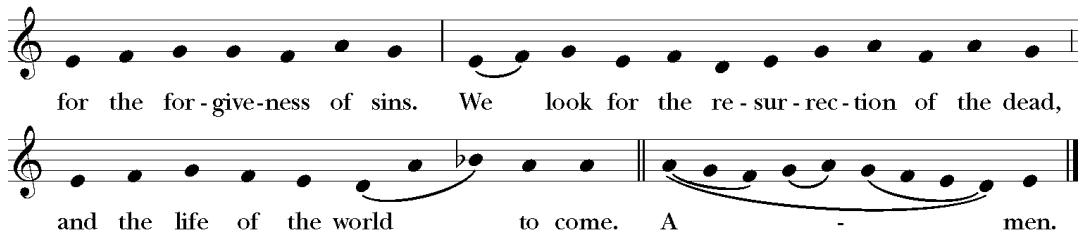
The Rev. Wes Smedley

The Nicene Creed (S-104 Contemporary) *Please stand as you are 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 - shiped 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



The Prayers of the People

Form IV (BCP p. 388)

Deacon or other leader

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Deacon or Celebrant says

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 Bishop, when present, or the Priest, 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 "Ave Maria" (Lk. 1) Mode VIII

Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum: benedicta tu in mulieribus, et benedictus fructus ventris tui.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb.

Offertory Motet

O Radiant Dawn, Splendour of eternal Light, Sun of Justice: come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death. Isaiah had prophesied, 'The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone'. Amen.

Setting: James MacMillan (b. 1959) O radiant dawn (2007), from *The Strathclyde Motets*
Great 'O' Antiphon for December 21st

Offertory Hymn 60

CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A (BCP p. 361)

Orate Fratres *Please stand as you are able.*

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

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

Celebrant Amen.

Sursum Corda

The musical notation consists of four staves of music. The first staff (Celebrant) starts with a fermata over a note, followed by 'The Lord be with you.' The second staff (People) starts with a fermata over a note, followed by 'And al - so with you.' The third staff (Celebrant) starts with a fermata over a note, followed by 'Lift up your hearts.' The fourth staff (People) starts with a fermata over a note, followed by 'We lift them to the Lord.' The fifth staff (Celebrant) starts with a fermata over a note, followed by 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' The sixth staff (People) starts with a fermata over a note, followed by '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. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt coeli 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: Giovanni Giacomo Gastoldi (c. 1554-1609) *Missa Ne timeas Maria*

The people stand or kneel. 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.”

Celebrant

There - fore we pro - claim the mys - ter - y of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

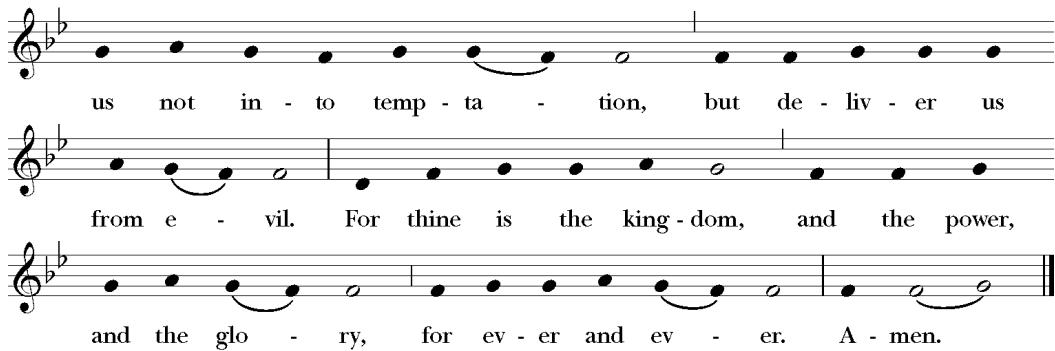
The Celebrant continues We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

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.**

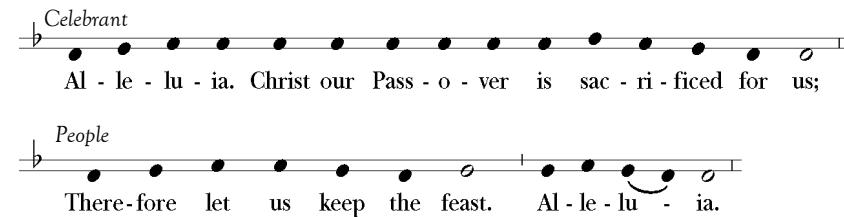
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

Our 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



The Breaking of the Bread

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



Invitation to Communion

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

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

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

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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.

† 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.

Communion Motet

Ne timeas Maria, invenisti enim gratiam apud Dominum:
ecce concipies in utero et paries filium,
et vocabitur Altissimi Filius.

*Fear not, Mary, for you have found favour with the Lord:
behold, you shall conceive and bring forth a son,
and he shall be called the Son of the Most High.*

Setting: Tomás Luis de Victoria (c. 1548-1611) *Ne timeas Maria*
Luke 1:30-32a

Communion Hymn

TWIGWORTH YARD

1. Re - deem - er of the na - tions, come:
2. You_ came forth from thee - ter nal_ God,
3. With God_ the Fa - ther you are_ one,
4. All_ praise, O un - be - got-ten_ God,

re - veal your - self in vir - gin_ birth, the_
and you re - turned to that same source, You_
and one with us in hu - man flesh. Oh,_
all praise to you, e - ter - nal_ Word, all_

birth which a - ges all_ a - dore, a_ won - drous birth, be - fit - ting God,_
suf - fered death and har - rowed hell, and reigned once more_ from God's high throne._
fill our weak and dy - ing frame with god - ly strength which ne - ver fails._
praise, life - giv - ing Spi - rit, praise, all_ glo - ry to_ the Three in One._

The Post-Communion Prayer

The People stand or kneel. 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 Advent Blessing

The Priest blesses the people.

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. **AMEN.**

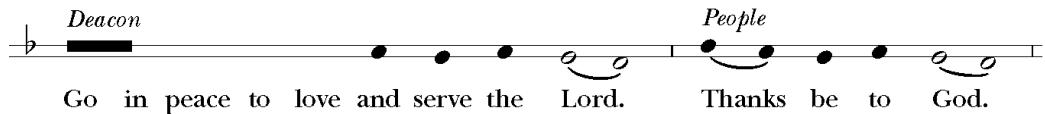
May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. **AMEN.**

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. **AMEN**

And the blessing of God Almighty, + the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **AMEN.**

The People stand as they are able.

The Dismissal



Recessional Hymn 265

GABRIEL'S MESSAGE

ORGAN Messe a l'usage des Paroisses (1697 ver.)

François Couperin

Dialogue Sur les Grands Jeux et dernier Couplet

**Christmas Eve,
December 24, 2022**

10:30 p.m.
A Prelude of Organ Voluntaries
& Congregational Carols

11 p.m.

Solemn Procession to the Crèche
and First Mass of Christmas

**Christmas Day,
December 25, 2022**

10 a.m.
Choral Mass for Christmas Day

**Monday, Dec. 26 at noon:
St. Stephen**

**Tuesday, Dec. 27 at noon:
St. John the Evangelist**

**Wednesday, Dec. 28 at 6:30 p.m.
The Holy Innocents**

Ascension Prayer List

For our prayers: David Reeves, Toby Clark and family, Catherine Cyran, Thom Racina, Robert Browning, Natalia & Victor, Dorothy, Betty, David Schrader, Burton Nelson, Victor Fernandez, Claire Green, Beth Hall, Sue Lenz, Brenda Martins, Lee Gould, Gertrude Isaac, Marty Stenson, Steve Dionne

Birthdays: Alison Wallace, 12/20; Jim Walsh, 12/10; Stanley Hightower, 12/23

Anniversaries: Shane Patrick Gormley, *Ordination to the Priesthood*, 2012

Departed: Sandra Hawtin; Josephine Anne Boitse; James Ronald Clark, 12/18/1988; Erik C. Muñoz, 12/18/2007; Irene Thompson Malick, 12/19/2011; Henry Klages, 12/21/1987; Ruth Ehlen, 12/22/2002

Prayer requests

Do you have a need for special prayer in your life? Whether your prayer needs are because you have an upcoming surgery, an ill family member, or you're just feeling particularly lonely lately, Fr. Heard and Mtr. Murphy-Gill would like to know. We've created a way for letting us know about your requests for prayers in a way we hope makes it easy for you to reach out, though you can always call the church or reach out to one of the priests personally. Check out the link in TWAA to share your prayer requests.



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.

Many thanks to those who serve: MB Hwang, Enrique Vilaseco, Elizabeth Simpson, Patrick Johnston, Victoria Dvonch, David A. Robertson, Mark Aparece, Joshua Simpson, Acolytes; Marlea Edinger, Lector; DiAnne Walsh, George Panice, Technology; Christopher Raymond, Cheryl Peterson, Roberta Dawson, Jay Jacot Ushers

The Choir of the Ascension

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Bass Peter Olson, Ian Prichard

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thank you and bless you for joining us.



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

- All baptized Christians are welcomed to receive Communion. Others are welcomed to come forward at the time of Communion to receive a blessing.
- Live-Streaming of select liturgies is available on Facebook and YouTube. Links for these can be found on our website Home page.
- Please ask an usher about a parking permit if your car will be in our parking lot after 1:30 pm today.