



John the Baptist from the *Isenheim Altarpiece*, Matthias Grünewald (1512-1516)
Unterlinden Museum at Colmar, Alsace, France

The Second Sunday after The Epiphany

January 15, 2023 + High Mass, 11 a.m.

Church of the Ascension, Chicago, Illinois

Sun	Jan 15	9 a.m.	Sung Mass: Second Sunday after The Epiphany
		11 a.m.	High Mass
		1 p.m.	Young adult gathering (<i>see below</i>)
Wed	Jan 18	6:30 p.m.	Said Mass: Confession of Saint Peter
Sun	Jan 22	9 a.m.	Sung Mass: Third Sunday after the Epiphany
		11 a.m.	High Mass

January Young Adults Gathering Sunday, Jan 15

This morning, Mtr. Murphy-Gill will lead the young adults in a conversation about Anglican/Episcopal temperament and spirituality. If you are new to the Episcopal Church and wondering about baptism, confirmation, or reception, this is an excellent first step to getting to know the culture of Anglicanism.

We'll start with lunch and fellowship around 1 pm, following the coffee hour after Solemn High Mass. There will be an opportunity for you to reflect on what draws you to a place like Ascension and wonder about what the Episcopal Church has to offer the world.

Annual Meeting Notice

The Rector, Wardens, and Vestry of The Church of the Ascension have called for the **Annual Meeting of the Parish** to be held on **29 January 2023**. There will be one service at 10:00 a.m. on this day and the meeting will follow in Saint Michael Hall. This year, the meeting will be in-person only.

This meeting is for the express purpose of receiving reports concerning the financial state and the activities of the parish, and to elect a warden and vestry members. A light lunch will be provided, so registering your intention to attend will help to ensure that there will be a lunch for you! **Please use the sign-up sheets in the narthex and Wheeler Hall to let us know.**

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

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

Fantasia Ut, re, mi, fa, sol, la FWV 118 Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck (1562-1621)
"Hexachord Fantasia"

THE 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 404

OLD 124th

Introit "Omnis terra" (Ps. 66) Mode IV

Omnis terra adoret te, Deus, et psallat tibi: psalmum dicat nomini tuo, Altissime.
Ps. Iubilate Deo omnis terra, psalmum dicite nomini eius: date gloriam laudi eius.
V. Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen. Omnis terra ...

All the world shall worship thee, O God: sing of thee, and praise thy Name, O thou Most Highest. Ps. O be joyful in God, all ye lands, sing praises unto the honour of his Name: make his praise to be glorious. 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. All the world ...

The Opening Acclamation



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



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

Kyrie eleison

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

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

Setting: Jacobus Gallus (1550-1591) *Missa Ich stund an einem Morgen à5*

Gloria in excelsis

1. Glo - ry be to God on high, and on earth peace,
good will towards men. 2. We praise thee, we bless thee,
we wor - ship thee, we glo - ri - fy thee, we give
thanks to thee for thy great glo - ry, 3. O Lord God, heaven - ly
King, God the Fa-ther Al - might - y.——
4. O Lord, the on - ly be - got - ten Son, Je - sus Christ;
5. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, that
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
on us. 6. Thou that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
world, re - ceive our prayer. 7. Thou that sit - test at the

right hand of God the Fa-ther, have mer-cy up-on us.

8. For thou on-ly art ho-ly; thou on-ly art the Lord; 9. thou

on-ly, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost, art most

high in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther.

A men.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The People are seated.

The First Lesson

Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God." And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength—he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual "Misit Dominus" (Ps. 107) Mode V

Misit Dominus verbum suum, et sanavit eos: et eripuit eos de interitu eorum.

V. Confiteantur Domino misericordiae eius: et mirabilia eius filiis hominum.

The Lord sent his Word and healed them: and they were saved from their destruction.

V. O that men would therefore praise the Lord for his goodness, and declare the wonders that he doeth for the children of men.

The Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God

always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

The People stand as able.

Alleluia “Laudate Deum” (Ps. 148) Mode IV

Alleluia, alleluia. V. Laudate Deum omnes Angeli eius: laudate eum omnes virtutes eius. Alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia. V. Praise the Lord, all ye Angels of his: praise him, all his host. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel

John 1:29-41

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory be to you, Lord Christ.

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.” The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he

was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed).

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

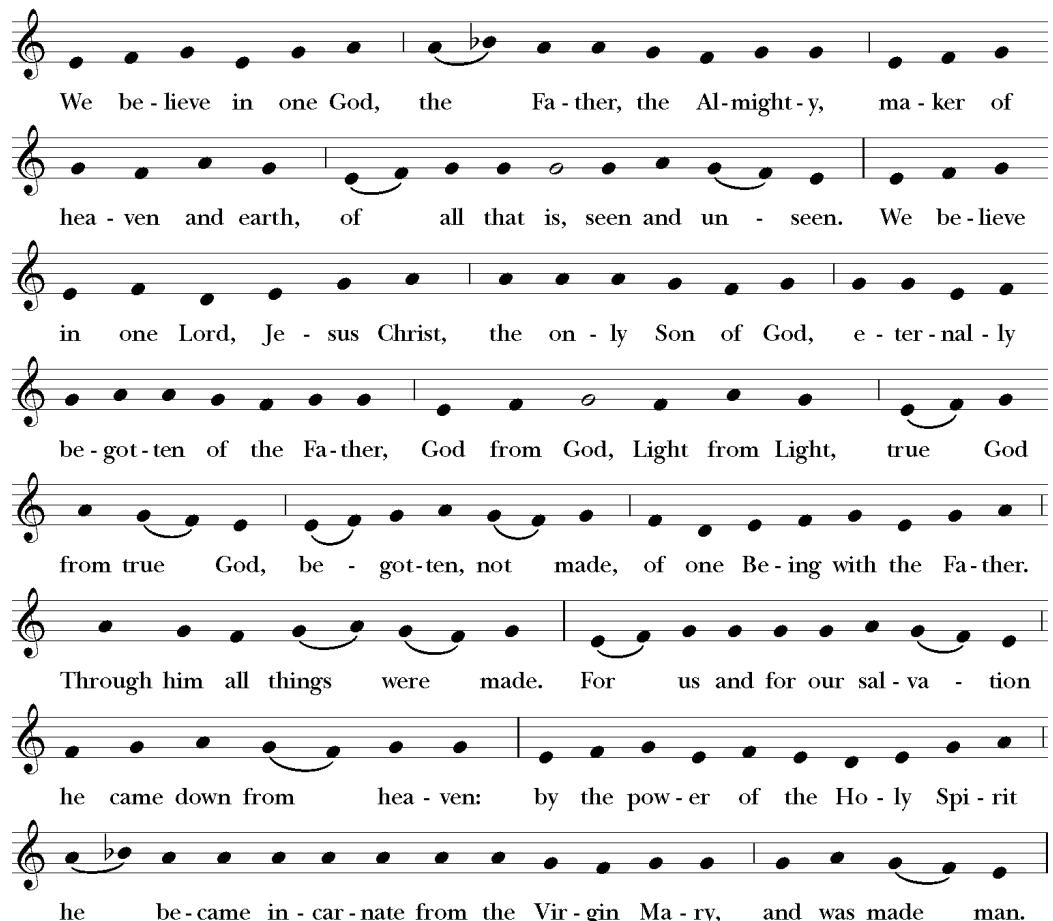
The People are seated.

The Sermon

The Rev. Thomas Heard

The People stand as able.

The Nicene Creed (S-104 Contemporary)



We be - lieve in one God, the Fa - ther, the Al-might - y, ma - ker of
he a - 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 crucified under 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
for the for-give-ness of sins. We look for the re-sur-rec-tion of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. A - men.

The Prayers of the People

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

Hasten, O Father, the coming of thy kingdom; and grant that we thy servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold thy Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

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 OFFERTORY

Offertory “Iubilate Deo universa terra” (Ps. 66) Mode I

Iubilate Deo universa terra: iubilate Deo universa terra: psalmum dicite nomini eius: venite et audite, et narrabo vobis, omnes qui timetis Deum, quanta fecit Dominus animae meae, alleluia.

O be joyful in God, all ye lands: sing praises unto the honour of his Name: O come hither and hearken, all ye that fear God, and I will tell you what the Lord hath done for my soul, alleluia.

Offertory Motet

Exspectans exspectavi Dominum et respexit me, et exaudivit deprecationem meam et immisit in os meum canticum novum, hymnum Deo nostro.

With expectation I have waited for the Lord, and he was attentive to me, and he heard my prayers. And he put a new canticle into my mouth, a song to our God.

Setting: Valentin Rathgeber (1682-1750) *Exspectans exspectavi*
Psalm 40:1-3a

Offertory Hymn 421

ALLEIN GOTT IN DER HÖH'

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B (BCP p. 367)

Orate Fratres

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

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

Celebrant: Amen.

Sursum corda

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 in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Sanctus and Benedictus

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: Jacobus Gallus (1550-1591) *Missa Ich stund an einem Morgen à5*

The People stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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

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

Celebrant

There - fore, ac - cord - ing to his com - mand, O Fa - ther,

Celebrant and People

We re - mem - ber his death, We pro - claim his re - sur -

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

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Christ our Passover

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.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

† 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 sins of the world: have mercy upon us.

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

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

Setting: Jacobus Gallus (1550-1591) *Missa Ich stund an einem Morgen à5*

THE COMMUNION

Communion “Laetabimur” (Ps. 20) Mode II

Laetabimur in salutari tuo: et in nomine Domini Dei nostri magnificabimur. V. Exaudiat te Dominus in die tribulationis, protegat te nomen Dei Iacob. V. Mittat tibi auxilium de sancto, et de Sion tueatur te. V. Memor sit omnes sacrificii tui, et holocaustum tuum pingue fiat. V. Tribuat tibi secundum cor tuum, et omne consilium tuum confirmet. V. Gloria Patri.

We will rejoice in thy salvation: and triumph in the Name of the Lord Our God. V. The Lord hear thee in the day of trouble, the Name of the God of Jacob defend thee. V. Send thee help from the sanctuary, and strengthen thee out of Zion. V. Remember all thy offerings, and accept thy burnt-sacrifice. V. Grant thee thy heart's desire, and fulfill all thy mind. V. Glory be.

Communion Hymn

PROSPECT (descant: Stephen Paulus)



1. Lift up your heads, ye migh - ty gates; be - hold the King of glo - ry -
2. O blessed the land, the ci - ty blessed, where Christ the ru - ler is con -
3. Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a tem - ple set a -
4. So, come, my Sov - ereign: en - ter in! Let new and no - bler life be -



1. waits! The King of kings is draw - ing near; the Sa - vior of the world is here.
2. fessed! O hap - py hearts and hap - py homes to whom this King of tri - umph comes.
3. part from earth-ly use for heav'n's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
4. gin: thy Ho - ly Spi - rit guide us on, un - til the glo - rious crown be won!

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 Blessing

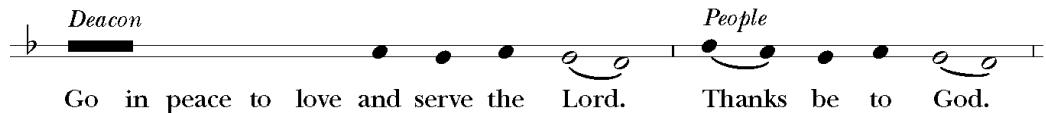
Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Priest blesses the People. The People respond, “Amen.”

The People stand as they are able.

The Dismissal



Closing Hymn 542

ST. JOAN

ORGAN Toccata pedaliter FWV 27

Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck

Ascension Prayer List

For our prayers: David S. Jones, The Hall family, George Panice, Sheri Panice, Elsa Pineda, Richard Francis Tracz, Carol Eichorn, Thom Racina, Robert Browning, Natalia & Victor, Dorothy, David Schrader, Victor Fernandez, Claire Green, Beth Hall, Sue Lenz, Brenda Martins, Lee Gould, Gertrude Isaac, Marty Stenson, Steve Dionne

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Betty J. Marse, 1/15/2015; John Martensen, 1/15/2018

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.

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Tenor Enrico Bellomo, Mike Byrley, Aaron Short

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.
- **Please join us for Coffee Hour in Wheeler Hall** after the Mass.
- **If you are a visitor,** please consider completing one of the blue visitor cards found in the pews.
- **Live-Streaming** of select liturgies is available on Facebook and YouTube. Links for these can be found on our website Home page.
- **Please ask an usher about a parking permit** if your car will be in our parking lot after 1:30 pm today.

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