



Immaculate Conception, Diego Velázquez, ca. 1618,
The National Gallery, London

The Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Church of the Ascension

6:30 p.m. Sung Mass + December 8, 2022



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ORGAN Ave, maris stella op. 18, nos. 6-8

Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

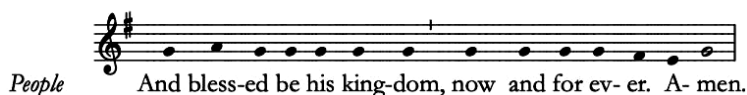
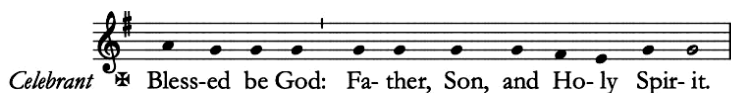
I. *Très modéré*; II. *Lento*; IV *Adagio* (in the style of J. S. Bach)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

Hymn 258 *Please stand as you are able.*

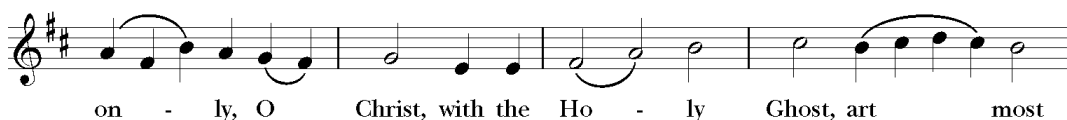
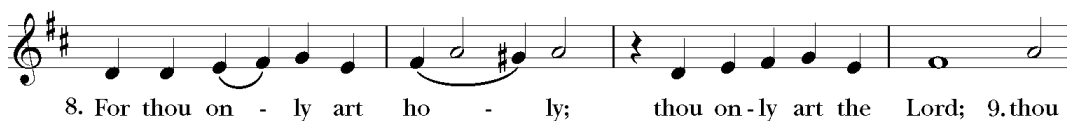
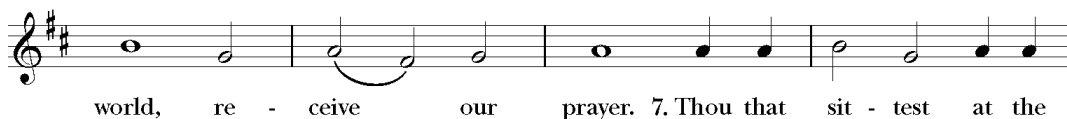
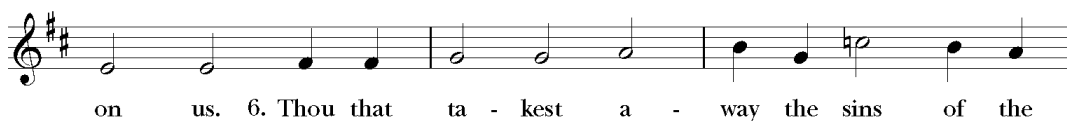
PSALM 86

The Opening Acclamation



Gloria in excelsis sung by all

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.



The Collect of the day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who willed that your Word should be made flesh in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary, at the message of an Angel; Grant to us, your humble servants, that we, believing her to be the Mother of God, may by her intercession find favor in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The People are seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The First Reading

Genesis 3:9-15, 20

(After Adam had eaten of the tree,) ... the Lord God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals, and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel." The man called his wife Eve, because she was the mother of all living.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual "Benedicta es tu, Virgo Maria" (Judith 13: 23; 15: 10)

Mode I

Blessed are you, O Virgin Mary, by the Lord, the most high God, beyond all women upon the earth.

Vs. You are the glory of Jerusalem, you are the joy of Israel, you are the honour of our people.

The Second Reading

Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace which he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In

Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory.

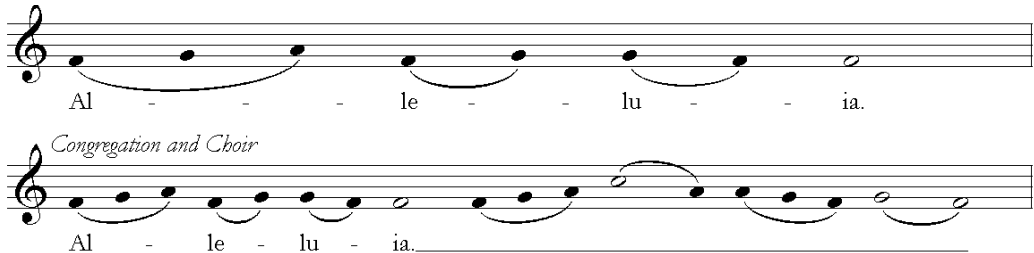
Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

Alleluia “Tota pulchra es, Maria ” (Song 4:7)

Mode I



V. *You are most fair, O Mary, and the taint of original sin dwells not within you. Alleluia.*

The Holy Gospel

Luke 1:26-38

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

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

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, “Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.” But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.” Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I am a virgin?” And the angel said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month with her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.” Then Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The people are seated.

The Sermon

The Rev. Gary Lawler

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.

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.

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, 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 HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY *Please stand as you are able.*

Offertory “Ave Maria” (Lk. 1:28)

Mode III

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou amongst women, alleluia.

Offertory Solo

Ave, maris stella, Dei Mater alma,
Atque semper Virgo, Felix caeli porta.
Sumens illud Ave Gabrielis ab ore,
Funda nos in pace, Mutans Evae nomen.

*Hail, star of the sea, loving Mother of God,
and also always a virgin, Happy gate of heaven.
Receiving that Ave from Gabriel's mouth
confirm us in peace, Reversing Eva's name.*

Setting: Antonin Dvořák (1841-1904) *Ave maris stella*

Offertory Hymn

DAILY, DAILY



Ye who own the faith of Je - sus, sing the won - ders that were done When the
Bles - sed were the cho - sen peo - ple out of whom the Lord did come, Bles - sed
There - fore let all faith - ful peo - ple sing the ho - nor of her name, Let the
"Mag - ni - fy my soul, God's great - ness; in my Sa - vior I re - joice; all the
love of God the Fa - ther o'er our sin the vic - t'ry won. When he
was the land of pro - mise fash - ioned for his earth - ly home; But more
Church in her fore - sha - dowed part in her thanks - giv - ing claim; What Christ's
a - ges call me bless - ed, in His praise I lift my voice; He has
made the Vir - gin Ma - ry Mo - ther of His on - ly
bles - sed far the Mo - ther, She who bare him in her
Mo - ther sang in glad - ness let Christ's peo - ple sing the
cast down all the might - y, and the low - ly are His
Son. Hail, Ma - ry, Hail, Ma - ry, Hail, Ma - ry, full of grace.
womb. Hail, Ma - ry, Hail, Ma - ry, Hail, Ma - ry, full of grace.
same: Hail, Ma - ry, Hail, Ma - ry, Hail, Ma - ry, full of grace.
choice." Hail, Ma - ry, Hail, Ma - ry, Hail, Ma - ry, full of grace.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A (BCP p. 361)

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

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. 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. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. 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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of

Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -

- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

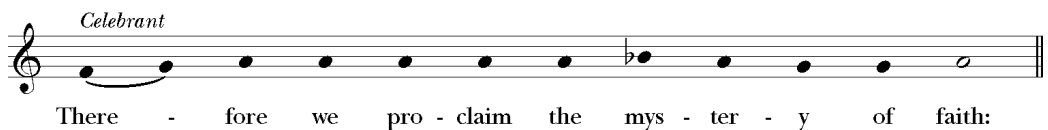
The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues.

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."



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
 us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
 from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
 and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant
 Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
People
 There-fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

Agnus Dei

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
on us. O Lamb of God, that
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of
God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
world, grant us thy 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.**

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.

THE COMMUNION

Communion “Gloriosa” (Ps. 86:3; Lk. 1:49)

Mode II

Glorious things have been proclaimed concerning you, O Mary; for the Almighty has done marvelous things on your behalf. V. Glory be.

Communion Hymn

CHADDERTON

1 Sing of Ma - ry, pure and low - ly, vir - gin Mo - ther un - de - filed; sing of God's own
 2 Sing of Je - sus, son of Ma - ry, in the home at Naz - a - reth, toil and la - bor
 3 Glo - ry be_ to God the Fa - ther; glo - ry be to God the Son; glo - ry be_ to

Son most ho - ly, who be - came her lit - tle child. Fair - est child of fair - est_ mo - ther,
 can - not wea - ry love en - dur - ing un - to death. Con - stant was_ the love he_ gave_ her,
 God the Spi - rit; glo - ry to the Three in One; From the heart of bless - ed_ Ma - ry,

God the Lord who came to earth, Word made flesh_ our ve - ry bro - ther,
 though he went forth from her side, forth to preach, and heal, and suf - fer,
 from all saints the song a - scends, and the Church the strain re - ech - oes

Organ interlude

takes our na - ture by his birth.
 till on Cal - va - ry he died.
 un - to earth's re - mot - est ends.

The Post-Communion Prayer

The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant says Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living 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 Advent Blessing

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.

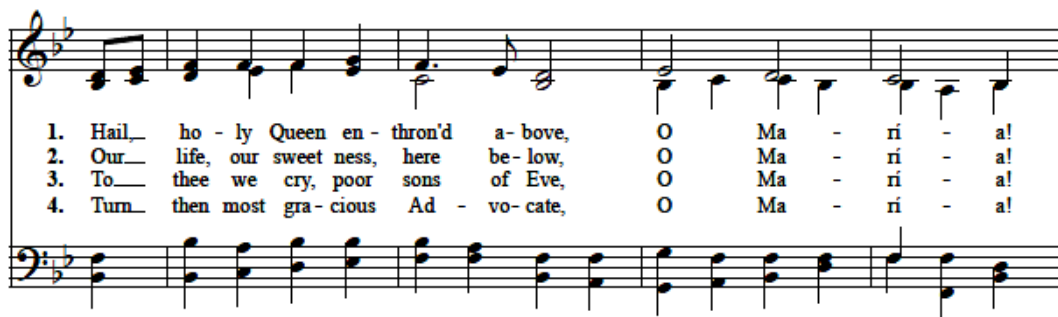
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Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

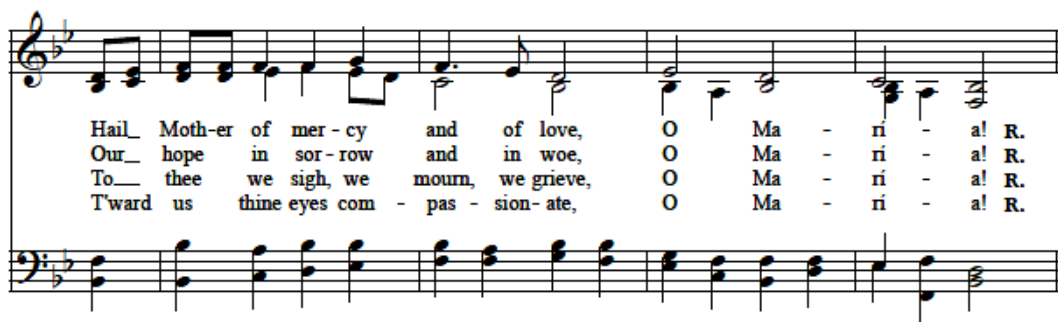
People **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn

SALVE REGINA

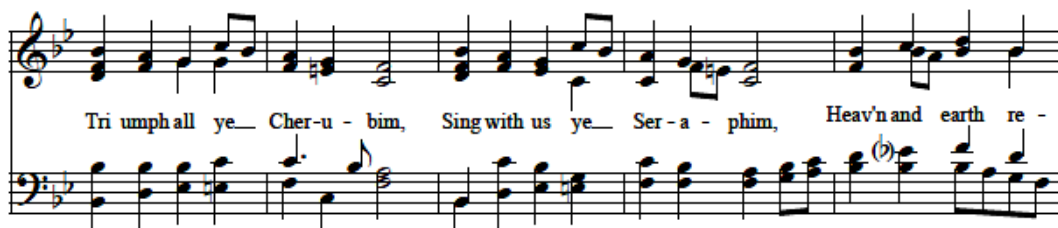


1. Hail, ho - ly Queen en - thron'd a - bove, O Ma - ri - a!
 2. Our life, our sweet ness, here be - low, O Ma - ri - a!
 3. To thee we cry, poor sons of Eve, O Ma - ri - a!
 4. Turn then most gra - cious Ad - vo - cate, O Ma - ri - a!

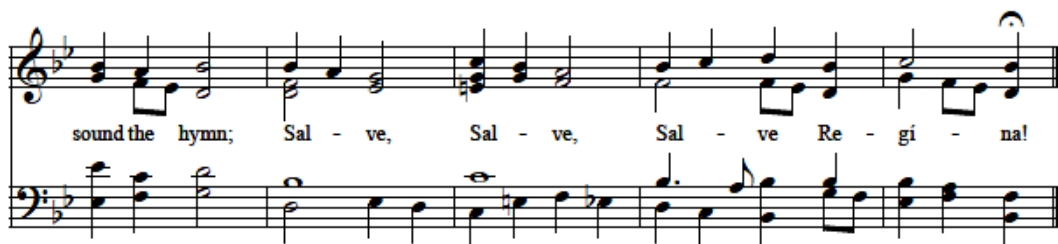


Hail Moth - er of mer - cy and of love, O Ma - ri - a! R.
 Our hope in sor - row and in woe, O Ma - ri - a! R.
 To thee we sigh, we mourn, we grieve, O Ma - ri - a! R.
 T'ward us thine eyes com - pas - sion - ate, O Ma - ri - a! R.

Refrain:



Tri umph all ye Cher - u - bim, Sing with us ye Ser - a - phim, Heav'n and earth re -



sound the hymn; Sal - ve, Sal - ve, Sal - ve Re - gi - na!

Closing Voluntary

While the King Sitteth at his Table op. 18, no. 1

Marcel Dupré

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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.)

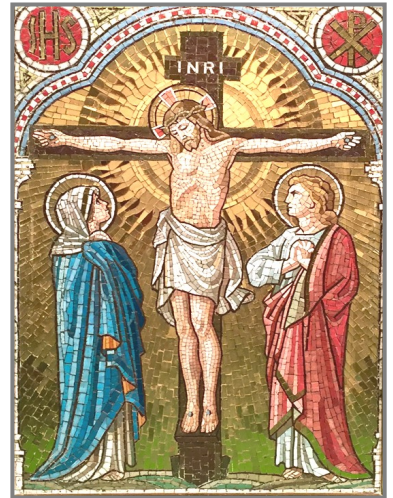
The ‘*Catholic*’ part of our identity is evident all around us here, in the church interior and in our worship.

- + 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.

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