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**The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**11 a.m. Solemn High Mass + August 25, 2024**  
**Church of the Ascension, Chicago**



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**Sun Aug 25 The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
9 a.m. Sung Mass  
10 a.m. Confession available  
11 a.m. Solemn Mass  
12:45 p.m. Embracing the Sacramental Life: Baptism, Confirmation, & Reception in the Library

**Sun Sep 1 The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
9 a.m. Sung Mass  
10 a.m. Confession available  
11 a.m. Solemn Mass

**Mon Sep 2 Church Offices Closed for Labor Day**  
12 p.m. Said Mass

**Sat Sep 7**  
9-11 a.m. Food Pantry  
9 a.m. One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism: A Retreat For Those Seeking Renewal, Confirmation, and Reception in Wheeler Hall

**Weekday Mass schedule**  
12 p.m. Monday, Friday  
8 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday,  
6:30 p.m. Wednesday

**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 in the pews.**

ORGAN Two settings: *Allein Gott in der Höh' sei Ehr'*

IGB 62

Georg Böhm (1661-1733)

BWV 717

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

## ENTRANCE RITE

*Please stand as you are able as the Ministers enter. The Altar, Ministers and People are aspersed, sprinkled with holy water. During the Introit, the Altar is censed.*

Opening Hymn 421

ALLEIN GOTT IN DER HÖH'

**Introit** "Inclina Domine aurem tuam" (Ps. 86) Mode I

Inclina, Domine, aurem tuam ad me, et exaudi me: salvum fac servum tuum, Deus meus, sperantem in te: miserere mihi, Domine, quoniam ad te clamavi tota die. Ps. Laetifica animam servi tui: quoniam ad te Domine, animam meam levavi. V. Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen. Inclina ...

*Bow down thine ear, O Lord, and hear me: my God, save thy servant, that putteth his trust in thee: be merciful unto me, O Lord, for I will call daily upon thee. Ps. Comfort the soul of thy servant: for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul. 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. Bow down ...*

## The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant

Bless - ed be God: Father, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit.

People

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ev - er. A - men.

## The Collect for Purity

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

A musical score for "Kyrie eleison" consisting of ten staves of music. The music is in common time and treble clef. The lyrics are integrated into the music, with each staff containing a line of text corresponding to the notes. The lyrics are as follows:

Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us. Christ,  
have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy  
upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.  
on us. Lord, have mercy upon us.  
up - on us. Lord, have  
mercy upon us.  
have mercy upon us.

## Gloria in excelsis Deo

1. Glo - ry be to God on high, and on earth peace,  
good will to - wards 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, hea - ven - 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; 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 Salutation and The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The People sit.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### The First Reading

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-25

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: “Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.” Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.” But Joshua said to the people, “You cannot serve the LORD; for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.” And the people said to Joshua, “No, we will serve the LORD!” Then Joshua said to the people, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him.” And they said, “We are witnesses.” He said, “Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel.” The people said to Joshua, “The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey.” So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Gradual** “Bonum est confiteri” (Ps. 92) Mode V

Bonum est confiteri Domino: et psallere nomini tuo, Altissime.

*It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord: and to sing praises unto thy Name, O Most Highest.*

## The Epistle

Ephesians 5:21-33

Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ. Wives, be subject to your husbands, as you are to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife just as Christ is the head of the church, the body of which he is the Savior. Just as the church is subject to Christ, so also wives ought to be, in everything, to their husbands. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, in order to make her holy by cleansing her with the washing of water by the word, so as to present the church to himself in splendor, without a spot or wrinkle or anything of the kind—yes, so that she may be holy and without blemish. In the same way, husbands should love their wives as they do their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hates his own body, but he nourishes and tenderly cares for it, just as Christ does for the church, because we are members of his body. “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” This is a great mystery, and I am applying it to Christ and the church. Each of you, however, should love his wife as himself, and a wife should respect her husband.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

As the Gospel procession moves towards the pews, the People stand.

**Alleluia** “Spiritus est qui vivificat” (Jn. 6) Mode VIII

Alleluia, alleluia. V. Spiritus est qui vivificat: caro autem non prodest quidquam. Alleluia.

*Alleluia, alleluia. V. It is the Spirit that quickeneth: the flesh profiteth nothing. Alleluia.*

## The Holy Gospel

John 6:60-69

*Deacon* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “I am the bread which came down from heaven... the one who eats this bread will live forever.” When many of his disciples heard this, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.

But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.” Because of this many of the disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

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

*The People are seated.*

The Sermon

The Rev. Gary E. A. Lawler

*The People stand as able.*

The Nicene Creed (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 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  
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 IV

*Deacon:* 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.*

### **Confession of Sin**

**Deacon:** Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*The People kneel as able.*

**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 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 People stand as able.*

### **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

*The People remain standing as the oblations are brought forward.*

**Offertory** “Exspectans exspectavi” (Ps. 40) Mode V

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

*I waited patiently for the Lord, and he inclined unto me: he heard my calling, and he hath put a new song in my mouth, even a thanksgiving unto our God.*

*The People are seated.*

**Offertory Motet**

Auf dich, o Herr, vertrauet meine Seele;  
dein Erbarmen ist unermesslich,  
ewig deine Gnad und Güte.

Auf dich, o Herr, vertrauet meine Seele in Ewigkeit.

*My soul trusts in you, O Lord.*

*Your mercy is immeasurable,  
and your grace and goodness everlasting.  
My soul trusts in you, O Lord, forever.*

Setting: Bernhard Klein (1793-1832) *Auf dich, o Herr, vertrauet meine Seele*

*The People stand as able.*

**Offertory Hymn 460**

HYFRYDOL

## 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

The musical notation consists of four lines of music. The first line is for the Celebrant, starting with a fermata over a note, followed by 'The Lord be with you.' The second line is for the People, starting with a fermata over a note, followed by 'And al - so with you.' The third line is for the Celebrant, starting with a fermata over a note, followed by 'Lift up your hearts.' The fourth line is for the People, starting with a fermata over a note, followed by 'We lift them to the Lord.' The fifth line is for the Celebrant, starting with a fermata over a note, followed by 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' The sixth line is for the People, starting 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; 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:

## 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.

*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  
 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;  
There-fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

*People*

### Agnus Dei

O Lamb of God, that takest a-way the sins of the world, have mercy up-on us. O Lamb of God, that takest a-way the sins of the world, have mercy up-on us. O Lamb of God, that takest 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.**

† 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** “De fructu operum tuorum” (Ps. 104) Mode VI

De fructu operum tuorum, Domine, satiabitur terra: ut educas panem de terra, et vinum laetificet cor hominis: ut exhilaret faciem in oleo, et panis cor hominis confirmet. Ps. Benedic anima mea Dominum. Dominus Deus meus magnificatus es vehementer. V. Confessionem et decorum induisti, amictus lumine sicut vestimentum. V. Exhibit homo ad opus suum, et ad operationem suam usque ad vesperum. V. Quam magnifica sunt opera tua Domine! Omnia in sapientia fecisti. V. Gloria Patri.

*The earth, O Lord, is filled with the fruit of thy works: that thou mayest bring food out of the earth, and wine that maketh glad the heart of man: and oil to make him a cheerful countenance, and bread to strengthen man's heart. Ps. Praise the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, thou art become exceeding glorious. V. Thou art clothed with majesty and honour, thou deckest thyself with light as it were with a garment. V. Man goeth forth to his work, and to his labour until the evening. V. O Lord, how manifold are thy works! In wisdom hast thou made them all. V. Glory be.*

### Communion Motet

Adoramus te, Christe, et benedicimus tibi, quia per sanctam crucem tuam et passionem tuam redemisti mundum.

*We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee, who by Thy Holy Cross  
and passion hast redeemed the world.*

Setting: Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c. 1525-1594) *Adoramus te Christe*

### Communion Hymn 455

DUNEDIN

*The People kneel as able. 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.

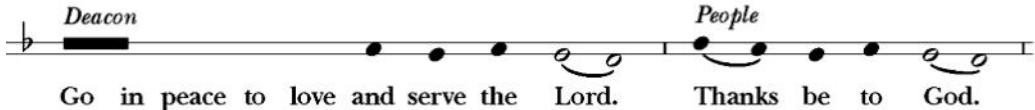
### The Blessing

The 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

Celebrant      The Lord be with you.

People        And also with you.



## Closing Hymn 632

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## ORGAN

*Præludium und Fuge* IGB 21

Georg Böhm



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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](http://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.