

*Temptation of Christ*, oil on canvas, George Cornicelius (1825-1898)

## THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

11 a.m. The Great Litany & Solemn High Mass  
February 22, 2026  
Church of the Ascension

## Parish Schedule

<b>Sun</b>	<b>Feb 22</b>	<b>The First Sunday in Lent</b>
	9 a.m.	Great Litany & Sung Mass
	10:15 a.m.	Confession available
	11 a.m.	Great Litany in Procession & Solemn High Mass
<b>Fri</b>	<b>Feb 27</b>	<b>Friday after The First Sunday in Lent</b>
	12 p.m.	Low Mass
	6 p.m.	Stations of the Cross & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mar 1</b>	<b>The First Sunday in Lent</b>
	9 a.m.	Sung Mass
	10:15 a.m.	Confession available
	11 a.m.	Solemn High Mass
	12:45 p.m.	Lenten Faith Formation in the Library: Into the Desert: Monastic Wisdom for Our Lives
		<b>March 1 - The Rule of Saint Benedict</b>
		Fr. Christopher Poore, Assisting Priest and Ph.D. Student in Theology at The University of Chicago Divinity School
	3:30 p.m.	Organ Recital
	4 p.m.	Choral Evensong & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

### Schedule of Weekday Masses

Monday and Friday: 12 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday: 8 a.m.; Wednesday: 6:30 p.m.

- **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 Voluntaries are omitted on this Sunday in Lent.*

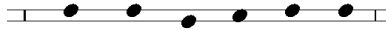
## THE ENTRANCE RITE

### The Great Litany

*Please stand at the sound of the bell.*

O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,

*People*



Have mer - cy up - on us.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

**Have mercy upon us.**

O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful,

**Have mercy upon us.**

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,

**Have mercy upon us.**

Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forebears; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy preserve us for ever.

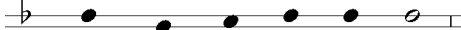
*People*



Spare us, good Lord.

From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; and from everlasting damnation,

*People*



Good Lord, de - liv - er us.

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity, **Good Lord, deliver us.**

From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil, **Good Lord, deliver us.**

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and commandment, **Good Lord, deliver us.**

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague,  
pestilence, and famine,  
**Good Lord, deliver us.**

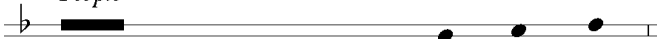
From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder;  
and from dying suddenly and unprepared,  
**Good Lord, deliver us.**

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and submission to the  
Law; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,  
**Good Lord, deliver us.**

By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious  
Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming  
of the Holy Ghost,  
**Good Lord, deliver us.**

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death,  
and in the day of judgment,  
**Good Lord, deliver us**

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to  
rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way,

*People*  
  
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to illumine all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true  
knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and  
living, they may set it forth, and show it accordingly,  
**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people,  
**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest, and to draw all  
humankind into thy kingdom,  
**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive  
thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,  
**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, Donald, the President of the United States, Jay our Governor, Brandon our Mayor and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom upon all peoples,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate and oppressed,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all may enjoy them,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of heart as thy servants, and for the common good,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their labor or their travel,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth, young children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose homes are broken or torn by strife,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with thy presence those who are failing and infirm,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who are in danger,  
necessity, and tribulation,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all humankind,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins,  
negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to  
amend our lives according to thy holy Word,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to  
turn their hearts,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the  
weak-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our  
feet,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace,

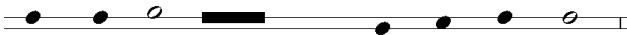
**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of the blessed Virgin Mary,  
Saint Anne her mother, Saint Michael the Archangel, our patron, and all the  
saints, we may attain to thy heavenly kingdom,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

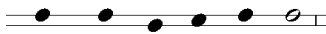
*People*



Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

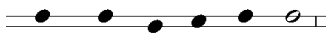
*People*



Have mer-cy up-on us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

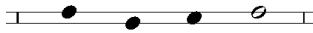
*People*



Have mer-cy up-on us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

*People*



Grant us thy peace.

O Christ, hear us.

*People*



O Christ, hear us.

## Kyrie

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison

*Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.*

Setting: Healey Willan (1880-1968) *Missa Brevis No. 1 in Eb major* (1932) First offering at Ascension

## The Salutation and Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The People are seated.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### The First Reading

Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-17, 25-3:7

In the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up~ for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground~ then the LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the

man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the LORD God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die." And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed. Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual** "Angelis suis" (Ps. 91) Mode II

Angelis suis mandavit de te, ut custodiant te in omnibus viis tuis.

*He shall give his Angels charge over thee: to keep thee in all thy ways.*

**The Epistle**

Romans 5:12-21

As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned— sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but

the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. But law came in, with the result that the trespass multiplied; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, so that, just as sin exercised dominion in death, so grace might also exercise dominion through justification leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*As the Gospel procession moves into the pews, the People stand.*

**Tract** "Qui habitat" (Ps. 91) Mode II

Qui habitat in adiutorio Altissimi, in protectione Dei caeli commorabitur.

V. Dicit Domino: susceptor meus es, et refugium meum, Deus meus: sperabo in eum.

V. Quoniam ipse liberavit me de laqueo venantium, et a verbo aspero.

V. Scapulis suis obumbrabit tibi, et sub pennis eius sperabis.

V. Scuto circumdabit te veritas eius: non timebis a timore nocturno.

V. A sagitta volante per diem, a negotio perambulante in tenebris  
a ruina et daemónio meridiano.

V. Cadent a latere tuo mille, et decem millia a dextris tuis: tibi autem non  
appropinquabit.

V. Quoniam Angelis suis mandavit de te, ut custodiant te in omnibus viis tuis.

V. In manibus portabunt te, ne unquam offendas ad lapidem pedem tuum.

V. Super aspidem et basiliscum ambulabis, et conculcabis leonem et draconem.

V. Quoniam in me speravit, liberabo eum: protegam eum,  
quoniam cognovit nomen meum.

V. Invocabit me, et ego exaudiam eum: cum ipso sum in tribulatione.

V. Eripiam eum, et glorificabo eum: longitudine dierum adimplebo eum,  
et ostendam illi salutarem meum.

*Whoso dwelleth under the defence of the Most High: shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.*

*V. I will say unto the Lord: Thou art my hope and my stronghold: my God, in him will I trust.*

*V. For he shall deliver thee from the snare of the hunter: and from the noisome pestilence.*

*V. He shall defend thee under his wings: and thou shalt be safe under his feathers.*

*V. His faithfulness and truth shall be thy shield and buckler:*

- thou shalt not be afraid for any terror by night.*
- V. *Nor for the arrow that flieth by day: for the pestilence that walketh in darkness,  
nor for the sickness that destroyeth in the noonday.*
- V. *A thousand shall fall beside them and ten thousand at thy right hand:  
but it shall not come nigh thee.*
- V. *For he shall give his Angels charge over thee: to keep thee in all thy ways.*
- V. *They shall bear thee in their hands: that thou hurt not thy foot against a stone.*
- V. *Thou shalt go upon the lion and adder:  
the young lion and the dragon shalt thou tread under thy feet.*
- V. *Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him up,  
because he hath known my Name.*
- V. *He shall call upon me, and I will hear him: yea, I am with him in trouble.*
- V. *I will deliver him and bring him to honour: with long life will I satisfy him,  
and shew him my salvation.*

## The Holy Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11

*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.**

After Jesus was baptized, he was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The People are seated.*

## The Sermon

The Rev. Carlos de la Torre

*The People stand as able.*

## The Nicene Creed



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  
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 Exhortation

Beloved in the Lord: Our Savior Christ, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood as a sign and pledge of his love, for the continual remembrance of the sacrifice of his death, and for a spiritual sharing in his risen life. For in these holy Mysteries we are made one with Christ, and Christ with us; we are made one body in him, and members one of another.

Having in mind, therefore, his great love for us, and in obedience to his command, his Church renders to Almighty God our heavenly Father never-ending thanks for the creation of the world, for his continual providence over us, for his love for all mankind, and for the redemption of the world by our Savior Christ,

who took upon himself our flesh, and humbled himself even to death on the cross, that he might make us the children of God by the power of the Holy Spirit, and exalt us to everlasting life.

But if we are to share rightly in the celebration of those holy Mysteries, and be nourished by that spiritual Food, we must remember the dignity of that holy Sacrament. I therefore call upon you to consider how Saint Paul exhorts all persons to prepare themselves carefully before eating of that Bread and drinking of that Cup.

Examine your lives and conduct by the rule of God's commandments, that you may perceive wherein you have offended in what you have done or left undone, whether in thought, word, or deed. And acknowledge your sins before Almighty God, with full purpose of amendment of life, being ready to make restitution for all injuries and wrongs done by you to others; and also being ready to forgive those who have offended you, in order that you yourselves may be forgiven. And then, being reconciled with one another, come to the banquet of that most heavenly Food.

To Christ our Lord who loves us, and washed us in his own blood, and made us a kingdom of priests to serve his God and Father, to him be glory in the Church evermore. Through him let us offer continually the sacrifice of praise, which is our bounden duty and service, and, with faith in him, come boldly before the throne of grace.

### **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** “Scapulis suis” (Ps. 91) Mode VIII

Scapulis suis obumbrabit tibi Dominus, et sub pennis eius sperabis: scuto circumdabit te veritas eius.

*The Lord shall defend thee under his wings, and thou shalt be safe under his feathers: his faithfulness and truth shall be thy shield and buckler.*

The People are seated.

### Offertory Motet

Remember not, Lord, our offences,  
Nor th' offences of our forefathers;  
Neither take thou vengeance of our sins,  
But spare us, good Lord.  
Spare thy people, whom thou hast redeem'd  
With thy most precious blood,  
And be not angry with us for ever.  
Spare us, good Lord.

Setting: Henry Purcell (1659-1695) *Remember not, Lord, our offences* à 5  
Text from The Great Litany (1544)

The People stand as able.

### Offertory Hymn

DOWNSIDE ABBEY



1. Now let us all with one accord, in company with a - ges past, keep
2. The cov - e - nant so long re - vealed to those of faith in for - mer time, Christ
3. Your love, O Lord, our sin - ful race has not re - turned, but fal - si - fied, O
4. Re - mem - ber, Lord, tho frail we be, in your own im - age were we made; help
5. There - fore, we pray you, Lord, for - give; so when our wan - d'rings here shall cease, we



vi - gil with our heav'n - ly Lord in his temp - ta - tion and his fast.  
by his own ex - am - ple sealed, the Lord of love in love sub - lime.  
God of mer - cy, turn your face and grant re - pen - tance for our pride.  
us, lest in anx - i - e - ty, we cause your Name to be be - trayed.  
may with you for - ev - er live in love and u - ni - ty and peace.

### 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.



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:

The musical notation consists of a single staff with a treble clef. It begins with a G4 note, followed by a half note G4, then a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note D5, a quarter note E5, a quarter note F5, a quarter note G5, a quarter note F5, a quarter note E5, a quarter note D5, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, and ends with a double bar line.

*Celebrant and People*



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

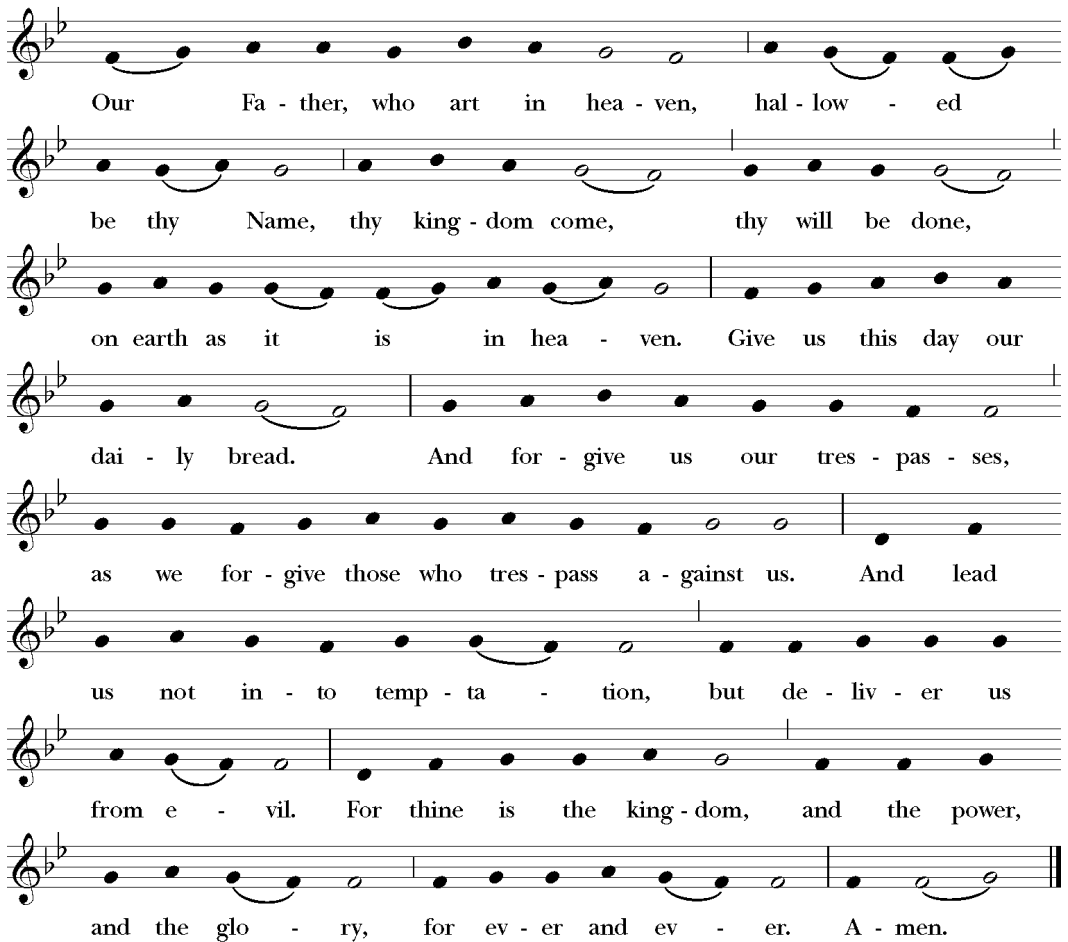
The musical notation consists of a single staff with a treble clef. It begins with a G4 note, followed by a half note G4, then a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note D5, a quarter note E5, a quarter note F5, a quarter note G5, a quarter note F5, a quarter note E5, a quarter note D5, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, and ends with a double bar line.

*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.**

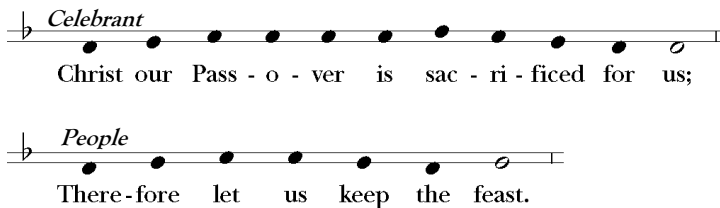
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,



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*  
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

*People*  
There-fore let us keep the feast.

## The 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.*

*Those who are not baptized or who do not wish to receive may come forward and 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

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: Healey Willan (1880-1968) *Missa Brevis No. 1* in Eb major (1932)  
First offering at Ascension

## Communion "Scapulis suis" (Ps. 91) Mode III

Scapulis suis obumbrabit tibi, et sub pennis eius sperabis: scuto circumdabit te veritas eius. Ps. Qui habitat in adiutorio Altissimi, in protectione Dei caeli commorabitur. V. Dicit Domino: "Susceptor meus es tu et refugium meum: Deus meus, sperabo in eum." V. Quoniam ipse liberavit me laqueo venantium et a verbo aspero. V. A sagitta volante in die, a negotio perambulante in tenebris: ab incursu, et daemonio meridiano. V. Gloria Patri.

*He shall defend thee under his wings, and thou shalt be safe under his feathers: his faithfulness and truth shall be thy shield and buckler. Ps. He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. V. I will say to the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust." V. Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler and from the noisome pestilence. V. Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day, nor for the sickness that destroyeth in the noon-day. V. Glory be.*

## Communion Motet

Angelis suis mandavit de te, ut custodiant te in omnibus viis tuis.

V. In manibus portabunt te, ne forte offendas ad lapidem pedem tuum.

*He shall give his Angels charge over thee: to keep thee in all thy ways.*

V. *They shall bear thee in their hands: that thou hurt not thy foot against a stone.*

Setting: Kathryn Rose (b. 1980) *Angelis suis* (2018)

Psalm 91:11-12

## Communion Hymn 150

## AUS DER TIEFE RUF E ICH

*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 Solemn Prayer over the People

*Deacon* Bow down before the Lord.

*Celebrant* Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



## Ascension Prayer List

**For our prayers:** William Van'tKruis, Gwen Hubbard, Shannon Ayala, Jose Vargas, Mary Callahan, Lynette Ngumi, Leslie Sterk, Marcela Simpson, Christina Kimmel, Daynen Heldt, Nate Cole, Ed Blatz, Marlea Edinger, Elizabeth McLaughlin, MB Hwang, Juanita Malone, Claire Green, Brenda Martins

**Birthdays:** Courtney Walsh. 2/22; Nancy Pardee, 2/25

**Requiescat in pace:** Marty Stenson, 2/14/2026; Michael Hammett, 2/2/2026; Clark Allan Montgomery, 2/22/2003; Geraldine Wilbur Ruhling, 2/22/2005; Laurence P. Myers, 2/22/2018; Rosario Vargas, 2/24/2012; Nancy Alice Holub, 2/25/1994; Patricia Wilson Laibly, 2/26/2018; James C. Krulish, 2/27/2008

**Thanks to those who serve:** The Rev. Christopher Poore, *Celebrant*; The Rev. Carlos de la Torre, *Deacon & Preacher*; Patrick Johnston, Enrique Vilaseco, Gary Alexander, Adam Bronson, Andrew Smith, David A. Robertson, Evan Schafer, Jim Wilson, Nancy Pardee, Eden Link, *Acolytes*; George Pineda, *Lector*; George Panice, Eric Canales, *Technology*; George Pineda, Cheryl Peterson, *Ushers*; David Reeves, *Coffee Hour*

## The Choir of the Ascension

*Soprano* Carlyne DalMonte, Nini Marchese, Alexandra Olsavsky, Alexia Rivera  
*Alto* Miya Higashiyama, Amy Johnson, Quinn Middleman, Cassidy Smith  
*Tenor* James Judd, Samuel Rosner, Steven Wilson  
*Bass* Matthew Brennan, John Orduña, Ian Prichard, Peter Wesoloski

## Music Acknowledgements

**DOWNSIDE ABBEY** Words: attr. St. Gregory the Great (ca. 540-604); tr. *Praise the Lord*, 1972, alt. Music: David R. White (b. 1959)

**Nicene Creed** (S-361) Plainsong Mode 5; Credo 3; adapt. Bruce E. Ford © 1985;

**The Lord's Prayer** (S119); Plainsong; adapt. C. Winfred Douglas (1867-1944) © 1985, Church Publishing, Inc.; **Sursum Corda** (S120); **Memorial Acclamation A** (S 133); **Christ our Passover** (S153); **Dismissal** (S174) © 1985 Church Publishing Inc. All rights reserved. Reprinted under OneLicense.net A-717617.

## LENT AT ASCENSION

### Stations of the Cross & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament on the Fridays of Lent at 6 p.m.

February 20, 27 & March 6, 13, 20, 27

*Following Stations & Benediction a vegetarian soup and bread supper  
will be offered in Wheeler Hall.*

### Lenten Faith Formation Into the Desert: Monastic Wisdom for Our Lives March 1, 8 & 15 at 12:45 p.m.

During Lent, the Church follows Jesus Christ into his forty-day fast in the desert, but the Church's monastics simply take up permanent residence in this desert, dedicating their lives to prayer, penance, and the study of Scripture. This Lent, we will explore the contours of the monastic vocation, asking how the wisdom gained from the desert can enrich our lives in the modern world. A hearty lunch will be provided.

#### March 1 - The Rule of Saint Benedict

Fr. Christopher Poore, Assisting Priest and Ph.D. Student in Theology at The University of Chicago Divinity School

#### March 8 - One Monk's Journey: Monasticism for Our Times

Br. Ephrem Arcement, OHC, Guestmaster at Holy Cross Monastery, West Park, NY  
*Guest Preacher at 9 a.m. Sung Mass & 11 a.m. Solemn High Mass*

#### March 15 - Revival of Anglican Monastic Orders and their Companions

Fr. Robert Petite, Assisting Priest and Oblate of the Society of St. John the Evangelist  
(Fellowship of St. John)

## 2026 Confirmation Announcement

On Saturday, April 18 at 11am, Bishop Paula Clark will be presiding over a Confirmation Mass at St. James' Cathedral. The Sacrament of Confirmation is open to all Baptized Christians seeking renewal of their Baptismal grace and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on their Christian life.

**If you're interested in learning more about the Sacrament of Confirmation, please join us for an information session on Sunday, March 22, following the 11am Solemn High Mass in the upstairs Library - a light lunch will be served.**

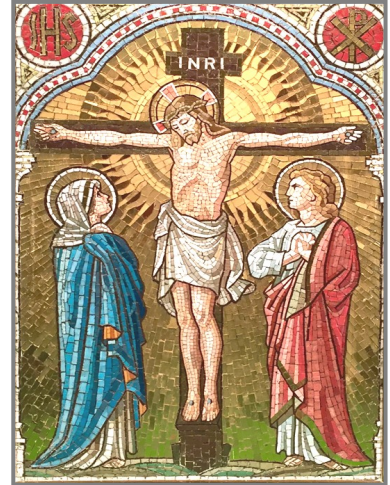
If you wish to be Confirmed or have any questions regarding Confirmation, please email Fr de la Torre - [cdelatorre@ascensionchicago.org](mailto:cdelatorre@ascensionchicago.org). Additionally, please mark your calendars for a mandatory retreat on Saturday, April 11 from 9am-1pm and a Confirmand dinner with Fr de la Torre and Fr Poore on Thursday, April 16 at 6pm.

### 2026 Confirmation Formation Schedule

- Sunday, March 22 at 12:45pm - Confirmation Information Session
- Saturday, April 11 at 9am - "One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism" Confirmation Retreat
- Thursday, April 16 at 6pm - Confirmand Dinner
- Saturday, April 18 at 11am - Confirmation Mass at Saint James' Cathedral



WELCOME TO THE  
CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION  
1133 N. LA SALLE BOULEVARD  
CHICAGO, IL 60610  
312. 664. 1271  
office@ascensionchicago.org  
www.ascensionchicago.org



*The mosaic on the door of the Altar tabernacle, Church of the Ascension*

THE CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION is a parish in the Episcopal Church, a province of the Anglican Communion within the Catholic Church. Our Christian life and worship is rooted in the Anglo-Catholic tradition. As an Anglo-Catholic parish we praise, worship, and adore our Lord Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, rejoice in the Communion of Saints, and relish in the beauty of liturgy and music. Thank you and bless you for being with us this day.

## CLERGY & STAFF

The Rt. Rev. Paula Clark, *Bishop of Chicago*

The Rev. Carlos de la Torre, *Rector*  
cdelatorre@ascensionchicago.org

### *Assisting Clergy*

The Rev. Peter Lane  
The Rev. Gary Lawler  
The Rt. Rev. Daniel Martins  
The Rev. Dr. Robert Petite  
The Rev. Christopher Poore

Benjamin Rivera, *Choirmaster*  
brivera@ascensionchicago.org

David White, *Organist*  
benbritten@yahoo.com

David Schrader, *Organist Emeritus*

Gary Alexander, *Communications*  
galexander@ascensionchicago.org

MB Hwang, *Verger*  
mbhwang@ascensionchicago.org

George Panice, *Facilities Manager*  
gpanice@gmail.com

Nathanael Deward Rahm BSG, *Parish Office*  
office@ascensionchicago.org

## VESTRY

Victoria Dvonch, Sr. Warden  
vdvonch@ascensionchicago.org

Andrew Smith, Jr. Warden  
asmith@ascensionchicago.org

Nancy Pardee, Jay Peterson, DiAnne Walsh,  
Adam Bronson, Jim Lo Bello, Alexis Sarkisian,  
Rebecca Boylan, Jay Jacot, Guido Moret