

Ten Bridesmaids, Jorge Cocco Santangelo,
Church History Museum, Salt Lake City, UT

The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

11 a.m. Solemn High Mass

November 8, 2026

Church of the Ascension

Parish Schedule

Sun **Nov 8 The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost**
9 a.m. Sung Mass
10:15 a.m. Confession
10:15 a.m. The Holy Rosary
11 a.m. Solemn High Mass
12:45 p.m. Formation Series in the Choir Loft
Orlando Gibbons and the Music of Anglicanism
Presenters: David White, Parish Organist and Composer, and David Schrader, Organist Emeritus

Thurs **Nov 12 Bl. Charles Simeon**
6:30 p.m. Hyde Park Meetup: Praying with Scripture
More details in the Parish Notices

Sun **Nov 15 The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost**
9 a.m. Sung Mass
10:15 a.m. Confession
11 a.m. Solemn High Mass

Feast Day & Observances

Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, 11/26
10 a.m. Sung Mass with Schola

Advent Sunday – Sunday, 11/29
4 p.m. Advent Lessons & Carols
Collection offering designated for St. Leonard's

Weekday Mass Schedule
12 p.m. on Monday & Friday
8 a.m. on Tuesday & Thursday
6:30 p.m. on Wednesday

Please join us for Coffee Hour in Wheeler Hall after the Mass.
If you are a visitor, please consider completing the welcome card in the pews.

ORGAN Suite du 1er Ton [ca. 1768] Jean-Baptiste Nôtre (1732-1807)
Plein jeux; Fugue grave; Duo; Trio; Basse de trompette; Récit de voix humaine; Duo; Grand jeux

THE ENTRANCE RITE

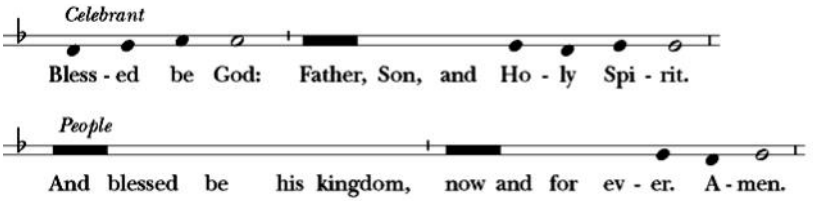
Please stand as you are able as the Ministers enter. The Altar, Ministers and People are aspersed, sprinkled with holy water. During the Introit, the Altar is censed.

Opening Hymn 1 CHRISTE SANCTORUM

Introit "Intret oratio mea" (Ps. 88) Mode III
Intret oratio mea in conspectu tuo: inclina aurem tuam ad precem meam Domine. Ps. Domine Deus salutis meae: in die clamavi, et nocte coram te. V. Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen. Intret oratio mea ...

O let my prayer enter into thy presence, O Lord: incline thine ear unto my calling. Ps. O Lord God of my salvation, I have cried day and night before thee. 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. O let my prayer ...

The Opening Acclamation



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

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

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

Setting: Marybeth Kurnat (b. 1987) *Missa brevis* (2025)

Gloria in excelsis Deo





The Salutation and The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

The People are seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The First Reading Amos 5:18-24

Thus says the Lord, the God of hosts, the Lord: Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD! Why do you want the day of the LORD? It is darkness, not light; as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever flowing stream.

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

Gradual "Dirigatur oratio mea" (Ps. 144) Mode VII

Dirigatur oratio mea sicut incensum in conspectu tuo, Domine.

Let my prayer be set forth in thy sight as the incense, O Lord.

The Epistle 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

Alleluia "Quinque prudentes virgines" (Mt. 25) Mode VII

Alleluia, alleluia. V. Quinque prudentes virgines acceperunt oleum in vasis suis cum lampadibus: media autem nocte clamor factus est: Ecce sponsus venit: exite obviam Christo Domino. Alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia. V. The five wise virgins took oil in their vessels with their lamps: but at midnight there was a cry made: Behold, the bridegroom cometh: go ye out to meet Christ the Lord. Alleluia.

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

The Holy Gospel Matthew 25:1-13

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.**

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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

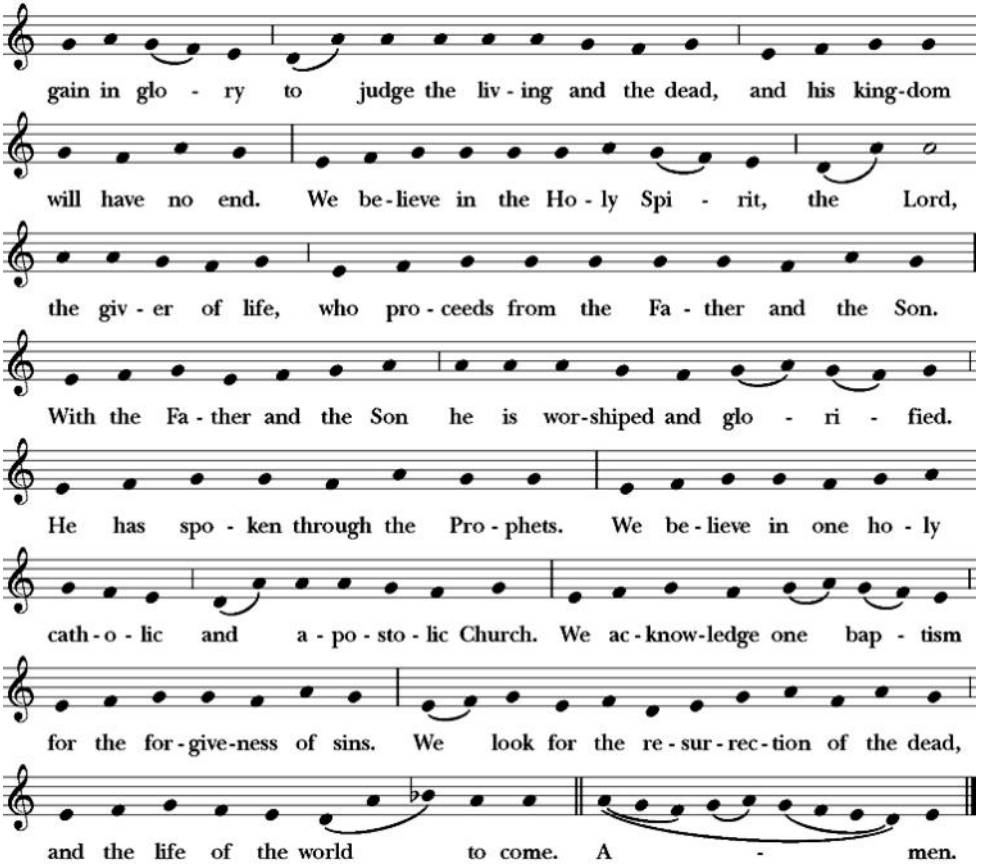
The People are seated.

The Sermon The Rev. Carlos de la Torre

The People stand as able.

The Nicene Creed





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 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 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, and then are seated.

Offertory "Gressus meos" (Ps. 119) Mode VIII

Gressus meos dirige Domine secundum eloquium tuum: ut non dominetur omnis iniustitia, Domine.

Order my steps in thy word: and so shall no wickedness have dominion over me, O Lord.

Offertory Motet

Be pleased to deliver me; make haste to help me.
Let those who seek my life be ashamed and be dismayed.
I am poor and needy; come to me.
You are my helper and my deliverer.

Setting: Patricia Van Ness (b. 1951) *Psalm 70: Be Pleased to Deliver Me* (rev. 2019)
Text adapted from The Psalter, The Book of Common Prayer

The People stand as able.

Offertory Hymn 680 ST. ANNE

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



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

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.

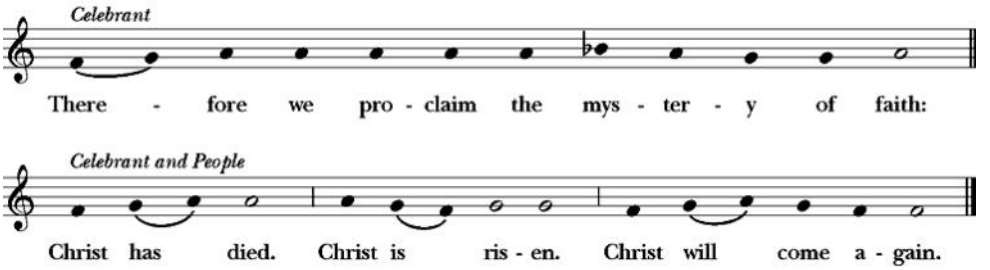
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The People stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues.

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."



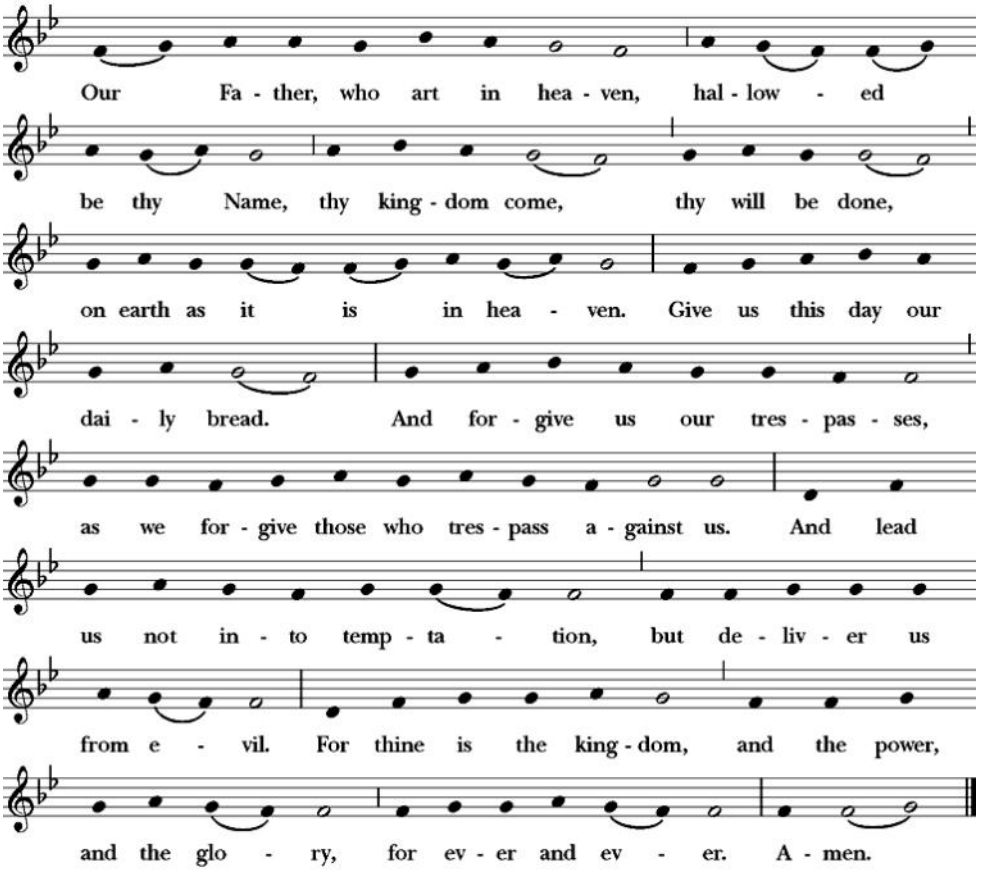
The Celebrant continues

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.

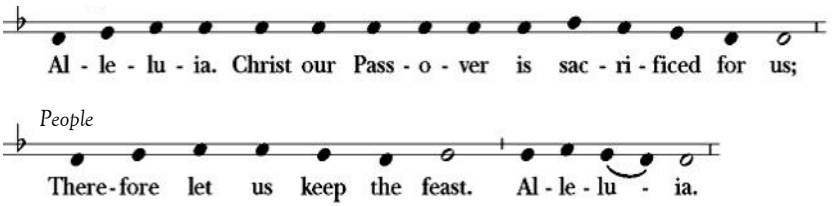
All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN**.

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



The Breaking of the Bread

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



Invitation to Communion

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

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

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

Agnus Dei

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: dona nobis pacem.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: grant us thy peace.

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† *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 "Quinque prudentes virgines" (Mt. 25) Mode V

Quinque prudentes virgines acceperunt oleum in vasis suis cum lampadibus: media autem nocte clamor factus est: Ecce sponsus venit: exite obviam Christo Domino. *Ps. 34.* Benedicam Dominum in omni tempore, semper laus eius in ore meo. *V.* In Domino gloriabitur anima mea, audiant mansueti et laetentur. *V.* Magnificate Dominum mecum, et exaltemus nomen eius in idipsum. V. Exquisivi Dominum, et exaudivit me, et ex omnibus terroribus meis eripuit me. *V.* Gloria Patri.

The five wise virgins took oil in their vessels with their lamps: but at midnight there was a cry made: Behold, the bridegroom cometh: go ye out to meet Christ the Lord. Ps. 34. I will alway give thanks unto the Lord, his praise shall ever be in my mouth. V. My soul shall make her boast in the Lord, the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad. V. O praise the Lord with me, and let us magnify his Name together. V. I sought the Lord, and he heard me, yea, he delivered me out of all my fear. V. Glory be.

Communion Hymn 462 YORK

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.

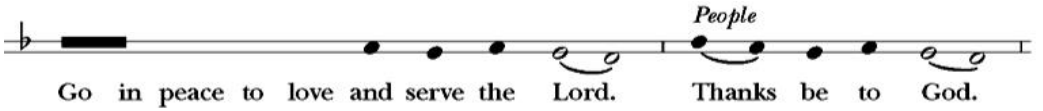
The Blessing

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 People stand as able.

The Dismissal

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**



Closing Hymn 436 TRURO

ORGAN
A Running Fancy IGC 14 Orlando Gibbons (1543-1625)

Ascension Prayer List

For our prayers Patrick Donnell, Richard Rogers, Erin Sura, Teresa Tobilla, Cassie Brasel, Mike Longo, Fred Krieher, Cristina Barillas-McEntee, Christine Callahan, Kirsten Finn, Nat Simpson, Mary Callahan, Lynette Ngumi, Leslie Sterk, Marcela Simpson, Christina Kimmel, Nate Cole, Ed Blatz, Marlea Edinger, Elizabeth McLaughlin, MB Hwang, Juanita Malone, Claire Green, Brenda Martins

Birthdays Pablo Illás, 11/10; Selina Walsh Juskiewicz, 10/11/2022; Roberta Dawson, 11/12; Juan Soria, 11/13; James Jimason Robinson, 11/13; Elif Altomare, 11/13

Requiescat in pace C. Jeriel Howard, 11/9/2011; Raymond A. Palmer, 11/9/2011; Elwyn Lawler, 11/10/2005; Jean Waterhouse, 11/14/2017

FLOWERS on the High Altar are given by The Rev. Gary Lawler to the glory of God in memory of his father, Elwyn Lawler.

Thanks to those who serve: The Rev. Christopher Poore, *Celebrant*; The Rev. Peter Lane, *Deacon*; The Rev. Carlos de la Torre, *Preacher*; Enrique Vilaseco, Joshua Simpson, Eden Link, David Robertson, Adam Bronson, Patrick Johnston, Serena Fox, MB Hwang, *Acolytes;* Ken Kelling, *Lector;* George Panice, DiAnne Walsh, *Technology;* Cheryl Peterson, Jim Wilson, *Ushers;* James Baran, *Flowers*

The Choir of the Ascension

Soprano Carolyne DalMonte, Nini Marchese, Alexandra Olsavsky, Alexia Rivera, Lydia Walsh-Rock; *Alto* Amy Johnson, Sarah Ponder, Cassidy Smith; *Tenor* Damon Cole, Matthew Dean, James Judd, Samuel Rosner; *Bass* Matthew Brennan, Matthew Dexter, Ian Prichard, Peter Wesoloski

Music acknowledgments

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Parish Notices

Faith Formation: Orlando Gibbons and the Music of Anglicanism
Today, November 8 at 12:45 p.m.

The 16th and 17th centuries were a formative period in the life of the Church of England, as the English Reformation gave shape to the worship, theology, and music of the Anglican tradition. Join us in the choir loft at 12: 45 p.m. for a presentation by David White, Parish Organist and Composer, and David Schrader, Organist Emeritus, followed by a hearty lunch.

New Hyde Park Ascension Meetup: Praying with Scripture
Thursday, November 12, 19 & December 3, 10 6:30 - 8 p.m.

In the coming months, Ascension will be launching several small group formation opportunities that meet our people where they live. We're testing things out this November and December in Hyde Park. Over the course of four weeks, we will share a meal together at Brent House in Hyde Park (5540 South Woodlawn Avenue), and then read and discuss Martin Smith's *The Word Is Very Near You: A Guide to Praying with Scripture*. Please plan on purchasing a copy, though if this is a hardship for you, the parish can help. RSVP by emailing Fr. Poore: Cpoore@ascensionchicago.org. While this series is designed to be convenient for our South Side parishioners, all members of the parish are welcome.

Chicago Chorale Concert: Hyde Park Union Church
Sunday, November 14 at 3 p.m.

Chicago Chorale opens its season with Ascension's own Choirmaster, Benjamin Rivera, serving as guest conductor. The program features two settings of David's lament: Thomas Tomkins' early 17th-century setting and Eric Whitacre's heartrending 2012 work. Psalm settings by Johannes Brahms, George Walker, Judith Weir, and others round out the program, along with Leonard Bernstein's Missa brevis, composed for his friend and colleague Robert Shaw. Visit Chicago Chorale's website for the full program and concert details. Interested in attending? Please let Fr. de la Torre know so we can purchase tickets at a discounted rate: Cdelatorre@ascensionchicago.org

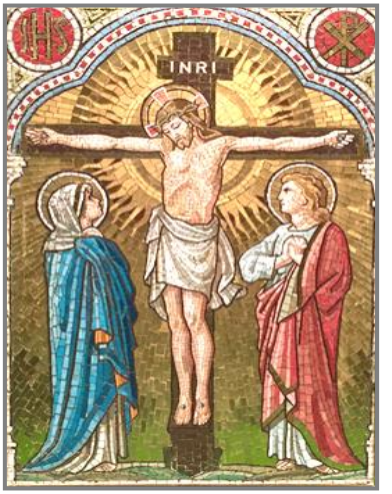
Ascension Partners with St. Leonard's
Sunday, November 22 at 1 p.m.

St. Leonard's Ministries chaplain Chezeray Moore will lead a special adult formation gathering. Chaplain Moore arrived at St. Leonard's three years ago after 31 years of incarceration. He moved into Saint Leonard's House, advanced to second-stage housing in Saint Andrew's Court and graduated from their Road to Success job-readiness program. He now lives independently and works at Street Samaritans as a case manager for unhoused people along with his work as a chaplain. He describes Saint Leonard's Ministries this way, "I often describe it," he says, "as a soft landing place after a very hard time." Please join us in welcoming Chaplain Moore to Ascension.

Saint Leonard's Ministries was established in 1954 by Father James Jones, Chaplain at what is now Chicago's Cook County Jail. Father Jones recognized that individuals returning to our community following incarceration faced a multitude of serious challenges that impeded the path towards a stable, productive life. It was these challenges, he hypothesized, rather than a lack of character that caused individuals to return to crime and substance abuse. Over its 70 year history, Saint Leonard's has evolved into a fully integrated health and social service agency that provides comprehensive evidence-based services to improve quality of life, stimulate economic opportunity, decrease recidivism and reunite families.

Welcome to the Church of the Ascension

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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.

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