



The Sixth Sunday after The Epiphany

February 12, 2023 + High Mass, 11 a.m.
Church of the Ascension, Chicago, Illinois

Sun	Feb 12	Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany
	9 a.m.	Sung Mass
	10 a.m.	Confession available
	11 a.m.	High Mass followed by Rosary (Luminous Mysteries)
	1 p.m.	Young Adults Gathering (Library)
Wed	Feb 15	6:30 p.m. Said Mass (Thomas Bray, Priest and Missionary)
Sun	Feb 19	Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany
	9 a.m.	Sung Mass
	10 a.m.	Confession available
	11 a.m.	High Mass

Young Adults Gathering Today, February 12

The young adults group will enjoy lunch, fellowship, and conversation following the Solemn High Mass today in the Library. Noah Rigganbach will lead our discussion about the ways we encounter God. Lunch is provided.

Even if you have never joined us before, we'd love to have you with us. We are meeting upstairs in the parish house. If mobility is a challenge for you and would prevent you from attending, please contact Mtr. Murphy-Gill.

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

*Please silence all electronic devices that may distract you or others from worship.
Cameras in the church are for the purposes of live-streaming and/or recording our liturgies and music, but anyone in the church may be incidentally viewed.*



ORGAN from *Livre du Saint-Sacrement*, 1984/85

XIV. Prière avant la Communion Olivier Eugène Messiaen (1908-1972)
(Prayer before Communion)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

Please stand as you are able as the Ministers enter. The Altar, Ministers and People are aspersed, sprinkled with holy water, a reminder of our baptism as we prepare to worship God. During the Introit, the Altar is censed.

Opening Hymn 390

LOBE DEN HERREN

Introit "Esto mihi in Deum" (Ps. 31) Mode VI

Esto mihi in Deum protectorem, et in locum refugii, ut salvum me facias: quoniam firmamentum meum, et refugium meum es tu: et propter nomen tuum dux mihi eris, et enutries me. Ps. In te Domine speravi, non confundar in aeternum: in iustitia tua libera me. V. Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen. Esto mihi ...

Be thou my strong rock, and house of defence, that thou mayest save me: for thou art my strong rock, and my castle: be thou also my guide, and lead me for thy Name's sake. Ps. In thee, O Lord, have I put my trust, let me never be put to confusion: but rid me and deliver me in thy righteousness. 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. Be thou ...

The Opening Acclamation



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



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

Kyrie eleison

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

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

Setting: Antonio Lotti (1667-1740) *Missa brevis in Eb*

Gloria in excelsis

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

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

8. For thou on-ly art ho-ly; thou on-ly art the Lord; 9. thou on-ly, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost, art most high in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther.

A men.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The People are seated.

The First Lesson

Ecclesiasticus 15:11-20

Do not say, “It was the Lord’s doing that I fell away”; for he does not do what he hates. Do not say, “It was he who led me astray”; for he has no need of the sinful. The Lord hates all abominations; such things are not loved by those who fear him. It was he who created humankind in the beginning, and he left them in the power of their own free choice. If you choose, you can keep the commandments, and to act faithfully is a matter of your own choice. He has placed before you fire and water; stretch out your hand for whichever you choose. Before each person are life and death, and whichever one chooses will be given. For great is the wisdom of the Lord; he is mighty in power and sees everything; his eyes are on those who fear him, and he knows every human action. He has not commanded anyone to be wicked, and he has not given anyone permission to sin.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual “Tu es Deus” (Ps. 7) Mode III

Tu es Deus, qui facis mirabilia solus: notam fecisti in gentibus virtutem tuam. V.
Liberasti in brachio tuo populum tuum, filios Israel et Ioseph.

*Thou art the God that doeth wonders: and hast declared thy power among the people. V.
Thou hast mightily delivered thy people, even the sons of Jacob and Joseph.*

The Epistle

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, “I belong to Paul,” and another, “I belong to Apollos,” are you not merely human? What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God’s servants, working together; you are God’s field, God’s building.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The People stand as able.

Alleluia “Cantate Domino” (Ps. 98) Mode I

Alleluia, alleluia. V. Cantate Domino canticum novum: quia mirabilia fecit Dominus. Alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia. V. O sing unto the Lord a new song: for he hath done marvellous things. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:21-24, 27-30, 33-37

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

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

Jesus said, “You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. ... “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell. ... “Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The People are seated.

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Robert Petite

The People stand as able.

The Nicene Creed (S-104 Contemporary)

We be - lieve in one God, the Fa - ther, the Al-might - y, ma - ker of
heav - en 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 III (BCP, p. 387)

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

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

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, 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.**

All 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 OFFERTORY

Offertory “Benedictus es Domine” (Ps. 119) Mode III

Benedictus es Domine, doce me iustificationes tuas: benedictus es Domine, doce me iustificationes tuas: in labiis meis pronuntiavi omnia iudicia oris tui.

Blessed art thou, O Lord, O teach me thy statutes: blessed art thou, O Lord, O teach me thy statutes: with my lips have I been telling of all the judgements of thy mouth.

Offertory Motet

Cantate Domino canticum novum; cantate Domino omnis terra. Cantate Domino, et benedicite nomini ejus; annuntiate de die in diem salutare ejus.

O sing unto the Lord a new song: sing unto the Lord, all the whole earth. Sing unto the Lord, and praise his Name: be telling of his salvation from day to day.

Setting: Giovanni Croce (1557-1609) *Cantate Domino*

Text: Psalm 96:1-2 (Translation from the BCP)

Offertory Hymn 655

NYLAND

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B (BCP p. 367)

Orate Fratres

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

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

Celebrant Amen.

Sursum corda

Celebrant

People

The Lord be with you. And also 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 in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus and Benedictus

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis. Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Setting: Antonio Lotti (1667-1740) *Missa brevis in Eb*

The People stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues.

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

and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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

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

Celebrant

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

Celebrant and People

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

Christ our Passover

Celebrant

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

Invitation to Communion

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

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

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

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

† All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion, and all may come forward.

Those who are not baptized or who do not wish to receive may indicate a desire for a blessing by crossing arms on the chest upon approaching the priest. If you prefer not to receive the Chalice, please cross your arms on your chest and remain until the minister has said the words of reception, “The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.” If you require a gluten-free host, put your right hand over your heart.

- Please alert an usher if you need the Sacrament brought to you in the pew.

Agnus Dei

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.

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

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

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

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

Setting: Antonio Lotti (1667-1740) *Missa brevis in Eb*

THE COMMUNION

Communion Motet

Benedictus es Domine, doce me iustificationes tuas: benedictus es Domine, doce me iustificationes tuas: in labiis meis pronuntiavi omnia iudicia oris tui.

Blessed art thou, O Lord, O teach me thy statutes: blessed art thou, O Lord, O teach me thy statutes: with my lips have I been telling of all the judgements of thy mouth.

Setting: Ludovico Balbi (c. 1545-1604) *Benedictus es Domine*

Communion “Manducaverunt” (Ps. 78) Mode I

Manducaverunt, et saturati sunt nimis, et desiderium eorum attulit eis Dominus: non sunt fraudatia desiderio suo. V. Gloria Patri.

They did eat and were well filled, for the Lord gave them their own desire: they were not disappointed of their lust. V. Glory be.

Communion Hymn 304

LAND OF REST

The Post-Communion Prayer

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

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

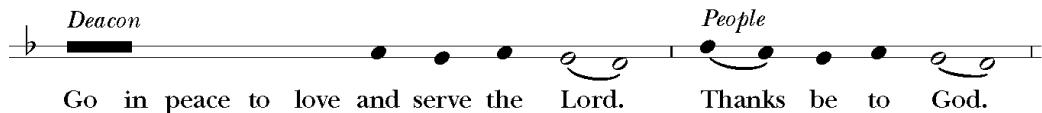
Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

The People stand as they are able.

The Dismissal



Closing Hymn 347

LITTON (*descant: DW*)

ORGAN from *Livre du Saint-Sacrement*, 1984/85

XVI. Prière après la Communion Olivier Eugène Messiaen (1908-1972)
(Prayer after Communion)

Ascension Prayer List

For our prayers: Clarissa Galaviz & Family, Ruby Woods Tyler, David S. Jones, Elsa Pineda, Richard Francis Tracz, Thom Racina, Robert Browning, Natalia & Victor, Dorothy, David Schrader, Victor Fernandez, Claire Green, Beth Hall, Sue Lenz, Brenda Martins, Lee Gould, Gertrude Isaac, Marty Stenson, Steve Dionne

Birthdays:

Fallon Anderson, 2/14; Rachel Bridenstine, 2/14; Julian George DuClos, 2/15

Anniversaries:

Colin Louis DuClos, *Baptism*, 2/14/2010; Jim and Susanne Lenz, *Marriage*, 2/17/1968

Departed:

Ann McKee, Salvador Galavis, Roy Frederic Kehl, 2/12/2011; Richard Young, *Priest*, 2/15/1996

Prayer requests

Do you have a need for special prayer in your life? Whether your prayer needs are because you have an upcoming surgery, an ill family member, or you're just feeling particularly lonely lately, Fr. Heard and Mtr. Murphy-Gill would like to know. We've created a way for letting us know about your requests for prayers in a way we hope makes it easy for you to reach out, though you can always call the church or reach out to one of the priests personally. Check out the link in TWAA to share your prayer requests.



Please do remember your financial offerings to the church. At this time, they may be placed in the offering plates as they are passed. You may also write a check and mail it to the church or make a gift by scanning this QR Code.

Many thanks to those who serve: The Rev. Dr. Robert Petite, *Celebrant and Preacher*; The Rev. Meghan Murphy-Gill, *Deacon*; Gary Alexander, MB Hwang, Andrew Smith, Enrique Vilaseco, Victoria Dvonch, Ken Kelling, Dan Stell, Elizabeth Simpson *Acolytes*; Cheryl Peterson, *Lector*; George Panice, Eric Canales, *Technology*; Claire Green, Joshua Simpson, Jay Jacot, *Ushers*; Clarissa Galaviz, *Coffee Hour*; Cheryl Peterson, Jay Peterson, *Flowers*

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Welcome to worship at the
Church of the Ascension
An Anglican-Episcopal parish in the
city and Diocese of Chicago

SOME WHO HAVE GATHERED HERE TODAY may have traveled from afar and visited before. Church of the Ascension has long been a destination for those who feel blessed by the Anglo-Catholic worship here. Others may have made a shorter trip, and those here for the first time may ask, “What’s Anglo-Catholic?” The term refers to two aspects of our history and ongoing faith and worship.

Anglican churches are those in the tradition of, and with ongoing ties to, the Church of England. (In the United States we are mainly called Episcopalians.)

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

- + We value and relish liturgy and music that engage and nourish the heart the mind and all the senses.
- + Our reverence for the sacrament of the Eucharist, the Mass, Christ’s Body and Blood, is emphasized by the architecture of the space and many elements of our worship.
- + We have a strong sense of taking part, as Christ’s people, in the Communion of Saints, including Blessed Mary and our patron saint, Michael the Archangel. Our faith is inspired and sustained by remembering the lives and witness of those who are now eternally with God.

We hope and pray that our sense of grateful, divine fellowship translates to our welcome of all and to faithfulness in the ministries that we share beyond our life of worship.

Your questions about our parish community, our worship and other ministries may be found by inquiring with our clergy or parishioners, or on our website – www.ascensionchicago.org.

Thank you and bless you for joining us.



The mosaic on the door of the altar tabernacle, Church of the Ascension

- **All baptized Christians are welcomed to receive Communion.** Others are welcomed to come forward at the time of Communion to receive a blessing.
- **Please join us for Coffee Hour in Wheeler Hall** after the Mass.
- **If you are a visitor,** please consider completing one of the blue visitor cards found in the pews.
- **Live-Streaming** of select liturgies is available on Facebook and YouTube. Links for these can be found on our website Home page.
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