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## The Fourth Sunday after The Epiphany

10 a.m. Solemn Mass + January 28, 2024

Followed by the Parish Annual Meeting

Church of the Ascension, Chicago

<b>Sun</b>	<b>Jan. 28</b>	<b>The Fourth Sunday after The Epiphany</b> There is no other Mass on this day. 10 a.m. Solemn Mass followed by Ascension's Annual Parish Meeting
<b>Wed</b>	<b>Jan. 31</b>	6:30 p.m. Said Mass: <i>Saint John Bosco, Priest &amp; Confessor</i>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>Feb 2</b>	12 p.m. Said Mass: <b>The Presentation</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Feb. 4</b>	<b>The Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple</b> ( <i>trans.</i> ) 9 a.m. Sung Mass 10 a.m. Confession available 11 a.m. Solemn Mass 3:30 p.m. Organ Recital by David White (b. 1959) 4 p.m. Choral Evensong and Benediction
<b>Wed</b>	<b>Feb. 7</b>	6:30 p.m. Said Mass: <i>Feria</i>

- 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.

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

Canzona BWV 588

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

### ENTRANCE RITE

*When the sanctuary bell is rung, the People stand 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 616

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#### Introit "Laetetur cor" (Ps. 105) Mode II

Laetetur cor quaerentium Dominum: quaerite Dominum, et confirmamini: quaerite faciem eius semper. Ps. Confitemini Domino, et invoke nomen eius: annuntiate inter gentes opera eius. V. Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen. Laetetur cor ...

Let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord: seek the Lord and his strength: seek his face evermore. Ps. O give thanks unto the Lord, and call upon his Name: tell the people what things he hath done. 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. Let the heart ...

#### 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 Celebrant may say*

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

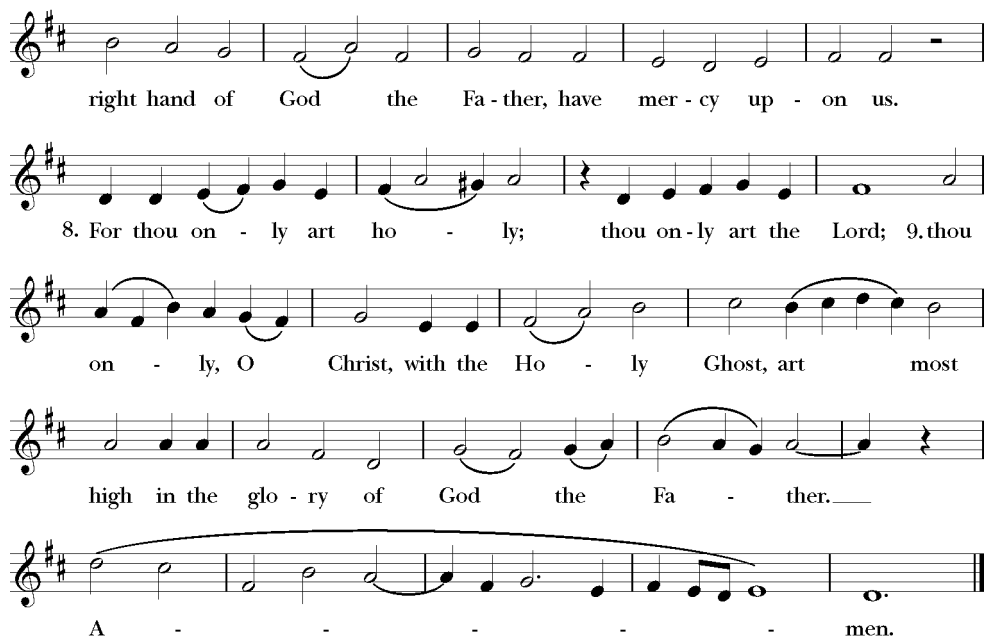
Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

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

Setting: Ramona Luengen (b. 1960) *Missa Brevis* (1994)

## 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



## The Salutation and The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; 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 Lesson

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Moses said, The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own

people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.”

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

### **Gradual** “Quis sicut Dominus” (Ps. 113) Mode V

Quis sicut Dominus Deus noster, qui in altis habitat: humilia respicit in caelo et in terra? V. Suscitans a terra inopem, et de stercore erigens pauperem.

*Who is like unto the Lord our God, that hath his dwelling so high: and yet humbleth himself to behold the things that are in heaven and earth? V. He taketh up the simple out of the dust: and lifteth the poor out of the mire.*

### **The Epistle**

1 Corinthians 8:1b-13

Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him. Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. “Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

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

*When the Gospel procession moves towards the pews, the People stand.*

**Alleluia** “Adorabo ad templum sanctum tuum” (Ps. 138) Mode VII

Alleluia, alleluia. Adorabo ad templum sanctum tuum: et confitebor nomini tuo.  
Alleluia.

*Alleluia, alleluia. I will worship toward the holy temple: and praise thy Name. Alleluia.*

## **The Holy Gospel**

Mark 1:1-28

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

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

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

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

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

## **The Sermon**

The Rev. Carlos de la Torre

The Nicene Creed (S-104 Contemporary) *Please stand as you are able.*



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-shipped 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.

## Prayers of the People

Form VI (BCP p. 392)

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Paula our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Leader and People*

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown,  
things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by your Spirit  
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 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

**Offertory** “Bonum est confiteri Domino” (Ps. 92) Mode VIII

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.*

## Offertory Motet

Gustate et videte quoniam suavis est Dominus; beatus vir qui sperat in eo.

*O taste, and see, how gracious the Lord is: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.*

Setting: Giammateo Asola (c. 1532-1609) *Gustate et videte*

Psalm 34:8

## Offertory Hymn

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1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, joy of heav'n, to earth come down; fix in  
2. Come, al-might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy grace re - ceive; sud - den  
3. Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion: pure and spot - less let us be; let us

us thy hum - ble dwel - ling, all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - su, thou art  
ly re - turn, and ne - ver, ne - ver more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be  
see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect - ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry

all com - pas - sion, pure un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it  
al - ways bles - sing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove; pray, and  
in - to glo - ry, till in heav'n we take our place, till we

us with thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev' - ry trem - bling heart.  
praise thee, with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
cast our crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Eucharistic Prayer B (BCP p. 367)*

**Orate Fratres** *Please stand as you are able.*

**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 is arranged in four staves, each with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The first staff is for the Celebrant, with lyrics: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you." The second staff is for the People, with lyrics: "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." The third staff is for the Celebrant, with lyrics: "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." The fourth staff is for the People, with lyrics: "It is right to give him thanks and praise." The notation includes various musical symbols such as notes, rests, and accidentals.

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

*Celebrant*  
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: Ramona Luengen (b. 1960) *Missa Brevis* (1994)

*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."

The musical score is written on three staves. The first staff is labeled *Celebrant* and contains the lyrics "There - fore, ac - cord - ing to his com - mand, O Fa - ther,". The second staff is labeled *Celebrant and People* and contains the lyrics "We re - mem - ber his death, We pro - claim his re - sur -". The third staff contains the lyrics "rec - tion, We a - wait his com - ing in glo - ry.".

*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.*

*Celebrant*  
Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

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

## 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 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: Ramona Luengen (b. 1960) *Missa Brevis* (1994)

† *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.*

## Communion "Illumina Faciem tuam" (Ps. 31) Mode I

Illumina faciem tuam super servum tuum, et saluum me fac in tua misericordia: Domine, non confundar, quoniam invocavi te. Ps. 31. In te Domine speravi non confundar in aeternum, in iustitia tua libera me. V. Inclina ad me aurem tuam, accelera ut eruas me. V. Esto mihi in Deum protectorem, et in domum refugii ut saluum me facias. V. Quoniam fortitudo mea, et refugium meum es tu. V. Gloria Patri.

*Shew thy servant the light of thy countenance, and save me for thy mercy's sake: let me not be confounded, O Lord, for I have called upon thee. Ps. 31. In thee, O Lord, have I put my trust; let me never be put to confusion, deliver me in thy righteousness. V. Bow down thine ear to me, make haste to deliver me. V. And be thou my strong rock, and house of defence, that thou mayest save me. V. For thou art my strong rock, and my castle. V. Glory be.*



*After Communion, 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 Priest blesses the People.*

*The People respond: Amen.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

### The Dismissal

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

Deacon

People

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

ORGAN

Fugue in C minor BWV 549

Johann Sebastian Bach



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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.

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