



*The Presentation in the Temple,*  
Studio of Quentin Matsys, c 1510-1520

## The Church of the Ascension

### The Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple

High Mass & Procession with The Blessing of Candles and The Blessing of Throats

February 5, 2023 + 11 a.m.

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| Sun | Feb 5     | <b>Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple (trans.)</b> |
|     | 9 a.m.    | Sung Mass   |
|     | 10 a.m.   | Confession available (Also by appointment)                          |
|     | 11 a.m.   | High Mass   |
|     | 3:30 p.m. | David White Organ Recital   |
|     | 4:00 p.m. | Choral Evensong and Benediction                                     |
| Wed | Feb 8     | 6:30 p.m. Said Mass   |
| Thu | Feb 9     | 7 p.m. We Should Talk (See below)                                   |
| Sun | Feb 12    | <b>Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany</b>                              |
|     | 9 a.m.    | Sung Mass   |
|     | 10 a.m.   | Confession available  |
|     | 11 a.m.   | High Mass followed by<br>Young Adults Gathering (Library)           |

### We Should Talk Returns!

Next Thursday, February 9, marks the return of the We Should Talk series. Rather than a weekly conversation before Evening Prayer, we'll gather on Zoom monthly at 7 pm. This month, parishioner Caroline Wills will talk about 13th-century Dutch poet and mystic Hadewijch of Brabant. We'll look at her poem, "To Learn Mary's Humility" and explore images of motherhood, desire, and humility in Hadewijch's work. Interested in leading a discussion? Take a look at our calendar for the next three months to see what kinds of topics we'll be learning about together:

- **February 9:** "To Learn Mary's Humility," the poetry of Hadewijch of Brabant, led by Caroline Wills
- **March 2:** From Roman to Anglican: A Catholic Journey, led by Mtr. Meghan Murphy-Gill
- **April (day TBD):** Climate Action in the Episcopal Church, led by Séan Hansen

Is there a specific piece of art that opens your imagination about the possibilities of God? Or a spiritual practice that you hold dearly? A saint to whom you are devoted? Please contact Mtr. Murphy-Gill about leading a monthly discussion.

- 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 Voluntary

Diptyque: La Purification [1928]

Charles A. Tournemire (1870-1939)

## THE ENTRANCE RITE

*All stand as the Sacred Ministers enter.*

### The Address

*The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying*

Dearly beloved: Forty days ago we celebrated with great joy the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord. Today we commemorate the blessed day on which the child Jesus was presented in the Temple, outwardly fulfilling the Law, and thereby entering yet more fully into the life of his faithful people. On that day the aged Simeon and Anna, moved by the Holy Spirit, went into the Temple; and enlightened by the same Spirit, they perceived that the Lord was in their midst and praised him with exultation.

So now let us, gathered together by the Holy Spirit in this house of the Lord, joyfully praise our Lord Jesus Christ, and seek to find him and to know him in the Breaking of the Bread until he comes again to manifest his glory.

### The Blessing and Distribution of Candles

Celebrant The Lord be with you

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, the Creator and Source of light, who as on this day revealed to the righteous Simeon and the venerable Anna the Light that would enlighten the nations: Bless, we pray, these candles, and grant that we who bear them in praise of your holy Name may by your grace be found worthy to walk the path that leads to eternal light; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The Celebrant distributes the candles to the Faithful.*

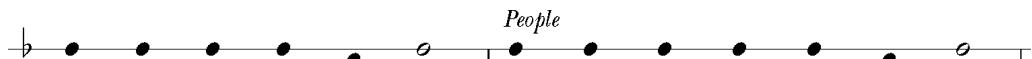
† *The candles are lighted for the procession and the following is sung.*

## The Nunc Dimittis *Luke 2:29-32*

Lord, let thy servant now depart in peace: according to thy promise. For mine eyes have seen the Saviour sent from thee Whom thou hast prepared: before the face of thy people. A light to lighten the Gentiles: to be the glory of thy people of Israel. Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning and is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Alway so be it, so be it.

Setting: Christopher Tye (c. 1505-c. 1572) *Lord, let thy servant now depart in peace*

*After incense is made, the Deacon turns to the People and intones*



Let us go forth in peace. In the name of Christ. A - men.

## In Procession to the Shrine of St. Mary the Virgin

Hymn 257 (vss. 1-3)

EDMONTON

### The Station at the Shrine

*At the Shrine, after incense is made, the Celebrant says to the people*

The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

**Celebrant Let us pray.**

**Celebrant** We bless you and praise you, Almighty God: For Simeon, faithful witness, who in the infant Jesus recognized the Lord's Messiah.

**People** **We bless you and praise you, Almighty Gòd.**

**Celebrant** For Anna, who fasted and prayed, and who saw in Christ Jesus the redemption of Jerusalèm.

**People** **We bless you and praise you, Almighty Gòd.**

**Celebrant** For Joseph, earthly fathêr of Jesus, who in obedience came to the temple at the appointed time with Mary and Jesùs.

**People** **We bless you and praise you, Almighty Gòd.**

Celebrant For Mary, humble and radiant God-bearer, through whom your glorious light and salvation is revealed in Jesus, firstborn of all creation.

People **We bless you and praise you, Almighty Gòd.**

Celebrant O God, you have made this day holy by the presentation of your Son in the Temple, and by the purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Mercifully grant that we, who delight in her humble readiness to be the birth-giver of the Only-begotten, may rejoice for ever in our adoption as his sisters and brothers; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

† *The candles are extinguished and put away until the proclamation of the Gospel.*

### In Procession to the Altar

Hymn 257 (vss. 4-5)

EDMONTON (Descant: DW)

### Introit "Suscepimus Deus" (Ps. 48) Mode I

Suscepimus, Deus, misericordiam tuam in medio templi tui: secundum nomen tuum Deus, ita et laus tua in fines terrae: iustitia plena est dextera tua. Ps. Magnus Dominus, et laudabilis nimis: in civitate Dei nostri, in monte sancto eius. V. Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen. Suscepimus Deus ...

*We have waited, O God, for thy loving-kindness in the midst of thy temple: according to thy Name, O God, so is thy praise unto the world's end: thy right hand is full of righteousness. Ps. Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised: in the city of our God, even upon his holy hill. . 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. We have waited ...*

### 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.

## 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.

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### The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ 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 Lesson

Malachi 3:1-4

Thus says the Lord, “See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.”

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

### Gradual “Suscepimus” (Ps. 48) Mode V

Suscepimus, Deus, misericordiam tuam in medio templi tui: secundum nomen tuum, Deus, ita et laus tua in fines terrae.

*We have waited, O God, for thy loving-kindness in the midst of thy temple: according to thy Name, O God, so is thy praise unto the world’s end.*

### The Epistle

Hebrews 2:14-18

Since, therefore, God’s children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

† *The candles are lighted for the proclamation of the Gospel.*

*The People stand as able.*

**Alleluia** “Senex puerum portabat” (S. Aug) Mode I

Alleluia, alleluia. V. Senex puerum portabat: puer autem senem regebat. Alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia. V. *The old man bare the young Child in his arms: yet was the young Child the old man's King. Alleluia.*

## The Holy Gospel

Luke 2:22-40

*Deacon* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, “Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.” And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything

required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

**Deacon** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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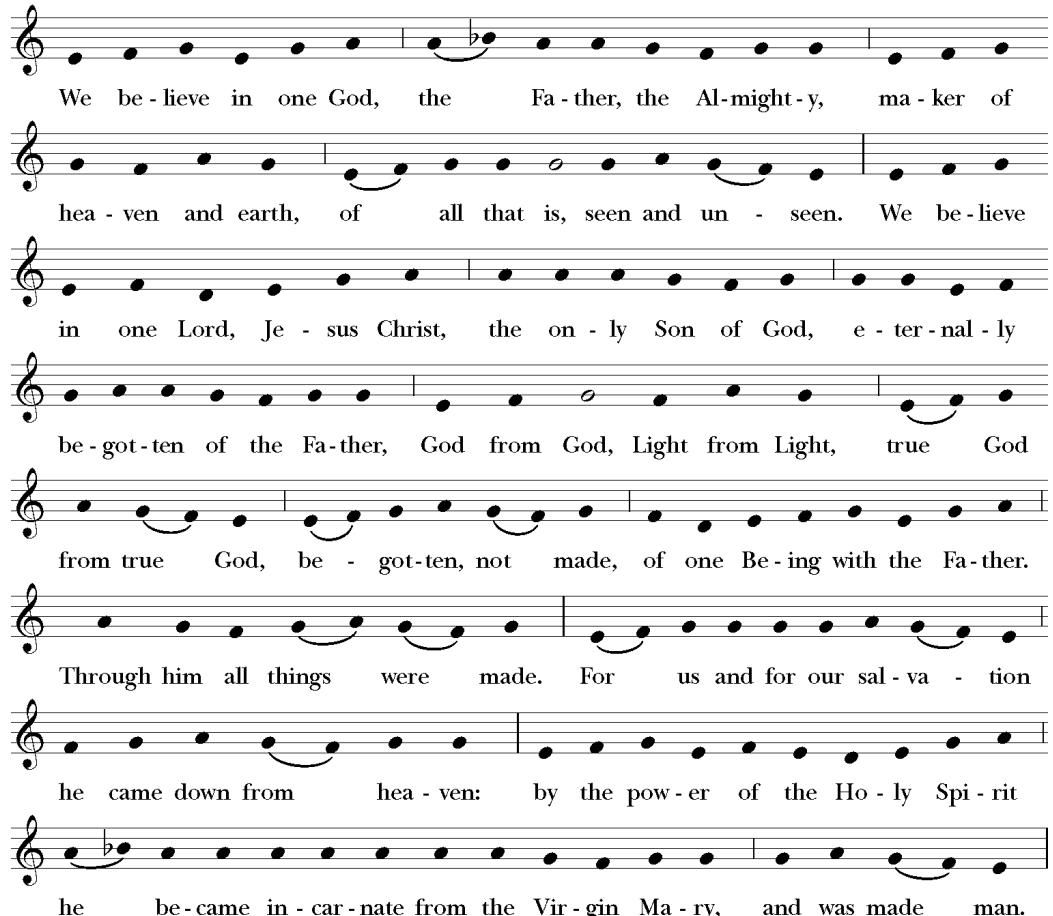
*The People are seated.*

**The Sermon**

Fr. Thomas Heard

*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  
he a - ven and earth, of all that is, seen and un - seen. We be - lieve  
in one Lord, Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, e - ter - nal - ly  
be - got - ten of the Fa - ther, God from God, Light from Light, true God  
from true God, be - got - ten, not made, of one Be - ing with the Fa - ther.  
Through him all things were made. For us and for our sal - va - tion  
he came down from hea - ven: by the pow - er of the Ho - ly Spi - rit  
he be - came in - car - nate from the Vir - gin Ma - ry, and was made man.

For our sake he was cru - ci - fied un - der Pon - tius Pi - late;  
he suf - fered death and was bur - ied. On the third day he rose a - gain  
in ac - cord - ance with the Scrip - tures; he a - scend - ed in - to hea - ven  
and is seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther. He will come a -  
gain in glo - ry to judge the liv - ing and the dead, and his king - dom  
will have no end. We be - lieve in the Ho - ly Spi - rit, the Lord,  
the giv - er of life, who pro - ceeds from the Fa - ther and the Son.  
With the Fa - ther and the Son he is wor - shiped and glo - ri - fied.  
He has spo - ken through the Pro - phets. We be - lieve in one ho - ly  
cath - o - lic and a - po - sto - lic Church. We ac - know - ledge one bap - tism  
for the for - give - ness of sins. We look for the re - sur - rec - tion of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. A - men.

## The Prayers of the People

Form 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 Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, 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 intercessions.*

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 intercessions.*

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 intercessions.*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

*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 Peace**

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

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** “Diffusa est gratia” (Ps. 45) Mode VIII

Diffusa est gratia in labiis tuis: propterea benedixit te Deus in aeternum, et in saeculum saeculi. Alleluia.

*Full of grace are thy lips: because God hath blessed thee for ever, and the world without end. Alleluia.*

### **Offertory Motet**

Hodie beata virgo Maria puerum Jesum presentavit in templo et Simeon repletus spiritu sancto accepit eum in vulnas, et benedixit Deum, dicens: Nunc dimittis servum tuum, Domine, secundum verbum tuum in pace.

*Today the blessed Virgin Mary presented the boy Jesus in the temple and Simeon, filled with the Holy Spirit, took him in his arms, and blessed God, saying: Lord, now lettest thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word.*

Setting: Jacques Arcadelt (c. 1507-1568) *Hodie Beata Virgo Maria*

**Hymn 324**

**PICARDY**

† The candles are lighted and used through the Canon until after the Our Father.

## 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

The image shows musical notation for the Sanctus. It consists of three staves of music. The first staff is for the *Celebrant*, the second for the *People*, and the third for the *Celebrant*. The music is in common time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you." "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." "It is right to give him thanks and praise." The notation uses a mix of quarter and eighth notes, with various slurs and grace notes.

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.

*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.

*The Celebrant continues*

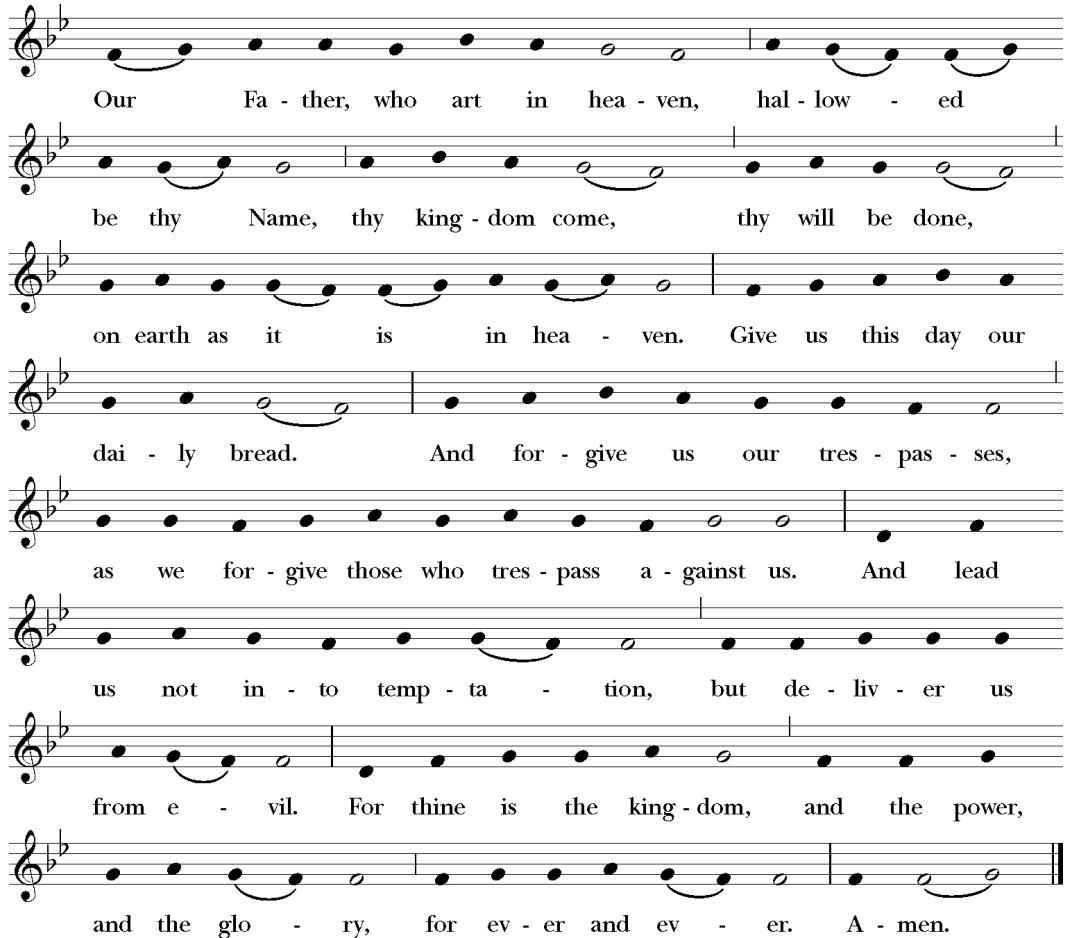
And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

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,



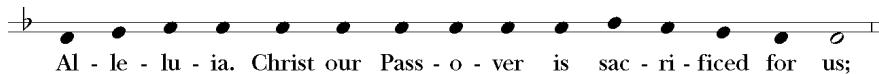
Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed  
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our  
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,  
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead  
us not in - to 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 candles are extinguished.

#### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

## Christ our Passover



## 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: Cristóbal de Morales (c. 1500-1553) Missa de Beata Virgine

## THE COMMUNION

**Communion** “Responsum accepit Simeon” (Lk. 2) Mode VIII

Responsum accepit Simeon a Spiritu Sancto, non visurum se mortem, nisi videret Christum Domini. Gloria Patri.

*It was revealed unto Simeon by the Holy Spirit, that he should not see death, before he has seen the Lord's Anointed. Glory be.*

### Communion Hymn

FRAGRANCE



1. Thou who wast rich be-yond all splen-dor, all for love's sake be - cam - est poor;  
2. Thou who art God be-yond all prais-ing, all for love's sake be - cam - est man;  
3. Thou who art love be-yond all tell - ing, Sa-vior and King we wor-ship thee;



Thrones for a man - ger didst sur - ren - der, sap - phire paved courts for sta - ble floor.  
Stoop - ing so low, but sin - ners rais - ing heav'n-wards by thine e - ter - nal plan.  
Em - man-u - el, with - in us dwell - ing, make us what thou would have us be.



1. Thou who wast rich be-yond all splen-dor, all for love's sake be - cam - est poor;  
2. Thou who art God be-yond all prais-ing, all for love's sake be - cam - est man;  
3. Thou who art love be-yond all tell - ing, Sa-vior and King we wor-ship thee;

### 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.

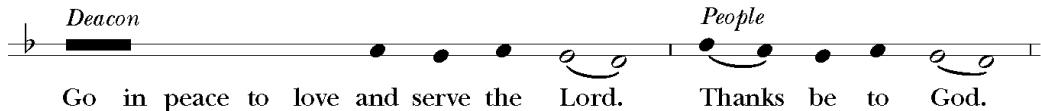
### The Blessing

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.*



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

### The Dismissal

#### Closing Hymn 259

OLD 120TH (descant: DW)

ORGAN Improvisation on *Senex puerum portabat*

David White (b. 1959)

### The Blessing of Throats



We commemorate today the Feast of Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, who intercedes in cases of throat illness. Following Mass, the Celebrant invites to the Altar Rail all who desire the Blessing of Throats. The blessing may be understood as a blessing for one's health in general.

Through the intercession of blessed Blaise, may God free you from all infirmities of the throat, and from all other ailments: In the name of the Father, and of the **¶** Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## Ascension Prayer List

**For our prayers:** Tyler, David S. Jones, The Hall family, 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, Gerrtrude Isaac, Marty Stenson, Steve Dionne

**Birthdays:** Jonathan Galliher, 2/7; Adriana Luery, 2/8; Alexia Rivera, 2/8; Arthur Kreymer, 2/9; Patricia Johnston, 2/10; Tom Opferman, 2/11

**Departed:** Robert Jeffrey Arnold, 2/6/2018; William Louis Gaines, 2/8/2005; Emil Avimalq Malick, 2/9/2013; Walter S. Schlough, 2/10/1979; Roy G. Batson, 2/11/2009; Norman Peter Joseph, 2/11/2011; Joseph Stack, 2/11/2018

## Next Young Adults Gathering February 12

This month, the young adults group will enjoy lunch, fellowship, and conversation following the Solemn High Mass in the Library. Noah Riggenbach 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.

## 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. Thomas Heard, *Celebrant and Preacher*;  
The Rev. Charles Farrell, *Deacon*; Jim Lo Bello, MB Hwang, Patrick Johnston, Joshua Simpson,  
Elizabeth Simpson, Andrew Smith, Victoria Dvonch, *Acolytes*;  
Dan Stell, *Lector*; Eric Canales, Gary Alexander, *Technology*; Marlea Edinger, Cheryl Peterson,  
Jay Jacot, *Ushers*, David Reeves, *Coffee Hour*; Lynette Hector and Avril Hector, *Flowers*

### **The Choir of the Ascension**

Soprano Carolyne DalMonte, Alexandra Olsavsky, Alexia Rivera  
Alto Miya Higashiyama, Amy Johnson, Claire Shepro, Cassidy Smith  
Tenor Enrico Bellomo, Tyler Lee, Aaron Short  
Bass David Hartley, Peter Olson, Ian Prichard

### **MUSIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**FRAGRANCE** Words: The Rt. Rev. Frank Houghton (1894-1972)

Music: *French carol melody*, arr. C. H. Kitson (1874-1944)

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Welcome to worship at the  
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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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