



The Miracle of the Five Loaves and Two Fish, Lucas Cranach, National Museum, Stockholm Sweden

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT: *Laetare*

11 a.m. Solemn Mass + March 10, 2024
Church of the Ascension, Chicago, IL



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New Weekday Mass Schedule

On Monday, February 19, we instituted a new weekday mass schedule.

We hope you will make our new weekday mass schedule part of your Lenten journey.

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

Sun	Mar 10	The Fourth Sunday in Lent: <i>Laetare</i>
	9 a.m.	Sung Mass
	10 a.m.	Confession available
	11 a.m.	Solemn Mass
Fri	Mar 15	
	6 p.m.	Stations of the Cross & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
		Followed by a simple soup supper
Sun	Mar 17	The Fifth Sunday in Lent
	9 a.m.	Sung Mass
	10 a.m.	Confession available
	11 a.m.	Solemn Mass
Thu	Mar 21	
	3 p.m.	LAST DAY to submit Easter Flower memorial cards to the Office
Fri	Mar 22	
	6 p.m.	Stations of the Cross & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
		Followed by a simple soup supper
Sat	Mar 23	
	10 a.m.	Because He First Loved Us: Holy Week for Families w/Children

- 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.

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 404

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Introit "Laetare Ierusalem" (Is. 66) Mode V

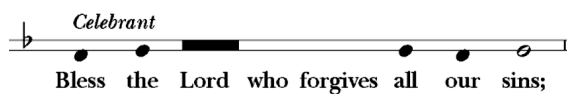
Laetare Ierusalem: et conventum facite omnes qui diligitis eam: gaudete cum laetitia, qui in tristitia fuistis: ut exsultetis, et satiementi ab uberibus consolationis vestrae. PS. 122.

Laetatus sum in his quae dicta sunt mihi: in domum Domini ibimus. V. Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen. Laetare ...

Rejoice ye with Jerusalem: and be glad with her, all ye that love her: rejoice for joy with her, all ye that mourn for her: that ye may suck, and be satisfied with the breasts of her consolations. Ps. 122. I was glad when they said unto me: we will go into the house of the Lord. 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. Rejoice ...

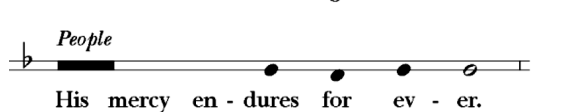
The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant



Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

People



His mercy en - dures for ev - er.

Celebrant Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. *Hebrews 4:14,16*

The Deacon then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The People kneel as able. 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 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.**

Kyrie eleison

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

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

Setting: Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c. 1525-1594) *Missa Iste confessor*

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The People are seated.

The First Lesson

2 Chronicles 36:14-23

All the leading priests and the people also were exceedingly unfaithful, following all the abominations of the nations; and they polluted the house of the LORD that he had consecrated in Jerusalem. The LORD, the God of their ancestors, sent persistently to them by his messengers, because he had compassion on his people and on his dwelling place; but they kept mocking the messengers of God, despising his words, and scoffing at his prophets, until the wrath of the LORD against his people became so great that there was no remedy. Therefore he brought up against them the king of the Chaldeans, who killed their youths with the sword in the house of their sanctuary, and had no compassion on young man or young woman, the aged or the feeble; he gave them all into his hand. All the vessels of the house of God, large and small, and the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king and of his officials, all these he brought to Babylon. They burned the house of God, broke down the wall of Jerusalem, burned all its palaces with fire, and destroyed all its precious vessels. He took into exile in Babylon those who had escaped from the sword, and they became servants to him and to his sons until the establishment of the kingdom of Persia, to fulfill the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had made up for its sabbaths. All the days that it lay desolate it kept sabbath, to fulfill seventy years. In the first year of King Cyrus of Persia, in fulfillment of the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah, the LORD stirred up the spirit of King Cyrus of Persia so that he sent a herald throughout all his kingdom and also declared in a written edict: "Thus says King Cyrus of Persia: The LORD, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and he has charged me to build him a house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever is among you of all his people, may the LORD his God be with him! Let him go up."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual "Laetatus sum" (Ps. 122) Mode VII

Laetatus sum in his quae dicta sunt mihi: in domum Domini ibimus.

V. Fiat pax in virtute tua: et abundantia in turribus tuis.

I was glad when they said unto me: we will go into the house of the Lord.

V. Peace be within thy walls: and plenteousness within thy palaces.

The Epistle

Ephesians 2:4-10

God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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

Tract “Qui confidunt” (Ps. 125) Mode VIII

Qui confidunt in Domino, sicut mons Sion: non commovebitur in aeternum, qui habitat in Ierusalem. V. Montes in circuitu eius: et Dominus in circuitu populi sui, ex hoc nunc et usque in saeculum.

They that put their trust in the Lord shall be even as the mount Zion: which may not be removed but standeth fast for ever. V. The hills stand about Jerusalem: even so standeth the Lord round about his people, from this time forth for evermore.

The Holy Gospel

John 6:4-15

Deacon The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Deacon The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When Jesus looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?” He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, “Six months’ wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?” Jesus said, “Make the

people sit down.” Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, “Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.” So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, “This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.”

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

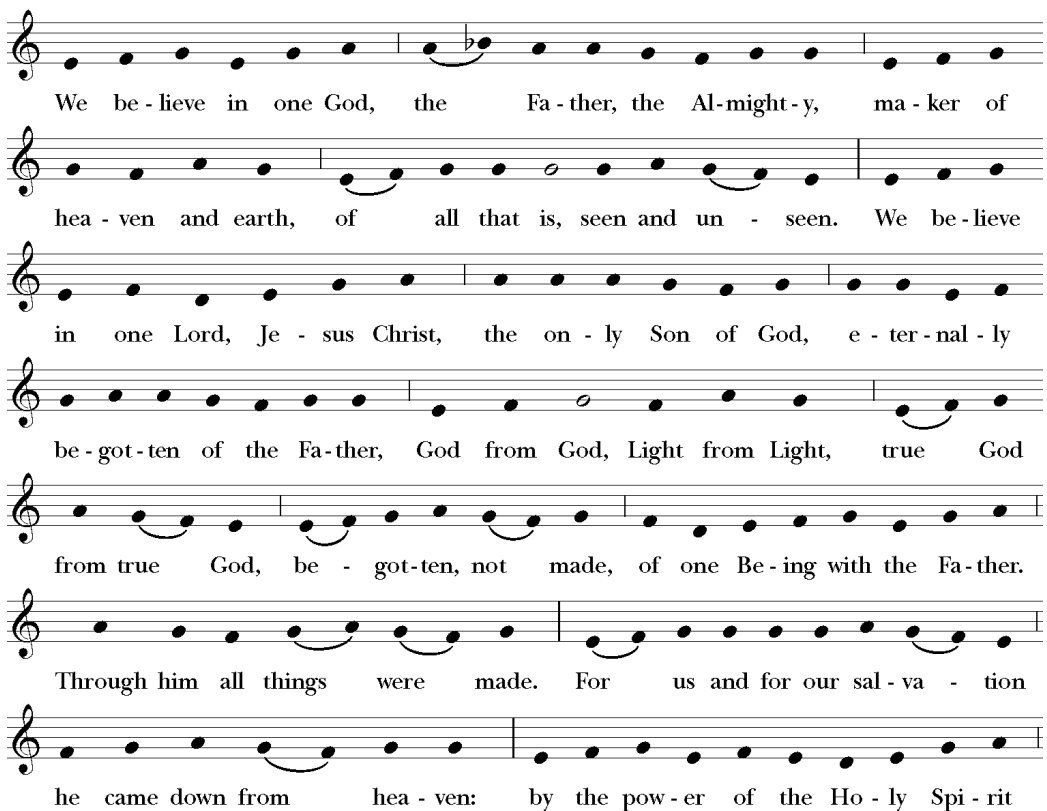
The People are seated.

The Sermon

The Rev. Meghan Murphy-Gill

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
 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.

The Prayers of the People

Form I BCP p. 383

Deacon or other leader

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the blessings of this life, and for those whose lives are closely linked with ours, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Anne, Saint Michael the Archangel, and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

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

The People remain standing as the oblations are brought forward.

Offertory “Laudate Dominum” (Ps. 135) Mode II

Laudate Dominum, quia benignus est: psallite nomini eius, quoniam suavis est: omnia quaecumque voluit, fecit in caelo et in terra.

O praise the Lord, for the Lord is gracious; O sing praises unto his Name, for it is lovely: whatsoever the Lord pleased, that did he in heaven and in earth.

The People are seated.

Offertory Motet

Ave Regina caelorum, Ave Domina Angelorum: Salve radix sancta, Ex qua mundo lux est orta: Gaude (Virgo) gloriosa, Super omnes speciosa, Vale, valde decora, Et pro nobis semper Christum exora.

Superius contains a cantus firmus on: Inviolata, integra et casta es Maria.

Hail, Queen of Heaven. Hail, Lady of Angels Hail, holy root From whom unto the world a light has arisen: Rejoice, glorious (Virgin), Lovely beyond all others, Farewell, most beautiful maiden, And ever pray for us to Christ.

Inviolata, whole and chaste are you, Mary.

Setting: Hugo de la Chapelle (fl. 16th c.) *Ave Regina caelorum* à5

The People stand as able.

Offertory Hymn 309

O WELT, ICH MUSS DICH LASSEN

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

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff is for the Celebrant and the second for the People. The third staff is for the Celebrant and the fourth for the People. The lyrics are as follows:

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

Celebrant Lift up your hearts. *People* 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; you bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you. 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.

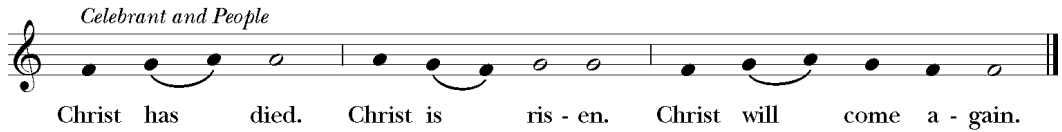
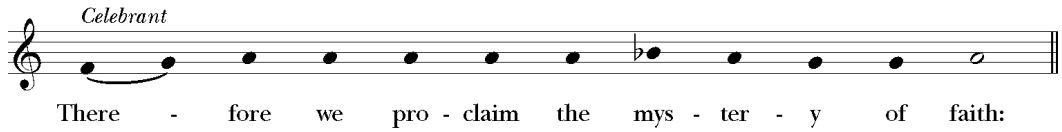
Setting: Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c. 1525-1594) *Missa Iste confessor*

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,

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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

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

People
There - fore let us keep the feast.

Invitation to Communion

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

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

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

† *All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion, 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: Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c. 1525-1594) *Missa Iste confessor*

THE COMMUNION

Communion Motet

Ierusalem, quae aedificatur ut civitas, cuius participatio eius in idipsum: illuc enim ascenderunt tribus, tribus Domini, ad confitendum nomini tuo, Domini.

Ps. Laetatus sum in his quae dicta sunt mihi, in domum Domini ibimus.

V. Stantes erant pedes nostri, in atriis tuis Ierusalem. V. Quia illic sederunt sedes in iudicium, sedes super domum David. V. Rogate quae ad pacem sunt Ierusalem, et abundantia diligentibus te. V. Gloria Patri.

Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity within itself: for thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord, to give thanks unto the name of the Lord. Ps. I was glad when they said unto me, we will go into the house of the Lord. V. Our feet shall stand in thy gates, O Jerusalem. V. For there is the seat of judgment, even the seat of the house of David.

V. O pray for the peace of Jerusalem, they shall prosper that love thee. V. Glory be.

Setting: Mattheus le Maistre (c. 1505-1577) *Jerusalem quae aedificatur* & Mode IV

Communion Hymn 304

LAND OF REST

The People 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 Solemn Prayer over the People

Deacon Bow down before the Lord.

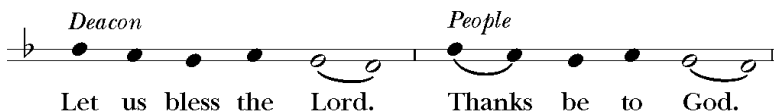
Celebrant Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people who kneel before you; and
grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and
Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ
our Lord. **Amen.**

The People stand as they are able.

The Dismissal

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.



ORGAN Hommage à Frescobaldi [1951]

Jean Langlais

V. *Fantaisie* (revised version, 1978)

Immediately following the Mass, the Rosary will be said at the Shrine of St. Mary.

All are welcome to participate.

Ascension Prayer List

For our prayers: Malik Gillani, Marlea Edinger, Terrence Kumro, John Barry, Jeanne Fitzsimmons, Mary Sliwinski, Neha Nikita Andrade, Ken McPhillips, Elizabeth McLaughlin, Marilyn Labkon, Lee Gould, Robert Pischke, Florence Jones Clanton, Rachel Smolinski, Sara Reece Glanman, Suzanne Dines, MB Hwang, Juanita Malone, David S. Jones, Richard Francis Tracz,

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Requiescat in pace: Bill Johnson, Ellen Ginsburg, 2/28/2024; Bob Marks, 1/26/2024; Kevin Perrizo, 3/10/2016; Mary Jane Dyenson, 3/11/2008; Edith Mulcare, 3/15/1972

Flowers on the High Altar are given by David Reeves to the glory of God in memory of his brother, Ricky Reeves.

Flowers at the Shrines of Saint Mary the Virgin, Saint Michael the Archangel, and Our Lady of Walsingham are given by Cynthia Perrizo to the glory of God in memory of her husband, Keven Perrizo.

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LENT AT THE ASCENSION

Because He First Loved Us: Holy Week for Families w/Children Saturday, March 23 | 10-11:30AM

Households with young children are invited to journey through a “mini” Holy Week, in preparation of this most important week in the Church year. Through interactive activities, crafts, and mutual learning, families will experience the power and glory of Holy Week. We will begin by entering Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, learn about our Lord’s institution of the Eucharist and his command that we love one another, walk the way of the Cross, and receive the light of Christ. Snacks and lunch will be provided for the entire family. We hope to see you there!

In order to offer this programming, we need at least two families to sign up. Please confirm your attendance by registering online or by talking to Mtr. Murphy-Gill.

Stations of the Cross & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament on the Fridays of Lent at 6 p.m. March 15 & 22

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



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.

Church of the Ascension

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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.

