

# Solemn High Mass

THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY  
January 6, 2025 7 p.m.



*Welcome to Atonement. We hope you will participate fully in today's service, as you feel comfortable. Customary times to stand, kneel, and sit are indicated by italic type. Words spoken by the people are indicated by bold type. Hymns can be found by number in the blue hymnal in the pewbacks.*

*The Mass setting is "Missa Secunda" by Hans Leo Hassler (1564–1612)*

## THE VOLUNTARY

*Chorale Fantasia on "Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern"*

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637–1707)

## THE ENTRANCE RITE

### THE SOLEMN ANNOUNCEMENT OF EASTER AND THE MOVEABLE FEASTS

Know, dear brethren, that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God's mercy we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection, who is our Savior.

On the 18th day of February will fall Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season.

On the fifth day of April you will celebrate with joy Easter Day, the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the 14th day of May will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the 24th day of May the feast of Pentecost.

On the fourth day of June, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

On the 29th day of November, the First Sunday of the Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom is honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

*When the bell rings, please stand, as able.*

### THE BLESSING OF THE CHALK

Our help is in the Name of the Lord

**The maker of heaven and earth.**

The Lord watch over your going out and your coming in;

**From this time forth and for evermore.**

Let us pray.

O God, who by the leading of your providence did bring wise men from afar to give homage to Jesus, who was born to be king of all: help us, who by various ways are led to Christ, humbly and thankfully to adore him with our gifts, and as our costliest treasure to present before him ourselves for his honor and service, now and always. **Amen.**

*The Celebrant then blesses the chalk.*

May God, who provided a safe dwelling place for the eternal Word in an earthly household; bless, we pray, this chalk; and the homes of the faithful whose doorways are marked with it; and the people who live there, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### THE OPENING HYMN • 124

*What star is this, with beams so bright*

*Puer nobis*

*During the procession to the front of the church, the Celebrant censes the Crèche.*

#### THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

The musical notation consists of two staves. The top staff is labeled 'Celebrant' and the bottom staff is labeled 'People'. Both staves are in a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The Celebrant's part has a melody starting on G4, moving to A4, Bb4, C5, and then a rest. The People's part has a melody starting on G4, moving to A4, Bb4, C5, and then a rest. The lyrics are written below the notes.

*Celebrant*  
Bless - ed be God: Father, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit.

*People*  
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ev - er. A - men.

Music: Ambrosian chant; adapt. Mason Martens (1933–1991). ©1971 Mason Martens.

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.**

#### THE KYRIE

*Kyrie eleison.  
Christe eleison.  
Kyrie eleison.*

Lord, have mercy  
Christ, have mercy  
Lord, have mercy

#### THE GLORIA

*Gloria in excelsis Deo  
et in terra pax hominibus bonæ voluntatis.  
Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te,  
glorificamus te, gratias agimus tibi propter  
magnam gloriam tuam,  
Dómine Deus, Rex cælestis,  
Deus Pater omnipotens.  
Domine Fili Unigenite, Iesu Christe,  
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris,  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis;*

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.  
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you,  
we glorify you, we give you thanks for your  
great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God almighty Father.  
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of The Father,  
who takes away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;

*qui tollis peccata mundi,  
súscipe deprecationem nostram.  
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,  
miserere nobis.*

*Quoniam tu solus Sanctus,  
tu solus Dominus,  
tu solus Altissimus,  
Iesu Christe,  
cum Sancto Spiritu:  
in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.*

you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father  
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

#### THE WORD OF GOD

*Please be seated when the Altar Party sits, for the readings from scripture.*

#### THE FIRST READING

*Isaiah 60:1–6*

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

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

*The Choir sings*

#### THE PSALM • 72:1–7,10–14

Plainsong

#### *Deus, iudicium*

Give the King thy judgments, O God, and thy righteousness unto the King's son. Then shall he judge thy people according unto right, and defend the poor. The mountains also shall bring peace, and the little hills righteousness unto the people. He shall keep the simple folk by their right, defend the children of the poor, and punish the wrong doer. They shall fear thee, as long as the sun and moon endureth, from one generation to another. He shall come down like the rain upon the mown grass, even as the drops that water the earth. In his time shall the righteous flourish; yea, and abundance of peace, so long as the moon endureth.

The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall give presents; the kings of Arabia and Saba shall bring gifts. All kings shall fall down before him; all nations shall do him service. For he shall deliver the poor when he crieth; the needy also, and him that hath no helper. He shall be favourable to the simple and needy, and shall preserve the souls of the poor. He shall deliver their souls from falsehood and wrong; and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

THE SECOND READING

*Ephesians 3:1-12*

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

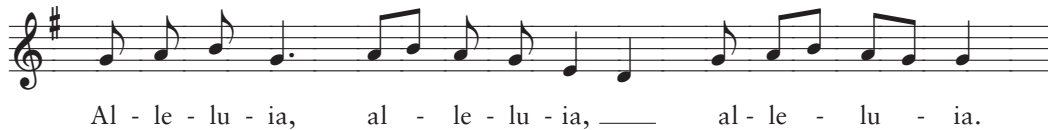
The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

*Please stand, as able.*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

*Matthew 2:1-12*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.



We have seen his star in the East: and are come with offerings to worship the Lord.  
**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

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

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

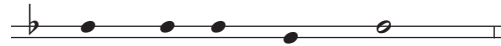


Glo - ry to you, Lord Christ.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.’”

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, Lord Christ.

#### THE SERMON

Dr. Derrick Witherington  
*Assistant Director of Campus Ministry*  
*Loyola University Chicago*

*Please stand, as able, for*

#### THE NICENE CREED

Setting: Dr Leo Sowerby (1895–1968)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*After each petition, the People respond*

Hear our prayer.

## THE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*The People kneel, as able.*

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

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.**

*Please stand, as able.*

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant*

The peace of the Lord be al - ways with you.

*People*

And al - so with you.

Music: Ambrosian chant, adapt. Mason Martens (1933–1991). ©1971 Mason Martens.

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*If this is your first time here, we would love to get to know you. Please fill out a Welcome Card, which can be found in the pewbacks, and place it in the offering basket or hand it to the priest or an usher after the service.*

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## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

*The Celebrant says an Offertory sentence.*

### THE OFFERTORY PROPER

*Reges Tharsis*

The Kings of Tharsis and of the isles shall give presents; the Kings of Arabia and Saba shall bring gifts: all Kings shall fall down before him; all nations shall do him service.



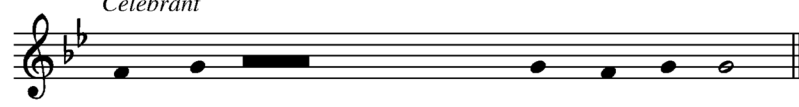
*Please kneel or stand, as able, as the Celebrant continues the prayer.*

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 Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, 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."

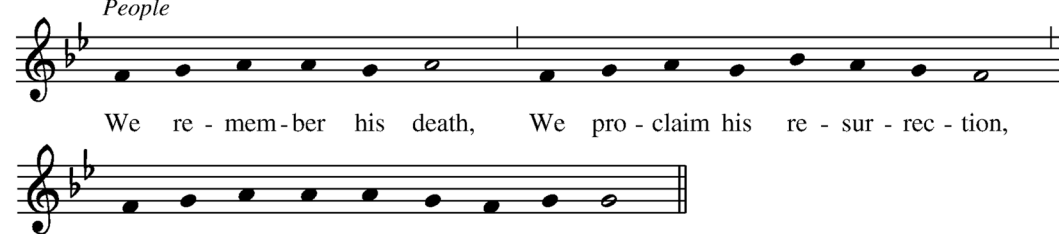
After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

*Celebrant*



There-fore according to his com-mand, O Fa-ther,

*People*



We re-mem-ber his death, We pro-claim his re-sur-rec-tion,  
We a-wait his com-ing in glo-ry.


*Setting: Pater noster tone, adapt. Bruce E. Ford (b.1974). ©1985 Bruce E. Ford.*

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 the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Gregory the Great, and 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.



A - men.



## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

## THE 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.

## THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb of God; behold him who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.  
**Lord, I am not worthy that you should come under my roof,  
but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.**

*Everyone is welcome to come forward at the sound of the bell. All baptized Christians are invited to receive Communion in both bread and wine. Please do not dip your bread in the wine. Gluten-free bread is available; please notify the priest as they come to you.*

*If you are not baptized, or if you prefer, you may receive a blessing from the priest instead: cross your arms over your chest to indicate this. If you do not wish to receive wine, cross your arms over your chest after receiving the bread. Please remain in place until the person next to you has received Communion.*

## THE COMMUNION PROPER

*Vidimus stellam*

We have seen his star in the East: and are come with offerings to worship the Lord.

## THE COMMUNION ANTHEM

*Bethlehem Down*

Peter Warlock (1894–1930)

When He is King we will give him the King's  
gifts, Myrrh for its sweetness, and gold for  
a crown, "Beautiful robes", said the young  
girl to Joseph Fair with her first-born on  
Bethlehem Down.

Bethlehem Down is full of the starlight  
Winds for the spices, and stars for the gold,  
Mary for sleep, and for lullaby music Songs  
of a shepherd by Bethlehem fold.

When He is King they will clothe Him in  
grave-sheets, Myrrh for embalming, and  
wood for a crown, He that lies now in the  
white arms of Mary Sleeping so lightly on  
Bethlehem Down.

Here He has peace and a short while for  
dreaming, Close-huddled oxen to keep Him  
from cold, Mary for love, and for lullaby  
music Songs of a shepherd by Bethlehem fold.

## THE COMMUNION HYMN • 117

*Brightest and best of the stars of the morning*

*Morning star*

*Please kneel or stand, as able, for*

## THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

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 Lord be with you.  
And also with you.

*The Celebrant offers God's blessing on the congregation, to which the People respond*

**Amen.**

*Please stand, as able.*

THE DISMISSAL

*The Deacon dismisses the congregation, to which the People respond*

**Thanks be to God.**

THE CLOSING HYMN • 127

*Earth has many a noble city*

*Stuttgart*

THE VOLUNTARY

*In dir ist Freude*

J. S. Bach (1685–1750)



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SUNDAYS Low Mass 8 a.m., Family Mass 9 a.m., Solemn High Mass 11 a.m.

WEEKDAYS Monday and Friday 7:30 a.m., Tuesday and Thursday 12 noon, Wednesday 7 p.m.

SATURDAYS The Holy Rosary 9:30 a.m., Healing Mass 10 a.m.

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