# Solemn High Mass

THE 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT November 30, 2025 11 a.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 super 'Nun komm der Heiden Heiland'" by Kevin Allen (b.1964)

THE VOLUNTARY

Wachet auf ruft die Stimme

J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

# THE ENTRANCE RITE

When the bell rings, please stand, as able.

THE OPENING HYMN • 57

Lo! he comes, with clouds descending

Helmsley

#### THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

# A PENITENTIAL ORDER

The Celebrant says

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these."

#### 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.

#### THE KYRIE

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy Christ, have mercy Lord, have mercy

Please stand, as able, for THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

# THE WORD OF GOD

The People sit for the readings from scripture.

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 2:1–5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM • 122

#### Lætatus sum

Setting: The Rev'd George Ratcliffe Woodward (1848–1934)

I was glad when they said unto me, We will go into the house of the Lord. Our feet shall stand in thy gates, O Jerusalem. Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity in itself. For thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord, to testify unto Israel, to give thanks unto the Name of the Lord. For there is the seat of judgment, even the seat of the house of David. O pray for the peace of Jerusalem; they shall prosper that love thee. Peace be within thy walls, and plenteousness within thy palaces. For my brethren and companions' sakes, I will wish thee prosperity. Yea, because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek to do thee good.

THE SECOND READING Romans 13:11–14

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand, as able.

THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 24:36–44

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.



Shew us thy mercy, O Lord: and grant us thy salvation.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please stand, as able, and recite

#### THE NICENE CREED

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 PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you. And also with you.

#### **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 OFFERTORY PROPER

Ad te, Dómine, levávi

Unto thee O Lord, lift I up my soul; O my God; in thee have I trusted, let me not be confounded; Neither let mine enemies triumph over me; for all they that look for thee shall not be ashamed.

## THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

## Drop down ye heaven

Dame Judith Weir (b.1954)

Drop down ye heavens from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness. Comfort ye, comfort ye my people; my salvation shall not tarry. I have blotted out as a thick cloud, thy transgressions: Fear not, for I will save thee; For I am the Lord thy God, the holy one of Israel, thy redeemer. Drop down ye heavens from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness.

#### THE OFFERTORY HYMN • WLP 724

#### People look east Besançon Carol 1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near of the crown-ing of the 2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is plant ed 3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be 4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall 5. An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to 1. year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the hearth and set 2. there: give up your strength the seed to nour-ish, that in course the flow'r may hour when wings are fro - zen God for fledg - ling time 3. filled. E - ven the 4. brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er, bright as sun and moon to-5. earth. Set ev - ery val - ley hum-ming with the word, the Lord peak and 1. ta - ble. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the guest is on the way. 2. flour-ish. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the rose is on the way. 3. cho - sen. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the bird is on way. the 4. geth - er. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the star is on the way. 5. com-ing. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the Lord is on way.

Words: Eleanor Farjeon (1881–1965). Music: Besançon Carol, harm. John L. Hooker (b.1944).

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also 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 our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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:

#### THE SANCTUS

Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt cæli 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 your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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 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."

Therefore according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory.

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. **Amen.** 

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

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 this time. 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

Dóminus dabit benignitátem

The Lord shall shew loving-kindness: and our land shall give her in- crease.

#### THE COMMUNION ANTHEM

**Vigilate** 

William Byrd (c.1540–1623)

Vigilate, nescitis enim quando dominus domus veniat, sero, an media nocte, an galli cantu, an mane.
Vigilate, ergo, ne cum venerit repente, inveniat vos dormientes.
Quod autem dico vobis, omnibus dico: vigilate.

Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning:

Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch.

#### THE COMMUNION HYMN • 60

Creator of the stars of night

Conditor alme siderum

## THE COMMISSION OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

From time to time, a Eucharistic Visitor is sent forth with the Body of Christ to those unable to be present with us on Sundays.

N., in the name of Christ, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body.

We, who are many are one body, because we all share in one bread.

Please kneel or stand, as able, for

#### THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### THE BLESSING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. Amen.

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. **Amen.** 

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. Amen.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.** 

Please stand, as able, for

THE DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Ministers process to the Mary Shrine.

#### THE ANGELUS

The Angel of the Lord brought tidings unto Mary;

And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee, blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and in the hour of our death. Amen.

Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

Be it unto me according to thy word.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee, blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and in the hour of our death. Amen.

And the Word was made flesh.

And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee, blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and in the hour of our death. Amen.

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

That we may be worthy of the promise of Christ.

Let us pray: We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts, that as we have known the Incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ announced by the message of an angel to the Virgin Mary, so by his Cross and Passion we may be brought unto the glory of his Resurrection, through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

THE CLOSING HYMN • 61

"Sleepers, wake!" A voice astounds us

Wachet auf

THE VOLUNTARY

Praeludium in G minor

Dietrich Buxtehude (c.1637–1707)

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Please join us for coffee and refreshments after the service in Montgomery Hall, through the double doors on the right side of the church.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Parish Forums in Advent.** Advent is a time when we recall–especially but not only at the beginning of the season—that the Christ who came as a child at Bethlehem will come on the clouds in majesty, bearing his "glorious scars", to judge the world. The spirituality of Advent is, among other things, an apocalyptic spirituality. Our Parish Forums for Advent will explore this connection.

- Nov. 30: Apocalypticism—An Overview. From around 200 BC to around 200 AD, Jewish and Christian writers produced "apocalypses", meaning "revelations". They revealed that behind the world's turmoil lay a deeper conflict between the spiritual forces of good and evil, a conflict that would be resolved in the fullness of time. These ideas could be found in the Book of Daniel, the Book Revelation, the Book of Enoch, Il Esdras, and elsewhere. They also pervade the Synoptic Gospels, but in rather different form. This forum will give an overview of apocalypticism in the ancient world. Facilitated by Richard Kieckhefer.
- Dec. 7: Hoping for the Apocalypse. We live in apocalyptic times; on that we can all agree. But what exactly does it mean? Why do some Christians long for the Apocalypse (as we all claim to do in Advent), while others dread it or pooh-pooh the idea? Throughout Christian history, excitable roosters have crowed about the coming millennial dawn, while wise old owls have hooted in derision. This forum will explore some historic moments of apocalyptic hope and their disappointment, ending with our own times. Can humans do anything to speed the coming apocalypse, or must we simply wait upon God's good pleasure? Facilitated by Barbara Newman.
- Dec. 14: "A New Heaven and a New Earth." The Second Epistle of Peter promises that in the end there will be "new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells." The Book of Revelation, too, speaks of "a new heaven and a new earth" as something to look forward to—an earth irrigated by a stream of heavenly water, alongside which will be trees whose leaves are "for the healing of the nations." What does this all mean? If it is symbolic, what does it symbolize? What is the relationship between the upheaval that comes first and the renewal that is promised to follow? Facilitate by Jimmy Haring.
- Dec. 21: The Christmas Pageant presented by our Sunday school and youth group.

**Advent Lessons & Carols.** Atonement will host its annual Advent Lessons & Carols service on Sun., Dec. 7 at 4 p.m. We invite you to this comtemplative service featuring readings from Scripture and the music of Palestrina, Byrd, MacMillan, , Howells, and more. There will be a festive reception in the rector's apartment following the service.

**Annual Advent drive for RefugeeOne.** Our annual Advent donation drive begins today. This Advent season, we are collecting rice cookers, electric kettles, warm blankets, vacuums, sewing machines, and toiletries (deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, menstrual pads, and laundry detergent) for RefugeeOne families in need. Our giving tree with gift tags that specify these different items is up in Montgomery Hall.

If you wish to donate, please take a tag from the tree for the item/s you'd like to bring in, and return the gift with the tag attached to the bins in the narrhex by Dec. 21. Or visit on Amazon wishlist (tinyurl.com/advent2026-refone) and have your donation shipped right to the church. New items only, please!

Your chance to own an icon of a modern saint. Atonement has hosted Protest & Praise, an exhibit of women and men who stood up to hate and injustice—whether it was against Nazism of the 1930s, the oppression of the Church in Mexico in the 1920s, or racial injustice of the 1960s to today. The exhibit in Montgomery Hall will be coming down soon, but you can purchase one of the icons that speaks to you.

Contact iconographer Joe Malham at joe@trinityicons.com for more details.

**Atonement participates in Air Aware project.** Atonement's Green Team is partnering with Faith in Place to help assess indoor air quality across Chicago homes. The goal of this initiative is to measure air quality in a diverse range of Chicago neighborhoods, generate actionable data for a study, and raise public awareness through a publicly released report in early 2026.

This is a one-time opportunity to care for creation, support the church, and contribute to a healthier Chicago. It is entirely free and confidential to participants. Want to participate? Sign up online at **tinyurl.com/air-aware**, or contact Camden Frank or Richard Benson.

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# Clergy, Staff & Leadership

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# Worship Schedule

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.

MORNING PRAYER Daily 8:30 a.m. on Google Meet EVENING PRAYER Tuesday 5:30 p.m. on Google Meet

