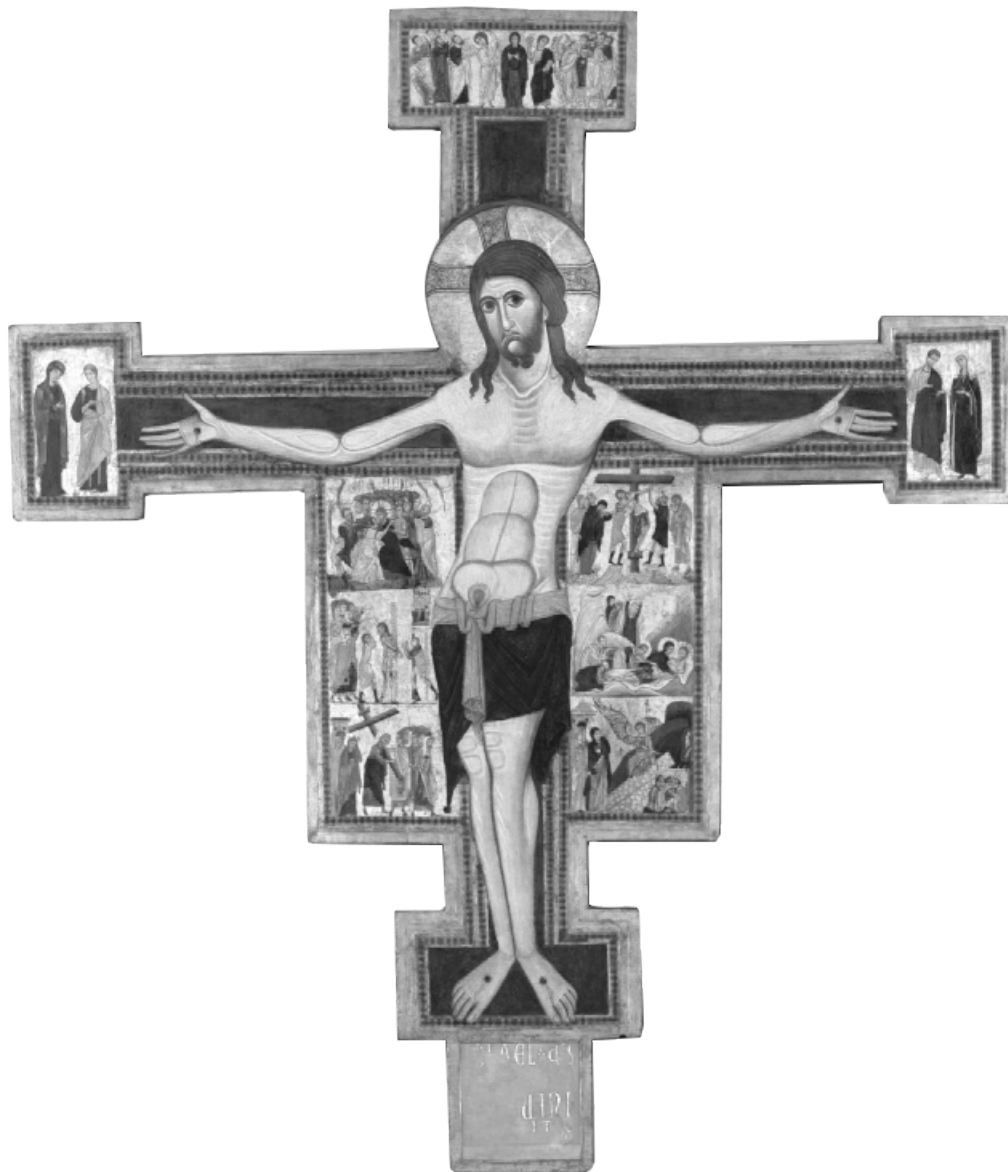


Solemn High Mass

HOLY CROSS DAY

September 14, 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 by William Mathias (1834–1992)

THE VOLUNTARY

Prelude in G Major

J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

When the bell rings, please stand, as able.

THE OPENING HYMN

Crown him with many crowns

Diademata

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; Hark!
2 Crown him the Vir - gin's Son, the Lord In - car - nate born, whose
3 Crown him the Lord of love! Be - hold His hands and side, rich
4 Crown him the Lord of peace, whose pow'r a scep - ter sways from
5 Crown him the Lord of years, the Po - ten - tate of time, cre-

1 how the heaven - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own; a -
2 arm those crim - son tro - phies won which now His brow a - dorn. Fruit
3 wounds yet vi - si - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied. No
4 pole to pole yet wars may cease, ab - sorbed in prayer and praise. His
5 - a - tor of the rol - ling spheres, in - eff - a - bly sub - lime. Glassed

1 wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and
2 of the my - stic Rose, and of that Rose the Stem, the
3 an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight, but
4 reign shall know no end, and round His pier - ced feet fair
5 in a sea of light, where ev - er - last - ing waves re -

1 hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 2 Root where mer - cy ev - er flows, the Babe of Beth - le - hem.
 3 down-ward bends his bur - ning eye at mys - te - ries so bright.
 4 flow'rs of Par - a - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.
 5 flect his throne—the In - fi - nite!— who lives, and loves and saves.

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THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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.

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 • S-98

Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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THE GLORIA • S-278

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and

peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -

might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we

praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,

on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For

you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

7. you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the

Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of

God the Fa-ther. A-men.

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Please stand, as able, for

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross that he might draw the whole world to himself: Mercifully grant that we, who glory in the mystery of our redemption, may have grace to take up our cross and follow him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

The People sit for the readings from scripture.

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 45:21–25

Declare and present your case; let them take counsel together! Who told this long ago? Who declared it of old? Was it not I, the Lord? There is no other god besides me, a righteous God and a Saviour; there is no one besides me. Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. By myself I have sworn, from my mouth has gone forth in righteousness a word that shall not return: “To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.” Only in the Lord, it shall be said of me, are righteousness and strength; all who were incensed against him shall come to him and be ashamed. In the Lord all the offspring of Israel shall triumph and glory.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Choir sings

THE PSALM • 98: 1-4

Cantate Domino

O sing unto the Lord a new song; for he hath done marvellous things. With his own right hand, and with his holy arm, hath he gotten himself the victory. The Lord declared his salvation; his righteousness hath he openly showed in the sight of the heathen. He hath remembered his mercy and truth toward the house of Israel; and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.

THE SECOND READING

Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand, as able.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 12:31-36a

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, — al - le - lu - ia.

Sweetest wood, sweetest iron, that bare so sweet a Burden:
which only was counted worthy to sustain the King of heaven and its Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

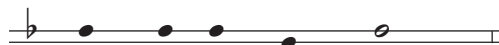
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.



Glo - ry to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die. The crowd answered him, "We have heard from the law that the Messiah remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?" Jesus said to them, "The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you. If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going. While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light."

The Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

Br Ron Fox BSG
Liturgical Coordinator

Please stand, as able, and sing

THE NICENE CREED

Setting: 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 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 OFFERTORY PROPER

Prôtege, Dómine

By the sign of the Cross, defend, O Lord, thy people from all the snares of our enemies;
that the service which we render may be pleasing unto thee,
and our sacrifice acceptable in thy sight, alleluia.

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Cantate Domino

Giuseppe Ottavio Pitoni (1657—1743)

*Cantate Domino canticum novum,
laus ejus in ecclesia sanctorum.
Lætetur Israel in eo qui fecit eum,
et filii Sion exultent in rege suo.*

Sing to the Lord a new song.
his praise in the assembly of the saints.
Let Israel rejoice in He who made them,
and the people of Zion rejoice in their King.

Please stand, as able, and sing

THE OFFERTORY HYMN • 474

When I survey the wondrous cross

Rockingham

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant *People*

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

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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.

The Celebrant offers a Proper Preface, before continuing

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 • S-114

Ho - ly, ho - ly,

ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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

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.”

Celebrant

There - fore we pro - claim the mys - ter - y of faith:

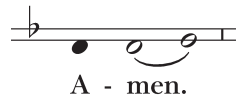
Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

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.



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.

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The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

THE AGNUS DEI • S-158



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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

Per signum Crucis

By the sign of the Cross deliver us from our enemies; O Lord our God.

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem

Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem.
They shall prosper that love thee.
Peace be within thy walls
And plenteousness within thy palaces

THE COMMUNION HYMN • 691

My faith looks up to thee

Olivet

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.

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

Amen.

Please stand, as able, for

THE DISMISSAL

The People are dismissed, to which they respond

Thanks be to God.

THE CLOSING HYMN • 473

Lift high the cross

Crucifer

THE VOLUNTARY

Toccata in D minor

Max Reger (1873–1916)

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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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TODAY'S MINISTERS *Celebrant:* The Rev'd Charles Everson; *Preacher:* Br Ron Fox BSG; *Assisting Priest:* The Rev'd Kate Guistolise; *Organist:* Charlie Sega; *Choirmaster:* Dr Christopher Windle; *Lectors:* Tim Fox, Mike Trumbold; *Intercessor:* Barbara Newman

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parish forums return with a discussion on the Nicene Creed. Join us for our inaugural parish forum for the 2025–2026 program year at 10 a.m. in the Elizabethan Room to discuss the Nicene Creed, 325–2025: An Overview. This year is the 1,800th anniversary of the Creed that we sing routinely in our Sunday Mass: the Nicene Creed, produced in its original form at the Council of Nicaea in 325. We may know it well, perhaps even by heart, but still there are aspects of it that bear a closer look. Richard Kieckhefer will begin that look with an overview, to be followed by two forums devoted to guided discussion of the Creed.

Celebrating August and September parish birthdays. Father Charles and Jay invite you to the parish birthday party in their apartment in the rectory. The August/September celebration is Sat, Sep. 20 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. The only agenda item is to enjoy one another's company while enjoying tea, coffee, and pastries. If you have a birthday in August or September, or if you weren't able to make the celebration in the proper month, please consider joining us. Feel free to bring a guest (spouse, significant other, friend, etc.). If you have kids at home, please bring the entire family. No RSVP needed.

Save the date for the St Francis pet blessing. This year's neighborhood pet blessing will be held Sun., Oct. 5 at 4 p.m. as part of our Choral Evensong celebrating the Feast of St Francis. Your furry, feathered, and finned companions are invited to join us for the service and a casual reception following. We'll also be collecting pet food for the Care for Real pantry.

Dinners for 8 returns in October. Dinners for 8 is a new fellowship group to bring us together in groups of six to eight people for conversation and communal meals. We invite everyone from every service and age group—whether single, married, or a family unit—to sign up and participate in this opportunity to get to know others at Atonement. We will organize those who sign up into groups which will meet about three times in a three-month period starting in October. Each group will have the flexibility to organize its own schedule, menu, and the setting, such as a restaurant or a home. The agenda is simply to get to know one another, make new friends and strengthen old ones. We can provide help and support in getting started, organizing and communicating with your group, and suggestions on meal ideas and other tips.

To be included in the second round of Dinners for 8, sign up (tinyurl.com/dinners8-fall25) by Tue., Sep. 23. Feel free to contact Monique Clark or Sena Leikvold with any questions or concerns.

Online Bible study meets Tuesday nights. Join us for a weekly virtual Bible Study every Tuesday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.. Each week, we'll dive into the three lectionary readings for the upcoming Sunday (excluding the psalm) in a participatory, discussion-based format. You can find the lectionary readings by clicking on the next Sunday's date at episcopalchurch.org/lectionary. Come ready to engage, learn, and grow in faith with your fellow parishioners. All are welcome. Join online at meet.google.com/gos-kapr-owe

Request a Mass intention. To request a Mass intention, visit atonementchicago.org/mass-intentions. We ask that intentions be submitted at least one week in advance. There is no charge or fee, but if you wish to leave a donation, feel free to donate to the Rector's Discretionary Fund.

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To find out more about our ministries, visit atonementchicago.org or contact any of the staff listed below.

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*

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