

# Solemn High Mass

THE 2ND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS  
January 4, 2026 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 de Sancta Maria Magdalena" by Healey Willan (1880–1968)*

## THE VOLUNTARY

*Prelude on "Greensleeves"*

Richard Purvis (1914–1994)

## THE ENTRANCE RITE

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

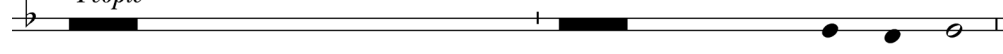
### THE OPENING HYMN • 98

*Unto us a boy is born*

*Puer nobis nascitur*

### THE OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY

*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.

### THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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 • S-91

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -  
 on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
 on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
 on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.  
 Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Music: *Missa de Sancta Magdalena*, Healy Willan (1880–1968). By permission of Oxford University Press.

THE GLORIA • S-202

1. Glo - ry be to God on high, and on earth peace,  
 good will towards men. 2. We praise thee, we bless thee,  
 we wor - ship thee, we glo - ri - fy thee, we give  
 thanks to thee for thy great glo - ry, 3. O Lord God, heaven - ly  
 King, God the Fa - ther Al - might - y.  
 4. O Lord, the on - ly be - got - ten Son, Je - sus Christ;

5. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther, that  
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -  
on us. 6. Thou that ta - kest a - way the sins of the  
world, re - ceive our prayer. 7. Thou that sit - test at the  
right hand of God the Fa - ther, have mer - cy up - on us.  
8. For thou on - ly art ho - ly; thou on - ly art the Lord; 9. thou  
on - ly, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost, art most  
high in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. —  
A - - - - - men.

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## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

*The People sit for the readings from scripture.*

### THE FIRST READING

*Jeremiah 31:7–14*

Thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, “Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel.” See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, “He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.”

For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! \*  
 My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;  
 my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.  
 The sparrow has found her a house  
 and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; \*  
 by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,  
 my King and my God.  
 Happy are they who dwell in your house! \*  
 they will always be praising you.  
 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! \*  
 whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.  
 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, \*  
 for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.  
 They will climb from height to height, \*  
 and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.  
 Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; \*  
 hearken, O God of Jacob.  
 Behold our defender, O God; \*  
 and look upon the face of your A-nointed.

## THE SECOND READING

*Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

The Word of the Lord.  
 Thanks be to God.

*Please stand, as able.*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.



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

The Lord is King, and hath put on glorious apparel:  
The Lord hath put on his apparel, and girded himself with strength.  
**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.**

After the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, “Out of Egypt I have called my son.”

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child’s life are dead.” Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, “He will be called a Nazorean.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev’d Charles Everson  
*Rector*

*Please stand, as able.*

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 RENEWAL OF WEDDING VOWS

*The Couple present themselves before the Celebrant, who stands facing the people.*

Friends in Christ, we are gathered together with Barbara and Richard who have come today to give thanks to God for his blessing upon their marriage, and to reaffirm their marriage covenant.

*The Celebrant then asks each spouse*

N., do you here, in the presence of God and of this congregation, renew the promises you made when you bound yourself to N. in holy matrimony?

*The spouse answers*

I do.

*The Couple, kneeling or standing, say together*

We thank you, most gracious God, for consecrating our marriage in Christ's Name and presence. Lead us further in companionship with each other and with you. Give us grace to live together in love and fidelity, with care for one another. Strengthen us all our days, and bring us to that holy table where, with those we love, we will feast for ever in our heavenly home; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Celebrant then blesses the Couple, saying*

May God the Father, who ordained that it is good for two people to live in the covenant of marriage, keep you one. **Amen.**

May God the Son, who adorned this manner of life by his first miracle, at the wedding in Cana of Galilee, be present with you always. **Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit, who has given you the will to persevere in your love and in your covenant with each other, strengthen your bond. **Amen.**

And may God the Holy Trinity, the source of all unity, bless you this day and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*After each petition, the People respond*

**Hear our prayer.**

## THE CONFESSION

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.**

## THE ABSOLUTION

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.**

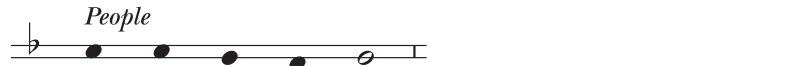
## THE PEACE

*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

*Benedic, ánima mea*

Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:  
who satisfieth thy mouth with good things: making thee young and lusty as an eagle.

*Please stand, as able, and sing*

### THE OFFERTORY HYMN • 107

*Good Christian friends, rejoice*

*In dulci jubilo*



*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 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.

*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  
Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -  
ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth  
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.*

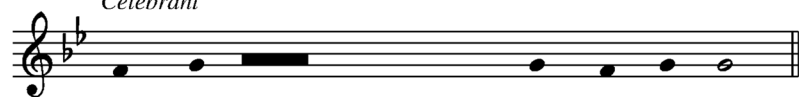
We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from

evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."


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

*Celebrant*




There-fore 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 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,

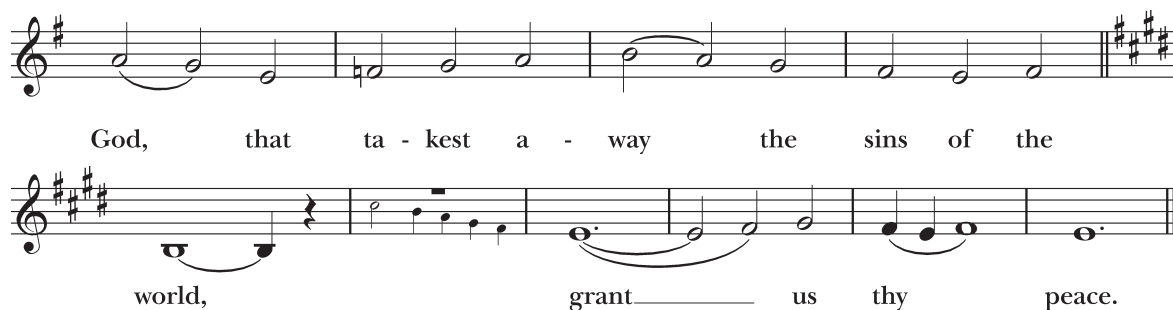
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our  
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,  
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead  
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us  
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,  
and the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

Music: Plainsong; adapt. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867–1944). Setting: © Church Publishing Inc.

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

THE AGNUS DEI • S-158

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -  
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -  
on us. O Lamb of God, that  
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have  
mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of



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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

*Dómine, Dóminus noster*

O Lord our governor, how excellent is thy Name in all the world.

## THE COMMUNION HYMN • 112

*In the bleak midwinter*

*Cranham*

## 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.

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, for*

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE CLOSING HYMN • 93

*Joy to the world! the Lord is come*

*Antioch*

THE VOLUNTARY

*Noël Suisse*

Louis-Claude Daquin (1694–1772)

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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 & Preacher:* The Rev'd Charles Everson; *Deacon:* The Rev'd Kate Guistolise; *Subdeacon:* Br. Will White, CMJ; *Organist:* Charlie Segal; *Choirmaster:* Dr Christopher Windle; *Lectors:* Hugh Smart, Evie Aadland Coe; *Intercessor:* Emma Engelbrecht

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**The nursery is closed today.**

**12 Days of Christmas fundraiser.** We're about half way through our 12 Days of Christmas fundraiser, and we're making progress, but we still need your help to reach our goal. If you haven't participated yet, please consider making a donation today. Donate easily and securely online at [atonementchicago.square.site](http://atonementchicago.square.site)

Tier 1 includes gifts starting at \$1 on Day 1 and continuing to \$12 on Day 12, adding a dollar per day. Each day, six of these gifts are available for purchase. In a similar fashion, Tier 2 begins at \$10 on Day 1 continuing to \$120 on Day 12 with three gifts available each day. As you may guess, Tier 3 begins at \$100 and continues to \$1,200 with one gift available each day. Tier 1 gifts are ideal for kids to get involved in donating.

**Feast of the Epiphany.** Atonement will celebrate Epiphany with a Solemn High Mass on Tue., Jan. 6 at 7 p.m.

**Annual Meeting to be held Jan. 24.** Atonement will hold its Annual Meeting on Sat., Jan. 24 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Fr. Charles and the vestry will report on the status of the parish and look forward to 2026. The parish by-laws state that all members in good standing (those whose baptism is registered with the parish, who contribute financially, and who received communion at least three times in the past year) may vote at the Annual Meeting. The Vestry has approved the following slate of candidates as recommended by the Nominations Committee for warden, vestry, and diocesan convention delegates: for warden: Pam Ferguson; for vestry: Ann Cassidy, Tim Fox, and Pauline Sachar; for convention delegates: Richard Benson, Brendan Harrison, and Dennis Pattey-Warner. Look for more details in the coming weeks.

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## Clergy, Staff & Leadership

### CLERGY AND STAFF

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*Wardens:* Dave Beil, Charles Bonilla; *Treasurer:* Tim Coe; *Clerk:* Michael Waltz  
Jennifer Ash, Evie Aadland Coe, Glen Gabert, Aaron Johnson, Sena Leikvold, Amanda Patrick, Charlene Reynolds, Br Will White CMJ, Alex Wyman

## 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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