

Solemn High Mass

THE 17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
September 20, 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 by William Mathias (1934–1992)

THE VOLUNTARY

There is a Happy Land

George Shearing (1919–2011)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

When the bell rings, please stand, as able.

THE OPENING HYMN • 541

Come, labor on

Ora Labora

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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

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 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.

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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and 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

Jonah 3:10–4:11

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

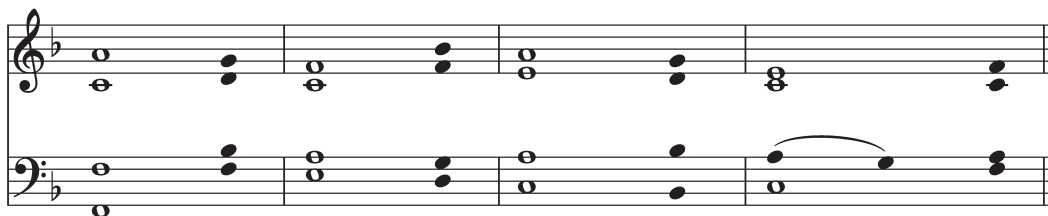
But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, “O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” And the Lord said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.”

But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” Then the Lord said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



I will exalt you, O God my King, *
 and bless your Name for ever and ever.
 Every day will I bless you *
 and praise your Name for ever and ever.
 Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *
 there is no end to his greatness.
 One generation shall praise your works to a-nother *
 and shall declare your power.
 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty *
 and all your marvelous works.
 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, *
 and I will tell of your greatness.
 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; *
 they shall sing of your righteous deeds.
 The Lord is gracious and full of com-passion, *
 slow to anger and of great kindness.

THE SECOND READING

Philippians 1:21–30

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand, as able.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 20:1–16

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.



The People are invited to bow as the Gospel Book passes.

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, “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev’d John Moulder

Please stand, as able.

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

The People respond to each intercession, saying

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant concludes, saying

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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 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

Please stand, as able.

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Greater Love hath no man

John Ireland (1879–1962)

Many waters cannot quench love,
neither can the floods drown it. Love is strong as death.
Greater love hath no man than this,
that a man lay down his life for his friends.
Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree,
That we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness.
Ye are washed, ye are sanctified,
ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus.
Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation;
That ye should show forth the praises of him
who hath call'd you out of darkness into his marvellous light.
I beseech you brethren, by the mercies of God,
that you present your bodies, a living sacrifice, holy,
acceptable unto to God, which is your reasonable service.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN • 194

Jesus lives! thy terrors now

St. Albinus

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer II

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.

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new
life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 AND BENEDICTUS • S-128

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.

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

All glory be to you, O Lord our God, for you created heaven and earth, and made us in your own image; and, in your tender mercy, gave your only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death on the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and instituted, and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

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."

Therefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we your people celebrate and make, with these holy gifts which we now offer to you, the memorial your Son has commanded us to make; remembering his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we earnestly desire your fatherly goodness to accept this, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, in which we offer and present to you, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies. Grant that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with your grace and heavenly blessing; and also that we and all your whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

A - men.

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 AGNUS DEI • S-165

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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 ANTHEM

Ave verum corpus

Charles Gounod (1818–1893)

*Ave verum corpus, natum
de Maria Virgine,
vere passum, immolatum
in cruce pro homine
cuius latus perforatum
fluxit aqua et sanguine:
esto nobis prægustatum
in mortis examine.*

*O Iesu dulcis, O Iesu pie,
O Iesu, fili Mariæ.
Miserere mei. Amen.*

Hail, true Body, born
of the Virgin Mary,
truly suffered, sacrificed
on the cross for mankind,
from whose pierced side
flowed water and blood:
Be for us a foretaste of the Heavenly banquet
in the trial of death!

O sweet Jesus, O holy Jesus,
O Jesus, son of Mary,
have mercy on me. Amen.

THE COMMUNION HYMN • 469

There's a wideness in God's mercy

St. Helena

Please kneel or stand, as able.

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.

THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon, or Celebrant, dismisses the People, to which they respond

Thanks be to God.

The People are invited to bow as the processional cross passes.

THE CLOSING HYMN • 535

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim

Paderborn

THE VOLUNTARY

March Heroique

Herbert Brewer (1865–1928)

*The voluntary is an offering of worship, not a performance. In lieu of applause,
please consider thanking the organist at coffee hour or by email.*

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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.*

Today's coffee hour is sponsored by the Block Party Committee.

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Today's Ministers. *Celebrant & Preacher:* The Rev'd John Moulder; *Deacon:* The Rev'd Luigi Mandile;
Subdeacon: Br. Will White, CMJ; *Organist:* Charlie Segal; *Lectors:* Barbara Newman, Evie Aadland Coe;
Intercessor: Cam Frank

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Do You Believe in Coincidences? Ministry and Mysticism on the Camino de Santiago. Join us for a forum on the Camino de Santiago on Sun., Sep. 20 at 10 a.m. in the Elizabethan Room. Patrick Eibergen, a retired teacher and long-time parishioner at Atonement focuses on religious aspects of his experiences on 10 separate pilgrimages in Spain.

Want to join our music ministry? The St Cecilia Choir will be hosting an open rehearsal on Wed., Sep. 23 at 6:30 p.m. for interested singers in the congregation and community. The choir is welcoming new members in all voice parts this fall. Rehearsals and Evensong services are on Wednesday evenings between 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. and do not require a Sunday morning commitment.

Choir members are invited and encouraged to participate in select scheduled Sunday mornings throughout the year as they are able. A schedule will be made available at the open rehearsal. Talk to Charlie or Chris, or email them for more information (choirsoftheatonement@gmail.com).

Care for Friends host annual Power Hope fundraiser. On Thu., Sep. 24 at The Arbory (2219 W. Grand), Care for Friends will be hosting its 11th Annual Power Hope Awards, honoring individuals whose lives inspire hope in others and make a positive impact in the Chicago community. Prior award winners have included Illinois Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulias, the NFL's Matt Forte, and @Properties' Emily Sachs Wong.

Power Hope Awards is the single most important day of the year in raising the funds that power Care for Friends and our life-saving and transformative programming. Your ticket and generous gift makes it possible for thousands of our neighbors to receive holistic wrap-around services and participate in a community that respects and loves them.

Get tickets at givebutter.com/power-hope-awards-2026

Friendly Seniors meets next week. Meet with old friends and make new friends. Join us on Fri., Sep. 25 at 11:30 a.m. in Montgomery Hall for a potluck lunch and discussion on showing support to caregivers. We'll provide a main dish casserole. Please bring a salad, side dish, or dessert to share. Beverages will be provided.

Neighborhood Pet Blessing in October. In celebration of St. Francis of Assisi, beloved for his care and love for all of God's creatures, the Church of the Atonement invites parishioners, friends, and neighbors to bring their beloved pets for a special Blessing of the Animals on Sun., Oct. 4, following the 11:00 Mass. We will also be collecting pet food donations for our local pet pantry.

In addition, we will bless the beautiful new statue of St. Francis has been installed in the garden. Many thanks to Jerry Mash for donating the statue, and to all who helped install it. Afterwards, please stay and enjoy a reception and fellowship as we celebrate the special animals who bring joy, companionship, and love into our lives.

All creatures—great and small—are welcome. Please plan to join us for this special celebration.

Chiapas mission trip discernment meeting.

Are you considering joining the Mission of Presence trip to Chiapas, Mexico next spring? Join us on Sat., Oct. 10 at 10 a.m. for a mandatory discernment meeting for all prospective travelers in the rectory. We will share what draws us to this ministry, discuss what we can expect during the trip, evaluate our comfort level with the work required to build friendship with one of Mexico's poorest parishes, and allow God to help us discern if the trip is right for us. If you plan to attend, please sign up at tinyurl.com/chiapas-discernment

Save the date for our ministry fair. Join us for our Oct. 11 Ministry Fair, where approximately 30 Atonement ministries will have tables —our “Ports of Calling”—ready for you to explore. The Ministry Fair will be open from 8:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Pick up your Ministry Fair Passport and visit the different Ports of Calling. Collect stickers along the way for a chance to win a gift card.

Come meet the people who make our ministries happen, learn more about the many ways to participate in the life of our parish, and discover opportunities that might be just right for you. Whether you are looking for a way to serve, connect with others, try something new, or simply learn more about Atonement, there’s a place for you.

October house party fundraiser. Please join us Sun., Oct. 25 at 1:30 p.m. at the home of Albert & Amanda Kim for an afternoon of jazz with renowned Chicago duo Fr. John Moulder and Ken Hall, who were recently featured at the Chicago Guitar Festival! Tickets (\$30) include the concert, as well as light refreshments and an array of beverages including wine, beer, and soft drinks. Seating for this event is extremely limited. Please purchase your \$30 tickets early to ensure your spot. Complimentary tickets are available; please contact Amanda Kim to receive a complimentary ticket.

About the Artists: Ken Hall and John Moulder. Ken and John have a musical collaboration that has spanned many years. With a common musical aesthetic, their playing is intuitive and relies upon a shared language. Ken and John recorded Spirit Talk where they interpreted pieces of some of their favorite composers. Being composers themselves, their performances now feature their original compositions along with their renditions of modern jazz compositions.

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

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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.

Morning Prayer. Daily 8:30 a.m. *on Google Meet*

Evening Prayer. Tuesday 5:30 p.m. *on Google Meet*

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