

Solemn High Mass

THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE
January 25, 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.

No, we didn't forget to take down the Christmas decorations!

While the world often packs away Christmas on December 26th, the Church continues to dwell in the light of Christ's birth far longer. Christmastide lasts for twelve days until the Feast of the Epiphany on January 6th, and historically, the Church celebrated the Christmas cycle from Christmas Eve to Candlemas, also known as the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple (February 2nd).

This feast, forty days after Christmas, marks the moment when Mary and Joseph presented the infant Jesus in the Temple, fulfilling Jewish law. There, the aged Simeon proclaimed him "a light to enlighten the nations"—hence the association with candles and light. Candlemas completes the sacred narrative that began at Christmas. It is still about the Infant Christ, still about light coming into the world, still about the mystery of the Incarnation unfolding in time.

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness.

The Mass setting is "Communion Service in F" by Harold Darke (1888–1976)

THE VOLUNTARY

Suite du Premier Ton

Plein Jeu, Basse de Trompette, Tierce en taille, Duo

Pierre Du Mage (1674–1751)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

When the bell rings, please stand, as able.

THE OPENING HYMN • 618

Ye watchers and ye holy ones

Laast uns erfreuen

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

*Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison.*

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

THE GLORIA

*Gloria in excelsis Deo
et in terra pax hominibus bonæ voluntatis.
Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te,
glorificamus te, gratias agimus tibi propter
magnam gloriam tuam,
Dómine Deus, Rex cælestis,
Deus Pater omnipotens.*

*Domine Fili Unigenite, Iesu Christe,
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis;
qui tollis peccata mundi,
súscipe deprecationem nostram.
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,
miserere nobis.*

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

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you,
we glorify you, we give you thanks for your
great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of The Father,
who takes away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father
have mercy on us.

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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

O God, by the preaching of your apostle Paul you have caused the light of the Gospel to shine throughout the world: Grant, we pray, that we, having his wonderful conversion in remembrance, may show ourselves thankful to you by following his holy teaching; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of 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

Acts 26:9–21

Paul said to King Agrippa, “Indeed, I myself was convinced that I ought to do many things against the name of Jesus of Nazareth. And that is what I did in Jerusalem; with authority received from the chief priests, I not only locked up many of the saints in prison, but I also cast my vote against them when they were being condemned to death. By punishing them often in all the synagogues I tried to force them to blaspheme; and since I was so furiously enraged at them, I pursued them even to foreign cities.

“With this in mind, I was traveling to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests, when at midday along the road, your Excellency, I saw a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, shining around me and my companions. When we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew language, ‘Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? It hurts you to kick against the goads.’ I asked, ‘Who are you, Lord?’ The Lord answered, ‘I am Jesus whom you are persecuting. But get up and stand on your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you to serve and testify to the things in which you have seen me and to those in which I will appear to you. I will rescue you from your people and from the Gentiles—to whom I am sending you to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.’

“After that, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, but declared first to those in Damascus, then in Jerusalem and throughout the countryside of Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God and do deeds consistent with repentance. For this reason the Jews seized me in the temple and tried to kill me.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM • 67

Deus misereatur

Setting: Bertram Luard-Selby (1853–1918)

God be merciful unto us, and bless us, and show us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us; That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations. Let the peoples praise thee, O God; yea, let all the peoples praise thee. O let the nations rejoice and be glad; for thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon earth. Let the peoples praise thee, O God; yea, let all the peoples praise thee. Then shall the earth bring forth her increase; and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing. God shall bless us; and all the ends of the world shall fear him.

THE SECOND READING

Galatians 1:11–24

I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel that was proclaimed by me is not of human origin; for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

You have heard, no doubt, of my earlier life in Judaism. I was violently persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it. I advanced in Judaism beyond many among my people of the same age, for I was far more zealous for the traditions of my ancestors. But when God, who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with any human being, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were already apostles before me, but I went away at once into Arabia, and afterwards I returned to Damascus.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

THE SERMON

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he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

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

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

After each petition, the People respond

Hear our prayer.

THE CONFESSION

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

Mihi autem

How dear are thy counsels unto me, O God; O how great is the sum of them!
If I tell them, they are more in number than the sand: when I wake up, I am present with thee.

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

How lovely are the messengers

Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

How lovely are the messengers
that preach us the gospel of peace.
To all the nations is gone forth
the sound of their words,
throughout all the lands their glad tidings.

Please stand, as able, and sing

THE OFFERTORY HYMN • 255

We sing the glorious conquest

Munich

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff is for the Celebrant and the People, with the lyrics 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.' The second staff is for the Celebrant and the People, with the lyrics 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.' The third staff is for the Celebrant, with the lyrics 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' The fourth staff is for the People, with the lyrics 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'

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 Choir sings the Sanctus and Benedictus.

THE SANCTUS

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus

Dominus Deus Sabaoth.

Pleni sunt caeli 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."

Celebrant

There - fore ac - cord - ing 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.

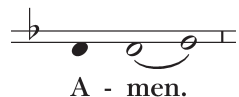
Setting: *Pater noster* tone, adapt. Bruce E. Ford (b.1974). ©1985 Bruce E. Ford.

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.



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

*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

Vos qui secúti estis me

Ye which have followed me shall sit upon twelve thrones: judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM

Saul, Saul, was verfolgst du mich?

Heinrich Schütz (1585–1672)

*Saul, Saul, was verfolgst du mich?
Es wird dir schwer werden,
wider den Stachel zu löcken.*

Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?
It will become hard for you
to kick against the thorns.

THE COMMUNION HYMN • 314

Humbly I adore thee, Verity unseen

Adoro devote

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 Ministers process to the Mary Shrine.

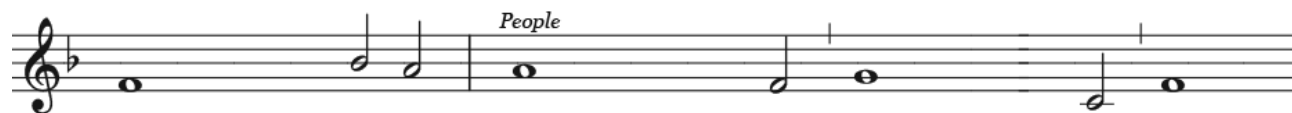
THE ANGELUS



1. The angel of the Lord brought tidings unto Ma - ry; And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.
2. Behold the handmaid of the Lord. Be it unto me according to thy word.
3. And the Word was made flesh. And dwelt a - mong us.



Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee, blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the



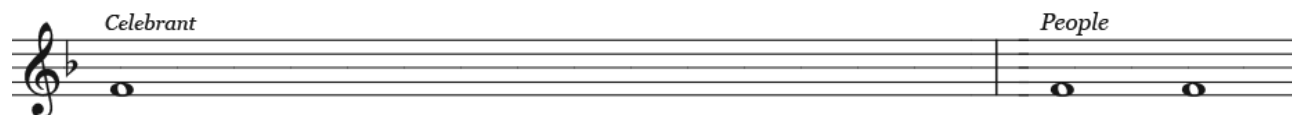
fruit of thy womb, Je - sus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and in the



hour of our death. A - men.



4. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.



Let us pray: We beseech thee, ... through the same Christ our Lord.

A - men.

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

Cwm Rhondda

THE VOLUNTARY

*Suite du Premier Ton
Grand Jeu*

Pierre Du Mage (1674–1751)



*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 MINISTERS

Celebrant: The Rev'd Charles Everson; *Deacon:* The Rev'd Kate Guistolise; *Subdeacon:* Jerad Mosbey; *Preacher:* Elizabeth Swanson; *Organist:* Charlie Sega; *Choirmaster:* Dr Christopher Windle; *Lectors:* Richard Kieckhefer, Catherine Mendenhall; *Intercessor:* Jennifer Ash

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Funeral Mass for Natalie Archie. Natalie Archie's funeral mass will be on Thu., Jan. 29 at 3 p.m. There will be a visitation at the church from 1 to 2:45 before the mass, and a reception in Montgomery Hall afterward. May Natalie's soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

You're invited to a parish birthday party. Father Charles and Jay invite you to the parish birthday party in their apartment in the rectory on Sat., Feb. 7, 2–3:30 p.m. We're playing a bit of catch up because of the holidays. This round is for those with birthdays in November, December, January, and February. The only agenda item is to enjoy one another's company while enjoying tea, coffee, and pastries. Feel free to bring a guest (spouse, significant other, friend, etc.). If you have kids at home, please bring the entire family. RSVP at tinyurl.com/atonement-bd-feb so that we know how much food and drink to prepare.

Mother Joy Rogers named Dean Emerita of St. James Cathedral. St. James Cathedral has announced that the Very Rev'd Joy Rogers will be installed as Dean Emerita of the cathedral at Choral Evensong on Sun., Feb. 15, at 4 p.m. All are warmly invited to attend this service as the cathedral gives thanks for Mother Joy's faithful ministry and honors her enduring legacy in the life of the Church. Please consider joining our friends at St. James for this fitting and joyful celebration.

Parish board games and pizza party. Please join us for an afternoon of board games and pizza on Sat., Feb. 21 from 12 to 3 p.m. in Montgomery Hall. It's our first fundraiser of the year. We will have plenty of board games and card games to choose from, but feel free to bring your favorite game to play and share with others. Your \$20 ticket includes pizza, snacks, soft drinks, and water. Kids play and eat for free! Order your tickets today at tinyurl.com/atonement-give

Outreach Guild to meet Feb. 22. Please join us for the Outreach Guild's first meeting of 2026, on Sun., Feb. 22 at 1 p.m. in the Elizabethan Room. We will be discussing how best to use our resources in the coming year, as well as taking a look back at the guild's work in 2025. We hope you can join us in sharing your voice, time and talent in this Spirit filled work that is important not only to our local community, but the worldwide body of Christ.

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SUPERVISED NURSERY CARE is available on the second floor of the Parish House, through the double doors on the right side of the church.

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

Clergy, Staff & Leadership

CLERGY AND STAFF

Bishop of Chicago: The Rt Rev'd Paula E. Clark; *Rector:* The Rev'd Charles Everson; *Director of Music:* Charlie Segal; *Associate Director of Music and Choirmaster:* Dr Christopher Windle; *Director of Operations & Communications:* Matt Rodgers; *Ministries & Pastoral Care Coordinator:* Kate Mayer; *Liturgical Coordinator:* Br Ron Fox BSG; *Sexton:* Gerardo Guzman

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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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