

Solemn High Mass

THE 14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
August 30, 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

Fugue in G minor

J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

When the bell rings, please stand, as able.

THE OPENING HYMN • 445

Praise to the Holiest in the height

Gerontius

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.

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.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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

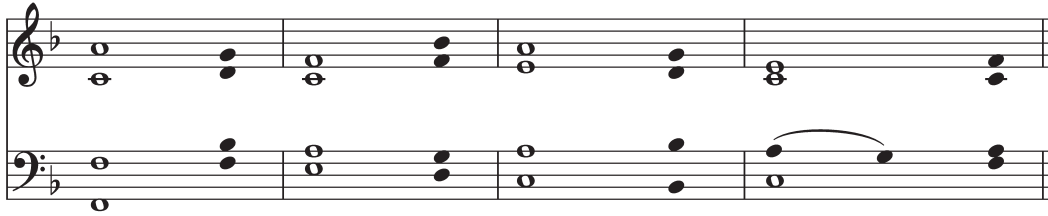
Jeremiah 15:15–21

O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail.

Therefore, thus says the Lord: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the Lord. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Give judgment for me, O Lord,
 for I have lived with in-tegrity; *
 I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.
 Test me, O Lord, and try me; *
 examine my heart and my mind.
 For your love is before my eyes; *
 I have walked faithfully with you.
 I have not sat with the worthless, *
 nor do I consort with the de-ceitful.
 I have hated the company of evildoers; *
 I will not sit down with the wicked.
 I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, *
 that I may go in procession round your altar,
 Singing aloud a song of thanks-giving *
 and recounting all your wonderful deeds.
 Lord, I love the house in which you dwell *
 and the place where your glory a-bides.

THE SECOND READING

Romans 12:9–21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” No, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The Word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

Please stand, as able.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 16:21–28

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 began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev'd Charles Everson

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 Pro - phets. 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. A - men.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The People respond to each intercession, saying

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

THE PEACE

Celebrant
 The peace of the Lord be al - ways with you.

People
 And al - so 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.

Online Giving. The Church of the Atonement makes it easy to give online. Just scan the code to the right to either make a general contribution or pay your pledge online. Thank you for your support of our ongoing ministries.



THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Please stand, as able.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN • 635

If thou but trust in God to guide thee

Wer nur den lieben Gott

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer II



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 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."

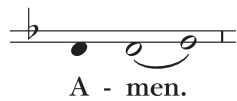
After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

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 humbly ask you, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with your Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be for us the Body and Blood of your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ.

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;

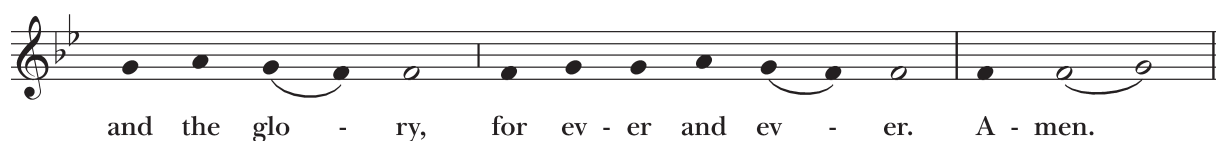
By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.



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,



The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

THE AGNUS DEI • S-165



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 HYMN • 336

Come with us, O blessed Jesus

Werde munter

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.

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.

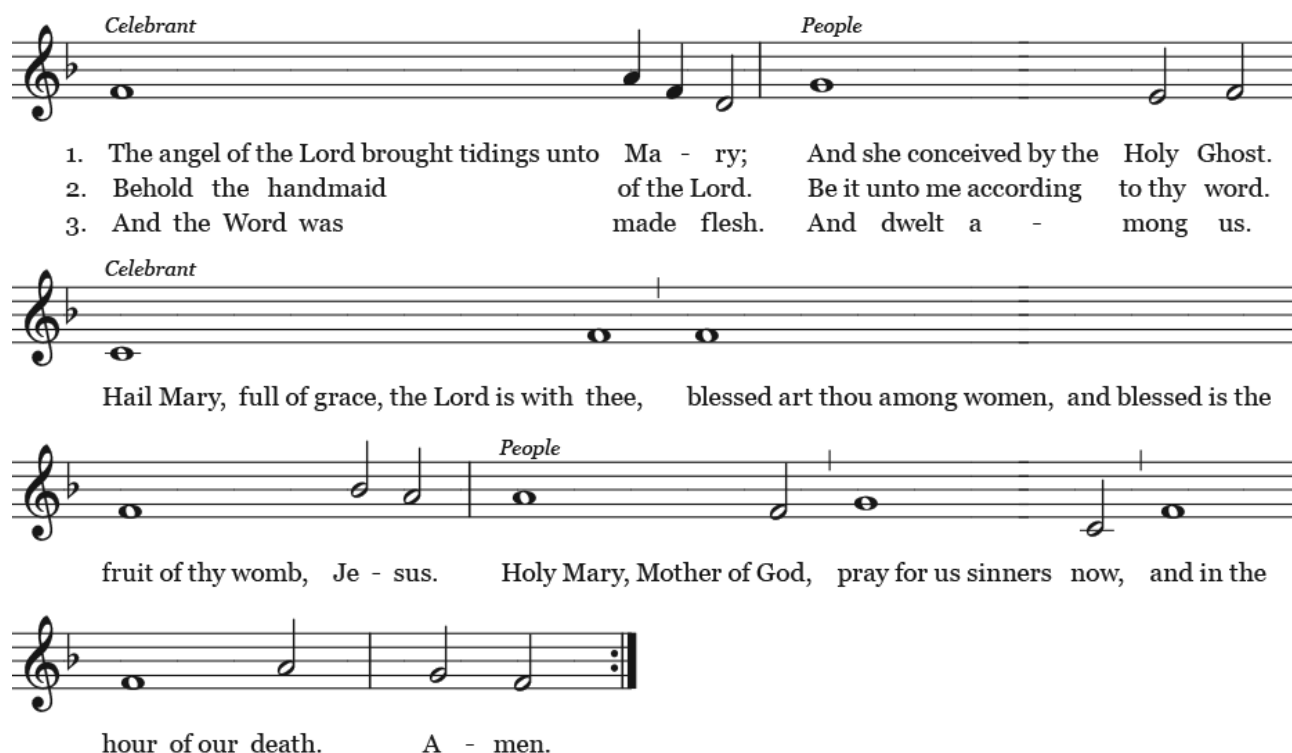
Please stand, as able.

THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon, or Celebrant, dismisses the People, to which they respond
Thanks be to God.

The Ministers process to the Mary Shrine.

THE ANGELUS



Celebrant *People*

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.

Celebrant

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

People

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.

Celebrant *People*

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

Celebrant *People*

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

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

THE CLOSING HYMN • 475

God himself is with us

Tysk

THE VOLUNTARY

Trumpet Tune in A

David N. Johnson (1922–1987)

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 Atonement Vestry.

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Today's Ministers. *Celebrant & Preacher:* The Rev'd Charles Everson; *Deacon:* The Rev'd Luigi Mandile; *Subdeacon:* Br. Will White, CMJ; *Organist:* Charlie Segal; *Lectors:* Henry Cooper, Elizabeth Swanson; *Intercessor:* Catherine Mendenhall

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School & Youth Group returns in September. Sunday School & Youth Group will resume on Sun., Sep. 13, at 10 a.m. Pre-K through Grade 6 meets in the upstairs Sunday School Room, and 7th - 12th meets in the basement Youth Group Room. If you would like to enroll your child in either program, or have any questions, please contact Amanda Kim.

Capital Campaign update. The Vestry is pleased to announce that Atonement has signed a contract with Partners for Sacred Spaces to assist us with our upcoming capital campaign. Thank you to everyone who participated in the feasibility study. As most of you heard at the presentation, the study indicated that the parish supports moving forward with such a campaign.

As we speak, the Vestry is working with Partners for Sacred Spaces on the “silent” phase of the campaign. We’re currently beginning some behind-the-scenes work to organize our campaign committee, train volunteers, and prepare materials for our public launch. We will keep you updated on our activities and anticipate the public phase to begin in early 2027.

Adult Confirmation Class. This fall, Fr. Charles is leading a class for adults considering the sacrament of confirmation, reception into The Episcopal Church, or those who want to revisit the foundations of the faith. We’ll meet on Monday evenings (Sep. 28, Oct. 5, 12, 19, and Nov. 9, 16) in the rector’s apartment from 6:15 to 7:45 p.m., with the possibility of one or more sessions being held virtually depending on the group’s preference.

We’ll read through *Inwardly Digest: The Prayer Book as Guide to a Spiritual Life* (tinyurl.com/inward-digest) throughout our time together. (Scholarships to purchase the book are available upon request.) Please sign up at tinyurl.com/atonement-confirmation by Sep. 4.

Want to help with Coffee Hour? Who’s bringing the goodies on Sep. 13? For the past several months, our guilds have spoiled us with delicious Coffee Hour treats. And we welcome all participation in the coffee hour. If you’re not part of a guild, this is your chance to join the fun. We’d

love your help providing finger food snacks for Coffee Hour on Sep. 13 for either the 9:00 and/or 11:00 services.

Let us know what you’d like to bring, and choose which service you’ll be attending at tinyurl.com/coffeehour-atonement. Or you can contact Charlaire Reynolds by email (charlaire.reynolds@gmail.com) or call (281) 804-5374.

Every contribution—homemade or store-bought—is appreciated. Thanks for helping keep this post-service fellowship for both visitors and parishioners a sweet (and savory) tradition.

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

Save the date for our ministry fair. Are you looking for a new way to serve the parish? Come explore the many ways to connect, serve, and grow at Atonement on Sun., Oct. 11. Representatives from our parish ministries will be on hand to share information and answer questions.

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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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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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