

THE CHURCH OF THE ATONEMENT
CHICAGO



CHRISTMAS EVE
24 December 2020, 10:30 pm
Mass of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

WELCOME TO ATONEMENT

Welcome to the Church of the Atonement, an Episcopal church in the Anglo-Catholic tradition. We are delighted that you have joined us for worship on this lovely Christmas Eve. Your presence here is a gift to this congregation as we celebrate the coming of Christ into the world.

The Church of the Atonement has been a witness to the Gospel on this corner of North Kenmore and Ardmore for over 135 years. Through our worship, music, fellowship, pastoral care, formation, and outreach, the clergy and people of this congregation have consistently borne the light of Christ into the neighborhood of Edgewater and the world. This parish has been blessed over its many years with generous, faithful leaders who have helped to lay a firm foundation for the work that lies before us: namely, to continue to praise God in glorious, holy worship, and to proclaim by word and deed the transforming power of God's love for all of Creation.

You are most welcome at this liturgy, as indeed you are at all of the liturgies at Atonement. This year, we have begun gathering online in those times when we cannot come together in person. The best way to find our most up-to-date schedules is to look on our website or to subscribe to our weekly email. (Details below). We continue to worship together, serve together, and gather together for formation and fellowship.

We are so glad that you are here with us on this holy night. If you are looking for a church home, we hope that you will find one here.

*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;
and the government will be upon his shoulder,
and his name will be called*

“Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

(Isaiah 9:6)

HAVE A BLESSED AND HAPPY CHRISTMAS!

On Christmas Day

10:00 am Christmas Morning Worship at Home on Zoom

A simple, homey worship service with your Atonement family (Pajamas highly recommended)

Music of the Mass

The setting of the Ordinary of the Mass (those parts sung by the Choir) is the *Missa “Rosa Mystica”* by Vito Carnevali.

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THE PRELUDE

Magnificat in D (Sung by the Combined Choirs of Atonement)

Herbert Brewer

THE ENTRANCE RITE, STATION AT THE CRÈCHE & BLESSING OF THE CRÈCHE

INTROIT

Dominus dixit ad me (Mode II)

The Lord hath said unto me: Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. *Ps.* Why do the heathen so furiously rage together: and why do the people imagine a vain thing? Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen. The Lord hath said ...

STATION AT THE CRÈCHE

The Celebrant blesses the Crèche.

Celebrant The word was made flesh. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People **And dwelt among us. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Celebrant Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us a new revelation of your loving providence in the Coming of your Son Jesus Christ to be born of the Virgin Mary. ✠ Bless we pray, this Crèche that it may be a sign of his humble birth; and grant that as he shared our mortality, so we may share his eternity in the glory of your kingdom; where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

O Come, All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;

Refrain: O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

God of God, Light of Light,
Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Very God, begotten, not created, [*Refrain*]

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above:
"Glory to God, in the highest!" [*Refrain*]

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesu, to thee be all glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; [*Refrain*]

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant 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.**

KYRIE ELEISON (*Choir*)

Carnevali

Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christe eleison. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy upon us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (*Choir*)

Carnevali

Gloria in excelsis Deo, et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis. Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te. Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam. Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens, Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe. Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis, qui tollis peccata mundi suscipe deprecationem nostram, qui sedes ad dexteram patris miserere nobis. Quoniam tu solus sanctus, tu solus Dominus, tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe, ✠ cum Sancto Spiritu in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high ✠ in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 96:1-4, 11-12 (*Choir*)

Sing to the LORD a new song; *
sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.
Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.
For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *
he is more to be feared than all gods.
Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before the LORD when he comes, *
when he comes to judge the earth.

THE EPISTLE

Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-20

Cantor Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

People **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Cantor The LORD said unto me: Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee.

People **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Deacon The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Deacon In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see— I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to

God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!” When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
 2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;
 4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
 What great bright - ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.
 Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

Refrain

Glo - - - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -

- - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we 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.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, ✠ forgive you all our 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 always with you.

People **And also with you.**

HOLY COMMUNION

The gifts of bread and wine are presented, and the Altar is prepared.

OFFERTORY PROPER (*Cantor*)

TONE II

Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad: before the LORD, for He is come.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *In the Bleak Midwinter (Sung by the St. Cecilia Choir)*

Harold Darke

In the bleak midwinter frosty winds made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
In the bleak midwinter long ago.

Our God, Heav'n cannot hold him nor earth sustain;
Heav'n and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign:
In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed.
The Lord God Almighty Jesus Christ.

Enough for him, whom cherubim worship night and day,
A breastful of milk and a mangerful of hay:
Enough for him, whom angels fall down before,
The ox and ass and camel which adore.

What can I give him poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb,
If I were a Wise Man I would do my part,
Yet what I can I give him, give my heart.

OFFERTORY HYMN

God Rest You Merry

God rest you merry, gentlemen
Let nothing you dismay
For Jesus Christ, our Saviour
Was born upon this day,
To save us all from Satan's power
When we were gone astray.

Refrain: O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy!
O tidings of comfort and joy!

From God our Heavenly Father
A blessed Angel came,
And unto certain Shepherds
Brought tidings of the same,
How that in Bethlehem was born
The Son of God by name. *[Refrain]*

Now to the Lord sing praises,
All you within this place,
And with true love and brotherhood
Each other now embrace;
This holy tide of Christmas
All other doth deface. *[Refrain]*

THE SURSUM CORDA

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues with the appointed Preface to the Eucharistic Prayer. At the end of the Preface, the Choir sings.

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS (*Choir*)

Carnevali

*Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth;
pleni sunt coeli 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 thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

✠ Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

THE CANON OF THE MASS

Eucharistic Prayer B

Book of Common Prayer, pages 367-369

At the appropriate time following the words of institution, the People say the Memorial Acclamation.

Celebrant Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

People **We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues the Prayer, chanting its conclusion:

Celebrant... 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.

People **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All **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 Celebrant breaks the Bread, after which is said

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

AGNUS DEI (*Choir*)

Carnevali

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 Celebrant invites the People to receive Communion saying

Celebrant ✠ 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.

People **Lord, I am not worthy that you should come under my roof: but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.**

COMMUNION PROPER (*Cantor*)

TONE I

The dew of thy birth: is of the womb of the morning.

COMMUNION ANTHEM (*Choir*)

Christmas Daybreak

Robert Convery

Before the paling of the stars,

Before the winter morn,

Before the earliest cock-crow

Jesus Christ was born:

Born in a stable,

Cradled in a manger,

In the world His hands had made

Born a stranger.

Priest and king lay fast asleep

In Jerusalem,

Young and old lay fast asleep

In crowded Bethlehem:

Saint and angel, ox and ass,
Kept a watch together,
Before the Christmas daybreak
In the winter weather.

Jesus on His mother's breast
In the stable cold,
Spotless Lamb of God was He,
Shepherd of the fold:

Let us kneel with Mary maid,
With Joseph bent and hoary,
With saint and angel, ox and ass,
To hail the King of Glory.

As the Altar Party receives Communion, the People are invited to pray this prayer.

People In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. And since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **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.**

Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,
 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake
 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,

all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.
 at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,
 love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,

Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly
 hea - ven - ly hosts— sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy

peace. Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.
 born! Christ, the Sa - vior, is born!
 birth. Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Celebrant May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with joy and peace this Christmas; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hark! the herald angels sing Glory to the newborn King;
 Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinner reconciled:
 Joyful all ye nations rise, Join the triumph of the skies,
 With th'angelic host proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem.
 Hark! The herald angels sing glory to the newborn King.

Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ the everlasting Lord,
 Late in time behold him come offspring of a virgin's womb:
 Veiled in flesh the God-head see, Hail th'incarnate Deity!
 Pleased as man with man to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
 Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King.

Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
 Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
 Hail, the heaven born Prince of Peace! Hail, the sun of righteousness!
 Light and life to all he brings, risen with his healing wings.
 Hark! The herald angels sing glory to the newborn King.

VOLUNTARY *Carillon de Westminster*

Louis Vierne

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Merry Christmas!



*In loving memory of Fr. William K. Gros, a Christmas memorial gift
 has been given by Fr. George and Jean Deatrick.*