



ST. GERTRUDE
CHURCH



ASCENSION OF THE LORD

May 20–21, 2023

Cover: Ascension of Christ (Corsini Triptych), Fra Angelico, o.p., 1448



ORDER OF MASS

Ascension of the Lord

PRELUDE

The Glorious Day has Appeared

Ethel Smyth

INTRODUCTORY RITES

PROCESSION

At the ringing of the sacristy bell, all stand and sing:

Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise

St. Michael Hymnal 542

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (8 A.M.)

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?

This Jesus, whom you saw ascending into heaven

will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

Words: Acts 1:11

INTROIT (10 A.M. and 12 P.M.)

As the celebrant censes the altar, the choir sings:

Viri Galilaei, quid admiramini
aspicientes in caelum? alleluia:
quemadmodum vidistis eum ascendentem
in caelum, ita veniet, alleluia.

*Men of Galilee, why gaze
in wonder at the heavens? alleluia:
this Jesus whom you saw ascending into
heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.*

Ÿ. Cumque intuerentur in caelum
euntem illum, ecce duo viri
astiterunt juxta illos in vestibus albis.

Ÿ. *And when they looked at him
going up into heaven, behold, two men
stood beside them in white garments.*

Ÿ. Gloria Patri, et Filio,
et Spiritui Sancto, sicut erat
in principio, et nunc, et semper,
et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

Ÿ. *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit, as it was
in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.*

*Antiphon: Acts 1:11. Versicle: Acts 1:10
Music: Dominican Chant*

GREETING

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins,
and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

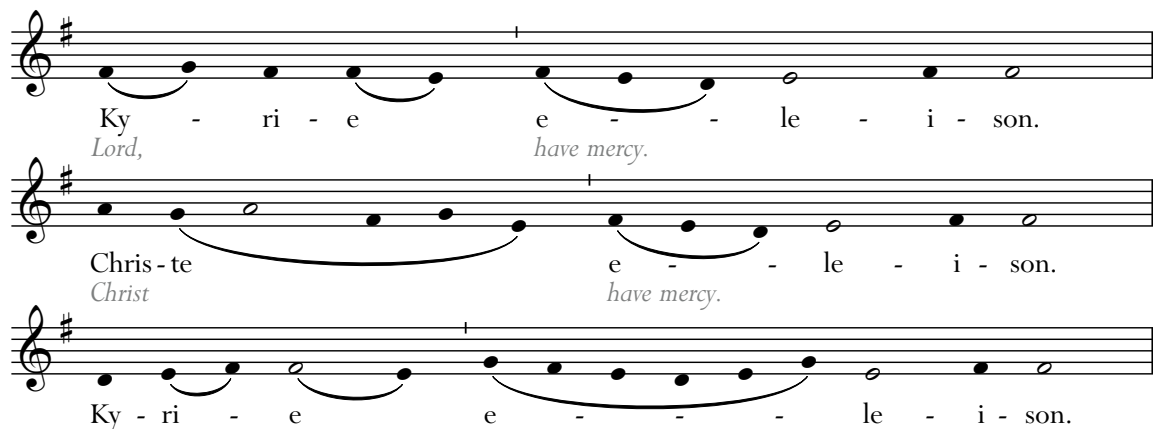
**I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

All strike breast three times

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.
Amen.

KYRIE, ELEISON

The cantor/choir sings each verset once, then all repeat.



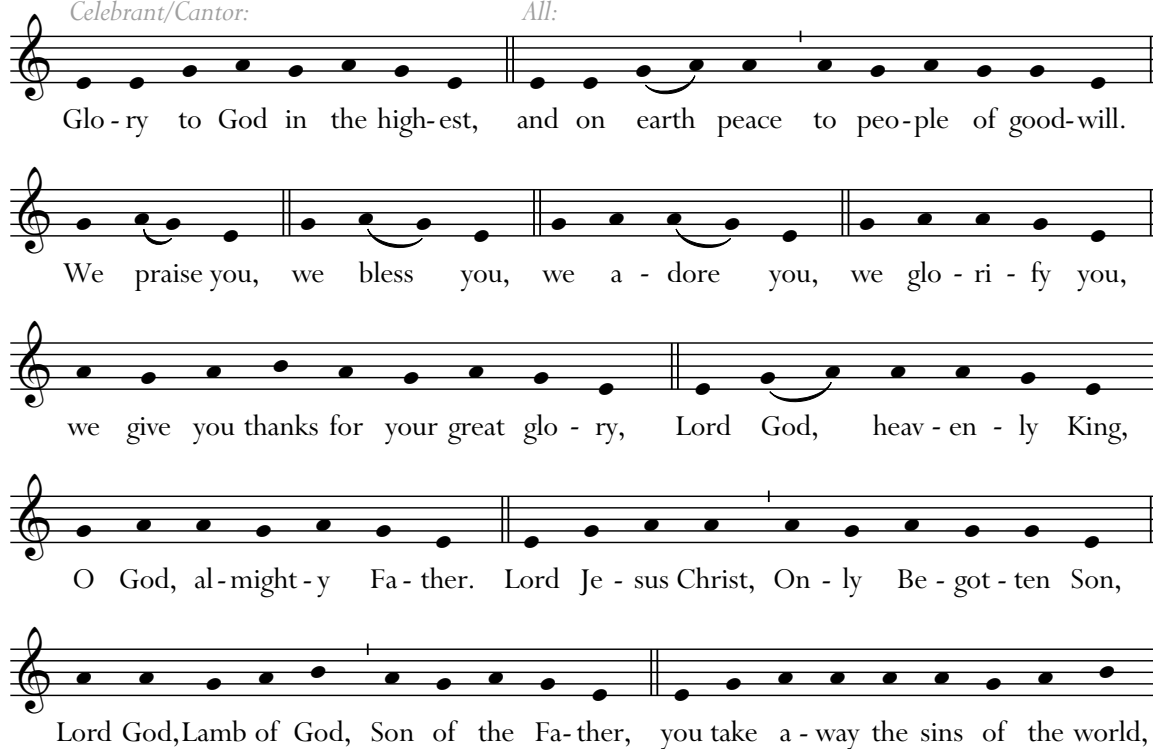
Musical notation for the Kyrie, Eleison. It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp). The first staff is for the Cantor/Choir, with lyrics: Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Lord, have mercy. The second staff is for the People, with lyrics: Chris - te e - le - i - son. Christ have mercy. The third staff is for the Cantor/Choir, with lyrics: Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Music: Gregorian Chant, Missa XV "Dominator Deus"

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Celebrant/Cantor:

All:



Musical notation for the Gloria in Excelsis. It consists of five staves of music in G major (one sharp). The first staff is for the Celebrant/Cantor, with lyrics: Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to peo - ple of good - will. The second staff is for the People, with lyrics: We praise you, we bless you, we a - dore you, we glo - ri - fy you, we give you thanks for your great glo - ry, Lord God, heav - en - ly King, O God, al - migh - ty Fa - ther. Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly Be - got - ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, you take a - way the sins of the world,

have mer-cy on us; you take a-way the sins of the world, re-ceive our prayer;

you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther, have mer-cy on us.

For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High,

Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,

in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

*Music: Gregorian Chant, Missa XV "Dominator Deus,"
adapted by the International Commission on English in the Liturgy*

COLLECT *(Saturday)*

O God, whose Son today ascended to the heavens as the Apostles looked on, grant, we pray, that, in accordance with his promise, we may be worthy for him to live with us always on earth, and we with him in heaven. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

All sit

COLLECT *(Sunday)*

Gladden us with holy joys, almighty God, and make us rejoice with devout thanksgiving, for the Ascension of Christ your Son is our exaltation, and, where the Head has gone before in glory, the Body is called to follow in hope. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

All sit

LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING I

Acts 1:1–11

In the first book, Theophilus, I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day he was taken up, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

While meeting with them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for “the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

When they had gathered together they asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” He answered them, “It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 66:1–3, 4–5, 6–7, 16 and 20



God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trum-pets for the Lord.

All you peoples, clap your hands, shout to God with cries of gladness,
For the LORD, the Most High, the awesome, is the great king over all the earth. *℟.*

God mounts his throne amid shouts of joy; the LORD, amid trumpet blasts.
Sing praise to God, sing praise; sing praise to our king, sing praise. *℟.*

For king of all the earth is God; sing hymns of praise.
God reigns over the nations, God sits upon his holy throne. *℟.*

*Music: Dominican Chant — Alleluia,
Ascendit Deus, adapted by Christopher Holman*

READING II

Ephesians 1:17–23

Brothers and sisters: may the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him. May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call, what are the riches of glory in his inheritance among the holy ones, and what is the surpassing greatness of his power for us who believe, in accord with the exercise of his great might, which he worked in Christ, raising him from the dead and seating him at his right hand in the heavens, far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion, and every name that is named not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things beneath his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

All stand



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

Go and teach all nations, says the Lord;

I am with you always, until the end of the world. *R̄.*

Verse: Matthew 28:19a, 20b

Music: Jean Tisserand, O.F.M.

GOSPEL

Matthew 28:16–20

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, “All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

All sit

HOMILY

Friars of the Order of Preachers

CREED

All stand

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

All bow

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
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.

All stand

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

Each petition concludes with:

We pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

After the final petition, all pray:

Almighty Father, you have created us for some definite purpose.

**Grant us the grace to know the path you have planned for us in this life
and to respond with a generous "Yes."**

**Make our archdiocese, parishes, homes, and hearts
fruitful ground for your gift of vocations.**

May our young people respond to your call with courage and zeal.

Stir among our men a desire and the strength to be good and holy priests.

**Bless us with consecrated religious
and those called to a chaste single life,
permanent deacons, and faithful husbands and wives,
who are a sign of Christ's love for His Church.**

**We commend our prayer for vocations to you, Father,
through the intercession of Mary our Mother,
in the Holy Spirit, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY *(Saturday)*

Sing We Triumphant Hymns of Praise

All sit and sing:

St. Michael Hymnal 753

OFFERTORY (10 A.M.)

The Parish Choir sings:

O clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph. For the Lord most high is terrible; he is a great King over all the earth. God is gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet. Sing praises to God, sing praise: sing praises unto our King; sing praises. For God is the King of all the earth: sing ye praises with understanding. God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness.

Words: Psalm 47:1–2, 5–8

Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams

OFFERTORY (12 P.M.)

The Schola Cantorum sings:

Ascendit Deus in jubilatione,
et Dominus in voce tubae.
Alleluia.

*God has ascended in jubilation,
and the Lord with the sounding of trumpets.
Alleluia.*

Words: Psalm 47:5

Music: Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

ORATE, FRATRES

All stand

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy church.

Saturday: O God, whose Only Begotten Son, our High Priest, is seated ever-living at your right hand to intercede for us, grant that we may approach with confidence the throne of grace and there obtain your mercy.

Sunday: We offer sacrifice now in supplication, O Lord, to honor the wondrous Ascension of your Son: grant, we pray, that through this most holy exchange we, too, may rise up to the heavenly realms.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

All kneel

The celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer. After the words of Consecration, the celebrant sings:

The mystery of faith.

Cantor: Mor-tem tu - am an - nun - ti - a - mus, Do - mi - ne,
Your death we proclaim, O Lord,

All: et tu - am re-sur-rec-ti - o-nem con-fi - te - mur, do - nec ve - ni - as.
and your resurrection we profess, until you come again.

At the conclusion of the prayer the celebrant takes the chalice and the host; raising both, he (together with the concelebrating priests, when present) sings:

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours,

Priest(s): for ev - er and ev - er. *All:* **A - men.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All stand

At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare 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.

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever.

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: "Peace I leave you, my peace I give you," look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will, who live and reign for ever and ever.

Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And with your spirit.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All exchange a sign of peace

AGNUS DEI

Cantor/Choir: *All:*

Ag-nus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - ca - ta mun - di,
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,

mi - se - re - re no - - - bis.
have mercy on us.

Cantor/Choir: *All:*

Ag - nus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - ca - ta mun - di,
mi - se - re - - - re no - - - bis.

Cantor/Choir: *All:*

Ag-nus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - ca - ta mun - di,
do - na no - bis pa - - - cem.
grant us peace.

Music: Gregorian Chant, Missa XV "Dominator Deus"

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All kneel

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

COMMUNION *(8 A.M.)*

Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

Words: Matthew 28:20

COMMUNION *(Saturday)*

The cantor sings:

Pater, cum essem cum eis,
ego servabam eos quod dedisti mihi, alleluia.
Nunc autem ad te venio: non rogo
ut tollas eos de mundo,
sed ut serves eos a malo, alleluia.

*Father, when I was with them,
I saved those whom you gave me, alleluia.
But now I come to you: I do not ask
that you take them out of the world,
but that you deliver them from evil, alleluia.*

☩. Dominus regnavit, decorem indutus est:
indutus est Dominus fortitudinem, et
praecinxit se. Etenim firmavit
orbem terrae, qui non commovebitur.

☩. *The Lord reigns, robed with majesty:
clothed is the Lord with strength, and
he has girded himself. Indeed he established
the orb of the earth, not to be moved.*

☩. Parata sedes tua ex tunc;
a saeculo tu es.

☩. *Your throne stands firm from of old;
you are from everlasting.*

☩. Gloria Patri, et Filio,
et Spiritui Sancto, sicut erat
in principio, et nunc, et semper,
et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

☩. *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit, as it was
in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.*

Antiphon: John 17:12–13, 15

Versicles: Psalm 93:1, 2

Music: Dominican Chant

COMMUNION (10 A.M. and 12 P.M.)

The choir sings:

Psallite Domino, qui ascendit super
caelos caelorum, ad orientem, alleluia.

*Praise the Lord, who ascended above
the sky of the heavens, to the east, alleluia.*

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Ÿ. *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit, as it was
in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.*

Antiphon: after Psalm 68:33–34

Versicles: Psalm 93:1, 2

Music: Dominican Chant

MOTET (10 A.M.)

The Parish Choir sings:

Tantum ergo sacramentum
veneremur cernui, et antiquum
documentum novo cedat ritui;
praestet fides supplementum
sensuum defectui.

*Therefore, so great a Sacrament
let us fall down and worship, and let the old
law give way to a new rite,
and let faith stand forward
to make right the defects of sense.*

Genitori Genitoque laus et jubilatio,
salus, honor, virtus quoque sit et benedictio;
procedenti ab utroque
compar sit laudatio. Amen.

*To the Father and the Son be praise and joy,
health, honor and virtue and blessing;
and to him proceeding from both
be equal praise. Amen.*

Words: St. Thomas Aquinas, O.P.

Music: Gabriel Fauré, Op. 55

MOTET (12 P.M.)

The Schola Cantorum sings:

Ave verum corpus, natum de Maria Virgine,
vere passum, immolatum in cruce
pro homine, cuius latus perforatum
fluxit aqua et sanguine: esto nobis
praegustatum in mortis examine.
O Jesu dulcis, O Jesu pie,
O Jesu fili Mariae.

*Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary,
having truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross
for mankind, from whose pierced side
water and blood flowed: be for us a foretaste
[of the Heavenly banquet] in the trial of death.
O sweet Jesus, O pious Jesus,
O Jesus, son of Mary.*

Words: thirteenth century

Music: Edward Elgar

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (Saturday)

All stand

May the gifts we have received from your altar, Lord, kindle in our hearts a longing for the heavenly homeland and cause us to press forward, following in the Savior's footsteps, to the place where for our sake he entered before us. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (Sunday)

All stand

Almighty ever-living God, who allow those on earth to celebrate the divine mysteries, grant, we pray, that Christian hope may draw us onward to where our nature is united with you. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING OF THE CHOIR (12 P.M.)

Today is the final mass the Schola Cantorum sings before their summer break. The priest blesses the boys and girls who have sung the soprano line the entire year, and the high school Choral Scholars and Staff Singers who sing the alto, tenor, and bass parts.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

SOLEMN BLESSING

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Bow down for the blessing.

All bow

My almighty God bless you, for on this very day his Only Begotten Son pierced the heights of heaven and unlocked for you the way to ascend to where he is.

Amen.

May he grant that, as Christ after his Resurrection was seen plainly by his disciples, o when he comes as Judge he may show himself merciful to you for all eternity.

Amen.

And may you, who believe he is seated with the Father in his majesty, know with joy the fulfillment of his promise to stay with you until the end of time.

Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever.

Amen.

Go forth, the mass is ended.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

All kneel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

HYMN

All stand and sing:

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

St. Michael Hymnal 553

POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God, BWV 657

Johann Sebastian Bach