



2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 9 and 10, 2023

SUNDAY AT 3 P.M.: ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS

On Sunday (December 10) at 3 P.M., all are invited to join for one of the highlights of Advent at St. Gertrude Church: the service of Advent Lessons and Carols, sung by the novices, our Parish Choir, and the Schola Cantorum. This hour-long contemplative service is based around a series of readings that trace Salvation History until the Birth of Christ, interspersed with powerful musical meditations from the Church's treasury of sacred music for Advent, including the magnificent Dominican chant "O" Antiphons. All are welcome.



PRELUDE

Awake, the Voice is Calling Us, BWV 645

Johann Sebastian Bach

INTRODUCTORY RITES

PROCESSION

On Jordan's Bank

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

Saint Michael Hymnal 699

INTROIT (Sunday)

Populus Sion, ecce Dominus veniet ad salvandas gentes: et auditam faciet Dominus gloriam vocis suæ, in lætitia cordis vestri. As the Priest incenses the altar, the choir/cantor sings:

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

Words: after Isaiah 30:19, 30 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.

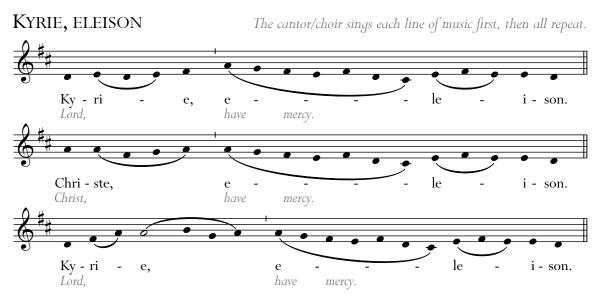
PENITENTIAL ACT

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 their breast three times

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



Music: Dominican Chant, Mass XII "On Sundays of Advent"

COLLECT

Almighty and merciful God, may no earthly undertaking hinder those who set out in haste to meet your Son, but may our learning of heavenly wisdom gain us admittance to his company. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING I Isaiah 40:1–5, 9–11

Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service is at an end, her guilt is expiated; indeed, she has received from the hand of the LORD double for all her sins.

A voice cries out: in the desert prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low; the rugged land shall be made a plain, the rough country, a broad valley. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Go up on to a high mountain, Zion, herald of glad tidings; cry out at the top of your voice, Jerusalem, herald of good news! Fear not to cry out and say to the cities of Judah: Here is your God! Here comes with power the Lord GOD, who rules by his strong arm; here is his reward with him, his recompense before him. Like a shepherd he feeds his flock; in his arms he gathers the lambs, carrying them in his bosom, and leading the ewes with care.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14



I will hear what the Lord God speaks;

he speaks of peace for his people and his faithful.

His salvation is near for those who fear him, and his glory will dwell in our land. \tilde{R} .

Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have kissed.

Faithfulness shall spring from the earth, and justice look down from heaven. R.

Also the Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

Righteousness will march before him, and guide his steps on the way. R.

Music: Dominican Chant — Ex Sion, adapted by Christopher Holman

READING II 2 Peter 3:8–14

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day. The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard "delay," but he is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar and the elements will be dissolved by fire, and the earth and everything done on it will be found out.

Since everything is to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be, conducting yourselves in holiness and devotion, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved in flames and the elements melted by fire. But according to his promise we await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, since you await these things, be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA All stand



Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:

All flesh shall see the salvation of God. R.

Verse: Luke 3:4, 6

Music: Dominican Chant — Alleluia, Ostende nobis, adapted C. Holman

GOSPEL Mark 1:1-8

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God.

As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way. A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

All sit

HOMILY

Friars of the Order of Preachers

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

All stand

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.

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.







Music: Gregorian Chant, Credo III

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

Each petition concludes with:

Let us pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

After the final petition, all say:

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.

> Words: The Most Reverend Dennis M. Schnurr, D.D., Archbishop of Cincinnati

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY All sit and sing:

Comfort, Comfort Ye, My People

Saint Michael Hymnal 489

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

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.

Be pleased, O Lord, with our humble prayers and offerings, and, since we have no merits to plead our cause, come, we pray, to rescue with the protection of your mercy. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PREFACE DIALOGUE AND SANCTUS

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

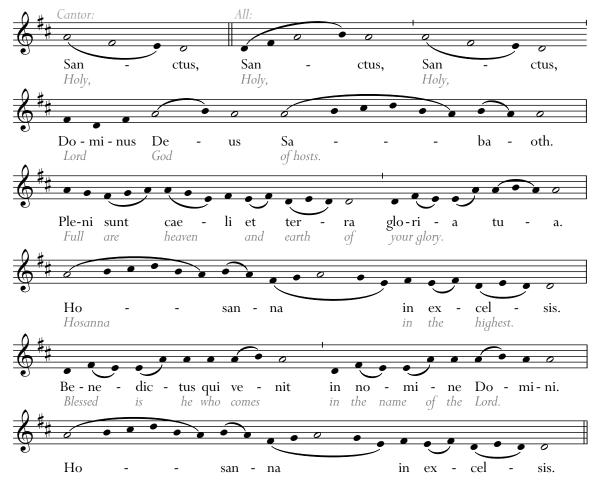
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and just.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord.

For he assumed at his first coming the lowliness of human flesh, and so fulfilled the design you formed long ago, and opened for us the way to eternal salvation, that, when he comes again in glory and majesty and all is at last made manifest, we who watch for that day may inherit the great promise in which now we dare to hope.

And so, with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions, and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven, we sign the hymn of your glory, as without end we acclaim:



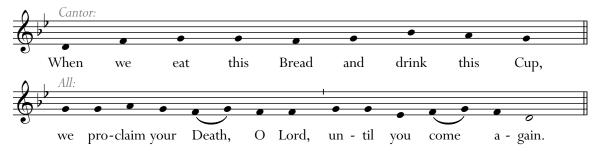
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THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

All kneel

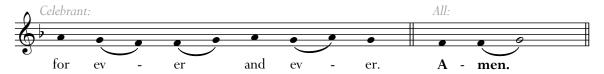
The celebrant says the Eucharistic Prayer. After the words of Consecration, the celebrant sings:

The mystery of faith.



At the conclusion of the Eucharistic Prayer the celebrant takes the chalice and the paten with the host, and raising both, 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,



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.

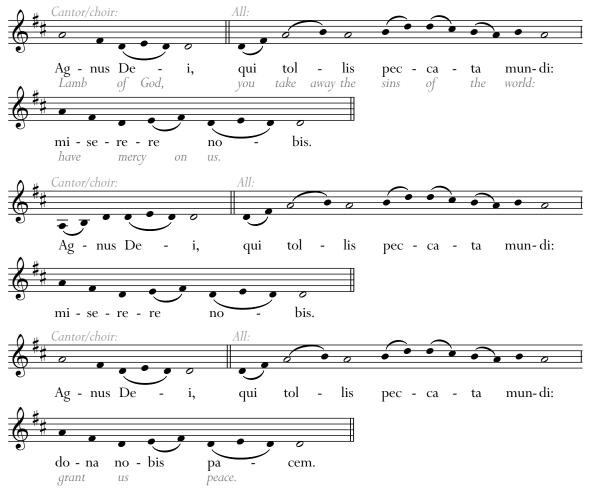
The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And with your spirit.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All offer one another a sign of peace

AGNUS DEI



Music: Gregorian Chant, Mass XVII "On Sundays of Advent"

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

The cantor/choir sings:

Jerusalem surge, et sta in excelso: et vide jucunditatem, quae veniet tibi a Deo tuo.

- Vere prope timentes eum salutare ipsius, ut inhabitet gloria in terra nostra.
- Veritas de terra orta est, et justitia de caelo prospexit.
- V. Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto, sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from your God.

- V. His salvation is near for those who fear him, and his glory will dwell in our land.
- V. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth, and justice look down from heaven.
- V. 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: Baruch 5:5, 4:36 Versicles: Psalm 85:10, 12 Music: Dominican Chant

MOTET (10 A.M.)

The Parish Choir sings:

The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season. Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.

Words: Psalm 145:15–16 Music: Jean Berger

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All stand

Replenished by the food of spiritual nourishment, we humbly beseech you, O Lord, that, through our partaking in this mystery, you may teach us to judge wisely the things of earth and hold firm to the things of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Go forth, the mass is ended.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

All kneel

Saint 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 sing:

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus Saint Michael Hymnal 485

POSTLUDE

Magnificat primi toni: I. Magnificat

Hieronymus Praetorius

