



ST. GERTRUDE  
CHURCH



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.



# ORDER OF MASS

Second Sunday of Advent

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## 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.**

## KYRIE, ELEISON


*The cantor/choir sings each line of music first, then all repeat.*



Ky - ri - e, e - - - - - le - i - son.  
*Lord, have mercy.*



Chri - ste, e - - - - - le - i - son.  
*Christ, have mercy.*



Ky - ri - e, e - - - - - le - i - son.  
*Lord, have mercy.*

*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.**

*All sit*

## 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*



Lord, let us see your kind - ness, and grant us your sal - va - tion.

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. *℞.*

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

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

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. *℞.*

*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. **℟.**

*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*

**CREDO** (*Saturday and 12 P.M.*)

*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*

*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.**

CREDO (10 A.M.)

All stand and sing:

*Celebrant/Cantor:* *All:*

Cre - do in u - num De - um, Pa - trem om - ni - po - ten - tem,  
*I believe in one God, the Father almighty,*

fac - to - rem cae - li et ter - rae, vi - si - bi - li - um om - ni - um,  
*maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible*

et in - vi - si - bi - li - um. Et in u - num Do - mi - num Je - sum Chris - tum,  
*and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,*

Fi - li - um De - i u - ni - ge - ni - tum. Et ex Pa - tre na - tum  
*the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father*

an - te om - ni - a sae - cu - la. De - um de De - o, lu - men de lu - mi - ne,  
*before all ages. God from God, Light from Light,*

De - um ve - rum de De - o ve - ro. Ge - ni - tum, non fa - ctum,  
*true God from true God, begotten, not made,*

con - sub - stan - ti - a - lem Pa - tri: per quem om - ni - a fa - cta sunt.  
*consubstantial with the Father; through whom all things were made.*

Qui prop - ter nos ho - mi - nes, et prop - ter nos - tram sa - lu - tem  
*For us men and for our salvation*

*All bow*

des-cen - dit de cae - lis. Et in - car - na - tus est de Spi - ri - tu Sanc - to  
*he came down from heaven, and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit,*

*All stand*

ex Ma - ri - a Vir - gi - ne: Et ho - mo fac - tus est.  
*from the Virgin Mary, and became man.*

Cru - ci - fi - xus et - i - am pro no - bis: sub Pon - ti - o Pi - la - to  
*He was crucified for our sake under Pontius Pilate,*

pas - sus, et se - pul - tus est. Et re - sur - re - xit ter - ti - a di - e,  
*he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day,*

se - cun - dum Scri - ptu - ras. Et as - cen - dit in cae - lum:  
*in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven*

se - det ad dex - te - ram Pa - tris. Et i - te - rum ven - tu - rus est cum glo - ri - a,  
*and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory*

ju - di - ca - re vi - vos et mor - tu - os: cu - jus reg - ni non e - rit fi - nis.  
*to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.*

Et in Spi - ri - tum Sanc - tum Do - mi - num, et vi - vi - fi - can - tem:  
*I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,*

qui ex Pa - tre Fi - li - o - que pro - ce - dit. Qui cum Pa - tre et Fi - li - o  
*who from the Father and the Son proceeds, who with the Father and the Son*

si - mul ad - o - ra - tur, et con - glo - ri - fi - ca - tur:  
*is adored and glorified,*

qui lo - cu - tus est per Pro - phe - tas. Et u - nam sanc - tam ca - tho - li - cam  
*who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic*

et a - po - sto - li - cam Ecc - le - si - am. Con - fi - te - or un - um bap - tis - ma  
*and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism*

in re - mis - sio - o - nem pec - ca - to - rum.  
*for the forgiveness of sins*

Et ex - spec - to re - sur - re - cti - o - nem mor - tu - o - rum.  
*and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead*

Et vi - tam ven - tu - ri sae - cu - li.  
*and the life of the world to come.*

A - - - - - men.

*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

Comfort, Comfort Ye, My People

*All sit and sing:*

*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:



*Cantor:* San - ctus, Holy, ctus, Holy, ctus, Holy,

*All:* Do - mi - nus De - us Sa - - - ba - oth.  
Lord God of hosts.

Ple - ni sunt cae - li et ter - ra glo - ri - a tu - a.  
Full are heaven and earth of your glory.

Ho - - san - na in ex - cel - sis.  
Hosanna in the highest.

Be - ne - dic - tus qui ve - nit in no - mi - ne Do - mi - ni.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - - san - na in ex - cel - sis.

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

# THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

*All kneel*

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

The mystery of faith.

*Cantor:*

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,

*All:*

we pro-claim your Death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

*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,

*Celebrant:*

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 offer one another a sign of peace*



## COMMUNION

*The cantor/choir sings:*

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

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

Ÿ. Vere prope timentes eum salutare ipsius,  
ut inhabitet gloria in terra nostra.

Ÿ. *His salvation is near for those who fear him,  
and his glory will dwell in our land.*

Ÿ. Veritas de terra orta est,  
et justitia de caelo prospexit.

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

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: 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*

