



ST. GERTRUDE  
CHURCH



3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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# ORDER OF MASS

Third Sunday of Advent

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

Savior of the Nations, Come, BuxWV 211

*Dieterich Buxtehude*

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

PROCESSION

Savior of the Nations, Come

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

*Saint Michael Hymnal 739*

INTROIT (*Sunday*)

Gaudete in Domino semper:  
iterum dico, gaudete:  
modestia vestra nota sit omnibus hominibus:  
Dominus prope est. Nihil solliciti sitis:  
sed in omni oratione petitiones vestrae  
innotescant apud Deum.

*As the celebrant incenses the altar, the choir sings:*

*Rejoice in the Lord always:  
again I say, rejoice.  
Let your temperance be known to all men,  
for the Lord is nigh. Be careful for nothing,  
but in every prayer let your petitions  
be made known to God.*

*Words: Philippians 4:4–6*

*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, then all repeat.*

The musical notation consists of three staves of Gregorian chant in G major (one sharp). Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The notes are connected by various slurs and ties, indicating a continuous melodic line. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words on multiple lines.

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

O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. 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

*Isaiah 61:1–2a, 10–11*

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to announce a year of favor from the LORD and a day of vindication by our God.

I rejoice heartily in the LORD, in my God is the joy of my soul; for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation and wrapped me in a mantle of justice, like a bridegroom adorned with a diadem, like a bride bedecked with her jewels. As the earth brings forth its plants, and a garden makes its growth spring up, so will the Lord GOD make justice and praise spring up before all the nations.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Luke 1:46–48, 49–50, 53–54



My soul re - joic - es in my God.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked upon his handmaid in her lowliness; for behold, from this day forward, all generations will call me blessed. *℟.*

For the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is from age to age for those who fear him. *℟.*

He has filled the hungry with good things, and has sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, mindful of his mercy. *℟.*

*Music: Dominican Chant — Fuit homo, adapted by Christopher Holman*

## READING II

1 Thessalonians 5:16–24

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good. Refrain from every kind of evil.

May the God of peace make you perfectly holy and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will also accomplish it.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## ALLELUIA

*All stand*



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

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. *℟.*

*Verse: Isaiah 61:1 and Luke 4:18*

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

## GOSPEL

*John 1:6–8, 19–28*

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light.

And this is the testimony of John. When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to him to ask him, “Who are you?” He admitted and did not deny it, but admitted, “I am not the Christ.” So they asked him, “What are you then? Are you Elijah?” And he said, “I am not.” “Are you the Prophet?” He answered, “No.” So they said to him, “Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us? What do you have to say for yourself?” He said: “I am *the voice of one crying out in the desert, ‘make straight the way of the Lord,’* as Isaiah the prophet said.” Some Pharisees were also sent. They asked him, “Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?” John answered them, “I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie.” This happened in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

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

Creator of the Stars of Night

*All sit and sing:*

*Saint Michael Hymnal 491*

## MOTET (10 A.M.)

*The Capella sings:*

Let all mortal flesh keep silence and stand with fear and trembling,  
and lift itself above all earthly thought.

For the King of kings and Lord of lords, Christ our God,  
cometh forth to be our oblation, and to be given for food to the faithful.

Before Him come the choirs of angels with every principality and power;  
the Cherubim with many eyes, and winged Seraphim,  
who veil their faces as they shout exultingly the hymn: Alleluia!

*Words: Liturgy of Saint James (Byzantine Rite)*

*Music: Edward Bairstow*

## MOTET (12 P.M.)

*The Schola Cantorum sings:*

A tender shoot has started up from a root of grace,  
As ancient seers imparted from Jesse's holy race:  
It blooms without a blight, blooms in the cold bleak winter,  
Turning our darkness into light.

This shoot Isaiah taught us, from Jesse's root should spring;  
The Virgin Mary brought us the branch of which we sing;  
Our God of endless might gave her this child to save us,  
Thus turning darkness into light.

*Words and music: Otto Goldschmidt, trans. William Bartholomew*

## 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.**

May the sacrifice of our worship, Lord, we pray, be offered to you unceasingly, to complete what was begun in sacred mystery and powerfully accomplish for us your saving work. 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.**

*The celebrant says the preface. At the end, all sing:*

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

*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*



# AGNUS DEI

*Cantor/choir:* *All:*

Ag - nus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - ca - ta mun-di:  
Lamb of God, you take 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, 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:*

Dicite pusillanimes: confortamini,  
et nolite timere: ecce Deus noster veniet,  
et salvabit nos.

*Say to the faint of heart: be strong  
and do not fear: behold, our God will come,  
and he will save us.*

Ṿ. Populus, qui ambulat in tenebris,  
vidit lucem magnam.

Ṿ. *The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light.*

Ṿ. Parvulus enim natus est nobis,  
filium datus est nobis.

Ṿ. *For a child is born to us,  
a son is given to us.*

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

Ṿ. *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 Isaiah 35:4*

*Versicles: Isaiah 9:1a, 5a*

*Music: Dominican Chant*

## MOTET *(Sunday)*

*The choir sings:*

O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice:  
come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.  
Isaiah had prophesied, “the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;  
upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone.”

*Words: Magnificat Antiphon for December 21, and Isaiah 9:1*

*Music: James MacMillan*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*All stand*

We implore your mercy, Lord, that this divine sustenance may cleanse us of our faults and  
prepare us for the coming feasts. 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:*

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

*Saint Michael Hymnal 650*

## POSTLUDE

Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Son of God, BWV 601

*Johann Sebastian Bach*

