



ST. GERTRUDE
CHURCH



4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 17–18, 2022

Cover: St. Joseph, Fra Angelico, O.P., c. 1418



ORDER OF MASS

Fourth Sunday of Advent

PRELUDE

Rorate cæli

Jeanne Demessieux

INTRODUCTORY RITES

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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

Saint Michael Hymnal 650

INTROIT *(10 a.m. and noon only)*

Memento nostri, Domine,
in beneplacito populi tui;
visita nos in salutari tuo: ad videndum in
bonitate electorum tuorum;
ad laetandum in laetitia gentis tuae:
ut lauderis cum haereditate tua.

As the celebrant censes the altar, the choir sings:

*Remember me, Lord,
as you favor your people;
come to me with your saving help, that I may
see the prosperity of your chosen ones,
rejoice in the joy of your people,
and glory with your heritage.*

Words: Psalm 106:4–5

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

Ky - ri - e, e - - - - - le - i - son.

Chri - ste, e - - - - - le - i - son.

Ky - ri - e, e - - - - - le - i - son.

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Music: Gregorian Chant, Missa XI "Orbis factor"

COLLECT

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

All sit

LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING I

Isaiah 7:10–14

The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying: Ask for a sign from the LORD, your God; let it be deep as the netherworld, or high as the sky! But Ahaz answered, "I will not ask! I will not tempt the LORD!" Then Isaiah said: Listen, O house of David! Is it not enough for you to weary people, must you also weary my God? Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign: the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 24:1–2, 3–4, 5–6



The LORD's are the earth and its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it.

For he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers. Ṛ.

Who can ascend the mountain of the LORD? or who may stand in his holy place?

One whose hands are sinless, whose heart is clean, who desires not what is vain. Ṛ.

He shall receive a blessing from the LORD, a reward from God his savior.

Such is the race that seeks for him, that seeks the face of the God of Jacob. Ṛ.

Music: Dominican Chant — Prope est Dominus, adapted Christopher Holman

READING II

Romans 1:1–7

Paul, a slave of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised previously through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, the gospel about his Son, descended from David according to the flesh, but established as Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness through resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him we have received the grace of apostleship, to bring about the obedience of faith, for the sake of his name, among all the Gentiles, among whom are you also, who are called to belong to Jesus Christ; to all the beloved of God in Rome, called to be holy. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

All stand



*The virgin shall conceive, and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel. R̄.*

Verse: Matthew 1:23

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

GOSPEL

Matthew 1:18–24

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the Holy Spirit. Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: *Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means "God is with us."* When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

All sit

HOMILY

Friars of the Order of Preachers

CREDO

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

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

All sit and sing:

Saint Michael Hymnal 611

MOTET (10 a.m. and noon)

Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum.
Benedicta tu in mulieribus,
et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus.
Sancta Maria, Mater Dei,
ora pro nobis peccatoribus,
nunc et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen.

The choir sings:

*Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.*

Words: after Luke 1:28

Music: Edward Elgar

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.

May the Holy Spirit, O Lord, sanctify these gifts laid upon your altar, just as he filled with his power the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PREFACE DIALOGUE

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.

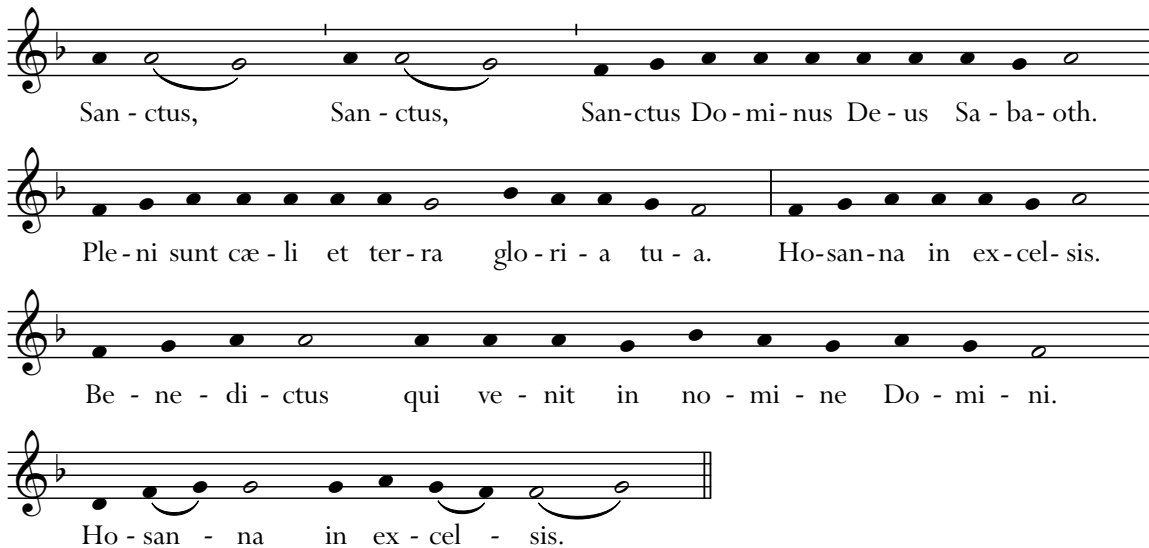
It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord.

For all the oracles of the prophets foretold him, the Virgin Mother longed for him with love beyond all telling, John the Baptist sang of his coming and proclaimed his presence when he came.

It is by his gift that already we rejoice at the mystery of his Nativity, so that he may find us watchful in prayer and exultant in his praise.

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

SANCTUS




San - ctus, San - ctus, San-ctus Do-mi-nus De - us Sa - ba - oth.
Ple - ni sunt cæ - li et ter - ra glo - ri - a tu - a. Ho-san-na in ex-cel - sis.
Be - ne - di - ctus qui ve - nit in no - mi - ne Do - mi - ni.
Ho - san - na in ex - cel - sis.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

All kneel

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

The mystery of faith. *or* *Mysterium fidei.*



Mor-tem tu - am an - nun - ti - a - mus, Do - mi - ne,
et tu - am re-sur-rec-ti - o-nem con-fi - te - mur, do - nec ve - ni - as.

At the conclusion of the 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, for ever and ever.

Amen.

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.

AGNUS DEI

A-gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - ca - ta mun - di: mi - se - re - re no - bis.

A-gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - ca - ta mun - di: mi - se - re - re no - bis.

A-gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - ca - ta mun - di: do - na no - bis pa - cem.

Music: Gregorian Chant, Missa XVIII "Cunctipotens genitor 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

The cantor/choir sings:

Ecce virgo concipiet, et pariet filium:
et vocabitur nomen eius Emmanuel.

*Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son;
and his name will be called Emmanuel.*

Words: Isaiah 7:14

Music: Dominican Chant

ANTIPHON *(Saturday only)*

All sing:



Be - hold, a Vir - gin shall con ceive; the boy will be called E - man - u - el.

O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! R̄.

Who is this king of glory? The Lord, the mighty, the valiant, the Lord valiant in war. R̄.

Who is this king of glory? He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory! R̄.

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. R̄.

Antiphon: Isaiah 7:14. Verses: Psalm 24:7, 8, 10

Music: Dominican Chant — Dicite pusillanimes, adapted C. Holman

MOTET (10 a.m. and noon)

The choir sings:

Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God. But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Words: Philippians 2:5–11

Music: Amy Beach

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All stand

Having received this pledge of eternal redemption, we pray, almighty God, that, as the feast day of our salvation draws ever nearer, so we may press forward all the more eagerly to the worthy celebration of the mystery of your Son's Nativity. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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 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.

RECESSION

All stand and sing:

Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

St. Michael Hymnal 610: verses 1 and 4

Descant: C. Holman

Toccata on "Savior of the Nations, Come"

Hugo Distler

