



ST. GERTRUDE
CHURCH



4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 23 and 24, 2023

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve: Sunday, December 24

- 3 P.M. Vigil Mass in the church (Capella)
3 P.M. Vigil Mass in the gym (Laudare)
5:30 P.M. Vigil Mass (Capella)
12 A.M. Midnight Mass (Parish Choir)
*The musical prelude of carols and choral works,
"A Festival of Carols," begins at 11:30 P.M.*

Christmas Day: Monday, December 25

- 8 A.M. Mass at Dawn (Cantor and organ)
10 A.M. Mass during the Day (Capella)
12 P.M. Mass during the Day (Capella)

*The Capella is our choir of professional singers.
Laudare is our contemporary music ensemble.*

*For details of the music, readings, prayers, etc. at each mass,
please see www.stgertrude.org/worshipprograms.*



ORDER OF MASS

Fourth Sunday of Advent

PRELUDE

Rorate caeli

Jeanne Demessieux

INTRODUCTORY RITES

PROCESSION

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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

Saint Michael Hymnal 650

INTROIT *(Sunday)*

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 incenses the altar, the cantor 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.

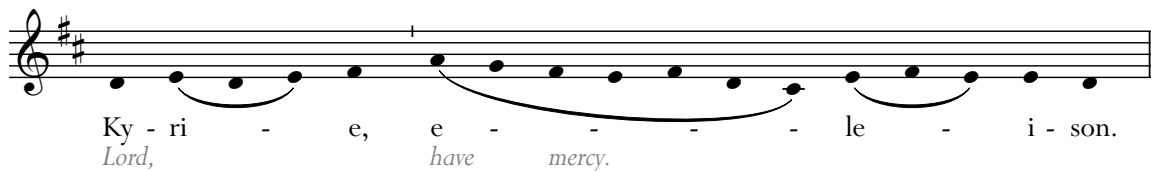
**I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels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

All strike their breast three times

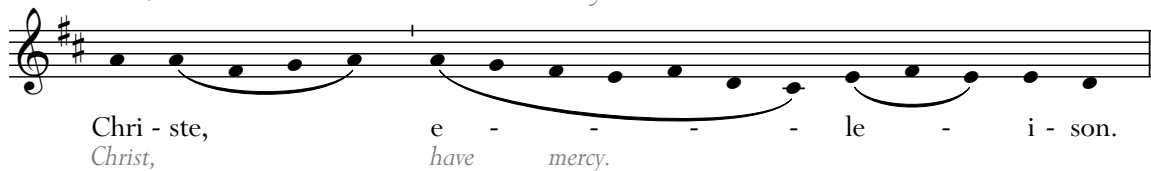
May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.
Amen.

KYRIE, ELEISON

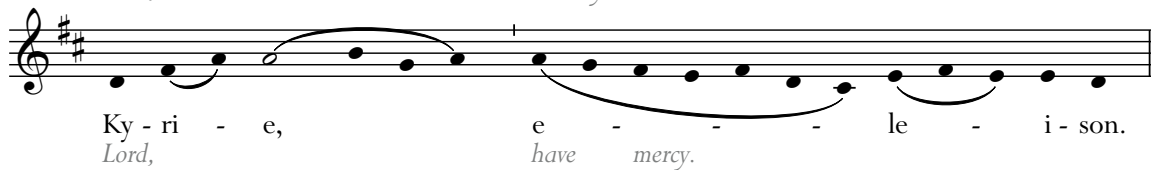
The cantor sings each line of music, then all repeat.



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

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, God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

All sit

LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING I

2 Samuel 7:1–5, 8b–12, 14a, 16

When King David was settled in his palace, and the LORD had given him rest from his enemies on every side, he said to Nathan the prophet, “Here I am living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God dwells in a tent!” Nathan answered the king, “Go, do whatever you have in mind, for the LORD is with you.” But that night the LORD spoke to Nathan and said: “Go, tell my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD: Should you build me a house to dwell in?’

“It was I who took you from the pasture and from the care of the flock to be commander of my people Israel. I have been with you wherever you went, and I have destroyed all your enemies before you. And I will make you famous like the great ones of the earth. I will fix a place for my people Israel; I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place without further disturbance. Neither shall the wicked continue to afflict them as they did of old, since the time I first appointed judges over my people Israel. I will give you rest from all your enemies. The LORD also reveals to you that he will establish a house for you. And when your time comes and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your heir after you, sprung from your loins, and I will make his kingdom firm. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me; your throne shall stand firm forever.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 89:2–3, 4–5, 27 and 29



For ev - er I will sing the good - ness of the Lord.

The promises of the LORD I will sing forever; through all generations my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness. For you have said, “My kindness is established forever”; in heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness. *℟.*

“I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to David my servant: Forever will I confirm your posterity and establish your throne for all generations.” *℟.*

“He shall say of me, ‘You are my father, my God, the Rock, my savior.’ Forever I will maintain my kindness toward him, and my covenant with him stands firm.” *℟.*

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

READING II

Romans 16:25–27

Brothers and sisters: to him who can strengthen you, according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret for long ages but now manifested through the prophetic writings and, according to the command of the eternal God, made known to all nations to bring about the obedience of faith, to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ be glory forever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

All stand



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

Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.

May it be done to me according to your word. *℟.*

Verse: Luke 1:38

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

GOSPEL

Luke 1:26–38

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.

"Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?" And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God." Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

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

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

All sit and sing:

Saint Michael Hymnal 774

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.

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.

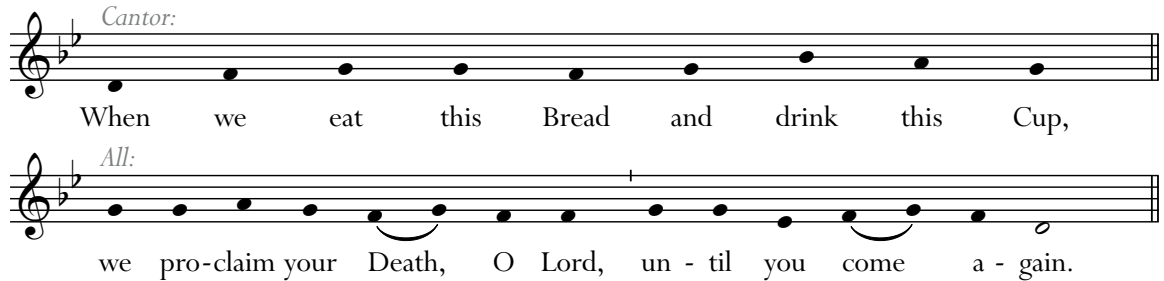
THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

All kneel

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

The mystery of faith.

Cantor:

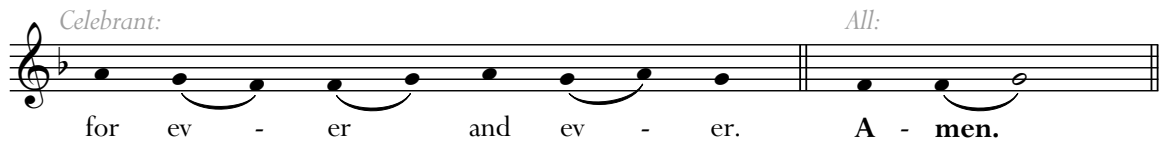


When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we pro-claim your Death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

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. **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 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.*

̎. Attollite, portae, capita vestra,
et elevamini, portae aeternales,
et introibit rex gloriae.

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

̎. Quis est iste rex gloriae?
Dominus fortis et potens,
Dominus potens in proelio.

̎. *Who is this king of glory?
The LORD, the mighty the valiant;
the LORD, the valiant in war.*

̎. 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: Isaiah 7:14
Versicles: Psalm 24:7, 8
Music: Dominican Chant*

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 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:

Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

Saint Michael Hymnal 610

POSTLUDE

Savior of the Nations, Come, BWV 599

Johann Sebastian Bach

