



ST. GERTRUDE
CHURCH



ASCENSION OF THE LORD

May 11–12, 2024

Cover: Ascension of Christ (Corsini Triptych), Fra Angelico, o.p., 1448



ORDER OF MASS

Ascension of the Lord

PRELUDE

The Glorious Day has Appeared

Ethel Smyth

INTRODUCTORY RITES

PROCESSION

Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise

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

St. Michael Hymnal 542

INTROIT *(Sunday)*

Viri Galilaei, quid admiramini
aspicientes in caelum? alleluia:
quemadmodum vidistis eum ascendentem
in caelum, ita veniet, alleluia.

As the celebrant censes the altar, the choir sings:

*Men of Galilee, why gaze
in wonder at the heavens? alleluia:
this Jesus whom you saw ascending into
heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.*

*Antiphon: Acts 1:11
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

The cantor/choir sings each verset once, 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 lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The first staff has the lyrics "Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son." with "Lord," under "Ky" and "have mercy." under "e - le". The second staff has the lyrics "Chris - te e - le - i - son." with "Christ" under "Chris - te" and "have mercy." under "e - le". The third staff has the lyrics "Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son." with "Ky" under the first "Ky" and "e" under the first "e".

Music: Gregorian Chant, Missa XV "Dominator Deus"

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Celebrant/Cantor:

All:



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good-will.

We praise you, we bless you, we a-dore you, we glo-ri-fy you,

we give you thanks for your great glo-ry, Lord God, heav-en-ly King,

O God, al-might-y Fa-ther. Lord Je-sus Christ, On-ly Be-got-ten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther, you take a-way the sins of the world,

have mer-cy on us; you take a-way the sins of the world, re-ceive our prayer;

you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther, have mer-cy on us.

For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,

in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

Music: Gregorian Chant, Missa XV "Dominator Deus," adapted International Commission on English in the Liturgy

COLLECT

Saturday: O God, whose Son today ascended to the heavens as the Apostles looked on, grant, we pray, that, in accordance with his promise, we may be worthy for him to live with us always on earth, and we with him in heaven. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

All sit

Sunday: Gladden us with holy joys, almighty God, and make us rejoice with devout thanksgiving, for the Ascension of Christ your Son is our exaltation, and, where the Head has gone before in glory, the Body is called to follow in hope. 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

Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day he was taken up, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While meeting with them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for “the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

When they had gathered together they asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” He answered them, “It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 66:1–3, 6–7, 8–9



God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trum-pets for the Lord.

All you peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome, the great king over all the earth. *℟.*

God has gone up with shouts of joy. The LORD goes up with trumpet blast.

Sing praise for God; sing praise! Sing praise to our king; sing praise! *℟.*

For God is king of all the earth. Sing praise with a hymn.

God is reigning over nations. God sits upon his holy throne. *℟.*

*Music: Dominican Chant — Alleluia,
Ascendit Deus, adapted by Christopher Holman*

READING II

Ephesians 1:17–23

Brothers and sisters: may the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him. May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call, what are the riches of glory in his inheritance among the holy ones, and what is the surpassing greatness of his power for us who believe, in accord with the exercise of his great might, which he worked in Christ, raising him from the dead and seating him at his right hand in the heavens, far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion, and every name that is named not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things beneath his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

All stand



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

Go and teach all nations, says the Lord;
I am with you always, until the end of the world. *R̄.*

Verse: Matthew 28:19a, 20b

Music: Plainchant

GOSPEL

Mark 16:15–20

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: “Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned. These signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will drive out demons, they will speak new languages. They will pick up serpents with their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not harm them. They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”

So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God. But they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through accompanying signs.

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:

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
Schnurr, D.D., Archbishop of Cincinnati*

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY *(Saturday)*

Ascendit Deus in jubilatione,
et Dominus in voce tubae.
Alleluia.

☩. Omnes gentes, plaudite manibus,
jubilate Deo in voce exsultationis.

☩. Quoniam Dominus summus terribilis,
Rex magnus super omnem terram.

☩. Subjecti populos nobis
et gentes sub pedibus nostris.

All sit as the cantor sings:

*God has ascended in jubilation,
and the Lord with the sounding of trumpets.
Alleluia.*

☩. *All peoples, clap your hands.
Cry to God with shouts of joy!*

☩. *For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome,
the great king over all the earth.*

☩. *He humbles peoples under us
and nations under our feet.*

*Antiphon: Psalm 47:6
Verses: Psalm 47:2, 3, 4
Music: Dominican Chant*

OFFERTORY *(10 A.M.)*

O clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph. For the Lord most high is terrible; he is a great King over all the earth. God is gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet. Sing praises to God, sing praise: sing praises unto our King; sing praises. For God is the King of all the earth: sing ye praises with understanding. God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness.

*Words: Psalm 47:1–2, 5–8
Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams*

OFFERTORY *(12 P.M.)*

Dixit Dominus Domino meo:
«Sede a dextris meis, donec ponam
inimicos tuos scabellum pedum tuorum.»
Virgam virtutis tuae emittet Dominus ex
Sion: dominare in medio inimicorum tuorum.

All sit as the Schola Cantorum sings:

The LORD said unto my Lord:

*“Sit at my right hand, until I make
your enemies your footstool.”*

*The LORD will send your scepter of power from
Zion: rule in the midst of your foes.*

Tecum principium in die
virtutis tuae in splendoribus sanctorum: ex
utero, ante luciferum, genui te.
Juravit Dominus, et non poenitebit eum:
«Tu es sacerdos in aeternum
secundum ordinem Melchisedech.»
Dominus a dextris tuis;
confregit in die irae suae reges.
Judicabit in nationibus, implebit ruinas;
conquassabit capita in terra multorum.
De torrente in via bibet;
propterea exaltabit caput.
Gloria Patri, et Filio,
et Spiritui Sancto, sicut erat
in principio, et nunc, et semper,
et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

*With you is princely rule on the day
of your power. In holy splendor, from
the womb before the day, I have begotten you.
The LORD has sworn an oath he will not change:
“You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.”
The LORD at your right hand
shatters kings on the day of his wrath.
He will judge the nations and bring about ruin;
he shatters heads throughout the whole earth.
He shall drink from the stream by the wayside;
and therefore he shall lift up his head.
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.*

Words: Psalm 110

Music: Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

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.**

Saturday: O God, whose Only Begotten Son, our High Priest, is seated ever-living at your
right hand to intercede for us, grant that we may approach with confidence the
throne of grace and there obtain your mercy. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Sunday: We offer sacrifice now in supplication, O Lord, to honor the wondrous Ascension
of your Son: grant, we pray, that through this most holy exchange we, too, may rise
up to the heavenly realms. 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: *All:*

Sanc - tus, Sanc - tus, Sanc-tus Do-mi-nus De-us Sa - ba - oth.
Holy, *Holy,* *Holy,* *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.*

Hos - 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.*

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

Music: Gregorian Chant, Missa XV "Dominator Deus"

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

All kneel

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

The mystery of faith.

Cantor: Mor-tem tu - am an - nun - ti - a - mus, Do - mi - ne,
Your death we proclaim, O Lord,

All: et tu - am re-sur-rec-ti - o-nem con-fi - te - mur, do - nec ve - ni - as.
and your resurrection we profess, until you come again.

At the conclusion of the prayer the celebrant takes the chalice and the host; raising both, he (together with the concelebrating priests, when present) 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,

Priest(s): 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, who takes 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, Missa XV "Dominator 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 *(Saturday)*

The cantor sings:

Pater, cum essem cum eis,
ego servabam eos quod dedisti mihi, alleluia.
Nunc autem ad te venio: non rogo
ut tollas eos de mundo,
sed ut serves eos a malo, alleluia.

Ÿ. Dominus regnavit, decorem indutus est:
indutus est Dominus fortitudinem, et
praecinxit se. Etenim firmavit
orbem terrae, qui non commovebitur.

Ÿ. Parata sedes tua ex tunc;
a saeculo tu es.

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

*Father, when I was with them,
I saved those whom you gave me, alleluia.
But now I come to you: I do not ask
that you take them out of the world,
but that you deliver them from evil, alleluia.*

Ÿ. *The Lord reigns, robed with majesty:
clothed is the Lord with strength, and
he has girded himself. Indeed he established
the orb of the earth, not to be moved.*

Ÿ. *Your throne stands firm from of old;
you are from everlasting.*

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: John 17:12–13, 15

Versicles: Psalm 93:1, 2

Music: Dominican Chant

COMMUNION *(Sunday)*

The choir sings:

Psallite Domino, qui ascendit super
caelos caelorum, ad orientem, alleluia.

Ÿ. Exsurgit Deus, et dissipantur inimici ejus;
et fugiunt, qui oderunt eum, a facie ejus.

Ÿ. Cantate Deo, psalmum dicite nomini ejus;
iter facite ei, qui fertur super nubes:
Dominus nomen illi,
jubilate in conspectu ejus.

Ÿ. Gloria Patri...

*Praise the Lord, who ascended above
the sky of the heavens, to the east, alleluia.*

Ÿ. *Let God arise, and let his foes be scattered.
Let those who hate him flee from his face.*

Ÿ. *Sing unto God, sing a psalm to his name;
extol the One who rides upon the clouds:
the Lord is his name,
rejoice in his sight.*

Ÿ. *Glory be to the Father...*

Antiphon: after Psalm 68:33–34

Versicles: Psalm 68:2, 5

Music: Dominican Chant

MOTET (10 A.M.)

The Parish Choir sings:

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you:
not as the world giveth, give I unto you.
Let not your heart be troubled.

*Words: John 14:27
Music: Amy Beach*

MOTET (12 P.M.)

The Schola Cantorum sings:

Ascendens Christus in altum,
captivam duxit captivitatem:
dedit dona hominibus. Alleluia.

*Christ ascended on high
and led captivity captive;
he gave gifts to men. Alleluia.*

*Words: Ephesians 4:8
Music: Raffaella Aleotti*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All stand

Saturday: May the gifts we have received from your altar, Lord, kindle in our hearts a longing for the heavenly homeland and cause us to press forward, following in the Savior's footsteps, to the place where for our sake he entered before us. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

Sunday: Almighty ever-living God, who allow those on earth to celebrate the divine mysteries, grant, we pray, that Christian hope may draw us onward to where our nature is united with you. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

SOLEMN BLESSING

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Bow down for the blessing.

All bow

My almighty God bless you, for on this very day his Only Begotten Son pierced the heights of heaven and unlocked for you the way to ascend to where he is.

Amen.

May he grant that, as Christ after his Resurrection was seen plainly by his disciples, o when he comes as Judge he may show himself merciful to you for all eternity.

Amen.

And may you, who believe he is seated with the Father in his majesty, know with joy the fulfillment of his promise to stay with you until the end of time.

Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever.

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.

HYMN

All stand and sing:

Sing We Triumphant Hymns of Praise

St. Michael Hymnal 753

POSTLUDE

Symphony 5: VI. Toccata

Charles-Marie Widor

