



ST. GERTRUDE  
CHURCH



PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

February 2, 2024 at 7 P.M.

## WELCOME

*On this World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life, St. Gertrude Church, Priory, and Convent extend our warmest welcome to our guests attending this liturgy from throughout the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, especially religious and consecrated laity. As we offer this mass for all those in consecrated life in the Archdiocese, we give thanks especially for your prayers, ministry, and witness to the faithful of this region.*



# ORDER OF MASS

Presentation of the Lord

## PRELUDE

With Peace and Joy I Go Forth, BuxWV 76:I–IV

Dieterich Buxtehude

## THE SOLEMN ENTRANCE

*The liturgical procession gathers at the back of the church. At the ringing of the sacristy bell, all stand.*

### ANTIPHON

*As the candles are lit, all sing the antiphon; the Capella sings the versicles.*

Lu - men ad re - ve - la - ti - o - nem Gen - ti - um,  
*A light for revelation to the Gentiles*

et glo - ri - am ple - bis tu - ae Is - ra - ël.  
*and the glory of your people Israel.*

Ÿ. Nunc dimittis servum tuum, Domine,  
secundum verbum tuum in pace.

Ÿ. *Lord, now you let your servant go  
in peace, in accordance with your word.*

Ÿ. Quia viderunt oculi mei salutare tuum.

Ÿ. *For my eyes have seen your salvation.*

Ÿ. Quod parasti ante  
faciem omnium populorum.

Ÿ. *Which you have prepared in  
the sight of all peoples.*

Ÿ. Gloria Patri, et Filio,  
et Spiritui Sancto.

Ÿ. *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit.*

Ÿ. Sicut erat, in principio, et nunc, et  
semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

Ÿ. *As it was, in the beginning, is now, and  
ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

Words: Luke 2:29–32  
Music: Dominican Chant

## GREETING AND ADDRESS

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

*The celebrant addresses the people, encouraging the faithful to celebrate the rite of this feast day actively and consciously.*

## BLESSING OF CANDLES

*After the address the celebrant blesses the candles, then sprinkles them with holy water, concluding:*

*Celebrant:*  *All:* 

Let us go forth in peace to meet the Lord. **In the name of Christ. A - men.**

## INTROIT

Suscepimus Deus, misericordiam tuam  
in medio templi tui: secundum nomen tuum  
Deus, ita et laus tua in fines terrae:  
justitia plena est dextera tua.

Ÿ. Magnus Dominus, et laudabilis nimis  
in civitate Dei, in monte sancto ejus.

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

*As the procession begins, the Capella sings:*

*We have received, O God, your merciful love,  
in the midst of your temple. Like your name, O  
God, your praise reaches the ends of the earth;  
your right hand is filled with saving justice.*

Ÿ. *Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised  
in the city of God, on his holy mountain.*

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: after Psalm 48:10–11*

*Versicle: Psalm 48:2*

*Music: Dominican Chant*

# GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

*Celebrant:* *All:*

Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o. Et in ter - ra pax ho - mi - ni - bus  
*Glory to God in the highest. And on earth peace to people of*

bo - næ vo - lun - ta - tis. Lau - da - mus te. Be - ne - di - ci - mus te.  
*good will. We praise you. We bless you.*

A - do - ra mus te. Glo - ri - fi - ca - mus te.  
*We adore you. We glorify you.*

Gra - ti - as a - gi - mus ti - bi prop - ter mag - nam glo - ri - am tu - am.  
*We give thanks to you for your great glory,*

Do - mi - ne De - us, Rex cæ - le - stis, De - us Pa - ter om - ni - po - tens.  
*Lord God, heavenly King, O God the Father almighty.*

Do - mi - ne Fi - li u - ni - ge - ni - te Je - su Chri - ste.  
*O Lord, the only - begotten Son, Jesus Christ.*

Do - mi - ne De - us, Ag - nus De - i, Fi - li - us Pa - tris.  
*Lord God, Lamb of God Son of the Father.*

Qui tol - lis pec - ca - ta mun - di, mi - se - re - re no - bis.  
*You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.*

Qui tol - lis pec - ca - ta mun - di,  
*You take away the sin of the world,*

su - sci - pe de - pre - ca - ti - o - nem no - stram.  
*receive our prayer.*

Qui se - des ad dex - te - ram Pa - tris, mi - se - re - re no - bis.  
*You are seated at the right hand of the Father: have mercy on us.*

Quo - ni - am tu so - lus San - ctus. Tu so - lus Do - mi - nus.  
*For you alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord.*

Tu so - lus Al - tis - si - mus, Je - su Chri - ste.  
*You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ.*

Cum San - cto Spi - ri - tu, in glo - ri - a De - i Pa - tris.  
*With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.*

A - - - men.

*Music: Gregorian Chant, Missa VIII "De Angelis"*

## COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God, we humbly implore your majesty that, just as your Only Begotten Son was presented on this day in the Temple in the substance of our flesh, so, by your grace, we may be presented to you with minds made pure. 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 extinguish their candles and sit*

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## READING I

*Malachi 3:1–4*

Thus says the Lord GOD: Lo, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me; And suddenly there will come to the temple the LORD whom you seek, And the messenger of the covenant whom you desire. Yes, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who will endure the day of his coming? And who can stand when he appears? For he is like the refiner's fire, or like the fuller's lye. He will sit refining and purifying silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi, Refining them like gold or like silver that they may offer due sacrifice to the LORD. Then the sacrifice of Judah and Jerusalem will please the LORD, as in the days of old, as in years gone by.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 24:7, 8, 9, 10*



Who is this king of glo - ry? It is the Lord!

Lift up, O gates, your lintels;  
reach up, you ancient portals,  
that the king of glory may come in! **R̄.**

Who is this king of glory?  
The LORD, strong and mighty,  
the LORD, mighty in battle. **R̄.**

Lift up, O gates, your lintels;  
reach up, you ancient portals,  
that the king of glory may come in! **R̄.**

Who is this king of glory?  
The LORD of hosts; he is the king of glory. **R̄.**

*Music: Dominican Chant — Quis sicut Dominus,  
adapted Christopher Holman*

## READING II

*Hebrews 2:14–18*

Since the children share in blood and flesh, Jesus likewise shared in them, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the Devil, and free those who through fear of death had been subject to slavery all their life. Surely he did not help angels but rather the descendants of Abraham; therefore, he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every way, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest before God to expiate the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested through what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SEQUENCE

*The Capella sings:*

Laetabundus, exultet fidelis chorus: Alleluia.

*Let the joyful choir of the faithful exult: Alleluia.*

Regem Regum intactae  
profudit thorus: res miranda.

*The King of kings the Immaculate's  
womb has borne: O wondrous thing.*

Angelus consilii natus est de Virgine,  
Sol de stella; sol occasum nesciens,  
Stella semper rutilans, semper clara.

*The Angel of the Counsel is born of a Virgin,  
the Sun of a star; sun that knows no setting,  
a star gleaming bright, ever clear.*

Sicut sidus radium, profert Virgo  
Filius Pari forma.  
Neque sidus radio,  
neque Mater Filio fit corrupta.

*As the star its ray, so does the Virgin  
bring forth her Son.  
Neither the star by its ray,  
nor the Mother by her Son is defiled.*

Cedrus alta Libano conformatur  
hyssopo valle nostra.  
Verbum Ens Altissimi  
corporari passum est  
carne sumpta.

*The tall cedar of Lebanon stoops  
to the hyssop of our valley.  
The Word, Son of the Most High,  
has deigned to become incarnate,  
clothing himself in flesh.*

Isaias cecinit, Synagoga  
meminit, nunquam tamen desinit esse caeca.

*That Isaiah foretold him, the Synagogue  
remembers, yet never ceases to be blind.*



Si non suis vatibus,  
credat vel gentilibus  
sybillinis versibus haec praedicta.

Infelix propera: crede vel vetera:  
cur damnaberis, gens misera?  
Quem docet litera natum considera;  
Ipsam genuit puerpera. Amen.

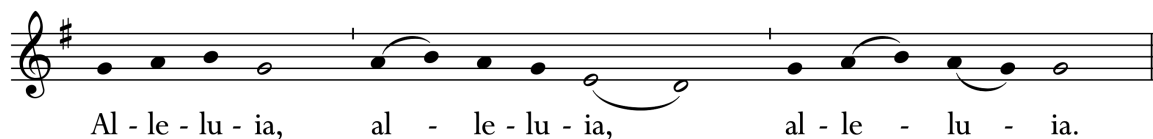
*If she will not believe her own prophets,  
let her believe those of the Gentiles,  
for in the Sybil's oracles was this foretold.*

*Hasten, unfaithful people, believe the ancients:  
why will you be damned, miserable people?  
Consider Whom the scriptures teach,  
for him has a Virgin brought forth. Amen.*

*Words: Saint Bernard of Clairvaux, O. Cist.  
Music: Dominican Chant*

## ALLELUIA

*All stand*



A light of revelation to the Gentiles,  
and glory for your people Israel. *R.*

*Verse: Luke 2:32  
Music: Gregorian Chant*

## GOSPEL

*Luke 2:22–40*

The Lord be with you.  
**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph took Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, *Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord*, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord.

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, he took him into his arms and blessed God, saying:

“Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.”

The child’s father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted — and you yourself a sword will pierce — so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.” There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*All sit*

HOMILY

*The Reverend John Paul Walker, O.P.*

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

*Each petition concludes with:*

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

*After the final petition, the celebrant says a collect, to which all respond:*

**Amen.**

# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## OFFERTORY

Diffusa est gratia in labiis tuis:  
propterea benedixit te Deus in aeternum.

Ÿ. Myrrha et gutta et casia  
a vestimentis tuis, a domibus eburneis;  
ex quibus delectaverunt  
te filiae regum in honore tuo.

*All sit as the Capella sings:*

*Graciousness is poured out upon your lips,  
for God has blessed you forevermore.*

Ÿ. *Your robes are fragrant with myrrh  
and cassia from your ivory palaces,  
of which the daughters of kings  
delighted in your honor.*

*Words: Psalm 45:3b, 9*

*Music: Givoanni Maria Nanino*

## OBLATION OF CANDLES

*Following the Preparation of the Gifts, the celebrant proceeds to the communion rail. All may come forward and offer their lighted candles, which are placed at the altar, symbolizing the faithful uniting the sacrifice of their lives to the Sacrifice of Christ at the altar.*

## MOTET

Nunc dimittis servum tuum, Domine,  
secundum verbum tuum in pace.  
Quia viderunt oculi mei salutare tuum,  
quod parasti ante faciem  
omnium populorum.

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

*The Capella sings:*

*Lord, now you let your servant go  
in peace, in accordance with your word.  
For my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you have prepared in the sight  
of all peoples.*

*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: Luke 2:29–32*

*Music: Gustav Holst*

## 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 offering made with exultation by your Church be pleasing to you, O Lord, we pray, for you willed that your Only Begotten Son be offered to you for the life of the world as the Lamb without blemish. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**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.

For your co-eternal Son was presented on this day in the Temple and revealed by the Spirit as the glory of Israel and Light of the nations.

And so, we, too, go forth, rejoicing to encounter your Salvation, and with the Angels and Saints praise you, as without end we acclaim:



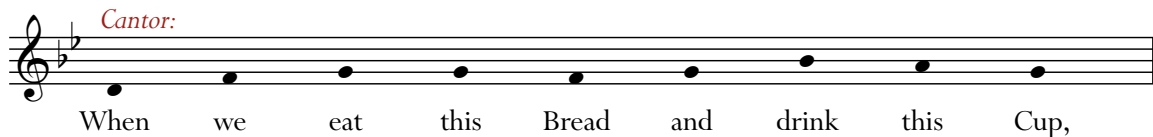
# THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

*All kneel*

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

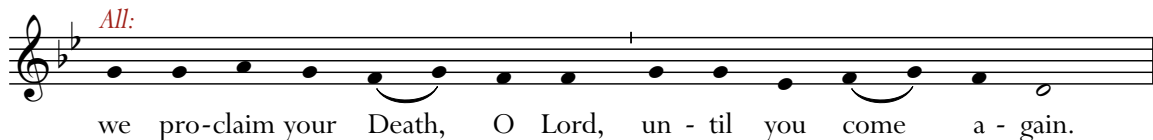
The mystery of faith.

*Cantor:*



When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,

*All:*

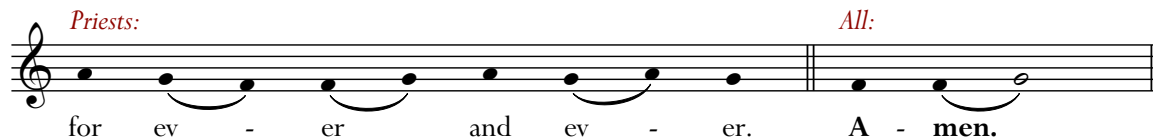


we pro-claim your Death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

*At the conclusion of the Eucharistic Prayer the celebrant takes the chalice and the paten with the host, and raising both, sings:*

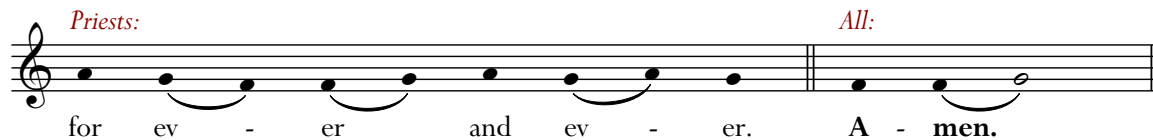
Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours,

*Priests:*



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.**

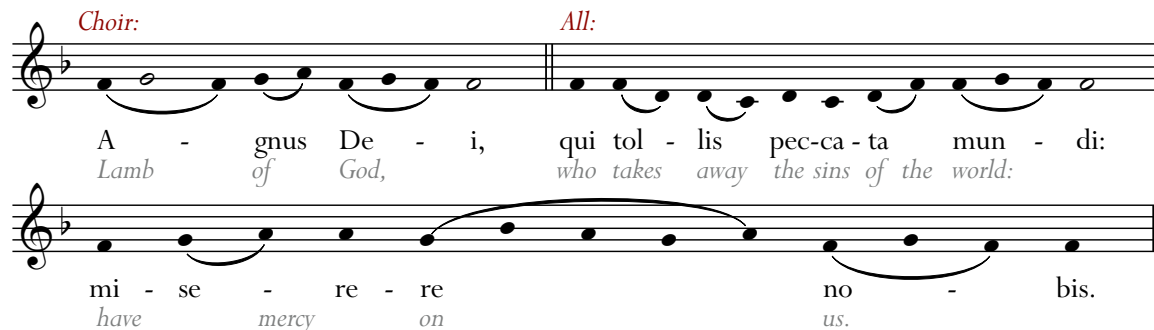
The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And with your spirit.**

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

*All offer one another a sign of peace*

# AGNUS DEI

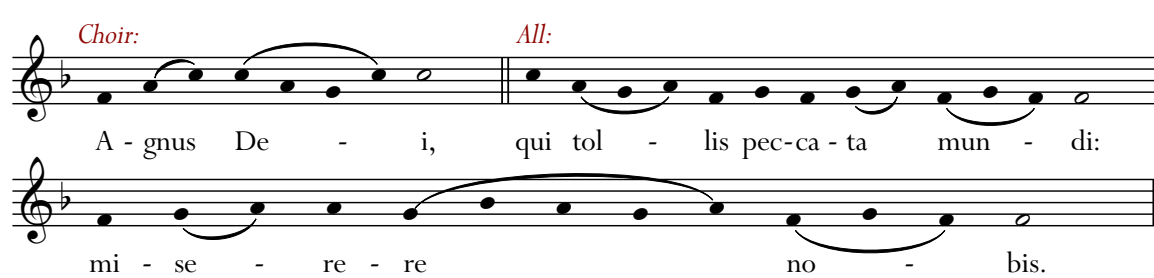
*Choir:* *All:*



A - gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec-ca - ta mun - di:  
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world:

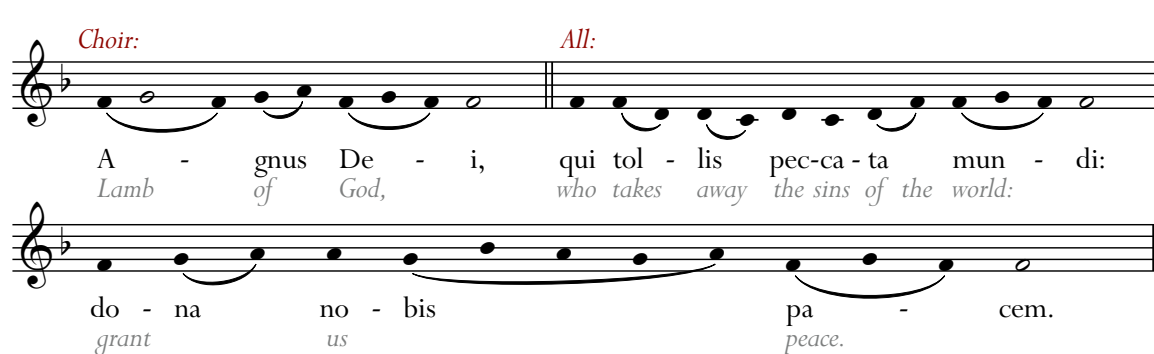
mi - se - re - re no - bis.  
have mercy on us.

*Choir:* *All:*



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

*Choir:* *All:*



A - gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec-ca - ta mun - di:  
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world:

do - na no - bis pa - cem.  
grant us peace.

*Music: Gregorian Chant, Missa VIII "De Angelis"*

## 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 Capella sings:*

Responsum accepit Simeona  
Spiritu Sancto, non visurum se mortem,  
nisi videret Christum Domini.

Ÿ. Unam petii a Domino,  
hoc requiram: ut in habitem in domo  
Domini omnibus diebus vitae meae.

Ÿ. Credo videre bona Domini  
in terra viventium.

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

*Simeon received a revelation from the  
Holy Spirit, that he would not see death  
until he had seen the Christ the Lord.*

Ÿ. *There is one thing I ask of the Lord,  
this I seek: to live in the house of the  
Lord all the days of my life.*

Ÿ. *I believe I shall see the Lord's goodness  
in the land of the living.*

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: after Luke 2:26*

*Versicles: Psalm 27:4a, 13*

*Music: Dominican Chant*

## MOTET

*The Capella sings:*

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.

*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: Jaakko Mäntyjärvi*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*All stand*

By these holy gifts which we have received, O Lord, bring your grace to perfection within us, and, as you fulfilled Simeon's expectation that he would not see death until he had been privileged to welcome the Christ, so may we, going forth to meet the Lord, obtain the gift of eternal life. 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 stand and sing:*

In His Temple Now Behold Him

*Saint Michael Hymnal 576*

## POSTLUDE

*The organist plays:*

Magnificat anima mea, 8<sup>c</sup> mode

*Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens*

*Following the mass, all are cordially invited to a  
reception in the Parish Center next to the church.*



