



# ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH



## NATIVITY OF THE LORD

December 25, 2022  
10:00 A.M. and 12:00 P.M.

*Cover: The Nativity, attr. Zanobi Strozzi (possibly Fra Angelico, O.P.), c. 1433–34*



# ORDER OF MASS

Nativity of the Lord

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## PRELUDE

Pastorale, BWV 590

*Johann Sebastian Bach*

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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

*Saint Michael Hymnal 648*

### INTROIT

Puer natus est nobis, et filius datus est nobis:  
cuius imperium super humerum eius:  
et vocabitur nomen eius,  
magni consilii Angelus.

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

*A child is born for us, and a son is given to us;  
his scepter of power rests upon his shoulder,  
and his name will be called  
Messenger of great counsel.*

*Words: after Isaiah 9:6  
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 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.

*Choir only:*

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

*All:*

Ky-ri - e

e - - - le - i - son.

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

*Celebrant/Cantor:* *All:*

Glo-ri - a in ex-cel-sis De - o. Et in ter-ra pax ho-mi-ni-bus

bo-næ vo-lun-ta - tis. Lau-da - mus te. Be-ne-di-ci - mus te.

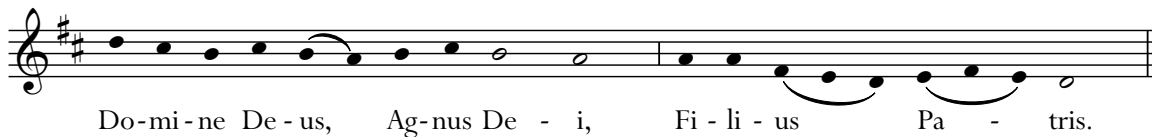
A - do - ra - mus te. Glo - ri - fi - ca - mus te.

Gra-ti - as a - gi - mus ti - bi prop-ter mag-nam glo-ri-am tu - am.

Do-mi-ne De-us, Rex cæ-le - stis, De-us Pa-ter om - ni - po - tens.



Do - mi - ne Fi - li u - ni - ge - ni - te Je - su Chri - ste.



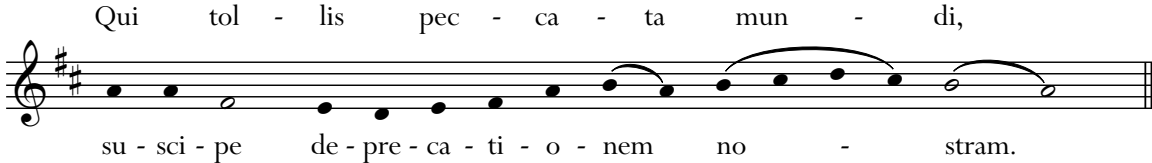
Do-mi-ne De - us, Ag-nus De - i, Fi - li - us Pa - tris.



Qui tol-lis pec-ca-ta mun - di, mi-se-re - re no - bis.



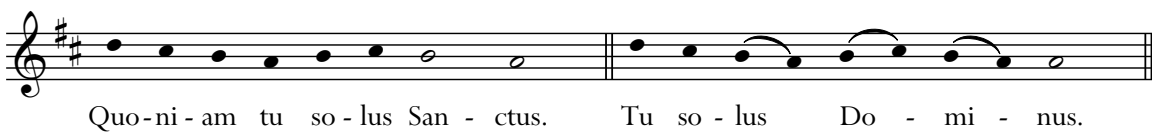
Qui tol - lis pec - ca - ta mun - di,



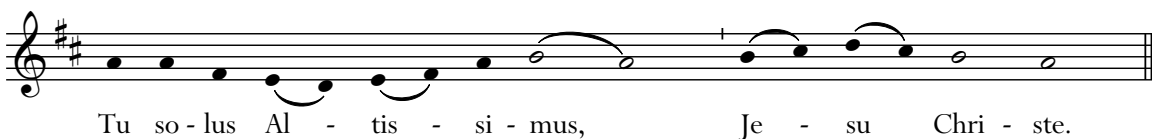
su - sci - pe de - pre - ca - ti - o - nem no - stram.



Qui se - des ad dex - te - ram Pa - tris, mi - se - re - re no - bis.




Quo-ni-am tu so - lus San - ctus. Tu so - lus Do - mi - nus.



Tu so - lus Al - tis - si - mus, Je - su Chri - ste.



Cum San-cto Spi - ri - tu, in glo - ri - a De - i Pa - tris.



A - - - men.

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

## COLLECT

O God, who wonderfully created the dignity of human nature and still more wonderfully restored it, grant, we pray, that we may share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity. 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 52:7–10*

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings glad tidings, announcing peace, bearing good news, announcing salvation, and saying to Zion, “Your God is King!”

Hark! Your sentinels raise a cry, together they shout for joy, for they see directly, before their eyes, the LORD restoring Zion. Break out together in song, O ruins of Jerusalem! For the LORD comforts his people, he redeems Jerusalem. The LORD has bared his holy arm in the sight of all the nations; all the ends of the earth will behold the salvation of our God.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 97:1, 6, 11–12*



All the ends of the earth have seen the sav - ing po-wer of God.

*Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done wondrous deeds;  
his right hand has won victory for him, his holy arm. Ṛ.*

*The LORD has made his salvation known: in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice.  
He has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness toward the house of Israel. Ṛ.*

*All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation by our God.  
Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands; break into song; sing praise. R̄.*

*Sing praise to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and melodious song.  
With trumpets and the sound of the horn sing joyfully before the King, the LORD. R̄.*

*Music: Dominican Chant — Viderunt omnes, adapted Christopher Holman*

## READING II

*Hebrews 1:1–6*

Brothers and sisters: in times past, God spoke in partial and various ways to our ancestors through the prophets; in these last days, he has spoken to us through the Son, whom he made heir of all things and through whom he created the universe, who is the refulgence of his glory, the very imprint of his being, and who sustains all things by his mighty word. When he had accomplished purification from sins, he took his seat at the right hand of the Majesty on high, as far superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

For to which of the angels did God ever say: *You are my son; this day I have begotten you?* Or again: *I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me?* And again, when he leads the firstborn into the world, he says: *Let all the angels of God worship him.*

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*All stand*



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

*A holy day has dawned upon us. Come, you nations, and adore the Lord.*

*Verse: Liturgical text*

*For today a great light has come upon the earth. R̄.*

*Music: Gregorian Chant*



## GOSPEL

*John 1:1–18*

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be. What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. 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. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came to be through him, but the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, but his own people did not accept him.

But to those who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to those who believe in his name, who were born not by natural generation nor by human choice nor by a man's decision but of God. And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth. John testified to him and cried out, saying, "This was he of whom I said, 'The one who is coming after me ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.'" From his fullness we have all received, grace in place of grace, because while the law was given through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. The only Son, God, who is at the Father's side, has revealed him.

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 kneel*

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.

*All stand*

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.

## 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

*The choir sings:*

In the bleak midwinter frosty winds made moan,  
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;  
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,  
In the bleak midwinter long ago.

Our God, Heav'n cannot hold him nor earth sustain;  
Heav'n and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign:  
In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed.  
The Lord God Almighty Jesus Christ.

Enough for Him, whom cherubim worship night and day,  
A breastful of milk and a mangerful of hay;  
Enough for Him, whom Angels fall down before,  
The ox and ass and camel which adore.

What can I give him poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb,  
If I were a Wise Man I would do my part,  
Yet what I can I give him, give my heart.

*Words: Christina Rossetti*

*Music: Harold Darke*

## 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.**

Make acceptable, O Lord, our oblation on this solemn day, when you manifested the  
reconciliation that makes us wholly pleasing in your sight and inaugurated for us the fullness  
of divine worship. 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:*

*Choir:*                      *All:*

San - ctus, San - ctus, San - - ctus,  
Do - - mi - nus De - us Sa - - -  
- - - ba - oth. Ple - ni - sunt cae - 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, he 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.**

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

## AGNUS DEI

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

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

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

*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 choir sings:*

Viderunt omnes fines terræ  
salutare Dei nostri.

*All the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.*

☩. Veni bone Jesu,  
veni Sponse animæ meæ;  
et in illo amore, quo intrasti  
in uterum virginis, intra in  
pauperulum cor meum.

☩. Come, good Jesus,  
come, O Spouse of my soul;  
and in that love with which you entered  
the Virgin's womb, enter into  
the poverty of my heart.

☩. Laudo te piissime Jesu,  
quo piissima virgo te  
Filium Dei de sinu  
summi Patris traxit  
in utero suo virginali.

☩. I praise you, most blessed Jesus,  
by whom the most blessed Virgin drew you,  
the Son of God, from the bosom  
of the Most High Father  
into her virginal womb.

☩. Gratias ago tibi Spiritus  
alme Paraclete, per eum qui  
te cooperante incarnatus est  
in utero virginali.

☩. I give thanks to you, [Holy] Spirit,  
almighty Paraclete, through him who,  
consorting with you, was made incarnate  
in the womb of the Virgin.

☩. 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: after Psalm 98:3  
Verses: St. Gertrude the Great  
Music: Dominican Chant*

## MOTET

*The choir sings:*

O magnum mysterium  
et admirabile sacramentum,  
ut animalia viderent Dominum natum  
jacentem in praesepio.  
O beata Virgo, cujus viscera meruerunt  
portare Dominum Jesum Christum.  
Alleluia!

*O great mystery  
and wonderful sacrament,  
that animals should see the newborn Lord  
lying in a manger.  
O blessed is the Virgin, whose womb was worthy  
to bear the Lord Jesus Christ.  
Alleluia!*

*Words: Responsory for Matins of Christmas Day  
Music: Tomás Luis de Victoria*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*All stand*

Grant, O merciful God, that, just as the Savior of the world, born this day, is the author of divine generation for us, so he may be the giver even of immortality. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

# THE CONCLUDING RITES

## SOLEMN BLESSING

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

Bow down for the blessing.

*All bow*

May the God of infinite goodness, who by the Incarnation of his Son has driven darkness from the world and by that glorious Birth has illumined this most holy night, drive far from you the darkness of vice and illumine your hearts with the light of virtue.

**Amen.**

May God, who willed that the great joy of his Son's saving Birth be announced to shepherds by the Angel, fill your minds with the gladness he gives and make you heralds of his Gospel.

**Amen.**

And may God, who by the Incarnation brought together the earthly and heavenly realm, fill you with the gift of his peace and favor and make you sharers with the Church in heaven.

**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.**

## 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:*

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

*St. Michael Hymnal 548*

From Heaven Above to Earth I Come, BWV 606

*J.S. Bach*

