



ST. GERTRUDE  
CHURCH



NATIVITY OF THE LORD  
VIGIL MASS

December 24, 2022 | 3:00 P.M. in the Church

*Cover: Adoration of the Child with St. Dominic, Fra Angelico, O.P., 1440*



# ORDER OF MASS

Nativity of the Lord: Vigil

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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

Hodie scietis, quia veniet Dominus,  
et salvabit nos;  
et mane videbitis gloriam eius.

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

*Today you will know that the Lord will come,  
and he will save us,  
and in the morning you will see his glory.*

*Words: after Exodus 16:6–7*

*Music: Dominican Chant*

### GREETING AND PENITENTIAL ACT

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.**

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

*Choir:* Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son. *All:* Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.  
 Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

*Choir:* Chris - te, e - le - i - son. *All:* Chris - te, e - le - i - son.  
 Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

*Choir:* Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son. *All:* Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.  
 Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

*Music: Gregorian Chant, Missa XVI*

# GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

*Celebrant/Cantor:*

*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

O God, who gladden us year by year as we wait in hope for our redemption, grant that, just as we joyfully welcome your Only Begotten Son as our Redeemer, we may also merit to face him confidently when he comes again as our Judge. 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

*Isaiah 62:1–5*

For Zion's sake I will not be silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her vindication shines forth like the dawn and her victory like a burning torch.

Nations shall behold your vindication, and all the kings your glory; you shall be called by a new name pronounced by the mouth of the LORD. You shall be a glorious crown in the hand of the LORD, a royal diadem held by your God. No more shall people call you "Forsaken," or your land "Desolate," but you shall be called "My Delight," and your land "Espoused." For the LORD delights in you and makes your land his spouse. As a young man marries a virgin, your Builder shall marry you; and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride so shall your God rejoice in you.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 89:4–5, 16–17, 27, 29*



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

*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. Ṛ.*

*Blessed the people who know the joyful shout; in the light of your countenance, O LORD, they walk. At your name they rejoice all the day, and through your justice they are exalted. Ṛ.*

*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. Ṛ.*

*Music: Dominican Chant — Hodie scietis (Responsorium), adapted Christopher Holman*

## READING II

*Acts 13:16–17, 22–25*

When Paul reached Antioch in Pisidia and entered the synagogue, he stood up, motioned with his hand, and said, “Fellow Israelites and you others who are God-fearing, listen. The God of this people Israel chose our ancestors and exalted the people during their sojourn in the land of Egypt. With uplifted arm he led them out of it. Then he removed Saul and raised up David as king; of him he testified, ‘I have found David, son of Jesse, a man after my own heart; he will carry out my every wish.’ From this man’s descendants God, according to his promise, has brought to Israel a savior, Jesus. John heralded his coming by proclaiming a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel; and as John was completing his course, he would say, ‘What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. Behold, one is coming after me; I am not worthy to unfasten the sandals of his feet.’”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*All stand*



*Tomorrow the wickedness of the earth will be destroyed:  
the Savior of the world will reign over us. R̄.*

*Verse: Liturgical text  
Music: Gregorian Chant*



## GOSPEL

*Matthew 1:18–25*

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. He had no relations with her until she bore a son, and he named him Jesus.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*All sit*

## HOMILY

*Rev. John Paul Walker, O.P.*

## 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

Away in a Manger

*All sit and sing:*

*Saint Michael Hymnal 444*

## MOTET

Little lamb, who made thee?  
Dost thou know who made thee,  
Gave thee life, and bid thee feed  
By the stream and o'er the mead;  
Gave thee clothing of delight,  
Softest clothing, woolly, bright;  
Gave thee such a tender voice,  
Making all the vales rejoice?

Little lamb, who made thee?  
Dost thou know who made thee?

Little lamb, I'll tell thee;  
Little lamb, I'll tell thee:  
He is called by thy name,  
For He calls Himself a Lamb.  
He is meek, and He is mild,  
He became a little child.  
I a child, and thou a lamb,  
We are called by His name.

Little lamb, God bless thee!  
Little lamb, God bless thee!

*The choir sings:*

*Words: William Blake  
Music: John Tavener*

## ORATE, FRATRES

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

*All stand*

**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.**

As we look forward, O Lord, to the coming festivities, may we serve you all the more eagerly for knowing that in them you make manifest the beginnings of our redemption. Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

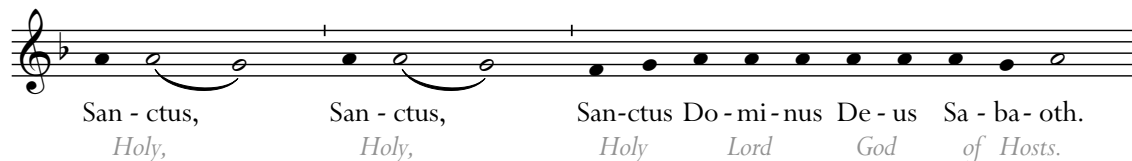
## PREFACE DIALOGUE AND SANCTUS

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

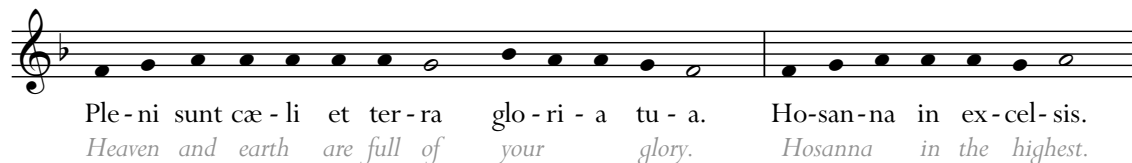
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right and just.**

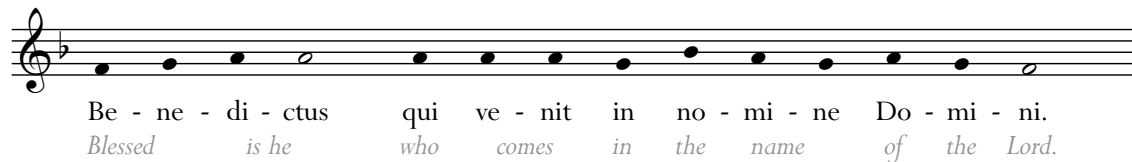
*The celebrant says the Preface. At the end, all sing:*



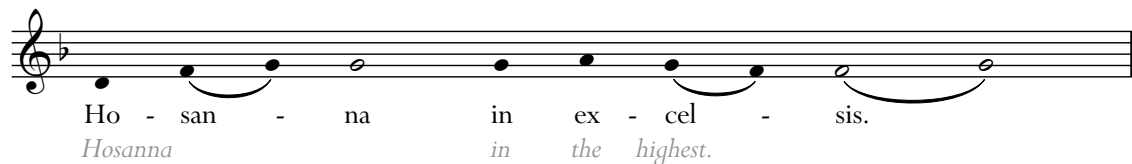
San - ctus, Holy, San - ctus, Holy, San - ctus Do - mi - nus De - us Sa - ba - oth.  
Holy Lord God of Hosts.



Ple - ni sunt cæ - li et ter - ra glo - ri - a tu - a. Ho - san - na in ex - cel - sis.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.



Be - ne - di - ctus qui ve - nit in no - mi - ne Do - mi - ni.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na in ex - cel - sis.  
Hosanna in the highest.

# THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

*All kneel*

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

The mystery of faith.

Mor - tem tu - am an - nun - ti - a - mus, Do - mi - ne,  
*We proclaim your death, O Lord,*

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

The musical notation consists of two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the second staff continues the melody and lyrics.

*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,

*Celebrant:* for ev - er and ev - er. *All:* A - men.

The musical notation consists of two staves in G major and 4/4 time. The first staff is for the celebrant and ends with a double bar line. The second staff is for all and continues the melody. The lyrics are written below the notes.

## 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



A-gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec-ca - ta mun-di: mi-se - re - re no - bis.  
*Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.*



A-gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec-ca - ta mun-di: mi-se - re - re no - bis.  
*Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.*



A-gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec-ca - ta mun-di: do-na e - is re - qui-em.  
*Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world: grant them eteneral rest.*

*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 choir sings:*

Revelabitur gloria Domini:  
et videbit omnis caro salutare Dei nostri.

*The glory of the Lord will be revealed,  
and all flesh will see the salvation of our God.*

̎. Dominus regnavit: exsultet terra;  
laetentur insulae multae.

̎. *The LORD is king; let the earth rejoice;  
let the many islands be glad.*

̎. Lux orta est justo,  
et rectis corde laetitia.

̎. *Light dawns for the just,  
and gladness for the honest of heart.*

̎. Laetamini, justi, in Domino, et  
confitemini memoriae  
sanctificationis ejus.

̎. *Rejoice in the LORD, you just,  
and give thanks at the remembrance  
of his holiness.*

̎. 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 Isaiah 40:5*

*Verses: Psalm 97:1, 11, 12*

*Music: Dominican Chant*

## 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*

## HYMN

Silent Night

*All sing:*

*St. Michael Hymnal 744*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*All stand*

Grant, O Lord, we pray, that we may draw new vigor from celebrating the Nativity of your Only Begotten Son, by whose heavenly mystery we receive both food and drink. 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

Joy to the World

Sonata 1, Op. 65: IV. Finale

*All stand and sing:*

*St. Michael Hymnal 594*

*Felix Mendelssohn*

