



ST. GERTRUDE
CHURCH



1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 2 and 3, 2023

NEXT SUNDAY: ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS

Next Sunday at 3 P.M., all are invited to join for one of the highlights of Advent at St. Gertrude Church: the service of Advent Lessons and Carols, sung by our Parish Choir and Schola Cantorum. This hour-long contemplative service is based around a series of readings that trace Salvation History until the Birth of Christ, interspersed with powerful musical meditations from the Church's treasury of sacred music for Advent. All are welcome.



ORDER OF MASS

First Sunday of Advent

PRELUDE (*Saturday and 12 P.M.*)

Savior of the Nations, Come, BWV 659

Johann Sebastian Bach

INTRODUCTORY RITES

PROCESSION

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

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

Saint Michael Hymnal 727

RITE OF ACCEPTANCE (*12 P.M.*)

The celebrant receives the candidates for the Rites of Christian Initiation, and the sponsors and the assembly express their support. Following this, the Collegium sings the introit; then all skip to page 5.

INTROIT (*Sunday*)

As the Priest incenses the altar, the choir sings:

Ad te levavi animam meam:
Deus meus in te confido, non erubescam:
necque irrideant me inimici mei:
etenim universi qui te exspectant,
non confundentur.

*To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you
I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me;
and let none who hope in you
be put to shame.*

*Words: Psalm 25:1–3
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 choir/cantor sings each line of music first, 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

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom. 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

Isaiah 63:16b–17, 19b; 64:2–7

You, LORD, are our father, our redeemer you are named forever. Why do you let us wander, O LORD, from your ways, and harden our hearts so that we fear you not? Return for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your heritage. Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, with the mountains quaking before you, while you wrought awesome deeds we could not hope for, such as they had not heard of from of old. No ear has ever heard, no eye ever seen, any God but you doing such deeds for those who wait for him. Would that you might meet us doing right, that we were mindful of you in our ways! Behold, you are angry, and we are sinful; all of us have become like unclean people, all our good deeds are like polluted rags; we have all withered like leaves, and our guilt carries us away like the wind. There is none who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to cling to you; for you have hidden your face from us and have delivered us up to our guilt. Yet, O LORD, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter: we are all the work of your hands.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 80:2–3, 15–16, 18–19



Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hear us, enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.

Rouse up your might and come to save us. *℟̄.*

God of hosts, turn again, we implore; look down from heaven and see.

Visit this vine and protect it, the stock your right hand has planted,
the son you have claimed for yourself. *℟̄.*

May your hand be on the man at your right hand, the son of man you have confirmed
as your own. And we shall never forsake you again; give us life that we may call upon
your name. *℟̄.*

Music: Dominican Chant — Universi, adapted by Christopher Holman

READING II

1 Corinthians 1:3–9

Brothers and sisters: grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always on your account for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus, that in him you were enriched in every way, with all discourse and all knowledge, as the testimony to Christ was confirmed among you, so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will keep you firm to the end, irreproachable on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

All stand



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

Show us Lord, your love; and grant us your salvation. *℟̄.*

Verse: Psalm 85:8

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

GOSPEL

Mark 13:33–37

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: “Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his own work, and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch. Watch, therefore; you do not know when the lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: ‘Watch!’”

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 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.**

*Words: The Most Reverend Dennis M.
Schnurr, D.D., Archbishop of Cincinnati*

DISMISSAL OF THE CATECHUMENS (12 P.M.)

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY

All sit and sing:

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Saint Michael Hymnal 601

MOTET *(10 A.M.)*

The Parish Choir sings:

Peace be to you and grace from him who freed us from our sins, who loved us all and shed his blood that we might saved be. Sing "Holy, Holy" to our Lord — the Lord, Almighty God, who was and is and is to come; sing "Holy, Holy, Lord!" Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein, rejoice on earth, ye saints below, for Christ is coming soon! E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more; they need no light nor lamp nor sun, for Christ will be their all!

Words and music: Paul Manz, after Revelation 22

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.**

Accept, we pray, O Lord, these offerings we make, gathered from among your gifts to us, and may what you grant us to celebrate devoutly here below gain for us the prize of eternal 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.

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 he assumed at his first coming the lowliness of human flesh, and so fulfilled the design you formed long ago, and opened for us the way to eternal salvation, that, when he comes again in glory and majesty and all is at last made manifest, we who watch for that day may inherit the great promise in which now we dare to hope.

And so, with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions, and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven, we sign the hymn of your glory, as without end we acclaim:

Cantor: *All:*

San - ctus, San - ctus, San - ctus,
Holy, Holy, Holy,

Do - mi - nus De - us Sa - - - - ba - oth.
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.

Ho - - - 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.

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

Music: Gregorian Chant, Mass XVII "On Sundays of Advent"

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,

Celebrant: 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.

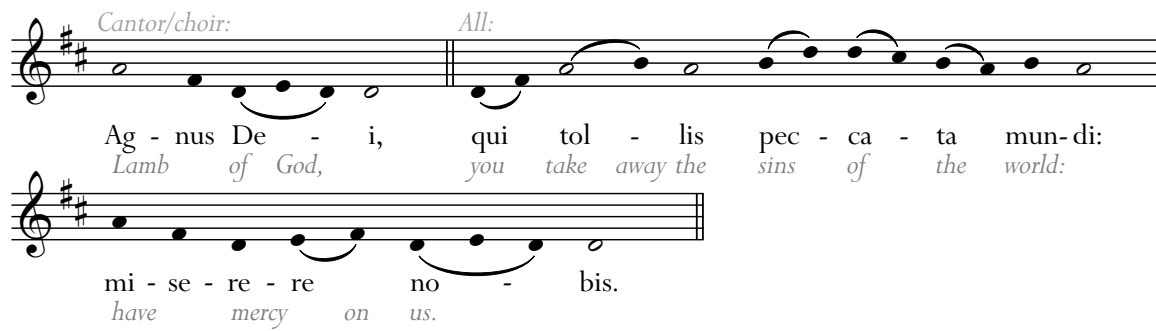
The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And with your spirit.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All offer one another a sign of peace

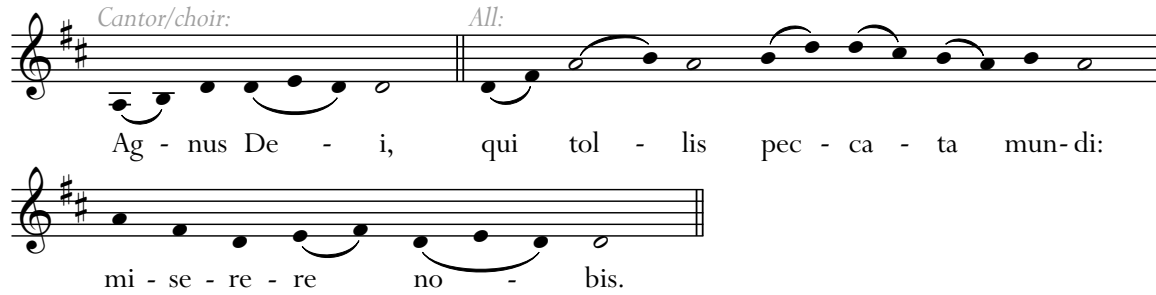
AGNUS DEI

Cantor/choir: *All:*



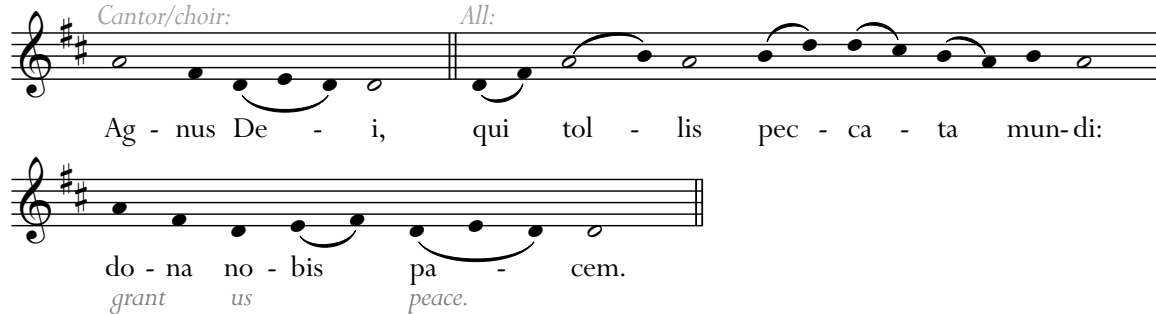
Ag - nus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - ca - ta mun - di:
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
mi - se - re - re no - bis.
have mercy on us.

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, Mass XVII "On Sundays of Advent"

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 cantor/choir sings:

Dominus dabit benignitatem:
et terra nostra dabit fructum suum.

*The Lord will bestow his bounty,
and our earth shall yield its increase.*

Ÿ. Vere prope timentes eum salutare ipsius,
ut inhabitet gloria in terra nostra.

Ÿ. *His salvation is near for those who fear him,
and his glory will dwell in our land.*

Ÿ. Veritas de terra orta est,
et justitia de caelo prospexit.

Ÿ. *Faithfulness shall spring from the earth,
and justice look down from heaven.*

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

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: Psalm 85:13

Versicles: Psalm 85:10, 12

Music: Dominican Chant

MOTET *(Sunday)*

The choir sings:

Never weather-beaten sail more willing bent to shore.
Never tired pilgrim's limbs affected slumber more,
Than my wearied sprite now longs to fly out of my troubled breast:
O come quickly, sweetest Lord, and take my soul to rest.

Ever blooming are the joys of Heaven's high Paradise.
Cold age deafs not there our ears nor vapour dims our eyes:
Glory there the sun outshines whose beams the blessed only see:
O come quickly, glorious Lord, and raise my sprite to thee!

Words and music: Thomas Campion

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All stand

May these mysteries, O Lord, in which we have participated, profit us, we pray, for even now, as we walk amid passing things, you teach us by them to love the things of heaven and hold fast to what endures. 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 sing:

Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

Saint Michael Hymnal 610

Descant: Christopher Holman

POSTLUDE

Veni Redemptor gentium

Hieronymus Praetorius

