



ST. GERTRUDE
CHURCH



4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Laetare Sunday

March 9 and 10, 2024

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ORDER OF MASS

Fourth Sunday of Lent

PRELUDE

Pange lingua

Adolphus Hailstork

INTRODUCTORY RITES

PROCESSION

Be Thou My Vision

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

Saint Michael Hymnal 447

INTROIT *(Sunday)*

Laetare Jerusalem: et conventum facite
omnes qui diligitis eam:
gaudete cum laetitia, qui in tristitia fuistis:
ut exsultetis, et satiemini
ab uberibus consolationis vestrae.

As the celebrant incenses the altar, the choir sings:

*Rejoice, Jerusalem, and call an assembly,
all who love her.
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;
exult and be satisfied
at her consoling breast.*

Ÿ. Laetatus sum in his quae dicta sunt mihi:
in domum Domini ibimus.

Ÿ. *I rejoiced when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”*

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 25:15–16

Versicle: Psalm 25:1–2ab

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 cantor/choir sings each line of music, 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 Lent"

COLLECT

O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebration to come. 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

2 Chronicles 36:14–16, 19–23

In those days, all the princes of Judah, the priests, and the people added infidelity to infidelity, practicing all the abominations of the nations and polluting the LORD's temple which he had consecrated in Jerusalem.

Early and often did the LORD, the God of their fathers, send his messengers to them, for he had compassion on his people and his dwelling place. But they mocked the messengers of God, despised his warnings, and scoffed at his prophets, until the anger of the LORD against his people was so inflamed that there was no remedy. Their enemies burnt the house of God, tore down the walls of Jerusalem, set all its palaces afire, and destroyed all its precious objects. Those who escaped the sword were carried captive to Babylon, where they became servants of the king of the Chaldeans and his sons until the kingdom of the Persians came to power. All this was to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah: "Until the land has retrieved its lost sabbaths, during all the time it lies waste it shall have rest while seventy years are fulfilled."

In the first year of Cyrus, king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah, the LORD inspired King Cyrus of Persia to issue this proclamation throughout his kingdom, both by word of mouth and in writing: "Thus says Cyrus, king of Persia: All the kingdoms of the earth the LORD, the God of heaven, has given to me, and he has also charged me to build him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever, therefore, among you belongs to any part of his people, let him go up, and may his God be with him!"

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 137:1–2, 3, 4–5, 6



Let my tongue be silenced if I ever forget you.

By the streams of Babylon we sat and wept when we remembered Zion.

On the aspens of that land we hung up our harps. *℞.*

For there our captors asked of us the lyrics of our songs,

And our despoilers urged us to be joyous: “Sing for us the songs of Zion!” *℞.*

How could we sing a song of the LORD in a foreign land?

If I forget you, Jerusalem, may my right hand be forgotten! *℞.*

May my tongue cleave to my palate if I remember you not,

If I place not Jerusalem ahead of my joy. *℞.*

Music: Dominican Chant — Laetatus sum, adapted by Christopher Holman

READING II

Ephesians 2:4–10

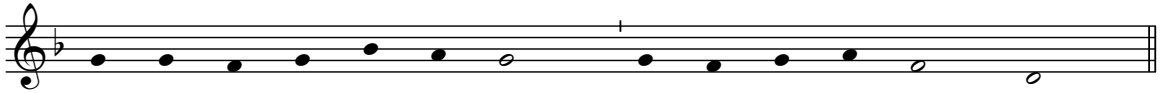
Brothers and sisters: God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ — by grace you have been saved — raised us up with him, and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God; it is not from works, so no one may boast. For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

All stand



Praise to you, Lord Je - sus Christ, king of end - less glo - ry!

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him might have eternal life. **R.**

Verse: John 3:16

Music: Plainchant

GOSPEL

John 3:14–21

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to Nicodemus: “Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.”

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

All sit

HOMILY

Friars of the Order of Preachers

CREDO (*Saturday*)

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 (Sunday)

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

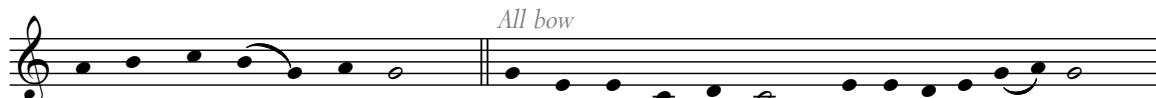
an - te om - ni - a sae - cu - la. De - um de De - o, lu - men de lu - mi - ne,
before all ages. God from God, Light from Light,

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.

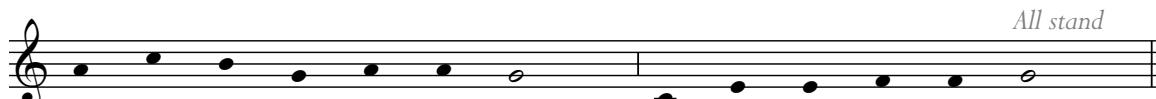
Qui prop - ter nos ho - mi - nes, et prop - ter nos - tram sa - lu - tem
For us men and for our salvation

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,

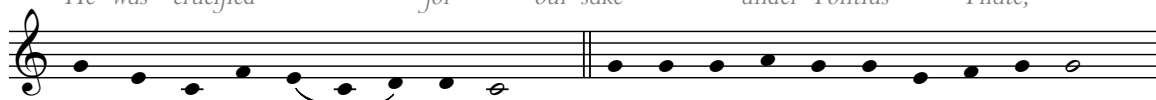
All stand




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 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)*

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

All sit and sing:

Saint Michael Hymnal 791

OFFERTORY *(Sunday)*

By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept when we remembered thee, O Sion. As for our harps, we hanged them up upon the trees that are therein. For they that led us away captive required of us then a song, and melody in our heaviness: "Sing us one of the songs of Sion." How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land? If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning. If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth — yea, if I prefer not Jerusalem in my mirth. Remember the children of Edom, O Lord, in the day of Jerusalem, how they said, "Down with it, down with it, even to the ground." O daughter of Babylon, wasted with misery, yea, happy shall he be that rewardeth thee, as thou hast served us. Blessed shall he be that taketh thy children and throweth them against the stones.

The Parish Choir sings:

Words: Psalm 137

Music: Samuel Coleridge-Taylor

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.**

We place before you with joy these offerings, which bring eternal remedy, O Lord, praying that we may both faithfully revere them and present them to you, as is fitting, for the salvation of all the world. 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: San - ctus, *All:* San - ctus, San - ctus,
Holy, *Holy,* *Holy,* ctus, ctus, ctus,

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.

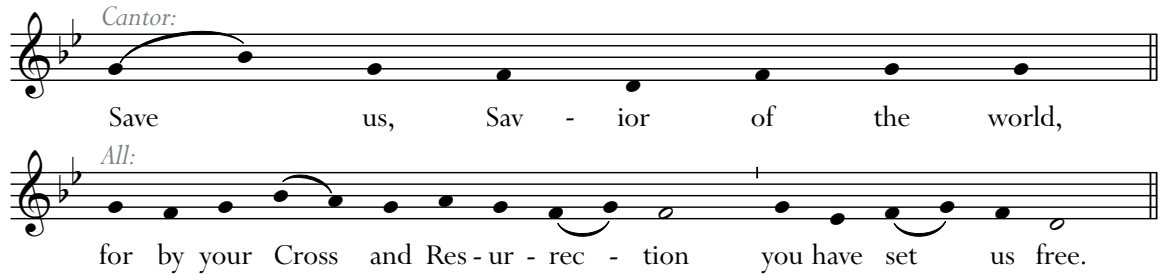
Music: Gregorian Chant, Mass XVII "On Sundays of Lent"

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

All kneel

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

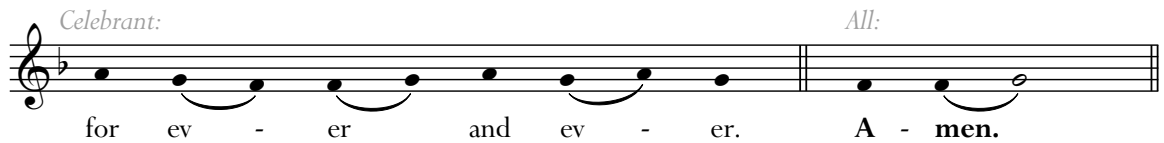
The mystery of faith.



Cantor:
Save us, Sav - ior of the world,
All:
for by your Cross and Res - ur - rec - tion you have set us free.

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

COMMUNION

The cantor/choir sings:

Jerusalem, quae aedificatur ut civitas,
cujus participatio ejus in idipsum:
illuc enim ascenderunt tribus,
tribus Domini,
ad confitendum nomini tuo, Domine.

*Jerusalem is built as a city
bonded as one together.
It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord,
to praise the name of the Lord.*

̎. Laetatus sum in eo, quod dixerunt mihi:
“In domum Domini ibimus.”
Stantes iam sunt pedes nostri
in portis tuis, Jerusalem.

̎. *I rejoiced when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.*

̎. Rogate, quae ad pacem sunt Ierusalem:
“Securi sint diligentes te!
Fiat pax in muris tuis,
et securitas in turribus tuis!”

̎. *Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
“May they prosper, those who love you.
May peace abide in your walls,
and security in your towers!”*

̎. 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 122:3–4

Versicles: Psalm 122:1–2, 6–7

Music: Dominican Chant

MOTET *(Sunday)*

The Parish Choir sings:

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son,
that whoso believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Words: John 3:16

Music: John Stainer

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All stand

O God, who enlighten everyone who comes into the world, illuminate our hearts, we pray,
with the splendor of your grace, that we may always ponder what is worthy and pleasing to
your majesty and love you in all sincerity. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Bow down for the blessing.

All bow

Look upon those who call to you, O Lord, and sustain the weak; give life by your unfailing light to those who walk in the shadow of death, and bring those rescued by your mercy from every evil to reach the highest good. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

All stand

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

Pange lingua gloriosi

All stand and sing:

St. Michael Hymnal 707

POSTLUDE

Pange lingua: I. Plein jeu

Nicolas de Grigny