



# SAINT GERTRUDE THE GREAT

## CENTENARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE PARISH

November 16, 2023 at 6:30 P.M.

# SERVING THE LITURGY

## **Celebrant**

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

## **Concelebrants**

The Very Reverend Allen Moran, O.P.  
*Prior Provincial, Dominican Friars Province of Saint Joseph*

The Very Reverend John Langlois, O.P.  
*Prior, Saint Gertrude Priory*

The Reverend John Paul Walker, O.P.  
*Pastor, Saint Gertrude Church*

The Reverend Joachim Kenney, O.P.  
The Reverend Luke VanBerkum, O.P.  
*Parochial Vicars, Saint Gertrude Church*

Friars of Saint Gertrude Priory

Friars of the Dominican Friars Province of Saint Joseph

## **Master of Ceremonies**

The Reverend Jason Williams

## **Choirs**

Saint Gertrude Parish Choir  
Saint Gertrude Schola Cantorum  
Capella Gertrudianae

## **Orchestra**

Natalie Orth and Linke Zhou, *Violin*  
Sarah Nichols, *Viola*    Abigail Leidy, *Cello*  
Sister Jacinta Man, O.P., *Flute*    Paul Kindt, *Clarinet*  
Andrew Jeng and Mary Maule, *Trumpet*

*Cover: Saint Gertrude the Great Carrying the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Spanish, seventeenth century*



# ORDER OF MASS

Solemnity of Saint Gertrude the Great

## PRELUDE

Chorale Prelude on the Dominican Salve Regina

Caitlin Harrison

## HYMN

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



*All:* 1. All hail Saint Ger - trude, who, en - dued  
2. Such ho - ly love in - flamed her breast  
*Schola:* 3. So in the calm of qui - et love  
*All:* 4. To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,



With ho - ly zeal and for - ti - tude,  
She would not seek on earth her rest,  
Her soul dwelt with the choirs a - bove.  
The God whom heav'n and earth a - dore,



Hath won through grace a saint - ly fame  
She, strong in faith and pa - tience trod  
O God, un - seen, yet ve - ry near  
From men and from the an - gel host



And owns a dear and hon - ored name.  
The nar - row way that leads to God.  
Art Thou, her vows and prayers to hear.  
Be praise and glo - ry ev - er - more.

Words: vv. 1–2: Silvio Antoniano (*Fortem virili pectore*);

v. 3: Jean-Baptiste de Santeul (*Quid tu, relictis urbibus*), adapted by Christopher Holman

Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams

# INTRODUCTORY RITES

## INTROIT

*As the celebrant censes the altar, the Parish Choir sings:*

Dilexisti justitiam, et odisti iniquitatem:  
propterea unxit te Deus, Deus tuus,  
oleo laetitiae, prae consortibus tuis.

*You have loved justice and hated iniquity.  
Therefore God, your God, has anointed you  
with the oil of gladness, above all your consort.*

*Words: Psalm 45:8  
Music: Dominican Chant*

## GREETING

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

**Amen.**

Peace be with you.

**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.**

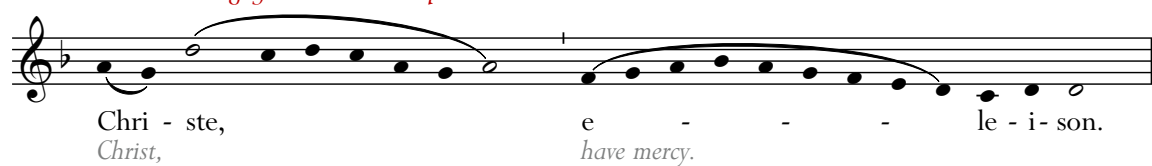
# KYRIE, ELEISON

*The Parish Choir sings first, then all repeat:*



*The Capella sings the third Kyrie.*

*The Parish Choir sings first, then all repeat:*



*The Schola Cantorum sings the third Christe.*

*Parish Choir:*

Musical notation for the third Kyrie, sung by the Parish Choir. The melody is written on a single staff in G-clef and F-sharp key signature. It begins with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a half note C5. A slur covers the next four notes: D5, E5, F#5, and G5. The lyrics are: Ky - ri - e, e - - - - le - i - son.

*All:*

Musical notation for the third Kyrie, sung by all. The melody is written on two staves in G-clef and F-sharp key signature. The first staff begins with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a half note C5. A slur covers the next four notes: D5, E5, F#5, and G5. The lyrics are: Ky - ri - e, e - - - - le - i - son. The second staff begins with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a half note C5. A slur covers the next four notes: D5, E5, F#5, and G5. The lyrics are: e - - - - le - i - son.

*The three choirs together sing the final Kyrie.*

*Music: Gregorian Chant, Missa IX "Orbis factor"  
Antonio Lotti, Missa brevis in D Minor*

# GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

*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 - nae 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 prepared a delightful dwelling for yourself in the heart of the Virgin Saint Gertrude, graciously bring light, through her intercession, to the darkness of our hearts, that we may joyfully experience you present and at work within us. 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

*Jeremiah 31:1–4*

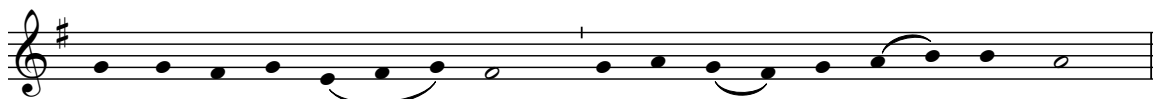
At that time, says the LORD, I will be the God of all the tribes of Israel, and they shall be my people. Thus says the LORD: the people that escaped the sword have found favor in the desert. As Israel comes forward to be given his rest, the LORD appears to him from afar: with age-old love I have loved you; so I have kept my mercy toward you. Again I will restore you, and you shall be rebuilt, O virgin Israel; carrying your festive tambourines, you shall go forth dancing with the merry-makers.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 23:1–3a, 3b–4, 5, 6*



The Lord is my shep - herd; there is noth - ing I shall want.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

In verdant pastures he gives me repose;

beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul. *℟.*

Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil;

for you are at my side with your rod and your staff that give me courage. *℟.*

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes;

You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. *℟.*

Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life;

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come. *℟.*

*Music: Dominican Chant — Dominus regit me, adapted C. Holman*



## READING II

*Ephesians 3:14–19*

Brothers and sisters: I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that he may grant you in accord with the riches of his glory to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in the inner self, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the holy ones what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## ALLELUIA

*All stand*



Remain in my love, says the Lord;  
whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit. *℟.*

*Verse: John 15:9b, 5b*  
*Music: Gregorian Chant*

## GOSPEL

*John 15:1–8*

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 his disciples: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches.

Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*All sit*

## HOMILY

*The Most Reverend Dennis M. Schnurr, D.D.*

## CREED

*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.

## 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 M. Schnurr, D.D.*

*All sit*

# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## OFFERTORY

*The Parish Choir sings:*

I was glad when they said unto me,  
we will go into the house of the Lord.  
Our feet shall stand in thy gates, O Jerusalem.  
Jerusalem is builded as a city that is at unity in itself.

*The Schola Cantorum sings:*

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem, they shall prosper that love thee.

*The choirs together sing:*

Peace be within thy walls, and plenteousness within thy palaces.

*Words: Psalm 122:1–3, 6–7*

*Music: Charles Hubert Hastings Parry*

## 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 bring the offerings of our devotion to be consecrated by you, O Lord, in  
commemoration of blessed Gertrude, for by the consolation you give us in this life you show  
that we should not lose hope of what is promised for eternity. 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,*

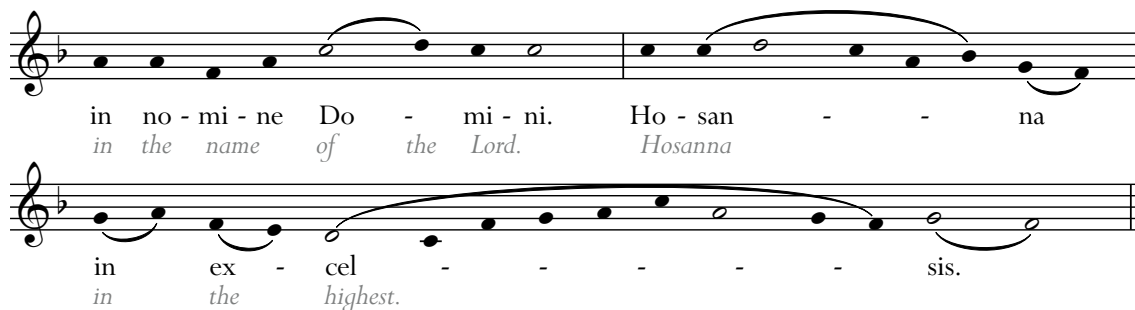
Do - mi - nus De - us Sa -  
*Lord God of hosts.*

- - - ba - oth. Ple - ni sunt cae - li  
*Full are heaven*

et ter - ra of glo - ri - a tu - a.  
*and earth of your glory.*

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

Be - ne - di - ctus qui ve - nit  
*Blessed is he who comes*



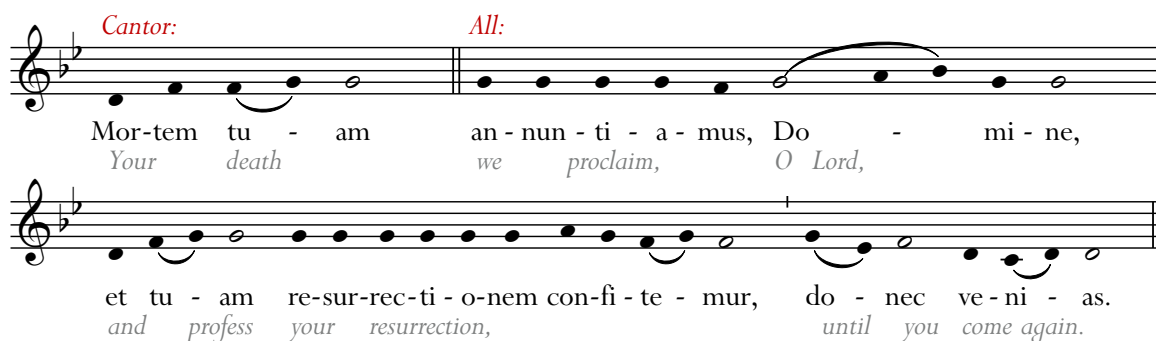
*Music: Gregorian Chant, Missa VIII "De Angelis"*

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

*All kneel*

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

The mystery of faith.



*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.**

*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 Parish Choir sings:*

O orzchis<sup>1</sup> Ecclesia,  
armis divinis precincta  
et jacincto ornata,  
tu es caldemia  
stigmatum loifolum  
et urbs scientiarum.  
O, tu es etiam crizanta in alto sono  
et es chorzta gemma.

Ÿ. O amantissime Pater,  
in unione amoris illius,  
quo Filius tuus olim in Cruce,  
et modo in Altari se obtulit,  
offero tibi eundem  
pro salute totius Ecclesiae.

Ÿ. Salve Jesu dulcissime,  
cum summâ humilitate  
adorans veneror te.  
Salve pretiosissime Sanguis Domini mei,  
cum summâ devotione  
adorans veneror te.

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

*O measureless Church,  
girded with divine arms  
and adorned in jacinth:  
you are the sweet aroma  
of the wounds of nations,  
and the city of knowledge.  
O, you are anointed too in soaring song,  
and are a sparkling gem.*

Ÿ. O most loving Father,  
in the union of that love  
with which your Son — once on the Cross  
and now on the Altar — offered himself,  
I offer the same to you  
for the salvation of the entire Church.

Ÿ. Hail, sweetest Jesus,  
with the greatest humility  
I adore you.  
Hail, most precious Blood of my Lord,  
with the greatest devotion  
I adore you.

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: Saint Hildegard of Bingen*

*Versicles: Saint Gertrude the Great, Dominican Chant*

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<sup>1</sup> This and several other words in this chant come from the "Lingua ignota"  
or "unknown language" of Saint Hildegard, which seems to have come from her mystical visions.

## MOTET

*The Schola Cantorum sings:*

Panis angelicus  
fit panis hominum;  
Dat panis coelicus  
figuris terminum:  
O res mirabilis!  
Manducat Dominum  
Pauper, servus, et humilis.

*The bread of angels  
becomes the bread of men;  
the heavenly bread  
puts an end to prefigurations.  
O wondrous thing!  
Let them feed on their Lord:  
the poor, the slave, and the humble.*

*Words: Saint Thomas Aquinas, O.P.  
Music: César Franck, arr. C. Holman*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*All stand*

Renewed, O Lord, at the wellsprings of salvation, we humbly entreat you that through the intercession of blessed Gertrude, holding more closely day by day to Christ, we may merit to be coheirs in his Kingdom of grace. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**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 in peace.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Please take this booklet with you and join in singing during the procession.**

# THE PROCESSION

## HYMN

*During the procession, all sing together:*



1. Ho - ly God, we praise thy name;  
 2. Hark! the loud ce - les - tial hymn  
 3. Lo! the a - po - sto - lic train  
 4. Thou art King of glo - ry, Christ:  
 5. From Thy high ce - les - tial home,  
 6. There - fore do we pray, thee Lord:



Lord of all, we bow be - fore thee!  
 An - gel choirs a - bove are rais - ing,  
 Join the sac - red name to hal - low;  
 Son of God, yet born of Ma - ry;  
 Judge of all, a - gain re - turn - ing,  
 Help thy ser - vants whom, re - deem - ing



All on earth thy scep - ter claim,  
 Che - ru - bim and ser - a - phim,  
 Pro - phets swell the loud re - frain,  
 For us sin - ners sac - ri - ficed,  
 We be - lieve that thou shalt come  
 By thy pre - cious blood out - poured,



All in heav'n a - bove a - dore thee;  
 In un - ceas - ing chor - us prais - ing;  
 And the white robed mar - tyrs fol - low;  
 And to death a tri - bu - ta - ry:  
 In the dread - ed dooms - day morn - ing;  
 Thou hast saved from Sa - tan's schem - ing.



In - fi - nite thy vast do - main,  
 Fill the heav'ns with sweet ac - cord:  
 And from morn to set of sun,  
 First to break the bars of death,  
 When thy voice shall shake the earth,  
 Give to them e - ter - nal rest



Ev - er - last - ing is thy reign.  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord.  
 Through the Church the song goes on.  
 Thou hast o - pen'd Heav'n to faith.  
 And the star - tled dead come forth.  
 In the glo - ry of the blest.

*Words: fourth century (Te Deum)*

*Music: GROBER GOTT, Vienna c. 1774*

## HYMN

*All sing:*



1. Sa - cred Heart in ac - cents burn - ing pour we forth our love of thee;  
 2. Heart of boun - ty, thou art bring - ing all thy thirst - ing chil - dren here,  
 3. Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, glo - ry be to God the Son,



Here our hopes and here our yearn - ings meet and min - gle ten - der - ly.  
 Where the liv - ing wa - ters spring - ing tell of hope and com - fort near.  
 Glo - ry be to God the Spi - rit, ev - er - last - ing Three in One:



Heart of mer - cy, ev - er ea - ger, all our woes and wounds to heal.  
 O thou source of ev - ery bless - ing, swee - test, strong - est, hol - iest, blest!  
 Thee let heav'n and earth a - dore from now, hence - forth, and ev - er - more.

*Words: v. 1–2: Eleanor C. Donnelley; v. 3: James Montgomery*

*Music: ST. THOMAS, John Francis Wade*

# HYMN

*All sing:*



1. O Sac - red Heart of Je - sus, we long to be with thee.
2. O Sac - red Heart, we love thee, des - pised and cru - ci - fied:
3. O Sac - red Heart of Je - sus, a - flame with love di - vine;
4. To thee be praise for - ev - er, thou glo - rious King of kings!



In thy blest home in heav - en, thy glo - ry there to see.  
 And thou wilt not for - sake us, now thou art glo - ri - fied.  
 Thy blaz - ing heat drew Ger - trude, and made her heart thy shrine.  
 Thy won-drous love and fa - vor each ran-somed spi - rit sings;



Where sor - row now finds en - trance, where ev - 'ry wrong's re - dressed,  
 Live in us, Heart of Je - sus, be here, our life, our prayer,  
 By her ex - am - ple draw us, Lord, clo - ser to thy care,  
 We'll ce - le - brate thy glo - ry with Ger - trude, now a - bove,



Where bro - ken hearts find heal - ing, and wea - ry hearts find rest.  
 To sanc - ti - fy our sor - rows un - til thy joys we share.  
 And bring us then to heav - en, thy glo - ries all to share.  
 and sing the joy - ful sto - ry of thy re - deem - ing love.

*Words: v. 1–2: early twentieth century; v. 3: C. Holman; v. 4 Thomas Haweis*  
*Music: FULDA MELODY, Fulda, 1891*

## HYMN

*All sing:*



1. O Bless-ed Ger-trude, hear our prayer as we thy joys pro - claim;
2. The dawn of bat - tle day is filled with rays of light and love;
3. The King with love thy heart did wound, the vic - to - ry to gain;
4. The trea-sures of the love of Christ in full-ness come to thee,



and sing this hymn of vic - to - ry in hon - or of thy name.  
which draw thy soul to seek the crown pre - pared for thee a - bove.  
the van-quish'd and the con-quer - er in glo - rious tri-umph reign.  
whom he hath cho - sen as his own for all e - ter - ni - ty.

*Words: author unknown, taken from the archives of Saint Gertrude Church*

*Music: ST. ANNE, attr. William Croft*

## DEVOTION TO SAINT GERTRUDE

### MOTET

*When all arrive at the statue of Saint Gertrude, the choirs sing:*

Тебе поем, Тебе благословим,  
Тебе благодарим, Господи,  
и молим Ти ся, Боже наш.

*We sing to you, we praise you,  
we thank you, O Lord,  
and we pray to you, our God.*

*Words: Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom (Byzantine Rite)*

*Music: Sergei Rachmaninoff*

### PRAYER

*The Pastor says:*

O Jesus, we praise you, bless you, and give you thanks for all the graces you bestowed on our holy patron Saint Gertrude. We thank you most especially for the love with which you enriched her life and united her to yourself. We recall the promise you made to Saint Gertrude, that you would hear the prayers of all who come to you through her intercession. We beseech you, by your most tender love, grant us the grace, which we confidently expect, as we pray in her words:

*All say:*

**O God of love and gentleness,  
O heart that abounds with loving kindness,  
O heart that overflows with charity,  
O heart that radiates pleasantness,  
O heart full of compassion,  
We thank you for your heart full of love for us.  
Invite us into your heart  
that we may be totally transformed into love.  
Amen.**

## SOLEMN BLESSING

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

Bow down for the blessing.

*All bow*

May God, the glory and joy of the Saints, who has caused you to be strengthened by means of their outstanding prayers, bless you with unending blessings.

**Amen.**

Freed through their intercession from present ills and formed by the example of their holy way of life, may you be ever devoted to serving God and your neighbor.

**Amen.**

So that, together with all, you may possess the joys of the homeland, where Holy Church rejoices that her children are admitted in perpetual peace to the company of the citizens of 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.**

Go in peace.

**Thanks be to God.**