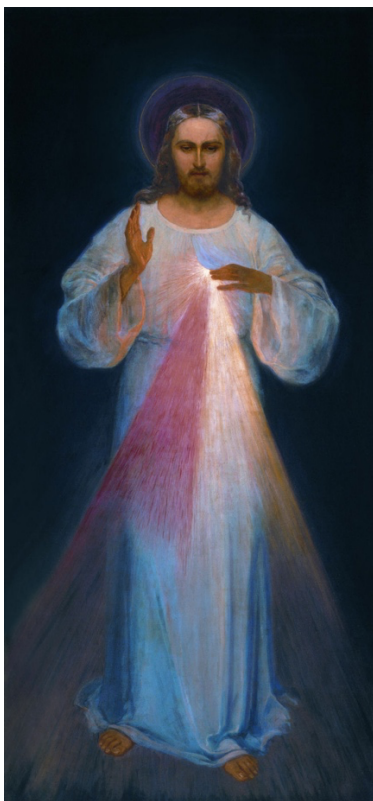




ST. GERTRUDE  
CHURCH



SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

April 15–16, 2023

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# ORDER OF MASS

Sunday of Divine Mercy

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## PRELUDE

Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele, BWV 654

*Johann Sebastian Bach*

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

### PROCESSION

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

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

*St. Michael Hymnal 791*

### INTROIT *(Sunday)*

Quasi modo geniti infantes, alleluia:  
rationalbiles, sine dolo lac concupiscite,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*As the celebrant censes the altar, the Capella/cantor sings:*

*Like newborn infants, alleluia:  
you must long for the pure, spiritual milk,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

Ÿ. Exsultate Deo adjutori nostro:  
jubilate Deo Jacob.

Ÿ. *Rejoice in God our salvation:  
rejoice in the God of Jacob.*

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: 1 Peter 2:2*

*Versicle: Psalm 81:2*

*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

*The cantor/choir sings each verset once, then all repeat.*

The musical score is written in D major (two sharps) and consists of six staves. The first staff is for the cantor, with lyrics: Ky - ri - e Lord, e - - - le - i - son. have mercy. The second staff continues the cantor's part with lyrics: Chri - ste Christ, e - - - le - i - son. have mercy. The third staff is for the choir, with lyrics: Ky - ri - e e - - - le - i - son. The fourth staff is for all, with lyrics: Ky - ri - e. The fifth and sixth staves continue the 'All' part with lyrics: e - - - le - i - son.

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

# GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

*Celebrant:* *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

Let us pray. God of everlasting mercy, who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast kindle the faith of the people you have made your own, increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they have been reborn, by whose Blood they have been redeemed. 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

*Acts 2:42–47*

They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their property and possessions and divide them among all according to each one's need. Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple area and to breaking bread in their homes. They ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart, praising God and enjoying favor with all the people. And every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 118:234, 13–15, 22–24*



Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is ev - er - last - ing.

Let the house of Israel say, “His mercy endures forever.”

Let the house of Aaron say, “His mercy endures forever.”

Let those who fear the LORD say, “His mercy endures forever.” *℟̄.*

I was hard pressed and was falling, but the LORD helped me.

My strength and my courage is the LORD, and he has been my savior.

The joyful shout of victory in the tents of the just: *℟̄.*

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

By the LORD has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes.

This is the day the LORD has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it. *℟̄.*

*Music: Dominican Chant — Alleluia, Ego sum pastor bonus, adapted by Christopher Holman*

## READING II

*1 Peter 1:3–9*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you who by the power of God are safeguarded through faith, to a salvation that is ready to be revealed in the final time. In this you rejoice, although now for a little while you may have to suffer through various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith, more precious than gold that is perishable even though tested by fire, may prove to be for praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Although you have not seen him you love him; even though you do not see him now yet believe in him, you rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, as you attain the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SEQUENCE

*The cantor/choir sings:*

Victimae paschali laudes  
immolent Christiani.  
Agnus redemit oves:  
Christus innocens Patri  
reconciliavit peccatores.  
Mors et vita duello  
confluxere mirando:  
dux vitae mortuus, regnat vivus.

Dic nobis Maria,  
quid vidisti in via?  
Sepulcrum Christi viventis,  
et gloriam vidi resurgentis;  
angelicos testes,  
sudarium, et vestes.  
Surrexit Christus spes mea:  
praecedet suos in Galilaeam.

Scimus Christum surrexisse  
a mortuis vere:  
tu nobis, victor Rex, miserere.  
Amen. Alleluia.

*To the Paschal Victim, praises  
offer, O Christians.  
The Lamb redeems the sheep:  
Christ, who is sinless, to the Father  
reconciles sinners.  
Death and life have dueled  
in a wondrous battle:  
The Prince of life, who died, reigns, living.*

*Tell us, O Mary [of Magdala],  
what did you see in your journey?  
I saw the tomb of the living Christ,  
and the glory of the risen one;  
angelic witnesses resting  
the shroud and burial cloths.  
Arisen is Christ, my hope:  
he will go before his people into Galilee.*

*We know Christ to have risen  
from death, truly:  
O victorious King, have mercy on us.  
Amen. Alleluia.*

*Words: attr. Wipo of Burgundy*

*Music: Dominican Chant*

## ALLELUIA

*All stand*



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

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord;  
blessed are they who have not seen me, but still believe! **R.**

*Verse: John 20:29*

*Music: Jean Tisserand, O.F.M.*

## GOSPEL

*John 20:19–31*

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, “Peace be with you.” When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.”

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”

Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.” Thomas answered and said to him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”

Now, Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*All sit*

## HOMILY

*Friars of the Order of Preachers*

*Masses on Saturday and Sunday at 12 P.M.: skip to the Creed on page 15.*

# rites of Christian Initiation

*This liturgy is for the Sunday 10 A.M. mass only.*

## PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATE

*The candidate is called forward. The celebrant then prays:*

Dearly beloved, with one heart and one soul, let us by our prayers come to the aid of our sister Molly in his blessed hope, so that, as she approaches the font of rebirth, the almighty Father may bestow on her all his merciful help.

## LITANY OF THE SAINTS

*All kneel*

The musical score for the Litany of the Saints is presented in six systems, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated across lines. The score is divided into two parts: Cantor and All. The first five systems are for the Cantor and All parts, and the sixth system is for the Petition part.

*Cantor:* Lord, have mer - cy. *All:* Lord, have mer - cy.

*Cantor:* Christ, have mer - cy. *All:* Christ, have mer - cy.

*Cantor:* Lord, have mer - cy. *All:* Lord, have mer - cy.

*Cantor:* Saint N. *All:* pray for us.

*Cantor:* Lord, be mer - ci - ful. *All:* Lord, de - liv - er us, we pray.

*Petition* *All:* Lord, de - liv - er us, we pray.

*Cantor:* *Petition* *All:*  
 Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.  
*Cantor:* *All:*  
 Christ, hear us. Christ, hear us.  
*Cantor:* *All:*  
 Christ, gra-cious-ly hear us. Christ, gra-cious-ly hear us.

## PRAYER

Almighty ever-living God, be present by the mysteries of your great love and send forth the spirit of adoption to create the new peoples brought to birth for you in the font of Baptism, so that what is to be carried out by our humble service may be brought to fulfillment by your mighty power. Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*All sit*

## THANKSGIVING OVER BAPTISMAL WATER

Praise to you, almighty God and Father, for you have created water to cleanse and to give life.

*Cantor:* *All:*  
 Springs of wa-ter, bless the Lord; **praise and exalt him above all for-ev-er.**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son, for you offered yourself on the cross, that in the blood and water flowing from your side and through your death and resurrection the Church might be born.

Springs of water, bless the Lord;

**Praise and exalt him above all forever.**

Praise to you, God the Holy Spirit, for you anointed Christ at his baptism in the waters of the Jordan, that we might all be baptized in you.

Springs of water, bless the Lord;

**Praise and exalt him above all forever.**

You have called your daughter Molly to this cleansing water, that she may share in the faith of your Church and have eternal life. By the mystery of this consecrated water, lead her to a new and spiritual birth. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

*The celebrant invites the candidate to renounce sin and profess her faith.*

## BAPTISM

*Immediately after the profession of faith the celebrant baptizes the candidate:*

Molly, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*The newly baptized is then clothed with a baptismal garment and presented with a lighted candle.*

## HYMN

Father, We Thank Thee

*St. Michael Hymnal 510, Verse 1*

## CONFIRMATION

*The celebrant introduces the Rite of Confirmation, and invites the congregation to pray for the candidate. Afterward, the candidate is invited to kneel. The priests lay their hands on the candidate as the celebrant calls upon the Holy Spirit to bestow his graces upon the candidate, concluding with:*

Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*The celebrant anoints the candidate.*

*Sponsor:* Father, I present to you N.

*The sponsor gives the candidate's confirmation name.*

*Celebrant:* N., be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

*The celebrant anoints the candidate with chrism oil.*

## 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*

**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

*All sit and sing:*



1. We walk by faith, and not by sight, no gra-cious words we hear
2. We may not touch his hands and side, nor fol-low where he trod;
3. Help then, O Lord, our un-be-lief; and may our faith a-bound
4. For you, O re-sur-rec-ted Lord, are found in means di-vine:
5. Lord, when our life of faith is done, in realms of clear-er light



from him who spoke as none e'er spoke, but we be-lieve him near.  
 but in his pro-mise we re-joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"  
 to call on you when you are near, and seek where you are found.  
 be-neath the wa-ter and the Word, be-neath the bread and wine.  
 we may be-hold you as you are with full and end-less sight.

*Words: Henry Alford*

*Music: ST. ANNE, William Croft*

## MOTET (10 A.M.)

*All sit as the Capella sings:*

All hail the power of Jesus's name, let angels prostrate fall,  
 Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.  
 Crown Him, ye martyrs of our God, who from his altar call,  
 Extol the stem of Jesse's rod, and crown him Lord of all.

Hail Him, the Heir of David's line, whom David Lord did call,  
 The Lord incarnate, Man divine, and crown him Lord of all!  
 Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, ye ransomed of the fall,  
 Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, before him prostrate fall!  
 To him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all.

*Words: Edward Perronet*

*Music: Amy Beach*

# ORATE, FRATRES

*All stand*

Pray, brethren, 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, O Lord, we pray the oblations of your people (10 A.M.: and of those you have brought to new birth), that, renewed by confession of your name and by Baptism, they may attain unending happiness. 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, at all times to acclaim you, O Lord, but on this day above all to laud you yet more gloriously, when Christ our Passover has been sacrificed. For he is the true Lamb who has taken away the sins of the world; by dying he has destroyed our death, and by rising, restored our life. Therefore, overcome with paschal joy, every land, every people exults in your praise and even the heavenly Powers, with the angelic hosts, sing together the unending hymn of your glory, as they acclaim:

The musical notation consists of two staves. The first staff is for the Cantor and the second for the All. Both are in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The Cantor part begins with a melodic phrase for 'San - ctus, Holy,'. The All part begins with a similar phrase for 'San - ctus, Holy,'. The second line of the All part continues with 'Do - mi - nus De - us Sa - of hosts.'

*Cantor:* San - ctus, Holy,  
*All:* San - ctus, Holy,  
 Do - mi - nus De - us Sa - of hosts.

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

et ter - ra 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*

in no - mi - ne Do - mi - ni. Ho - san - na  
*in the name of the Lord. Hosanna*

in ex - cel - - - sis.  
*in the highest.*

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

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

*All kneel*

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

The mystery of faith.

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

*All:* 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.*

*At the conclusion of the prayer the celebrant takes the chalice and 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,

*Priests:* 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 exchange a sign of peace*

## AGNUS DEI

*Choir:* 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:* 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.

*Choir:* 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 choir sings:*

Mitte manum tuam, et cognosce loca  
clavorum, alleluia: et noli esse incredulus,  
sed fidelis, alleluia.

*Stretch forth your hand and feel the place  
of the nails, alleluia: and be not doubting,  
but believing, alleluia.*

Ÿ. Reminiscere miserationum tuarum,  
Domine, et misericordiarum tuarum  
quae a saeculo sunt.

Ÿ. *Remember your compassion,  
O Lord, and your mercy,  
which are from of old.*

Ÿ. Secundum misericordiam tuam  
memento mei tu,  
propter bonitatem tuam, Domine.

Ÿ. *According to your mercy,  
remember me,  
because of your goodness, O Lord.*

Ÿ. Custodi animam meam,  
et erue me: non erubescam,  
quoniam speravi in te.

Ÿ. *Keep my soul,  
and deliver me: I will not be put to shame,  
for I have trusted in you.*

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: 1 Corinthians 5:7–8*

*Versicles: Psalm 25:6, 7b, 20*

*Music: Dominican Chant*

## MOTET

*The Capella sings:*

Verbe égal au Très-Haut,  
notre unique espérance,

*Word of the Highest,  
our only hope,*

Jour éternel de la terre et des cieux,  
De la paisible nuit nous rompons le silence:  
Divin Sauveur, jette sur nous les yeux.

Répands sur nous  
le feu de Ta grâce puissante;  
Que tout l'enfer fuie au son de Ta voix;  
Dissipe le sommeil d'une âme languissante  
Qui la conduit à l'oubli de Tes lois!

Ô Christ! sois favorable  
à ce peuple fidèle,  
Pour Te bénir maintenant rassemblé;  
Reçois les chants qu'il offre  
à Ta gloire immortelle,  
Et de Tes dons qu'il retourne comblé.

*Eternal day of earth and the heavens,  
We break the silence of the peaceful night;  
Divine Savior, cast your eyes upon us.*

*Pour on us  
the fire of your powerful grace,  
That all hell may flee at the sound of your voice;  
Banish the slumber of a weary soul,  
Who brings forgetfulness of your laws!*

*O Christ! Look with favor  
upon your faithful people,  
Now gathered here to praise you;  
Receive their hymns offered  
to your immortal glory;  
May they go forth filled with your gifts.*

*Words: Jean Racine  
Music: Gabriel Fauré*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*All stand*

Let us pray. Grant, we pray, almighty God, that our reception of this paschal Sacrament, may have a continuing effect in our minds and hearts. Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## THE CONCLUDING RITES

### SOLEMN BLESSING

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

Bow down for the blessing.

*All bow*

May almighty God, who by the Resurrection of his Only Begotten Son was pleased to confer on you the gift of redemption and of adoption, give you gladness by his blessing.

**Amen.**

May he, by whose redeeming work you have received the gift of everlasting freedom, make you heirs to an eternal inheritance.

**Amen.**


And may you, who have already risen with Christ in Baptism through faith, by living in a right manner on this earth, be united with him in the homeland 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 forever.

**Amen.**

*Celebrant:*



Go in peace, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - - lu - ia.

*All:*



Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - - lu - ia.

## 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:*

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

*St. Michael Hymnal 714*

## POSTLUDE

Prelude in E-flat Major, BWV 552

*Johann Sebastian Bach*