



ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH



HOLY FAMILY

December 30 and 31, 2023



ORDER OF MASS

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

PRELUDE

In dulci jubilo

Johann Michael Bach

INTRODUCTORY RITES

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

What Child is This

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

Saint Michael Hymnal 824

INTROIT

Exsultat gaudio pater Justi,
gaudeat Pater tuus et Mater tua,
et exsultet quae genuit te.

As the celebrant censes the altar, the cantor sings:

*Let the Father of the Just rejoice,
let your Father and Mother rejoice,
and let her who bore you rejoice.*

Words: after Proverbs 23:24–25

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.

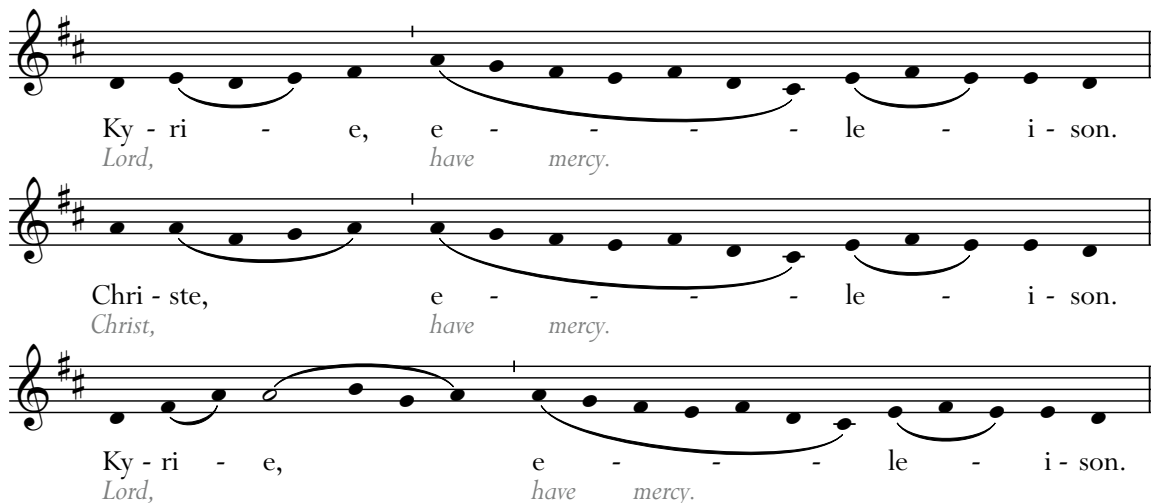
**I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels 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 sings each line of music first, then all repeat.



The musical notation consists of three staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The notes are simple, with many tied notes and long horizontal lines indicating sustained sounds. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Celebrant/Cantor: *All:*

Glo-ri - a in ex-cel-sis De - o. Et in ter-ra pax ho-mi-ni-bus
Glory to God in the highest. And on earth peace to people of

bo-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 cae-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 were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards. 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

Genesis 15:1–6; 21:1–3

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying: “Fear not, Abram! I am your shield; I will make your reward very great.” But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what good will your gifts be, if I keep on being childless and have as my heir the steward of my house, Eliezer?” Abram continued, “See, you have given me no offspring, and so one of my servants will be my heir.” Then the word of the LORD came to him: “No, that one shall not be your heir; your own issue shall be your heir.” The Lord took Abram outside and said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so,” he added, “shall your descendants be.” Abram put his faith in the LORD, who credited it to him as an act of righteousness.

The LORD took note of Sarah as he had said he would; he did for her as he had promised. Sarah became pregnant and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time that God had stated. Abraham gave the name Isaac to this son of his whom Sarah bore him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 105:1–2, 3–4, 5–6, 8–9



The Lord re - mem - bers his co - ve - nant for - ev - er.

Give thanks to the LORD, invoke his name; make known among the nations his deeds.
Sing to him, sing his praise, proclaim all his wondrous deeds. **R.**

Glory in his holy name; rejoice, O hearts that seek the LORD!
Look to the LORD in his strength; constantly seek his face. **R.**

You descendants of Abraham, his servants, sons of Jacob, his chosen ones!
He, the LORD, is our God; throughout the earth his judgments prevail. **R.**

He remembers forever his covenant which he made binding for a thousand generations
which he entered into with Abraham and by his oath to Isaac. **R.**

Music: Dominican Chant — Unam petii, adapted Christopher Holman

READING II

Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19

Brothers and sisters: by faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; he went out, not knowing where he was to go. By faith he received power to generate, even though he was past the normal age — and Sarah herself was sterile — for he thought that the one who had made the promise was trustworthy. So it was that there came forth from one man, himself as good as dead, descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sands on the seashore.

By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was ready to offer his only son, of whom it was said, “Through Isaac descendants shall bear your name.” He reasoned that God was able to raise even from the dead, and he received Isaac back as a symbol.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

All stand



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

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets;
in these last days, he has spoken to us through the Son. **℟.**

Verse: Colossians 3:15a, 16a

Music: Gregorian Chant

GOSPEL

Luke 2:22–40

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, *Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord*, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord.

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, He took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: “Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.” The child’s father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted — and you yourself a sword will pierce — so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.” There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

All sit

HOMILY

Friars of the Order of Preachers

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.**

RECEPTION INTO FULL COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION (10 A.M.)

The candidates are received into full communion with the Church. Then follows the rite of Confirmation.

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.,
Archbishop of Cincinnati*

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY

In His Temple Now Behold Him

All sit as the cantor sings:

Saint Michael Hymnal 576

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 offer you, Lord, the sacrifice of conciliation, humbly asking that, through the intercession of the Virgin Mother of God and Saint Joseph, you may establish our families firmly in your grace and your peace. 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, San - ctus, San - - ctus,
Holy, *Holy,* *Holy,*

All: Do - - mi - nus De - us Sa - - -
Lord *God* *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.*

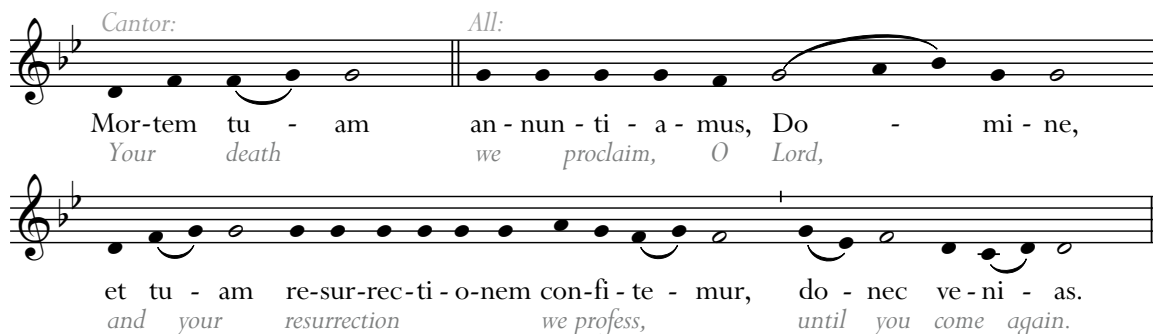
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THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

All kneel

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

The mystery of faith.

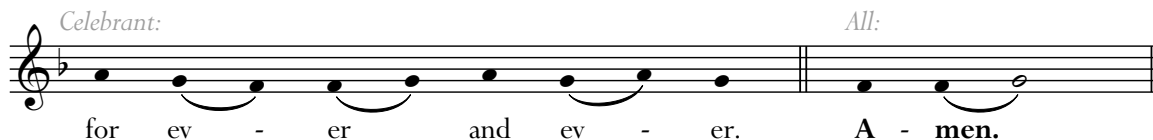


Cantor: Mor-tem tu - am an - nun - ti - a - mus, Do - mi - ne,
Your death we proclaim, O Lord,

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

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:

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.

Cantor/choir: All:

A - gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec-ca - ta mun - di:
mi - se - re - re no - bis.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All stand

Bring those you refresh with this heavenly Sacrament, most merciful Father, to imitate constantly the example of the Holy Family, so that, after the trials of this world, we may share their company for ever. 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 stand and sing:

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

Saint Michael Hymnal 530: Verses 1 and 5

POSTLUDE

In dulci jubilo, BWV 729

Johann Sebastian Bach

Cover: Presentation of Jesus at the Temple, Fra Angelico, O.P., c. 1452