



ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

December 8, 2023 at 7 P.M.

THIS SUNDAY: ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS

This Sunday, December 10 at 3 P.M., all are invited to join for one of the highlights of Advent at St. Gertrude Church: the service of Advent Lessons and Carols, sung by the novices, our Parish Choir, and the Schola Cantorum. This hour-long contemplative service is based around a series of readings that trace Salvation History until the Birth of Christ, interspersed with powerful musical meditations from the Church's treasury of sacred music for Advent, including the magnificent Dominican chant "O" Antiphons. All are welcome.



ORDER OF MASS

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

PRELUDE

Dixit Maria ad angelum (*Mary said unto the angel*)

Heinrich Scheidemann

INTRODUCTORY RITES

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

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

Saint Michael Hymnal 611

INTROIT

Gaudens gaudebo in Domino
et exultabit anima mea in Deo meo:
quia induit me vestimentis salutis,
et indumento iustitiæ circumdedit me,
quasi sponsam ornatam monilibus suis.

As the celebrant censes the altar, the choir sings:

*I rejoice heartily in the Lord,
in my God is the joy of my soul;
for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation,
and wrapped me in a mantle of justice,
like a bride adorned with her jewels.*

Words: Isaiah 61:10

Music: Dominican Chant

GREETING

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

Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins,
and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

**I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

All strike their breast three times

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.
Amen.

KYRIE, ELEISON

The choir sings each line of music first, then all repeat.

Ky - ri - e, e - - - le - i - son.
Lord, have mercy.


Chri - ste, e - - - le - i - son.
Christ, have mercy.

Ky - ri - e, e - - - le - i - son.
Lord, have mercy.


Music: Dominican Chant, Mass XII

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

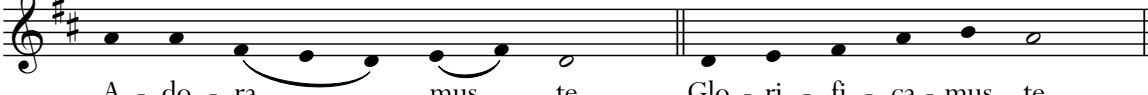
Celebrant/Cantor: *All:*



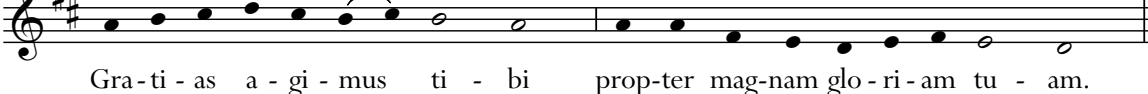
Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o. Et in ter - ra pax ho - mi - ni - bus
Glory to God in the highest. And on earth peace to people of




bo - næ vo - lun - ta - tis. Lau - da - mus te. Be - ne - di - ci - mus te.
good will. We praise you. We bless you.



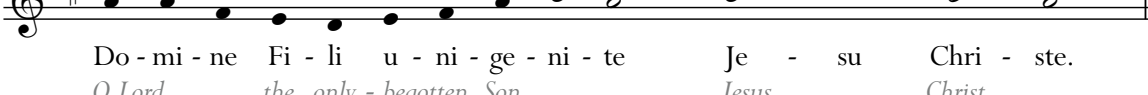
A - do - ra - mus te. Glo - ri - fi - ca - mus te.
We adore you. We glorify you.



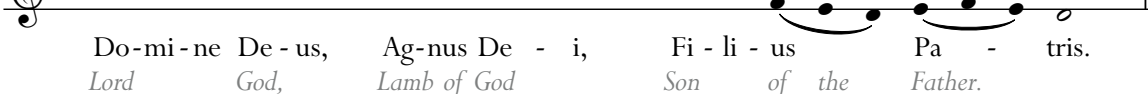
Gra - ti - as a - gi - mus ti - bi prop - ter mag - nam glo - ri - am tu - am.
We give thanks to you for your great glory,



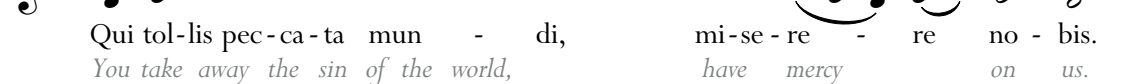
Do - mi - ne De - us, Rex cæ - le - stis, De - us Pa - ter om - ni - po - tens.
Lord God, heavenly King, O God the Father almighty.



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

O God, who by the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin prepared a worthy dwelling for your Son, grant, we pray, that, as you preserved her from every stain by virtue of the Death of your Son, which you foresaw, so, through her intercessions, we, too, may be cleansed and admitted to your presence. 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 3:9–15, 20

After the man, Adam, had eaten of the tree, the LORD God called to the man and asked him, “Where are you?” He answered, “I heard you in the garden; but I was afraid, because I was naked, so I hid myself.” Then he asked, “Who told you that you were naked? You have eaten, then, from the tree of which I had forbidden you to eat!” The man replied, “The woman whom you put here with me she gave me fruit from the tree, and so I ate it.” The LORD God then asked the woman, “Why did you do such a thing?” The woman answered, “The serpent tricked me into it, so I ate it.”

Then the LORD God said to the serpent: “Because you have done this, you shall be banned from all the animals and from all the wild creatures; on your belly shall you crawl, and dirt shall you eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike at your head, while you strike at his heel.”

The man called his wife Eve, because she became the mother of all the living.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 98:1, 2–3ab, 3cd–4



Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done mar-ve-lous deeds.

Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done wondrous deeds;
His right hand has won victory for him, his holy arm. *℟.*

The LORD has made his salvation known: in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice. He has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness toward the house of Israel. *℟.*

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation by our God.
Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands; break into song; sing praise. *℟.*

Music: Dominican Chant — Benedicta es tu, adapted Christopher Holman

READING II

Ephesians 1:3–6, 11–12

Brothers and sisters: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens, as he chose us in him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and without blemish before him. In love he destined us for adoption to himself through Jesus Christ, in accord with the favor of his will, for the praise of the glory of his grace that he granted us in the beloved.

In him we were also chosen, destined in accord with the purpose of the One who accomplishes all things according to the intention of his will, so that we might exist for the praise of his glory, we who first hoped in Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

All stand



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

Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women. **R.**

*Verse: after Luke 1:28
Music: Gregorian Chant*

GOSPEL

Luke 1:26–30

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his Kingdom there will be no end." But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?" And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God." Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

All sit

HOMILY

The Reverend Luke VanBerkum, O.P.

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.
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.

All stand

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.,
Archbishop of Cincinnati*

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY

Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum.
Benedicta tu in mulieribus,
et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus.
Sancta Maria, Mater Dei,
ora pro nobis peccatoribus,
nunc et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen.

*Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.*

All sit as the choir sings:

Words: after Luke 1:28

Music: Nathaniel Dett

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.**

Graciously accept the saving sacrifice which we offer you, O Lord, on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and grant that, as we profess her, on account of your prevenient grace, to be untouched by any stain of sin, so, through her intercession, we may be delivered from all our faults. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PREFACE DIALOGUE AND SANCTUS

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and just.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For you preserved the most Blessed Virgin Mary from all stain of original sin, so that in her, endowed with the rich fullness of your grace, you might prepare a worthy Mother for your Son and signify the beginning of the Church, his beautiful Bride without spot or wrinkle.

She, the most pure Virgin, was to bring forth a Son, the innocent Lamb who would wipe away our offenses; you placed her above all others to be for your people an advocate of grace and a model of holiness.

And so, in company with the choirs of Angels, we praise you, and with joy we proclaim:

Cantor: *All:*

San - - ctus, 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 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 says the Eucharistic Prayer. After the words of Consecration, the celebrant sings:

The mystery of faith.

Cantor:
 When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,

All:
 we pro-claim your Death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

At the conclusion of the Eucharistic Prayer the celebrant takes the chalice and the paten with the host, and raising both, sings:

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours,

Celebrant: for ev - er and ev - er. *All:* **A - men.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All stand

At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come, thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours
now and for ever.**

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: *Peace I leave you, my peace I give you*, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

Amen.

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

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All offer one another a sign of peace

AGNUS DEI

Cantor/choir: *All:*
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.

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:
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:

Gloriosa dicta sunt de te, Maria: quia
fecit tibi magna qui potens est.

*Glorious things are spoken of you, O Mary, for
the mighty one has done great things for you.*

Ÿ. Eructavit cor meum verbum bonum,
dico ego opera mea regi.

Ÿ. *My heart overflows with noble words,
To the king I address my songs.*

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.*

Words: Psalm 87:3, Luke 1:49

Versicle: Psalm 45:2

Music: Dominican Chant

MOTET

The Parish Choir sings from the loft:

Of one that is so fair and bright
Velut maris stella,
Brighter than the day is light,
Parens et puella:
I cry to thee, thou see to me,
Lady, pray thy Son for me
Tam pia,
That I may come to thee.
Maria!

All this world was forlorn
Eva peccatrice,
Till our Lord was y-born
De te genetrice.
With ave it went away
Darkest night, and comes the day
Salutis
The well springeth out of thee.
Virtutis.

The quartet sings from the Altar of Our Lady:

like a star of the sea,

Mother and maiden:

so virtuous,

Mary!

through Eve, the sinner,

of you, the mother.

of salvation

of virtue.

Lady, flow'r of ev'rything,
Rosa sine spina,
Thou bare Jesu, Heaven's King,
Gratia divina:
Of all thou bear'st the prize,
Lady, queen of paradise
Electa:
Maid mild, mother
es Effecta.

Rose without thorn,

by divine grace:

Chosen One:

You are made.

Words: fourteenth century
Music: Benjamin Britten

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All stand

May the Sacrament we have received, O Lord our God, heal in us the wounds of that fault from which in a singular way you preserved the Blessed Mary in her Immaculate Conception. 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 God, who through the childbearing of the Blessed Virgin Mary willed in his great kindness to redeem the human race, be pleased to enrich you with his blessing.

Amen.

May you know always and everywhere the protection of her, through whom you have been found worthy to receive the author of life.

Amen.

May you, who have devoutly gathered on this day, carry away with you the gifts of spiritual joys and heavenly rewards.

Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever.

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

Immaculate Mary

*All stand and sing:
Saint Michael Hymnal 573*

POSTLUDE

Fugue on the Magnificat, BWV 733

Johann Sebastian Bach

