



# ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH



## 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Laetare Sunday

March 18–19, 2023



# ORDER OF MASS

Fourth Sunday of Lent: Laetare Sunday

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## PRELUDE

By the Waters of Babylon, BWV 653

*Johann Sebastian Bach*

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

### PROCESSION

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

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

*St. Michael Hymnal 620*

### INTROIT

*As the celebrant approaches the altar, the cantor/choir sings:*

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

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

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

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

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

Ÿ. *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit, as it was  
in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.*

*Antiphon: Psalm 25:15–16.*

*Versicle: Psalm 25:1–2ab*

*Music: Dominican Chant*

## GREETING

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

**Amen.**

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

**And with your spirit.**

## PENITENTIAL ACT

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

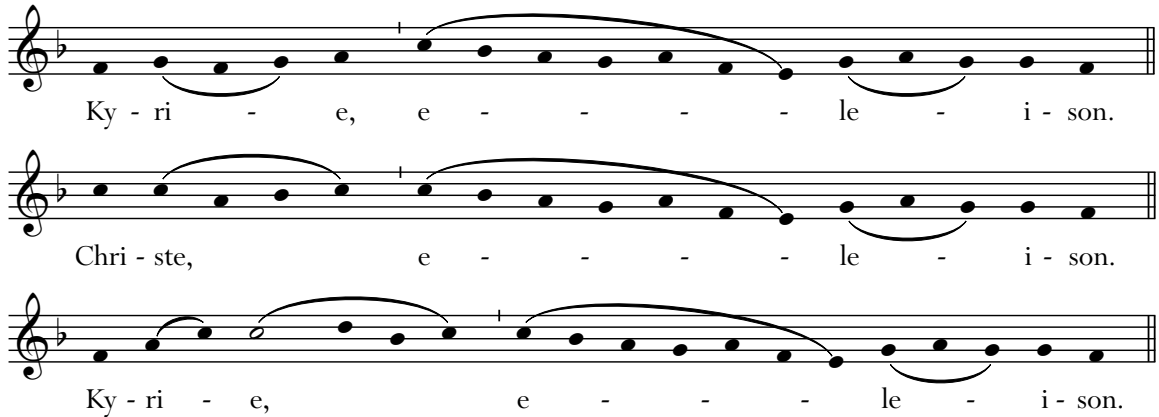
**I confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,  
through my fault, through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;  
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,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

*All strike 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.*



Musical notation for the Kyrie, Eleison chant. It consists of three staves of music in a single melodic line. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written on a five-line staff. The lyrics are: Ky - ri - e, e - - - - le - i - son. The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics: Chri - ste, e - - - - le - i - son. The third staff concludes the phrase with the lyrics: Ky - ri - e, e - - - - le - i - son. The music features long, flowing lines with many ties, indicating a continuous, unbroken melody.

*Music: Dominican Chant, Missa XII, fourteenth century*

## COLLECT

Let us pray. Almighty ever-living God, give to your Church an increase in spiritual joy, so that those once born of earth may be reborn as citizens of heaven. 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

*1 Samuel 16:1b, 6–7, 10–13a*

The LORD said to Samuel: "Fill your horn with oil, and be on your way. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen my king from among his sons."

As Jesse and his sons came to the sacrifice, Samuel looked at Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is here before him." But the LORD said to Samuel: "Do not judge from his appearance or from his lofty stature, because I have rejected him. Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the LORD looks into the heart." In the same way Jesse presented seven sons before Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any one of these." Then Samuel asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" Jesse replied, "There is still the youngest, who is tending the sheep." Samuel said to Jesse,

"Send for him; we will not begin the sacrificial banquet until he arrives here." Jesse sent and had the young man brought to them. He was ruddy, a youth handsome to behold and making a splendid appearance. The LORD said, "There — anoint him, for this is the one!" Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand, anointed David in the presence of his brothers; and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David.

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. *℟.*

He guides me in right paths for his name's sake.

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 — Laetatus sum, adapted by Christopher Holman*

## READING II

*Ephesians 5:8–14*

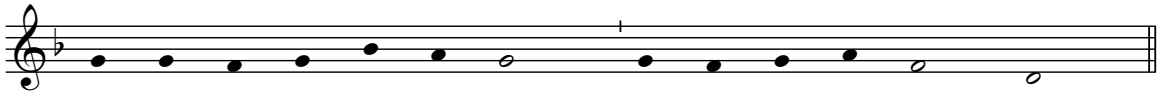
Brothers and sisters: you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth. Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness; rather expose them, for it is shameful even to mention the things done by them in secret; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it says: "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*All stand*



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

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
whoever follows me will have the light of life. R.

*Verse: John 8:12*

*Music: Plainchant*

## GOSPEL

*John 9:1–41*

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him. We have to do the works of the one who sent me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam," which means "Sent." So he went and washed, and came back able to see.

His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said, "Isn't this the one who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is," but others said, "No, he just looks like him." He said, "I am." So they said to him, "How were your eyes opened?" He replied, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and told me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went there and washed and was able to see." And they said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I don't know."

They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see." So some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, because he does not keep the sabbath." But others said, "How can a sinful man do such signs?" And there was a division among them.

So they said to the blind man again, "What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

Now the Jews did not believe that he had been blind and gained his sight until they summoned the parents of the one who had gained his sight. They asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How does he now see?" His parents answered and said, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. We do not know how he sees now, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him, he is of age; he can speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone acknowledged him as the Christ, he would be expelled from the synagogue. For this reason his parents said, "He is of age; question him."

So a second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give God the praise! We know that this man is a sinner." He replied, "If he is a sinner, I do not know. One thing I do know is that I was blind and now I see." So they said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples, too?" They ridiculed him and said, "You are that man's disciple; we are disciples of Moses! We know that God spoke to Moses, but we do not know where this one is from." The man answered and said to them, "This is what is so amazing, that you do not know where he is from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if one is devout and does his will, he listens to him. It is unheard of that anyone ever opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he would not be able to do anything." They answered and said to him, "You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?" Then they threw him out.

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him. Then Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind."

Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not also blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you are saying, 'We see,' so your sin remains.

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.



# 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 (*Saturday*)

*All sit and sing:*

The King of Love My Shepherd is

*St. Michael Hymnal 783*

OFFERTORY (*10 a.m.*)

*All sit as the choir sings:*

By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept when we remembered thee, O Sion. As for our harps, we hanged them up upon the trees that are therein. For they that led us away captive required of us then a song, and melody in our heaviness: "Sing us one of the songs of Sion." How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land? If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning. If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth — yea, if I prefer not Jerusalem in my mirth. Remember the children of Edom, O Lord, in the day of Jerusalem, how they said, "Down with it, down with it, even to the ground." O daughter of Babylon, wasted with misery, yea, happy shall he be that rewardeth thee, as thou hast served us. Blessed shall he be that taketh thy children and throweth them against the stones.<sup>1</sup>

*Words: Psalm 137*

*Music: Samuel Coleridge-Taylor*

ORATE, FRATRES

*All stand*

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy church.**

We place before you with joy these offerings, which bring eternal remedy, O Lord, praying that we may both faithfully revere them and present them to you, as is fitting, for the salvation of all the world. Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

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<sup>1</sup> *From the US Conference of Catholic Bishops:* Psalm 137 ends with a prayer that the old enemies of Jerusalem, Edom and Babylon, be destroyed. In this final verse, the word "children" refers to all future generations, who must be destroyed if the enemy is truly to be eradicated.

## 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, through Christ our Lord.

By the mystery of the Incarnation, he has led the human race that walked in darkness into the radiance of the faith and has brought those born in slavery to ancient sin through the waters of regeneration to make them your adopted children.

Therefore, all creatures of heaven and earth sing a new song in adoration and we, with all the host of Angels cry out, and without end acclaim:

The musical score is written for five staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff is for the Cantor, and the second staff is for the All. The lyrics are written below the notes.

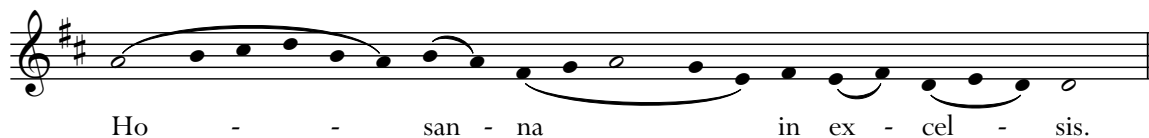
*Cantor:* San - ctus, *All:* San - ctus, San - ctus,

Do - mi - nus De - us Sa - - - ba - oth.

Ple - ni sunt cae - li et ter - ra glo - ri - a tu - a.

Ho - - san - na in ex - cel - sis.

Be - ne - dic - tus qui ve - nit in no - mi - ne Do - mi - ni.



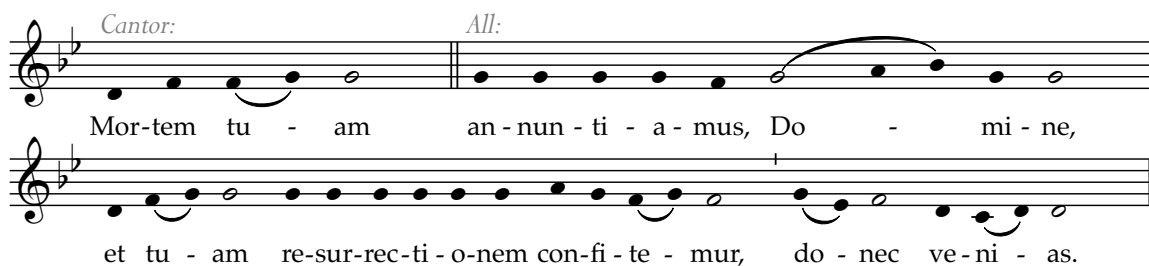
*Music: Gregorian Chant, Missa XVII, ninth century*

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

*All kneel*

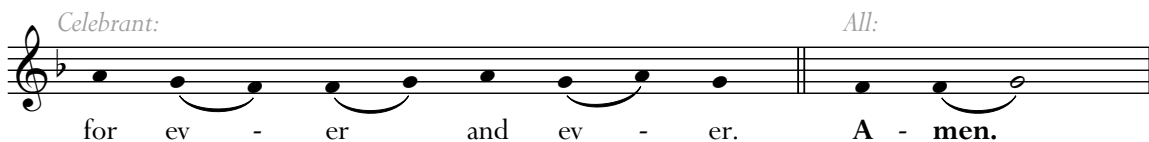
*The celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer. After the words of Consecration, the celebrant sings:*

*Mysterium fidei. or 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,



## 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

*Cantor:* *All:*

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

*Cantor:* *All:*

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

*Cantor:* *All:*

Ag - nus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - ca - ta mun-di:  
do - na no - bis pa - cem.

*Music: Gregorian Chant, Missa XVII, thirteenth century*

## 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 cantor/choir sings:*

Lutum fecit ex sputo Dominus,  
et linivit oculos meos: et abii, et lavi,  
et vidi, et credidi Deo.

*The Lord made clay from spittle,  
and anointed my eyes: and I went, I washed,  
I saw, and I believed in God.*

Ÿ. Dominus illuminat caecos.  
Dominus erigit elisos;  
Dominus diligit justos.

Ÿ. *The Lord gives sight to the blind.  
The Lord raises those who are bowed down;  
the Lord loves the righteous.*

Ÿ. Revela oculos meos, et considerabo  
mirabilia de lege tua.

Ÿ. *Open my eyes and I will see clearly  
the wonders of your law.*

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: after John 9:11, 38*

*Versicles: Psalm 146:8, 119:18*

*Music: Dominican Chant*

## MOTET (10 a.m.)

*The choir sings:*

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

*Words: John 3:16*

*Music: John Stainer*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*All stand*

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

**Amen.**

# THE CONCLUDING RITES

## PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

Bow down for the blessing.

*All bow*

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

**Amen.**

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 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.**

## HYMN

*All stand and sing:*

Pange lingua gloriosi

*St. Michael Hymnal 707*

## POSTLUDE

Jesus Christus, Our Savior, BWV 666

*J.S. Bach*

*Cover: Healing of the Man Born Blind (Venice), El Greco, 1567*