



20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 16 and 17, 2025

St. Gertrude Parish, Cincinnati

Welcome

Welcome to St. Gertrude Church, a Roman Catholic parish of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati shaped and enlivened by the charism of the Order of Preachers (the Dominicans). We teach and preach the Truth, reverently celebrate the liturgy and sacraments, and gather as a community so that all may encounter Jesus here.

Using this Booklet

This booklet contains the order of Mass. Texts spoken by the priest (the celebrant) appear in regular type, and responses by the congregation are in **bold**. Instructions when to stand, sit, kneel, etc. are in *italicized gray* typeface, as are descriptions of liturgical action. Hymns are found in the blue *St. Michael Hymnal* in each pew.

For Visitors

If you are visiting today, know that you are most welcome. Restrooms may be found at the back of the church. Assisted listening devices and low gluten hosts are available; please speak with an usher, who will gladly assist you. If you are unable to stand or kneel, please feel comfortable remaining seated — your presence and prayer are what matter most. We use incense at Sunday Mass, an act of worship described in Scripture that symbolizes our prayers rising to God; those with breathing sensitivities are encouraged to sit toward the back of the church. Thank you for joining us today, and hope that you will return often to pray with us.

The Reception of Holy Communion

As Catholics, we believe that the Eucharist is not merely a symbol, but is truly the Body and Blood of Christ, the greatest gift he bestowed upon humanity. This sacred mystery is founded upon Jesus's own words at the Last Supper and has been affirmed in Christian writings since the first century. To receive this Blessed Sacrament, one should be a practicing Catholic, free from grave sin, and normally have fasted for one hour. Those Catholics who are not prepared to receive today and our non-Catholic guests are warmly invited to approach the altar with arms crossed over the chest to receive a blessing.



ORDER OF MASS

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

PRELUDE

Prelude and Fugue in d, Op. 16, No. 3

Clara Schumann

INTRODUCTORY RITES

PROCESSION *(Sunday)*

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

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

St. Michael Hymnal 601

INTROIT

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

Protector noster aspice, Deus,
et respice in faciem Christi tui:
quia melior est dies una in atriis tuis
super millia.

*Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;
and look on the face of your anointed one;
one day within your courts
is better than a thousand elsewhere.*

Words: Psalm 84:10–11

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

Cantor/Choir: Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son. *All:* Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.
Lord, have mercy.

Cantor/Choir: Chris - te, e - le - i - son. *All:* Chris - te, e - le - i - son.
Christ, have mercy.

Cantor/Choir: Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son. *All:* Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.

Music: Gregorian Chant, Missa XVI

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 - 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 have prepared for those who love you good things which no eye can see, fill our hearts, we pray, with the warmth of your love, so that, loving you in all things and above all things, we may attain your promises, which surpass every human desire. 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 38:4–6, 8–10

In those days, the princes said to the king: “Jeremiah ought to be put to death; he is demoralizing the soldiers who are left in this city, and all the people, by speaking such things to them; he is not interested in the welfare of our people, but in their ruin.” King Zedekiah answered: “He is in your power”; for the king could do nothing with them. And so they took Jeremiah and threw him into the cistern of Prince Malchiah, which was in the quarters of the guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the cistern, only mud, and Jeremiah sank into the mud.

Ebed-melech, a court official, went there from the palace and said to him: “My lord king, these men have been at fault in all they have done to the prophet Jeremiah, casting him into the cistern. He will die of famine on the spot, for there is no more food in the city.” Then the king ordered Ebed-melech the Cushite to take three men along with him, and draw the prophet Jeremiah out of the cistern before he should die.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 33:1, 12, 18–19, 20–22



I have waited, waited for the LORD, and he stooped toward me. **℟.**

The LORD heard my cry. He drew me out of the pit of destruction,
out of the mud of the swamp; he set my feet upon a crag; he made firm my steps. **℟.**

And he put a new song into my mouth, a hymn to our God.
Many shall look on in awe and trust in the LORD. **℟.**

Though I am afflicted and poor, yet the LORD thinks of me.
You are my help and my deliverer; O my God, hold not back! **℟.**

Music: Dominican Chant — Bonum est confidere, adapted by Christopher Holman

READING II

Hebrews 12:1–4

Brothers and sisters: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith. For the sake of the joy that lay before him he endured the cross, despising its shame, and has taken his seat at the right of the throne of God. Consider how he endured such opposition from sinners, in order that you may not grow weary and lose heart. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

All stand



My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. **℟.**

Verse: John 10:27

Music: Dominican Chant — Alleluia, Domine refugium, adapted C. Holman

GOSPEL

Luke 12:49–53

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: “I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing! There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three; a father will be divided against his son and a son against his father, a mother against her daughter and a daughter against her mother, a mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.”

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

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 rise

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.

All sit

*Words: The Most Reverend Dennis Schnurr,
Archbishop Emeritus of Cincinnati*

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY

An offering is taken to support the ministry of St. Gertrude Parish. If you prefer to contribute online, please scan the QR code on the right. Thank you for your generosity.



All sit

ANTIPHON

Immisset angelus Domini in circuitu
timentium eum, et eripiet eos: gustate et
videte, quoniam suavis est Dominus.

✠. Benedicam Dominum in omni tempore;
semper laus ejus in ore meo.

The cantor/Capella sings:

*The angel of the Lord encamps around those
who fear him, and will deliver them. Taste and
see how sweet is the Lord.*

✠. *I will bless the Lord at all times;
forever will his praise be in my mouth.*

Antiphon: Psalm 34:8–9

Verse: Psalm 34:1

Music: Dominican Chant

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.**

Receive our oblation, O Lord, by which is brought about a glorious exchange, that, by offering
what you have given, we may merit to receive your very self. 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: *All:*

San - ctus, San - ctus, San-ctus Do-mi-nus De - us Sa - ba- oth.
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Hosts.

Ple - ni sunt cæ - li et ter - ra glo - ri - a tu - a. Ho-san-na in ex-cel - sis.
Full are heaven and earth of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Be-ne-di-ctus qui ve-nit in no-mi-ne Do-mi - ni. Ho-san - na in ex-cel - sis.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Music: Gregorian Chant, Missa XVIII "Deus Genitor alme"

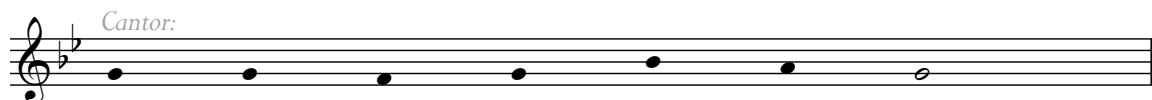
THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

All kneel

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


The mystery of faith.

Cantor:



We pro - claim your death, O Lord,

All:

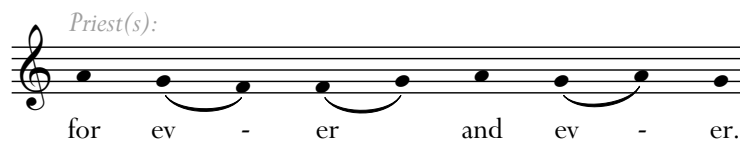


and pro-fess your re - sur - rec - tion un - til you come a - gain.

At the conclusion of the prayer the celebrant takes the chalice and the host; raising both, he sings:

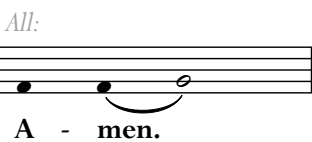
Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours,

Priest(s):



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: A-gnus De - i, qui tol-lis pec-ca - ta mun - di: mi-se-re-re no - bis.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

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

A-gnus De - i, qui tol-lis pec-ca - ta mun - di: do-na no-bis pa - cem.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Music: Gregorian Chant, Missa XVIII "Deus Genitor alme"

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/Capella sings:

Primum quaerite regnum Dei,
et omnia adjicientur vobis,
dicit Dominus.

*Seek first the kingdom of God,
and the rest will be given to you in addition,
says the Lord.*

℣. Cantabo Domino, qui
bona tribuit mihi, et psallam
nomini Domini Altissimi.

℣. *I will sing to the Lord who has been
bountiful with me, sing psalms
to the name of the Lord Most High.*

℣. Usquequo, Domine,
oblivisceris me in finem?
Usquequo avertes faciem tuam a me?

℣. *How long, O Lord?
Will you forget me forever?
How long will you hide your face from me?*

℣. Usquequo ponam consilia in anima mea,
dolorem in corde meo per diem?

℣. *How long must I bear this grief in my soul,
have sorrow in my heart all day long?*

℣. Respice et exaudi me, Domine Deus meus.
Illumina oculos meos
ne quando obdormiam in morte.

℣. *Look and answer me, O Lord my God!
Give light to my eyes
lest I fall asleep in death.*

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

℣. *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: Matthew 6:33

Versicles: cf. Psalm 13:6; Psalm 13:2—4

Music: Dominican Chant

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All stand

Made partakers of Christ through these Sacraments, we humbly implore your mercy, Lord, that, conformed to his image on earth, we may merit also to be his coheirs in heaven. 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.

PRAYER TO ST. 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:

Come Down, O Love Divine

St. Michael Hymnal 478

POSTLUDE

Prelude in D, BWV 532

Johann Sebastian Bach