



21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 23 and 24, 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

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

PRELUDE

Melody in D

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor

INTRODUCTORY RITES

PROCESSION (Sunday)

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

The Church's One Foundation

St. Michael Hymnal 775

RITE OF ENTRANCE AND WELCOME (12 P.M.)

During the hymn, the ministers and those entering the catechumenate process to the back of the church. The celebrant then receives the candidates and questions their intent. After, he then turns to all the sponsors and the congregation and questions them:

You, the sponsors who are now presenting these men and women to us, and all of you brothers and sisters gathered here, are you prepared to help them find Christ and follow him?

We are.

To you, most merciful Father, we give thanks for these your servants, because they have already been searching for you, who in diverse ways have gone ahead of them and knocked at their door, and because they have answered your call today in our presence. Therefore, we praise and bless you, Lord.

We praise and bless you, Lord.

The celebrant signs those entering the catechumenate.

The Gloria is then sung.

INTROIT

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

Inclina, Domine, aurem tuam ad me,
et exaudi me: saluum fac servum tuum,
Deus meus, sperantem in te:
miserere mihi, Domine,
quoniam ad te clamavi tota die.

*Turn your ear, O Lord,
and answer me; save the servant
who trusts in you, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord,
for I cry to you all the day long.*

Words: Psalm 86:1–3

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



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-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 cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

All sit

LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING I

Isaiah 66:18–21

Thus says the LORD: I know their works and their thoughts, and I come to gather nations of every language; they shall come and see my glory. I will set a sign among them; from them I will send fugitives to the nations: to Tarshish, Put and Lud, Mosoch, Tubal and Javan, to the distant coastlands that have never heard of my fame, or seen my glory; and they shall proclaim my glory among the nations. They shall bring all your brothers and sisters from all the nations as an offering to the LORD, on horses and in chariots, in carts, upon mules and dromedaries, to Jerusalem, my holy mountain, says the LORD, just as the Israelites bring their offering to the house of the LORD in clean vessels. Some of these I will take as priests and Levites, says the LORD.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 117:1–2



Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

Praise the LORD, all you nations; glorify him, all you peoples! *℟.*

For steadfast is his kindness toward us,
and the fidelity of the LORD endures forever. *℟.*

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

READING II

Hebrews 12:5–7, 11–13

Brothers and sisters, You have forgotten the exhortation addressed to you as children: "My son, do not disdain the discipline of the Lord or lose heart when reproved by him; for whom the Lord loves, he disciplines; he scourges every son he acknowledges. "Endure your trials as "discipline"; God treats you as sons. For what "son" is there whom his father does not discipline? At the time, all discipline seems a cause not for joy but for pain, yet later it brings the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who are trained by it.

So strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees. Make straight paths for your feet, that what is lame may not be disjointed but healed.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

All stand



I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me. *℟.*

Verse: John 14:6

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

GOSPEL

Luke 13:22–30

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus passed through towns and villages, teaching as he went and making his way to Jerusalem. Someone asked him, "Lord, will only a few people be saved?" He answered them, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough. After the master of the house has arisen and locked the door, then will you stand outside knocking and saying, 'Lord, open the door for us.' He will say to you in reply, 'I do not know where you are from. And you will say, 'We ate and drank in your company and you taught in our streets.' Then he will say to you, 'I do not know where you are from. Depart from me, all you evildoers!' And there will be wailing and grinding of teeth when you see Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God and you yourselves cast out. And people will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God. For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

All sit

HOMILY

Friars of the Order of Preachers

CREDO

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

All sit

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ANTIPHON

The cantor/Capella sings:

Expectans expectavi Dominum,
et respexit me et exaudivit
deprecationem meam, et immisit in
os meum canticum novum,
hymnum Deo nostro.

*Waiting, I have waited for the Lord,
and he has looked upon me and has heard
my supplication, and put into
my mouth a new song,
a hymn to our God.*

℣. Statuit super petram pedes meos,
et direxit gressus meos.

*℣. He set my feet upon a rock,
and directed my steps.*

Antiphon: Psalm 40:1,3a

Verse: Psalm 40:2b

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.**

O Lord, who gained for yourself a people by adoption through the one sacrifice offered once
for all, bestow graciously on us, we pray, the gifts of unity and peace in your Church.
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:

The musical notation is presented on three staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff begins with a double bar line and a repeat sign. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words in italics. The second staff continues the melody, and the third staff concludes the piece with a double bar line.

Cantor: San - ctus, *All:* 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"

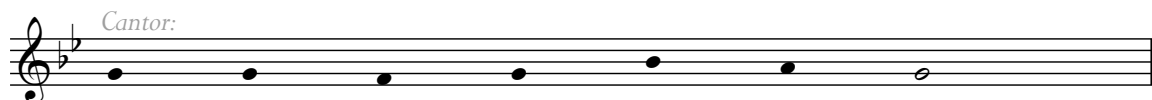
THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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:

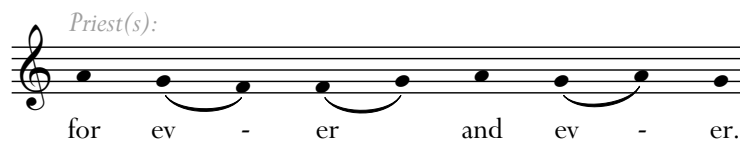


and pro-fess your re - sur - rec - tion un - til you come a - gain.

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

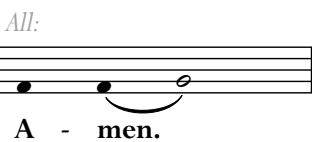
Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours,

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

The musical score for the Agnus Dei is presented in three staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff is labeled 'Cantor:' and the second and third are labeled 'All:'. The lyrics are in Latin, with English translations provided below each line. The music is written in a simple, melodic style characteristic of Gregorian chant.

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:*

De fructu operum tuorum,
Domine, satiabitur terra:
ut educas panem de terra,
et vinum lætificet cor hominis:
exhilaret faciem in oleo,
et panis cor hominis confirmet.

℣. Saturabuntur ligna Domini
et cedri Libani, quas plantavit.

℣. Illic passerres nidificabunt,
erodii domus in vertice earum.

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

*From the fruit of your works,
O Lord, the earth is filled.
You bring forth bread from the earth,
and wine to gladden the human heart.
Oil to make the face shine,
and bread to strengthen the human heart.*

℣. *The trees of the Lord drink their fill,
the cedars he planted on Lebanon.*

℣. *There the birds build their nests;
on the treetop the stork has her home.*

℣. *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: cf. Psalm 104:13–15

Verses: Psalm 104:16–20

Music: Dominican Chant

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All stand

Complete within us, O Lord, we pray, the healing work of your mercy and graciously perfect
and sustain us, so that in all things we may please you. 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 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:

All Creatures of Our God and King

St. Michael Hymnal 407

POSTLUDE

Fugue in D, BWV 532

Johann Sebastian Bach

