



EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

September 13 and 14, 2025

St. Gertrude Parish, Cincinnati



ORDER OF MASS

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

PRELUDE

*Sat. and 12 P.M.
10 A.M.*

Da Jesus an dem Kreuze stund, BWV 621
Impromptu on Kingsfold

*Johann Sebastian Bach
Brenda Portman*

INTRODUCTORY RITES

PROCESSION *(Sunday)*

All Hail the Power of Jesus's Name

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

St. Michael Hymnal 412

INTROIT

Nos autem gloriari oportet,
in Cruce Domini nostri Jesu Christi:
in quo est salus, vita, et resurrectio nostra:
per quem salvati, et liberati sumus.

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

*We should glory
in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
in whom is our salvation, life, and resurrection,
through whom we are saved and delivered.*

*Antiphon: cf. Galatians 6:14
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 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 willed that your Only Begotten Son should undergo the Cross to save the human race, grant, we pray, that we, who have known his mystery on earth, may merit the grace of his redemption in 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

Numbers 21:4b–9

With their patience worn out by the journey, the people complained against God and Moses, “Why have you brought us up from Egypt to die in this desert, where there is no food or water? We are disgusted with this wretched food!”

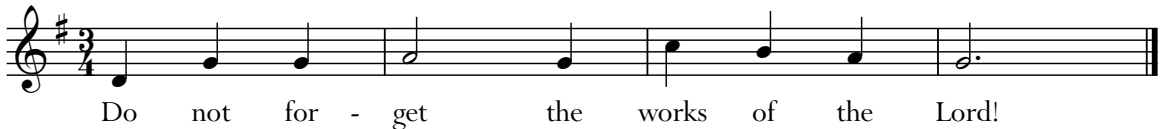
In punishment the LORD sent among the people saraph serpents, which bit the people so that many of them died. Then the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned in complaining against the LORD and you. Pray the LORD to take the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people, and the LORD said to Moses, “Make a saraph and mount it on a pole, and if any who have been bitten look at it, they will live.” Moses accordingly made a bronze serpent and mounted it on a pole, and whenever anyone who had been bitten by a serpent looked at the bronze serpent, he lived.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 78:1b–2, 34–38



Hearken, my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth in a parable, I will utter mysteries from of old. *℟.*

While he slew them they sought him and inquired after God again,
Remembering that God was their rock and the Most High God, their redeemer. *℟.*

But they flattered him with their mouths and lied to him with their tongues,
Though their hearts were not steadfast toward him,
nor were they faithful to his covenant. *℟.*

But he, being merciful, forgave their sin and destroyed them not;
Often he turned back his anger and let none of his wrath be roused. *℟.*

Music: Dominican Chant — Alleluia, Dulce lignum, adapted C. Holman

READING II

Philippians 2:6-11

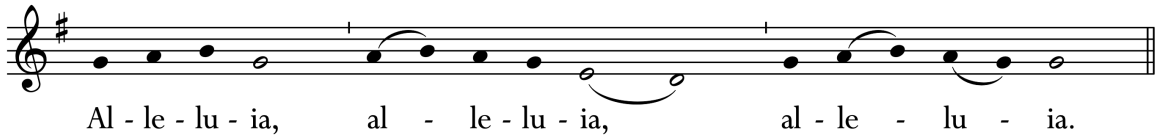
Brothers and sisters: Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

All stand



We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,
because by your Cross you have redeemed the world. *R.*

Words: Roman Missal

Music: Plainchant

GOSPEL

John 3:13–17

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to Nicodemus: “No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.”

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

All sit

HOMILY

Friars of the Order of Preachers

Saturday and 10 A.M.: Proceed to the Creed on page 12.

RITES OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

The following rites are celebrated only at the noon Mass.

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

INSTRUCTION

The celebrant invites the candidates and their godparents to come forward.

LITANY OF THE SAINTS

All kneel and sing:

Cantor: All: Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Cantor: All: Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Cantor: All: Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Cantor: All: Saint N. pray for us.

Cantor: All: Lord, be mer - ci - ful. Lord, de - liv - er us, we pray.

Cantor: All: Petition Lord, de - liv - er us, we pray.

Petition

Cantor: Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

All:

Cantor: Christ, hear us. Christ, hear us.

All:

Cantor: Christ, gra - cious - ly hear us. Christ, gra - cious - ly hear us.

Music: Gregorian Chant

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God, be present by the mysteries of your great love and send forth the spirit of adoption to create the new peoples brought to birth for you in the font of Baptism, so that what is to be carried out by our humble service may be brought to fulfillment by your mighty power. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING OF WATER

The priest blesses the water to be used for baptism.

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

The priest invites all present to profess their faith and renounce sin. At each question, all respond:

I do.

RITE OF BAPTISM

ANOINTING WITH CHRISM

The celebrant anoints the newly baptized with Sacred Chrism, signifying their incorporation into Christ — who is anointed Priest, Prophet, and King — and their consecration to God.

CLOTHING WITH A WHITE GARMENT

The celebrant then gives the newly baptized the white garment, symbolizing their new life in Christ and their souls cleansed from Original Sin.

HANDING ON OF A LIGHTED CANDLE

The celebrant then gives the newly baptized a candle, symbolizing that they have received the light of Christ and are called to live as children of the light.

CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATION

INTRODUCTION AND LAYING ON OF HANDS

The celebrant introduces the rite of Confirmation and calls upon the Holy Spirit via the laying on of hands.

ANOINTING WITH CHRISM

The celebrant makes the Sign of the Cross with the Chrism on the forehead of the newly baptized, saying:

N., BE SEALED WITH THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Amen.

Peace be with you.

And with your spirit.

Proceed to the Universal Prayer on page 13.

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

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, or visit bit.ly/GiveToSTG. Thank you for your generosity.

All sit



ANTIPHON *(Saturday)*

The cantor sings:

Protege, Domine, plebem tuam
per signum sanctae Crucis ab omnibus
insidiis inimicorum omnium:
ut tibi gratam exhibeamus servitutem,
et acceptabile fiat sacrificium nostrum.

*Protect, O Lord, your people
through the sign of the holy Cross from all the
snares of every enemy,
that we may offer you service pleasing to you,
and that our sacrifice may be acceptable.*

Antiphon: Dominican Missal

Music: Dominican Chant

HYMN *(Sunday)*

All sing:

At the Name of Jesus

St. Michael Hymnal 434

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.**

May this oblation, O Lord, which on the altar of the Cross canceled the offense of the whole
world, cleanse us, we pray, of all our sins. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PREFACE DIALOGUE AND SANCTUS

Saturday: St. Michael Hymnal 101

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 placed the salvation of the human race on the wood of the Cross, so that, where death arose, life might again spring forth and the evil one, who conquered on a tree, might likewise on a tree be conquered, through Christ our Lord.

Through him the Angels praise your majesty, Dominions adore and Powers tremble before you. Heaven and the Virtues of heaven and the blessed Seraphim worship together with exultation. May our voices, we pray, joy with theirs in humble praise, as we acclaim:

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 of 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:

Save us, Sav - ior of the world,

All:

for by your Cross and Res - ur - rec - tion you have set us free.

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

Saturday: St. Michael Hymnal 104

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.

Choir: *All:*

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

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

Per signum Crucis de inimicis nostris
libera nos, Deus noster.

℣. Deus, Deus meus, respice in me:
quare me dereliquisti? Longe a salute
mea verba delictorum meorum?

℣. Deus meus, clamo per diem, et non
exaudis, et nocte, et non est requies mihi.

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

The cantor/choir sings:

*Through the sign of the Cross,
deliver us, O God, from all our enemies.*

℣. *O God, my God, look upon me:
why have you forsaken me? Are the words of
my transgressions so far from my salvation?*

℣. *All who saw me derided me;
they curled their lips and shook their heads.*

℣. *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: Dominican Missal

Versicles: Psalm 22:1–3

Dominican Chant

ANTIPHON (10 A.M.)

O cruor sanguinis qui in alto sonuisti,
cum omnia elementa se implicuerunt
in lamentabilem vocem cum tremore,
quia sanguis Creatoris sui illa tetigit:
ungue nos de languoribus nostris.

The Parish Choir sings:

*O stream of blood that cried to heaven's height,
with every element enwrapping itself
within a voice of lamentation and trembling,
for the blood of their Creator had covered them:
heal us from our infirmities.*

Antiphon: St. Hildegard of Bingen

Music: Dominican Chant

MOTET (12 P.M.)

If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you
another Comforter, that he may bide with you forever; even the Spirit of truth.

The Capella sings:

Words: John 14:15–17

Music: Thomas Tallis

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All stand

Having been nourished by your holy banquet, we beseech you, Lord Jesus Christ, to bring those you have redeemed by the wood of your life-giving Cross to the glory of the resurrection. Who live and reign 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:

Lift High the Cross

St. Michael Hymnal 606

POSTLUDE

*Sat. and 12 P.M.
10 A.M.*

Prelude and Fugue in C, BWV 545
Voluntary on Kingsfold

*Johann Sebastian Bach
Brenda Portman*

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