



23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 6 and 7, 2025

St. Gertrude Parish, Cincinnati



ORDER OF MASS

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

PRELUDE

10 A.M. Awake, Awake to Love and Work
Von Gott will ich nicht lassen

Wilbur Held

Johann Sebastian Bach

12 P.M. Erhalt uns, Herr, BWV 1103

Johann Sebastian Bach

INTRODUCTORY RITES

PROCESSION *(Sunday)*

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

Take Up Thy Cross

St. Michael Hymnal 768

INTROIT

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

Justus es Domine,
et rectum judicium tuum:
fac cum servo tuo secundum
misericordiam tuam.

*You are just, O Lord,
and your judgment is right;
treat your servant in accord
with your merciful love.*

Words: Psalm 119:137, 124

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.

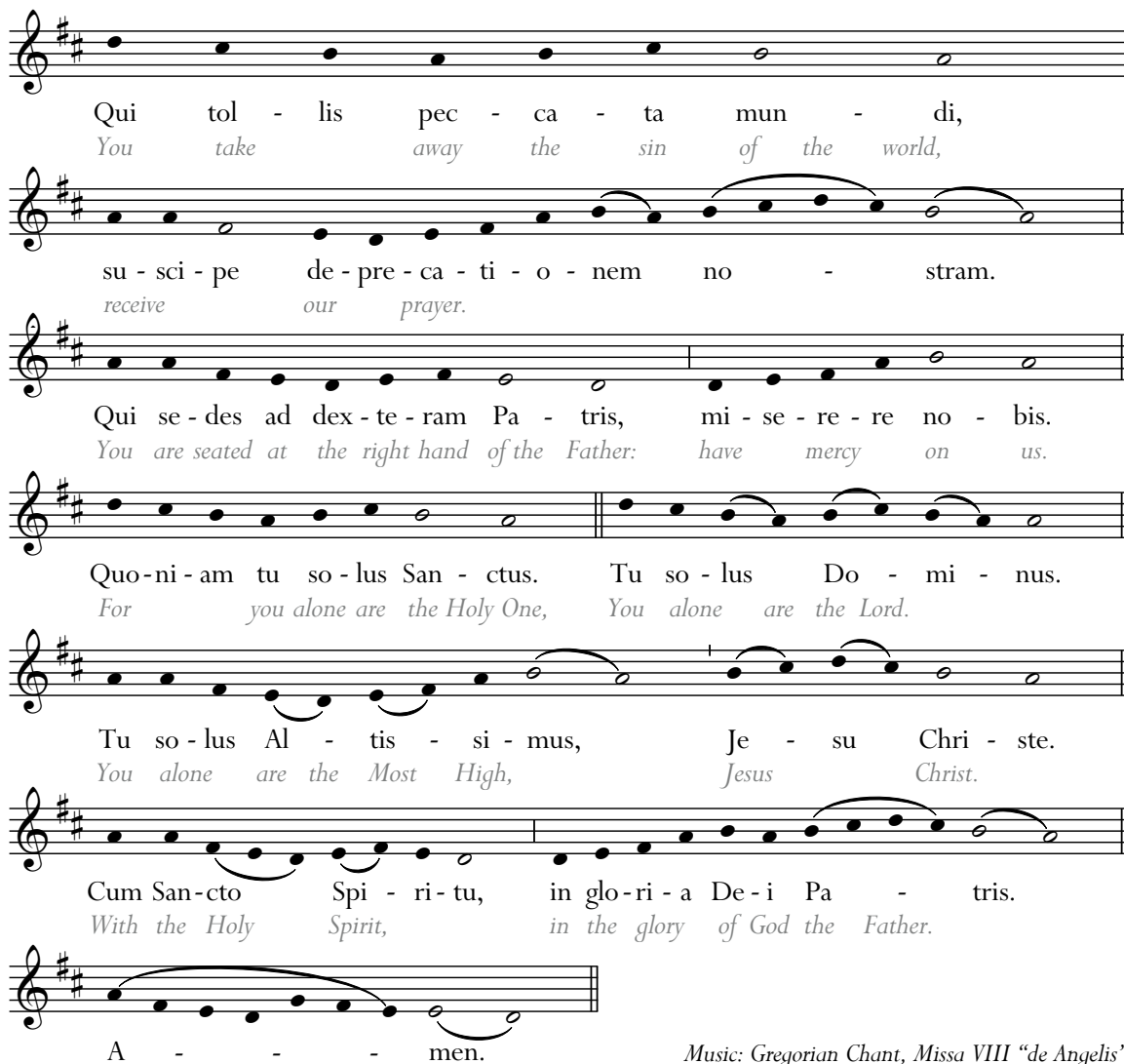
Gra - ti - as a - gi - mus ti - bi prop - ter mag - nam glo - ri - am tu - am.
We give thanks to you for your great glory,

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, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption, look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters, that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance. 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

Wisdom 9:13–18b

Who can know God's counsel, or who can conceive what the LORD intends? For the deliberations of mortals are timid, and unsure are our plans. For the corruptible body burdens the soul and the earthen shelter weighs down the mind that has many concerns. And scarce do we guess the things on earth, and what is within our grasp we find with difficulty; but when things are in heaven, who can search them out? Or who ever knew your counsel, except you had given wisdom and sent your holy spirit from on high? And thus were the paths of those on earth made straight.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 90:3–6, 12–14, 17



In ev - 'ry age, O Lord, you have been our ref - uge.

You turn man back to dust, saying, "Return, O children of men."
For a thousand years in your sight are as yesterday,
now that it is past, or as a watch of the night. *℟.*

You make an end of them in their sleep;
the next morning they are like the changing grass,
which at dawn springs up anew, but by evening wilts and fades. *℟.*

Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Return, O LORD! How long? Have pity on your servants! *℟.*

Fill us at daybreak with your kindness,
that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days.
And may the gracious care of the LORD our God be ours;
prosper the work of our hands for us! Prosper the work of our hands! *℟.*

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

READING II

Philemon 9–10, 12–17

I, Paul, an old man, and now also a prisoner for Christ Jesus, urge you on behalf of my child Onesimus, whose father I have become in my imprisonment; I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I should have liked to retain him for myself, so that he might serve me on your behalf in my imprisonment for the gospel, but I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that the good you do might not be forced but voluntary. Perhaps this is why he was away from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a brother, beloved especially to me, but even more so to you, as a man and in the Lord. So if you regard me as a partner, welcome him as you would me.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

All stand



Let your face shine upon your servant;
and teach me your laws. *℟.*

Verse: Psalm 119:135

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

GOSPEL

Luke 14:25–33

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Great crowds were traveling with Jesus, and he turned and addressed them, “If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? Otherwise, after laying the foundation and finding himself unable to finish the work the onlookers should laugh at him and say, ‘This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish.’ Or what king marching into battle would not first sit down and decide whether with ten thousand troops he can successfully oppose another king advancing upon him with twenty thousand troops? But if not, while he is still far away, he will send a delegation to ask for peace terms. In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

All sit

HOMILY

The Reverend Michael Willig

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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

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.



ANTIPHON *(Saturday)*

The cantor sings:

Like the deer that yearns for running streams,
so my soul is yearning for you, my God;
my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

Words: Cf. Psalm 42: 2-3

MOTET *(Sunday)*

The choir sings:

Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum,
ita desiderat anima mea ad te, Deus.

*As the deer longs for streams of water,
so my soul longs for you, O God.*

Words: Psalm 42:2

Music: Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

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 God, who give us the gift of true prayer and of peace, graciously grant that, through this offering, we may do fitting homage to your divine majesty and, by partaking of the sacred mystery, we may be faithfully united in mind and heart. 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:

<i>Cantor:</i>	<i>All:</i>	
 San - ctus, Holy,	 San - ctus, Holy,	 San-ctus Do-mi-nus De-us Sa-ba-oth. Holy Lord God of Hosts.
 Ple-ni sunt cæ-li et ter-ra Full are heaven and earth	 glo-ri-a tu-a. of your glory.	 Ho-san-na in ex-cel-sis. Hosanna in the highest.
 Be-ne-di-ctus qui ve-nit in no-mi-ne Do-mi-ni. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.		

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

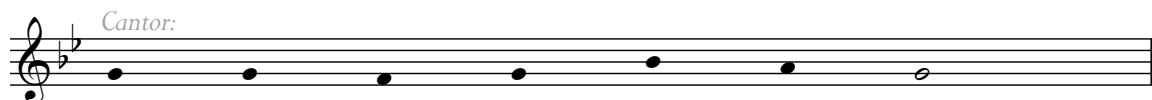
THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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:

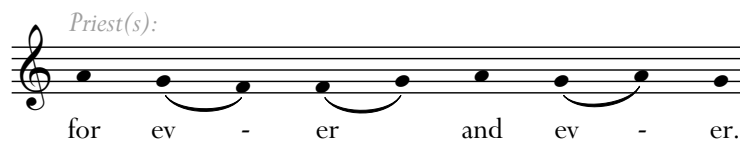


and pro-fess your re - sur - rec - tion un - til you come a - gain.

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

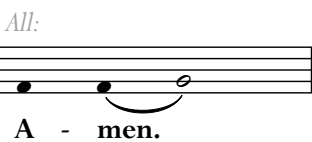
Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours,

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.

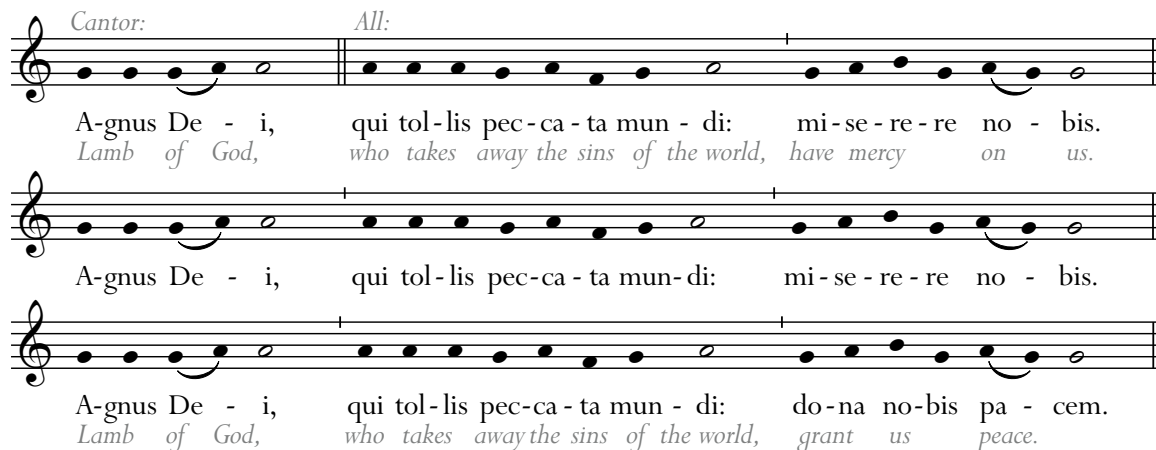
The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And with your spirit.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All offer one another a sign of peace

AGNUS DEI



Cantor: *All:*

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.

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 choir sings:

Vovete, et reddite Domino Deo vestro,
omnes qui in circuitu eius affertis munera:
terribili, et ei qui aufert spiritum principum:
terribili apud omnes reges terrae.

℣. Ab increpatione tua, Deus Jacob,
dormitaverunt auriga et equus.

℣. Tu terribilis es, et quis resistet tibi?
Ex tunc ira tua.

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

*Make vows and return to the Lord your God,
all around him bring gifts to the terrible one:
and to him who takes away the spirit of princes:
who is terrible among all the kings of the earth.*

℣. At your roar, O God of Jacob,
the chariot and horse fell still.

℣. You are mighty, and who can resist you?
Who can stand before your wrath?

℣. 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 76:12–13. Versicles: Psalm 76:7–8

Music: Dominican Chant

MOTET

The choir sings:

Ave verum corpus, natum de Maria Virgine,
vere passum, immolatum in cruce
pro homine, cuius latus perforatum
fluxit aqua et sanguine: esto nobis
praegustatum in mortis examine.
O Jesu dulcis, O Jesu pie, O Jesu
filii Mariae, tu nobis miserere mei, O Jesu.

*Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary,
having truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross
for mankind, from whose pierced side
water and blood flowed: be for us a foretaste
[of the Heavenly banquet] in the trial of death.
O sweet Jesus, O pious Jesus, O Jesus,
Son of Mary, have mercy on us, O Jesus.*

Words: thirteenth century

Music: Mélanie Bonis (10 A.M.)

Edward Elgar (12 P.M.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All stand

Grant that your faithful, O Lord, whom you nourish and endow with life through the food of your Word and heavenly Sacrament, may so benefit from your beloved Son's great gifts that we may merit an eternal share in his life. 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:

Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer

St. Michael Hymnal 536

POSTLUDE

10 A.M. Sonata 5: III. Allegro maestoso

Felix Mendelssohn

12 P.M. Suite du 2^{me} Ton: I. Plein jeu

Louis-Nicolas Clérambault