



# 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 29 and 30, 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

First Sunday of Advent

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## PRELUDE

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659  
*Savior of the Nations, Come*

*Johann Sebastian Bach*

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

PROCESSION (Sunday)

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

Savior of the Nations, Come

*St. Michael Hymnal 739*

RITE OF ENTRANCE AND WELCOMING (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 cantor sings the introit. Skip to the collect, found on the bottom of page 5.*

## INTROIT

Ad te levavi animam meam:  
Deus meus in te confido, non erubescam:  
necque irrideant me inimici mei: etenim  
universi qui te expectant, non confundentur.

*As the celebrant incenses the altar, the cantor sings:*

*To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you  
I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.  
Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let  
none who hope in you be put to shame.*

*Words: Psalm 25:1–3  
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

*The cantor sings each line of music first, then all repeat.*

Ky - ri - e, e - - - le - i - son.  
*Lord, have mercy.*

Chri - ste, e - - - le - i - son.  
*Christ, have mercy.*

Ky - ri - e, e - - - le - i - son.  
*Lord, have mercy.*

*Music: Dominican Chant, Mass XII "On Sundays of Advent"*

## COLLECT

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom. 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

*Isaiah 2:1–5*

This is what Isaiah, son of Amoz, saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come, the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest mountain and raised above the hills. All nations shall stream toward it; many peoples shall come and say: "Come, let us climb the LORD's mountain, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may instruct us in his ways, and we may walk in his paths." For from Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and impose terms on many peoples. They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; one nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again.

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalms 122:1–9*



Let us go re - joic - ing to the house of the Lord.

I rejoiced because they said to me, "We will go up to the house of the LORD."

And now we have set foot within your gates, O Jerusalem. *℟.*

Jerusalem, built as a city with compact unity.

To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD. *℟.*

According to the decree for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the LORD.

In it are set up judgment seats, seats for the house of David. *℟.*

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! May those who love you prosper!

May peace be within your walls, prosperity in your buildings. *℟.*

Because of my brothers and friends I will say, "Peace be within you!"

Because of the house of the LORD, our God, I will pray for your good. *℟.*

*Music: Dominican Chant — Universi, adapted by Christopher Holman*

## READING II

*Romans 13:11–14*

Brothers and sisters: You know the time; it is the hour now for you to awake from sleep. For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed; the night is advanced, the day is at hand. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves properly as in the day, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in promiscuity and lust, not in rivalry and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the desires of the flesh.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## ALLELUIA

*All stand*



Show us Lord, your love; and grant us your salvation. *R.*

*Verse: Psalm 85:8*

*Music: Dominican Chant — Alleluia, Ostende nobis, adapted C. Holman*

## GOSPEL

*Matthew 24:37–44*

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples: “As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. In those days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day that Noah entered the ark. They did not know until the flood came and carried them all away. So will it be also at the coming of the Son of Man.

Two men will be out in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken, and one will be left. Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come. Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into. So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*All sit*

## HOMILY

*Friars of the Order of Preachers*

CREDO *(Saturday)*

*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.

*All stand*

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.

# CREDO (Sunday)

All stand and sing:

*Celebrant/Cantor:* *All:*

Cre - do in u - num De - um, Pa - trem om - ni - po - ten - tem,  
*I believe in one God, the Father almighty,*

fac - to - rem cae - li et ter - rae, vi - si - bi - li - um om - ni - um,  
*maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible*

et in - vi - si - bi - li - um. Et in u - num Do - mi - num Je - sum Chris - tum,  
*and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,*

Fi - li - um De - i u - ni - ge - ni - tum. Et ex Pa - tre na - tum  
*the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father*

an - te om - ni - a sae - cu - la. De - um de De - o, lu - men de lu - mi - ne,  
*before all ages. God from God, Light from Light,*

De - um ve - rum de De - o ve - ro. Ge - ni - tum, non fa - ctum,  
*true God from true God, begotten, not made,*

con - sub - stan - ti - a - lem Pa - tri: per quem om - ni - a fa - cta sunt.  
*consubstantial with the Father; through whom all things were made.*

Qui prop - ter nos ho - mi - nes, et prop - ter nos - tram sa - lu - tem  
*For us men and for our salvation*

*All bow*

des - cen - dit de cae - lis. Et in - car - na - tus est de Spi - ri - tu Sanc - to  
*he came down from heaven, and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit,*

*All stand*

ex Ma - ri - a Vir - gi - ne: Et ho - mo fac - tus est.  
*from the Virgin Mary, and became man.*

Cru - ci - fi - xus et - i - am pro no - bis: sub Pon - ti - o Pi - la - to  
*He was crucified for our sake under Pontius Pilate,*

pas - sus, et se - pul - tus est. Et re - sur - re - xit ter - ti - a di - e,  
*he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day,*

se - cun - dum Scri - ptu - ras. Et as - cen - dit in cae - lum:  
*in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven*

se - det ad dex - te - ram Pa - tris. Et i - te - rum ven - tu - rus est cum glo - ri - a,  
*and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory*

ju - di - ca - re vi - vos et mor - tu - os: cu - jus reg - ni non e - rit fi - nis.  
*to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.*

Et in Spi - ri - tum Sanc - tum Do - mi - num, et vi - vi - fi - can - tem:  
*I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,*

qui ex Pa - tre Fi - li - o - que pro - ce - dit. Qui cum Pa - tre et Fi - li - o  
*who from the Father and the Son proceeds, who with the Father and the Son*

si - mul ad - o - ra - tur, et con - glo - ri - fi - ca - tur:  
*is adored and glorified,*

qui lo - cu - tus est per Pro - phe - tas. Et u - nam sanc - tam ca - tho - li - cam  
*who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic*

et a - po - sto - li - cam Ecc - le - si - am. Con - fi - te - or un - um bap - tis - ma  
*and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism*

in re - mis - sio - o - nem pec - ca - to - rum.  
*for the forgiveness of sins*

Et ex - spec - to re - sur - re - cti - o - nem mor - tu - o - rum.  
*and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead*

Et vi - tam ven - tu - ri sae - cu - li.  
*and the life of the world to come.*

A - - - - - men.

*Music: Gregorian Chant, Credo III*



## UNIVERSAL PRAYER

*Each petition concludes with:*

Let us 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.**

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

# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## OFFERTORY

*All sit as the cantor sings:*

Ad te, Domine, levavi animam meam:  
Deus meus in te confido, non erubescam:  
necque irrideant me inimici mei: etenim  
universi qui te exspectant, non confundentur.

*To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. My God,  
in you have I trusted; let me not be put to shame,  
nor let my enemies exult over me; and let  
all who hope in you never be put to shame.*

℣. Dirige me in Veritate tua et doce me,  
quia tu es Deus salutaris meus:  
et tu sustinui tota die.

℣. *Lead me in your Truth and teach me,  
for you are my saving God,  
and you have sustained me all the day long.*

*Words: Psalm 25:1–3, 5*

*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.**

Accept, we pray, O Lord, these offerings we make, gathered from among your gifts to us,  
and may what you grant us to celebrate devoutly here below gain for us the prize of eternal  
redemption. 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, through Christ our Lord.

For he assumed at his first coming the lowliness of human flesh, and so fulfilled the design you formed long ago, and opened for us the way to eternal salvation, that, when he comes again in glory and majesty and all is at last made manifest, we who watch for that day may inherit the great promise in which now we dare to hope.

And so, with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions, and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of your glory, as without end we acclaim:

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

*All:*

*Music: Gregorian Chant, Mass XVII "On Sundays of Advent"*

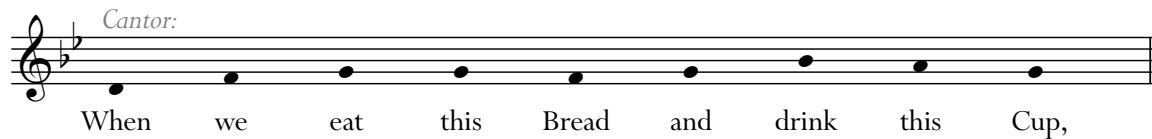
# THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

*All kneel*

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


The mystery of faith.

*Cantor:*



When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,

*All:*

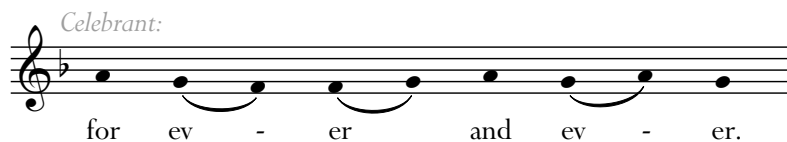


we pro-claim your Death, O Lord, un-til you come a-gain.

*At the conclusion of the Eucharistic Prayer the celebrant takes the chalice and the paten with the host, and raising both, sings:*

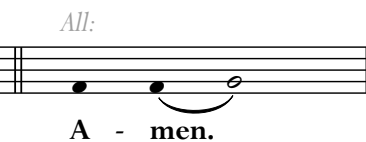
Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours,

*Celebrant:*



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 forever.**

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

*Cantor/choir:* *All:*

Ag - nus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - ca - ta mun-di:  
*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:*

mi - se - re - re no - bis.  
*have mercy on us.*

*Cantor/choir:* *All:*

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

*Cantor/choir:* *All:*

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

*Music: Gregorian Chant, Mass XVII "On Sundays of Advent"*

## 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 sings:*

Dominus dabit benignitatem:  
et terra nostra dabit fructum suum.

*The Lord will bestow his bounty,  
and our earth shall yield its increase.*

℣. Vere prope timentes eum salutare ipsius,  
ut inhabitet gloria in terra nostra.

℣. *His salvation is near for those who fear him,  
and his glory will dwell in our land.*

℣. Veritas de terra orta est,  
et justitia de caelo prospexit.

℣. *Faithfulness shall spring from the earth,  
and justice look down from heaven.*

℣. 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: Psalm 85:13*

*Versicles: Psalm 85:10, 12*

*Music: Dominican Chant*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*All stand*

May these mysteries, O Lord, in which we have participated, profit us, we pray, for even now, as we walk amid passing things, you teach us by them to love the things of heaven and hold fast to what endures. 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 SAINT 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 sing:*

Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

*St. Michael Hymnal 610*

## POSTLUDE

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 599

*J.S. Bach*