



# 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 14 and 15, 2026

St. Gertrude Parish, Cincinnati



# ORDER OF MASS

Fourth Sunday of Lent

12 P.M. — Second Scrutiny

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## PRELUDE

An Wasserflüssen Babylon, BWV 653

*Johann Sebastian Bach*

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

### PROCESSION

Be Thou My Vision

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

*St. Michael Hymnal 447*

### INTROIT

*As the celebrant approaches the altar, the cantor/choir sings:*

Laetare Jerusalem: et conventum facite  
omnes qui diligitis eam:  
gaudete cum laetitia, qui in tristitia fuistis:  
ut exsultetis, et satiemini  
ab uberibus consolationis vestrae.

*Rejoice, Jerusalem, and call an assembly,  
all who love her.*

*Be joyful, all who were in mourning;  
exult and be satisfied  
at her consoling breast.*

̎. Laetatus sum in his quae dicta sunt mihi:  
in domum Domini ibimus.

̎. *I rejoiced when they said to me,  
“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”*

̎. 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 25:15–16. Versicle: Psalm 25:1–2ab  
Music: Dominican Chant*

### GREETING

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

**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

*The cantor/choir sings each line of music, 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 Lent"*

**COLLECT** *(Saturday and 10 A.M)*

O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebration to come. 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*

**COLLECT** *(12 P.M)*

Almighty ever-living God, give to your Church an increase in spiritual joy, so that those once born of earth may be reborn as citizens of 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**

*1 Samuel 16:1b, 6–7, 10–13a*

The LORD said to Samuel: “Fill your horn with oil, and be on your way. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen my king from among his sons.” As Jesse and his sons came to the sacrifice, Samuel looked at Eliab and thought, “Surely the LORD’s anointed is here before him.” But the LORD said to Samuel: “Do not judge from his appearance or from his lofty stature, because I have rejected him. Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the LORD looks into the heart.” In the same way Jesse presented seven sons before Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any one of these.” Then Samuel asked Jesse, “Are these all the sons you have?” Jesse replied, “There is still the youngest, who is tending the sheep.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Send for him; we will not begin the sacrificial banquet until he arrives here.” Jesse sent and had the young man brought to them. He was ruddy, a youth handsome to behold and making a splendid appearance. The LORD said, “There — anoint him, for this is the one!” Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand, anointed David in the presence of his brothers; and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 23:1–3a, 3b–4, 5, 6*



The Lord is my shep - herd; there is noth - ing I shall want.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose; beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul. *℟.*

He guides me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side with your rod and your staff that give me courage. *℟.*

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. *℟.*

Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come. *℟.*

*Music: Dominican Chant — Laetatus sum, adapted by Christopher Holman*

## READING II

*Ephesians 5:8–14*

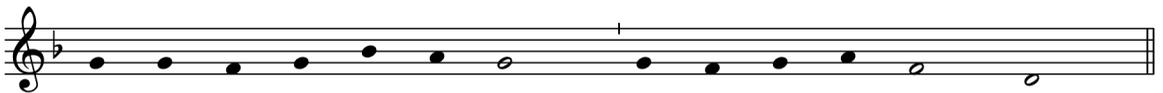
Brothers and sisters: you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth. Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness; rather expose them, for it is shameful even to mention the things done by them in secret; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it says: “Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light.”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*All stand*



Praise to you, Lord Je - sus Christ, king of end - less glo - ry!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. *℟.*

*Verse: John 8:12  
Music: Plainchant*

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him. We have to do the works of the one who sent me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, “Go wash in the Pool of Siloam,” which means *Sent*. So he went and washed, and came back able to see.

His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said, “Isn’t this the one who used to sit and beg?” Some said, “It is,” but others said, “No, he just looks like him.” He said, “I am.” So they said to him, “How were your eyes opened?” He replied, “The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and told me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ So I went there and washed and was able to see.” And they said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I don’t know.”

They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, “He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see.” So some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, because he does not keep the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a sinful man do such signs?” And there was a division among them. So they said to the blind man again, “What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.”

Now the Jews did not believe that he had been blind and gained his sight until they summoned the parents of the one who had gained his sight. They asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How does he now see?” His parents answered and said, “We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. We do not know how he sees now, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him, he is of age; he can speak for himself.” His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone acknowledged him as the Christ, he would be expelled from the synagogue. For this reason his parents said, “He is of age; question him.”

So a second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give God the praise! We know that this man is a sinner." He replied, "If he is a sinner, I do not know. One thing I do know is that I was blind and now I see." So they said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples, too?" They ridiculed him and said, "You are that man's disciple; we are disciples of Moses! We know that God spoke to Moses, but we do not know where this one is from." The man answered and said to them, "This is what is so amazing, that you do not know where he is from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if one is devout and does his will, he listens to him. It is unheard of that anyone ever opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he would not be able to do anything." They answered and said to him, "You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?" Then they threw him out.

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him. Then Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind."

Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not also blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you are saying, 'We see,' so your sin remains."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*All sit*

**HOMILY**

*Friars of the Order of Preachers*

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*Sunday 12 P.M. — proceed to page 9.*

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*

*All stand*

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.

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.

*Proceed to page 13.*

# SECOND SCRUTINY

*The Second Scrutiny takes place at the 12 P.M. Mass.*

## INTERCESSIONS FOR THE ELECT

*Following the homily, the elect with their godparents come forward and come before the celebrant. A special set of intercessions follows. Each petition concludes with:*

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

## EXORCISM

*The celebrant prays that each of the elect be freed from sin and protected from danger.*

## HYMN

*Following the exorcism, all sing the hymn:*



1. Teach me, my God and King, in all things Thee to see,  
2. To God, the Fa - ther, Son, and Spi - rit, glo - ry be



and what I do in an - y - thing, to do it as for Thee.  
as was, and is and so shall be, to all e - ter - ni - ty.

*Words: George Herbert*

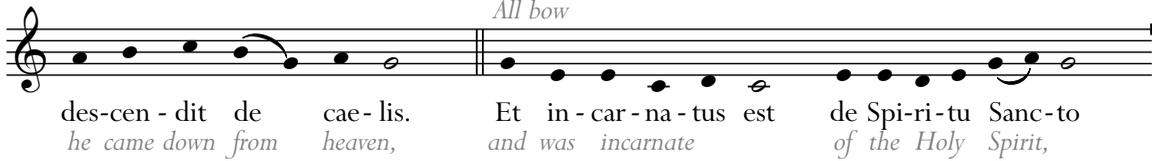
*Music: ST. THOMAS, Aaron Williams*

## DISMISSAL OF THE ELECT

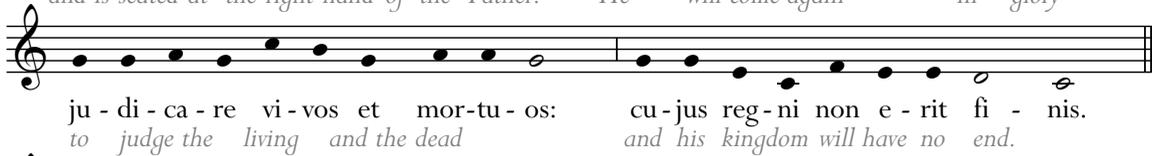
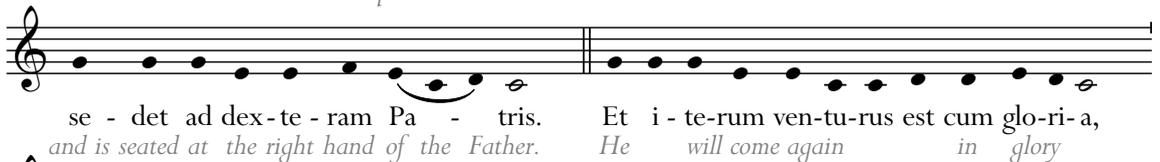
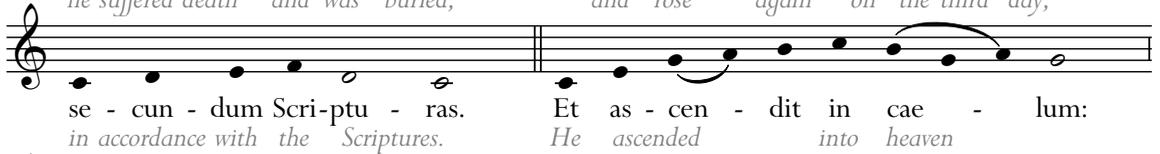
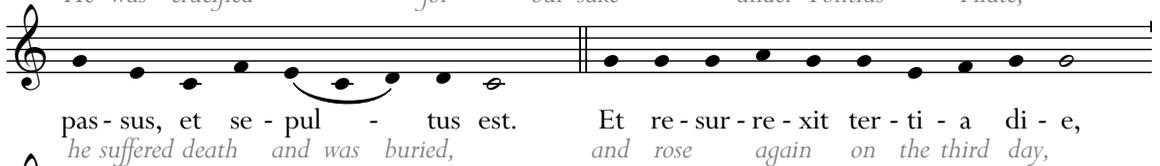
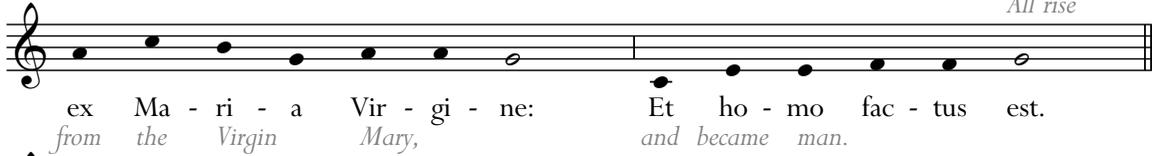
*The celebrant dismisses the catechumens and candidates.*



*All bow*



*All rise*



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 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.**

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

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY *(Saturday)*

*The cantor sings:*

Laudate Dominum, quia benignus est: psallite  
nomini eius, quoniam suavis est: omnia  
quaecumque voluit fecit in caelo et in terra.

*Praise the Lord, for he is good; sing praise  
to his name, for he is gracious. All that he wills  
he accomplishes in heaven and on earth.*

*Words: Psalm 135:3, 6  
Music: Gregorian Chant*

OFFERTORY (10 A.M.)

*The Parish Choir sings:*

From depths of grief I call to thee; Lord God, O hear my crying! Thy gracious ear incline to me and answer all my praying. For if thou wilt behold our sin and all the evil we have done, Lord, who can stand before thee?

*Words: Psalm 130: 1–3, paraphrased by Jean Lunn*

*Music: Felix Mendelssohn*

OFFERTORY (12 P.M.)

*The Schola Cantorum sings:*

O Jesus my Savior, my song in the night, come to us with thy tender love, my soul's delight. Unto thee, O Lord, in affliction I call, my comfort by day, and my song in the night. O why should I wander, an alien from thee, or cry in the desert, thy face to see? My comfort and joy, my soul's delight, O Jesus my Savior, my song in the night.

*Words: American folk song*

*Music: arr. Paul Christiansen*

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.**

We place before you with joy these offerings, which bring eternal remedy, O Lord, praying that we may both faithfully revere them and present them to you, as is fitting, for the salvation of all the world. 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.**

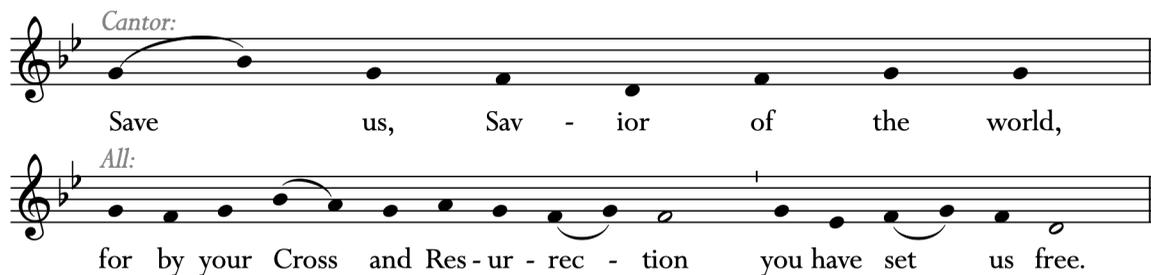


## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

*All kneel*

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

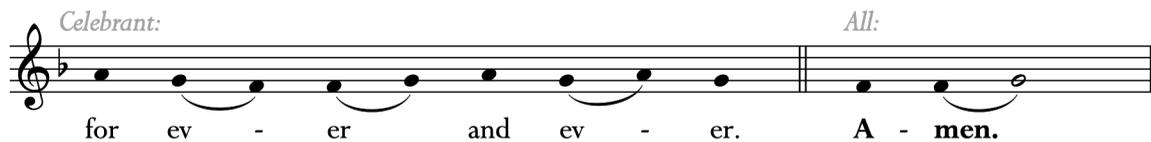
The mystery of faith.



*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 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.**





## MOTET

*The Schola Cantorum sings:*

O tu illustrata de divina claritate,  
clara Virgo Maria,  
Verbo Dei infusa,  
unde venter tuus floruit  
de introitu Spiritus Dei,  
qui in te sufflavit  
et in te exsuxit quod Eva abstulit  
in abscisione puritatis,  
per contractam contagionem de  
suggestione diaboli.

*Illumined by God's clearest brightness,  
O Virgin Mary bright,  
infused with the Word of God,  
your womb flourished at  
the entrance of God's Spirit;  
for within you he breathed  
and drew out that which Eve lost:  
a purity cut off and silenced  
by that disease contracted at  
the Devil's sly persuasion.*

*Words: St. Hildegard of Bingen  
Music: Caitlin Harrison*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*All stand*

*Saturday and 10 A.M.*

O God, who enlighten everyone who comes into the world, illuminate our hearts, we pray, with the splendor of your grace, that we may always ponder what is worthy and pleasing to your majesty and love you in all sincerity. Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*12 P.M.*

Sustain your family always in kindness, O Lord, we pray, correct them, set them in order, and graciously protect them under your rule, and in your unfailing goodness direct them along the way of salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

# THE CONCLUDING RITES

## PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

Bow down for the blessing.

*All bow*

Look upon those who call to you, O Lord, and sustain the weak; give life by your unfailing light to those who walk in the shadow of death, and bring those rescued by your mercy from every evil to reach the highest good. Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*All stand*

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.**

## RECESSION

Praise to the Holiest in the Height

*All stand and sing:*

*St. Michael Hymnal 717*

## POSTLUDE

Herzlich tut mich verlangen, Op. 122-9

*Johannes Brahms*