



# 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 7 and 8, 2026

St. Gertrude Parish, Cincinnati



# ORDER OF MASS

Third Sunday of Lent

12 P.M. — First Scrutiny

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## INTRODUCTORY RITES

### PROCESSION

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

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

*St. Michael Hymnal 563*

### INTROIT *(Sunday)*

Oculi mei semper ad Dominum,  
quia ipse evellit de laqueo pedes meos:  
respice in me, et miserere mei,  
quoniam unicus et pauper sum ego.

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

*My eyes are always on the Lord,  
for he rescues my feet from the snare.  
Turn to me and have mercy on me,  
for I am alone and poor.*

Ÿ. Ad te Domine levavi animam meam:  
Deus meus, in te confido,  
non erubescam.

Ÿ. *To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul,  
my God, in you I trust;  
do not let me be disgraced.*

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

Ÿ. *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 25:15–16*

*Versicle: Psalm 25:1–2a*

*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, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, may always be lifted up by your mercy. 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)*

Grant, we pray, O Lord, that these chosen ones may come worthily and wisely to the confession of your praise, so that in accordance with that first dignity which they lost by original sin they may be fashioned anew through your glory. 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

*Exodus 17:3–7*

In those days, in their thirst for water, the people grumbled against Moses, saying, “Why did you ever make us leave Egypt? Was it just to have us die here of thirst with our children and our livestock?” So Moses cried out to the LORD, “What shall I do with this people? A little more and they will stone me!” The LORD answered Moses, “Go over there in front of the people, along with some of the elders of Israel, holding in your hand, as you go, the staff with which you struck the river. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock in Horeb. Strike the rock, and the water will flow from it for the people to drink.” This Moses did, in the presence of the elders of Israel. The place was called Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled there and tested the LORD, saying, “Is the LORD in our midst or not?”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 95:1–2, 6–7, 8–9*



If to - day you hear his voice, hard - en not your hearts.

Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD; let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to him. *℟.*

Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the LORD who made us.

For he is our God, and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides. *℟.*

Oh, that today you would hear his voice: “Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,

as in the day of Massah in the desert, where your fathers tempted me;

they tested me though they had seen my works.” *℟.*

*Music: Dominican Chant — Exsurge, Domine, adapted by Christopher Holman*

## READING II

*Romans 5:1–2, 5–8*

Brothers and sisters: since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in hope of the glory of God.

And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. For Christ, while we were still helpless, died at the appointed time for the ungodly. Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

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!

Lord, you are truly the Savior of the world;  
give me living water, that I may never thirst again. *R̄.*

*Verse: after John 4:42, 15*

*Music: Plainchant*

## GOSPEL

*John 4:5–42*

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well. It was about noon.

A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" — For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans. — Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you do not even have a bucket and the cistern is deep; where then can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us this cistern and drank from it himself with his children and his flocks?" Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go call your husband and come back." The woman answered and said to him, "I do not have a husband." Jesus answered her, "You are right in saying, 'I do not have a husband.' For you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband.

What you have said is true.” The woman said to him, “Sir, I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain; but you people say that the place to worship is in Jerusalem.” Jesus said to her, “Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You people worship what you do not understand; we worship what we understand, because salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him. God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth.” The woman said to him, “I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Christ; when he comes, he will tell us everything.” Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one speaking with you.”

At that moment his disciples returned, and were amazed that he was talking with a woman, but still no one said, “What are you looking for?” or “Why are you talking with her?” The woman left her water jar and went into the town and said to the people, “Come see a man who told me everything I have done. Could he possibly be the Christ?” They went out of the town and came to him. Meanwhile, the disciples urged him, “Rabbi, eat.” But he said to them, “I have food to eat of which you do not know.” So the disciples said to one another, “Could someone have brought him something to eat?” Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work. Do you not say, ‘In four months the harvest will be here’? I tell you, look up and see the fields ripe for the harvest. The reaper is already receiving payment and gathering crops for eternal life, so that the sower and reaper can rejoice together. For here the saying is verified that ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap what you have not worked for; others have done the work, and you are sharing the fruits of their work.”

Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him because of the word of the woman who testified, “He told me everything I have done.” When the Samaritans came to him, they invited him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. Many more began to believe in him because of his word, and they said to the woman, “We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*All sit*

**HOMILY**

*The Reverend Leo Camurati, O.P.*

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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.*

# FIRST SCRUTINY

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

## INTERCESSIONS FOR THE ELECT

*Following the homily, the elect with their godparents come forward and kneel 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.*

## ANTIPHON

*Following the exorcism, all sing the antiphon; the Capella sings the verse:*



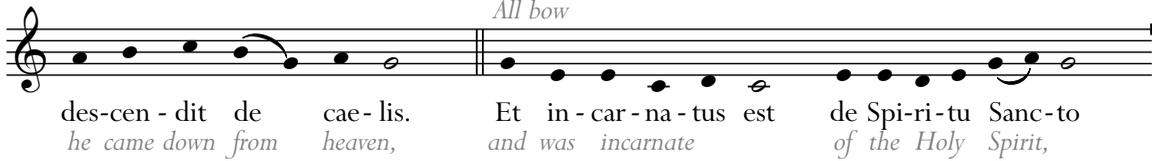
At-ten-de Do-mi-ne, et mi-se-re-re, qui-a pec-ca-vi-mus ti-bi.  
*Hear us, Lord, and have mercy, who have sinned against you.*

Ÿ. Ad te Rex summe, omnium redemptor, Ÿ. To you, supreme King, redeemer of all,  
oculos nostros sublevamus flentes: we lift up our eyes in weeping:  
exaudi, Christe, supplicantium preces. hear, O Christ, the prayers of your servants.

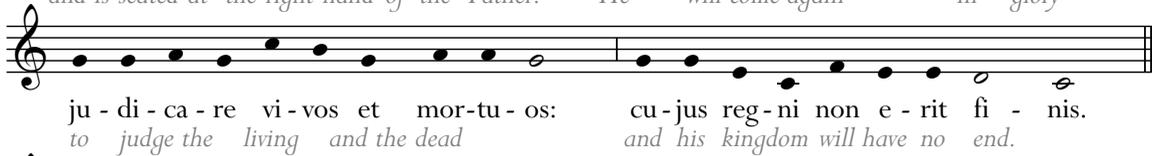
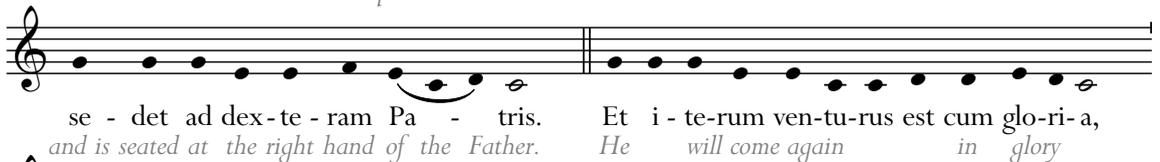
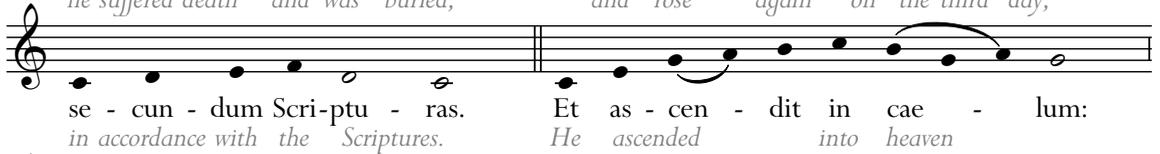
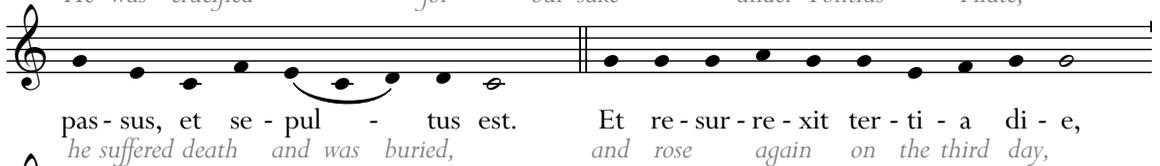
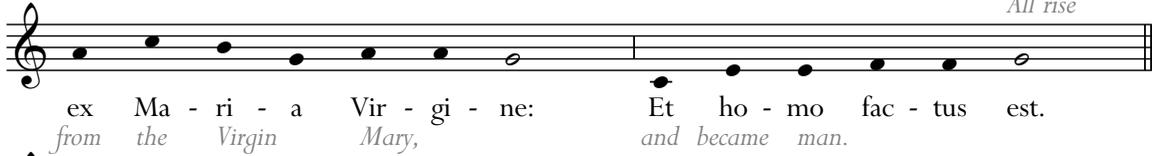
*Words: tenth century  
Music: Plainchant*



*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:*

Justitiae Domini rectae, laetificantes  
corda, et dulciora super mel et  
favum: nam servus tuus custodiet ea.

*The laws of the Lord are perfect, rejoicing the  
heart, and are sweeter than honey and the  
honeycomb; indeed your servant keeps them.*

*Words: Psalm 19:8a, 11b, 12a  
Music: Dominican Chant*

## OFFERTORY *(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*

## ORATE, FRATRES

*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.**

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

*Saturday and 10 A.M.*

Be pleased, O Lord, with these sacrificial offerings, and grant that we  
who beseech pardon for our own sins, may take care to forgive our  
neighbor. Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*12 P.M.*

May your merciful grace prepare your servants, O Lord, for the  
worthy celebration of these mysteries and lead them to it by a devout  
way of life. 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 when he asked the Samaritan woman for water to drink, he had already created the gift of faith within her and so ardently did he thirst for her faith, that he kindled in her the fire of divine love.

And so we, too, give you thanks and with the Angels praise your mighty deeds as we acclaim:



*Cantor:* San - ctus, Holy, ctus, Holy, ctus, Holy, ctus,  
*All:* 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.

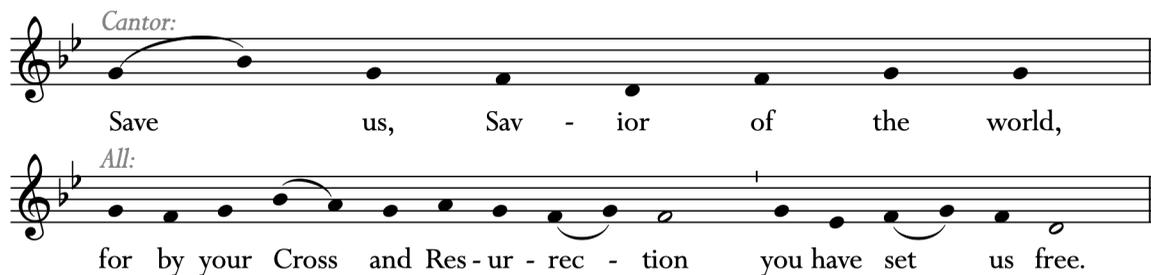
*Music: Dominican Chant, Mass XII "On Sundays of Lent"*

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

*All kneel*

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

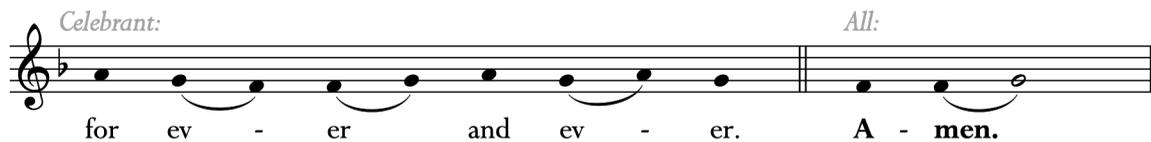
The mystery of faith.



*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.**



*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: Dominican Chant, Mass XII "On Sundays of Lent"*

## 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/choir sings:*

Passer invenit sibi domum,  
et turtur nidum, ubi reponat pullos suos:  
altaria tua Domine virtutum,  
Rex meus et Deus meus:  
beati qui habitant in domo tua,  
in saeculum saeculi laudabunt te.

*The sparrow finds a home,  
and the swallow a nest for her young:  
by your altars, O Lord of hosts,  
my King and my God.  
Blessed are they who dwell in your house,  
for ever singing your praise.*

☩. Concupiscit et deficit anima mea  
in atria Domini. Cor meum et  
caro mea exsultaverunt in Deum vivum.

☩. *My soul longs and faints  
for the courts of the Lord. My heart and  
my flesh rejoiced in the living God.*

☩. Beatus vir, cujus est auxilium abs te,  
ascensiones in corde suo disposuit.

☩. *Blessed is the man whose help is from you,  
who has arranged his heart in ascension.*

☩. 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: cf. Psalm 84:4–5. Versicles: Psalm 84:3, 6  
Music: Dominican Chant*

## MOTET *(Sunday)*

*The choir sings:*

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks, so longeth my soul after thee, O God. My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God; when shall I come to appear before the presence of God? My tears have been my meat day and night, while they daily say unto me, Where is now thy God?

*Words: Psalm 42:2–4*

*Music: Herbert Howells*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*All stand*

*Saturday and 10 A.M.*

As we receive the pledge of things yet hidden in heaven, and are nourished while still on earth with the Bread that comes from on high, we humbly entreat you, O Lord, that what is being brought about in this mystery may come to true completion. Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*12 P.M.*

Give help, O Lord, we pray, by the grace of your redemption and be pleased to protect and prepare those you are to initiate through the Sacraments of eternal life. 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*

Direct, O Lord, we pray, the hearts of your faithful, and in your kindness grant your servants this grace: that, abiding in the love of you and their neighbor, they may fulfill the whole of your commands. 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

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

*All stand and sing:  
St. Michael Hymnal 791*