



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 25 and 26, 2026

St. Gertrude Parish, Cincinnati



ORDER OF MASS

Fourth Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE *(Sunday)*

10 A.M. Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier
Blessed Jesus, We are Here

Johann Gottfried Walther

Mach's mit mir, Gott
Do Unto Me, O God

Christus, der ist mein Leben
Christ, Who is My Light

12 P.M. Méditation

Maurice Duruflé

INTRODUCTORY RITES

HYMN

The King of Love

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

St. Michael Hymnal 783

INTROIT *(Sunday)*

Misericordia Domini
plena est terra, alleluia:
verbo Dei caeli
firmati sunt, alleluia.

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

*The merciful love of the Lord
fills the earth, alleluia;
by the word of the Lord the heavens
were made, alleluia.*

☩. 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.*

*Words: Psalm 33:5–6, 1
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.

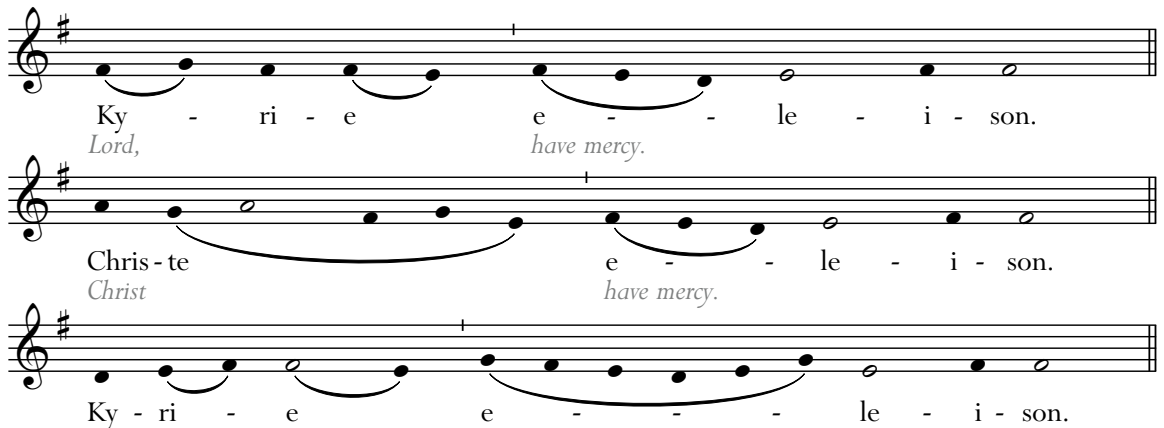
**I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

All strike breast three times

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

Amen.

KYRIE, ELEISON



The image shows three staves of musical notation for the Kyrie, Eleison. Each staff is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff is for the voice 'Lord', with the lyrics 'Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.' and 'have mercy.' written below. The second staff is for the voice 'Christ', with the lyrics 'Chris - te e - le - i - son.' and 'have mercy.' written below. The third staff is for the voice 'Kyrie', with the lyrics 'Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.' written below. The music consists of a simple melody with a long note for 'e' and a shorter note for 'le'.

Music: Gregorian Chant, Missa XV "Dominus Deus"

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Celebrant/Cantor:

All:

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good-will.
We praise you, we bless you, we a - dore you, we glo - ri - fy you,
we give you thanks for your great glo - ry, Lord God, heav - en - ly King,
O God, al-might-y Fa-ther. Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly Be - got - ten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther, you take a - way the sins of the world,
have mer-cy on us; you take a - way the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer;
you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther, have mer - cy on us.
For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,
in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - - men.

Music: Gregorian Chant, Missa XV "Dominator Deus," adapted ICEL

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God, lead us to a share in the joys of heaven, so that the humble flock may reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before. 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

Acts 2:14a, 36–41

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed: “Let the whole house of Israel know for certain that God has made both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and they asked Peter and the other apostles, “What are we to do, my brothers?” Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is made to you and to your children and to all those far off, whomever the Lord our God will call.” He testified with many other arguments, and was exhorting them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand persons were added that day.

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 no-thing 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 — Alleluia, Ego sum pastor bonus, adapted by Christopher Holman

READING II

1 Peter 2:20b–25

Beloved: if you are patient when you suffer for doing what is good, this is a grace before God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example that you should follow in his footsteps. *He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.*

When he was insulted, he returned no insult; when he suffered, he did not threaten; instead, he handed himself over to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you had gone astray like sheep, but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

All stand



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me. *℞.*

Verse: John 10:14

Music: Jean Tisserand, O.F.M.

GOSPEL

John 10:1–10

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: “Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber. But whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice. But they will not follow a stranger; they will run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers.” Although Jesus used this figure of speech, the Pharisees did not realize what he was trying to tell them.

So Jesus said again, “Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

All sit

HOMILY

Friars of the Order of Preachers

CREED

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 stand

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.**

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

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY *(Saturday)*

All sit as the organist plays:

Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele
Deck Yourself, My Soul, with Gladness

Naji Hakim

OFFERTORY

All sit as the Parish Choir/Schola Cantorum sings:

Ye choirs of new Jerusalem, your sweetest notes employ, the Paschal victory to hymn in strains of holy joy. For Judah's Lion bursts his chains, crushing the serpent's head; and cries aloud through death's domains to wake the imprisoned dead.

Devouring depths of hell their prey at his command restore; his ransomed hosts pursue their way where Jesus goes before. Triumphant in his glory, now to him all power is given; to him in one communion bow all saints in earth and heaven. While we, his soldiers, praise our King, his mercy we implore, within his palace bright to bring and keep us evermore.

All glory to the Father be, all glory to the Son, all glory, Holy Ghost, to thee, while endless ages run. Alleluia! Amen.

*Words: St. Fulbert of Chartres, trans. Robert Campbell
Music: Charles Villiers Stanford*

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.**

Grant, we pray, O Lord, that we may always find delight in these paschal mysteries, so that the renewal constantly at work within us may be the cause of our unending joy. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

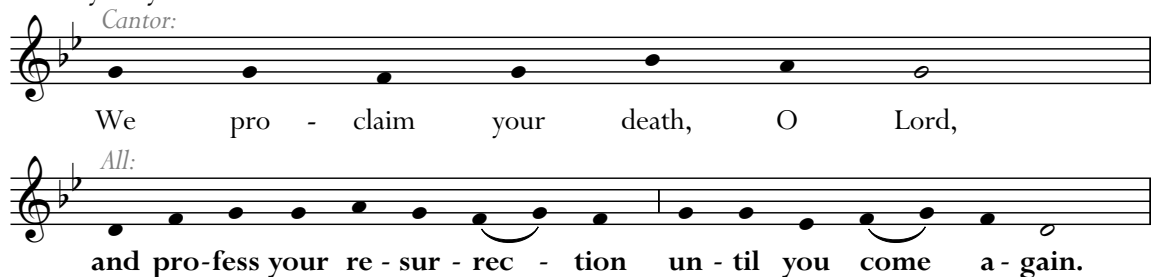
THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

All kneel

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

The mystery of faith.

Cantor:

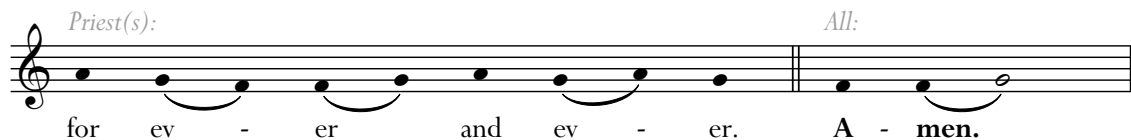


We pro - claim your death, O Lord,
and pro-fess your re - sur - rec - tion un - til you come a - gain.

At the conclusion of the prayer the celebrant takes the chalice and the host; raising both, he (together with the concelebrating priests, when present) 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:
Ag-nus 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:
Ag - nus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - ca - ta mun - di,
mi - se - re - re no - bis.

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, Missa XV "Dominator Deus"

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:

Ego sum pastor bonus, et cognosco oves meas,
et cognoscunt me meae, alleluia.

*I am the good shepherd, and I know my sheep,
and they know me, alleluia.*

Ÿ. Dominus regit me, et nihil mihi deerit:
in loco pascuae, ibi me collocavit.

Ÿ. *The Lord shepherds me and I lack nothing:
in a place of pasture he has placed me.*

Ÿ. Parasti in conspectu meo mensam
adversus eos qui tribulant me.

Ÿ. *He has prepared before me a table
in front of those who trouble me.*

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: John 10:14; Psalm 23:1, 5a

Music: Dominican Chant

VOLUNTARY *(Saturday)*

The organist plays:

Versetto in G

Giacomo Puccini

MOTET *(10 A.M.)*

The Parish Choir sings:

Regina caeli, laetare, alleluia.
Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia.
Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia.
Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.

*Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia.
For he whom you were worthy to bear, alleluia,
has risen as he said, alleluia.
Pray for us to God, alleluia.*

Words: ninth century

Music: Tomás Luis de Victoria (setting à 8)

MOTET (12 P.M.)

The Schola Cantorum sings:

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I, John, saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people; and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away."

Words: Revelation 21:1–4

Music: Edgar Bainton

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All stand

Look upon your flock, kind Shepherd, and be pleased to settle in eternal pastures the sheep you have redeemed by the Precious Blood of your Son. 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:

Thine is the Glory

St. Michael Hymnal 792

POSTLUDE *(Sunday)*

10 A.M. Nun lob, mein Seel, den Herren
Now Praise, My Soul, the Lord

J.G. Walther

12 P.M. Symphony 2: V. Final

Charles-Marie Widor