



ASCENSION

May 16 and 17, 2026
St. Gertrude Parish, Cincinnati



ORDER OF MASS

The Ascension of the Lord (*Transferred*)

PRELUDE

Berceuse

Louis Vierne

INTRODUCTORY RITES

HYMN

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

Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise

St. Michael Hymnal 542

INTROIT (*Sunday*)

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

Viri Galilaei, quid admiramini
aspicientes in caelum? Alleluia:
quemadmodum vidistis eum ascendentem
in caelum, ita veniet, alleluia.

*Men of Galilee, why gaze
in wonder at the heavens? Alleluia:
this Jesus whom you saw ascending into
heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.*

*Antiphon: Acts 1:11
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, then all repeat:

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

Chris - te e - le - i - son.
Christ have mercy.

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Music: Gregorian Chant, Missa XV "Dominator 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

Saturday: O God, whose Son today ascended to the heavens as the Apostles looked on, grant, we pray, that, in accordance with his promise, we may be worthy for him to live with us always on earth, and we with him in heaven. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

All sit

Sunday: Gladden us with holy joys, almighty God, and make us rejoice with devout thanksgiving, for the Ascension of Christ your Son is our exaltation, and, where the Head has gone before in glory, the Body is called to follow in hope. 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

Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day he was taken up, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While meeting with them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for “the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

When they had gathered together they asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” He answered them, “It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 66:1–3, 6–7, 8–9



God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trum-pets for the Lord.

All you peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome, the great king over all the earth. *℟.*

God has gone up with shouts of joy. The LORD goes up with trumpet blast.

Sing praise for God; sing praise! Sing praise to our king; sing praise! *℟.*

For God is king of all the earth. Sing praise with a hymn.

God is reigning over nations. God sits upon his holy throne. *℟.*

Music: Dominican Chant — Alleluia, Ascendit Deus, adapted by Christopher Holman

READING II

Ephesians 1:17–23

Brothers and sisters: may the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him. May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call, what are the riches of glory in his inheritance among the holy ones, and what is the surpassing greatness of his power for us who believe, in accord with the exercise of his great might, which he worked in Christ, raising him from the dead and seating him at his right hand in the heavens, far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion, and every name that is named not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things beneath his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

All stand



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

Go and teach all nations, says the Lord;

I am with you always, until the end of the world. *R.*

Verse: Matthew 28:19a, 20b

Music: Plainchant

GOSPEL

Matthew 28:16–20

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, “All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.”

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 and 12 P.M.*)

All sit as the organist plays:

Es ist das Heil uns kommen her, BuxWV 186
Salvation Has Come to Us

Dieterich Buxtehude

OFFERTORY (*10 A.M.*)

All sit as the Parish Choir sings:

O clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph. For the Lord most high is terrible; he is a great King over all the earth. God is gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet. Sing praises to God, sing praise: sing praises unto our King; sing praises. For God is the King of all the earth: sing ye praises with understanding. God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness.

*Words: Psalm 47:1–2, 5–8
Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams*

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.**

Saturday: O God, whose Only Begotten Son, our High Priest, is seated ever-living at your right hand to intercede for us, grant that we may approach with confidence the throne of grace and there obtain your mercy. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Sunday: We offer sacrifice now in supplication, O Lord, to honor the wondrous Ascension of your Son: grant, we pray, that through this most holy exchange we, too, may rise up to the heavenly realms. 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,

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 (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.**

VOLUNTARY (*Saturday and 12 P.M.*)

Choral Cistercien

The organist plays:

Jehan Alain

MOTET (*10 A.M.*)

Ascendens Christus in altum,
captivam duxit captivitatem:
dedit dona hominibus. Alleluia.

The Parish Choir sings:

*Christ ascended on high
and led captivity captive;
he gave gifts to men. Alleluia.*

Words: Ephesians 4:8

Music: Raffaella Aleotti

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All stand

Saturday: May the gifts we have received from your altar, Lord, kindle in our hearts a longing for the heavenly homeland and cause us to press forward, following in the Savior's footsteps, to the place where for our sake he entered before us. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

Sunday: Almighty ever-living God, who allow those on earth to celebrate the divine mysteries, grant, we pray, that Christian hope may draw us onward to where our nature is united with you. 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 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:

Sing We Triumphant Hymns of Praise

St. Michael Hymnal 753

POSTLUDE

Grand chœur dialogue

Eugène Gigout