



25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 19 and 20, 2026

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).

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 can be 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 matter most. We use incense at 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 we 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

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

PRELUDE

Sat. & 12 P.M.

Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr, BWV 662

Johann Sebastian Bach

10 A.M.

Messe pour les Paroisses: Benedictus

François Couperin

INTRODUCTORY RITES

PROCESSION

For the Fruits of His Creation

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

St. Michael Hymnal 514

INTROIT *(Sunday)*

Salus populi ego sum, dicit Dominus:
de quacumque tribulatione
clamaverint ad me, exaudiam eos:
et ero illorum Dominus in perpetuum.

As the celebrant censes the altar, the cantor sings:

*I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me
in any distress I will hear them,
and I will be their Lord for ever.*

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.*

Words: after Psalm 37:39, 40, 28

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

Deacon/cantor: Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son. *Lord, have mercy.* *All:* Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.

Deacon/cantor: Chris - te, e - le - i - son. *Christ, have mercy.* *All:* Chris - te, e - le - i - son.

Deacon/cantor: Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son. *All:* Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.

Music: Gregorian Chant, Missa XVI

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Celebrant: *All:*

Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o. Et in ter - ra pax ho - mi - ni - bus
Glory to God in the highest. And on earth peace to people of

bo - næ vo - lun - ta - tis. Lau - da - mus te. Be - ne - di - ci - mus te.
good will. We praise you. We bless you.

A - do - ra mus te. Glo - ri - fi - ca - mus te.
We adore you. We glorify you.

Gra - ti - as a - gi - mus ti - bi prop - ter mag - nam glo - ri - am tu - am.
We give thanks to you for your great glory,

Do - mi - ne De - us, Rex cæ - le - stis, De - us Pa - ter om - ni - po - tens.
Lord God, heavenly King, O God the Father almighty.

Do - mi - ne Fi - li u - ni - ge - ni - te Je - su Chri - ste.
O Lord, the only - begotten Son, Jesus Christ.

Do - mi - ne De - us, Ag - nus De - i, Fi - li - us Pa - tris.
Lord God, Lamb of God Son of the Father.

Qui tol - lis pec - ca - ta mun - di, mi - se - re - re no - bis.
You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Qui tol - lis pec - ca - ta mun - di,
 You take away the sin of the world,

su - sci - pe de - pre - ca - ti - o - nem no - stram.
 receive our prayer.

Qui se - des ad dex - te - ram Pa - tris, mi - se - re - re no - bis.
 You are seated at the right hand of the Father: have mercy on us.

Quo - ni - am tu so - lus San - ctus. Tu so - lus Do - mi - nus.
 For you alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord.

Tu so - lus Al - tis - si - mus, Je - su Chri - ste.
 You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ.

Cum San - cto Spi - ri - tu, in glo - ri - a De - i Pa - tris.
 With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

A - - - men.

Music: Gregorian Chant, Missa VIII "de Angelis"

COLLECT

O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbor, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. 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 55:6–9

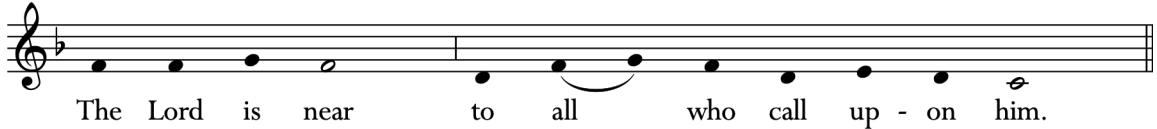
Seek the LORD while he may be found, call him while he is near. Let the scoundrel forsake his way, and the wicked his thoughts; let him turn to the LORD for mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 145:2–3, 8–9, 17–18



Every day will I bless you, and I will praise your name forever and ever.

Great is the LORD and highly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable. *℟.*

The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness.

The LORD is good to all and compassionate toward all his works. *℟.*

The LORD is just in all his ways and holy in all his works.

The LORD is near to all who call upon him, to all who call upon him in truth. *℟.*

Music: Dominican Chant — Beata gens, adapted by Christopher Holman

READING II

Philippians 1:20c–24, 27a

Brothers and sisters: Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me life is Christ, and death is gain. If I go on living in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. And I do not know which I shall choose. I am caught between the two. I long to depart this life and be with Christ, for that is far better. Yet that I remain in the flesh is more necessary for your benefit. Only, conduct yourselves in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

All stand



Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. *R.*

Verse: after Acts 16:14b

Music: Dominican Chant — Alleluia, Domine refugium, adapted C. Holman

GOSPEL

Matthew 20:1–16a

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus told his disciples this parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with them for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. Going out about nine o’clock, the landowner saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, ‘You too go into my vineyard, and I will give you what is just.’ So they went off. And he went out again around noon, and around three o’clock, and did likewise. Going out about five o’clock, the landowner found others standing around, and said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ They answered, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You too go into my vineyard.’ When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.’ When those who had started about five o’clock came, each received the usual daily wage. So when the first came, they thought that they would receive more, but each of them also got the usual wage. And on receiving it they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last ones worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us, who bore the day’s burden and the heat.’ He said to one of them in reply, ‘My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?’ Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

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 rise

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.

All sit

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

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY (*Saturday*)

The organist plays:

Messe pour les Paroisses: Benedictus

François Couperin

OFFERTORY (*10 A.M.*)

The Parish Choir sings:

Si ambulavero in medio tribulationis,
vivificabis me, Domine: et super iram
inimicorum meorum extends manum tuam,
et salvum me fecit dextera tua.

*If I walk in the midst of tribulation,
you will revive me, O Lord, and over the anger
of my enemies you will stretch out your hand,
and your right hand will save me.*

Words: Psalm 138:7

Music: Valentin Rathgeber

OFFERTORY (*12 P.M.*)

The Schola Cantorum sings:

I it am that is highest. I it am that is lowest. I it am that thou likest. I it am that thou servest.
I it am that thou longest for. I it am that thou desireth. I it am that thou meanest.
I it am that is all. I it am thou holy Church preacheth to thee and teacheth thee.
I it am that showed myself before thee.

Words: Julian of Norwich

Music: Caitlin Harrison-Crane

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.**

Receive with favor, O Lord, we pray, the offerings of your people, that what they profess with
devotion and faith may be theirs through these heavenly mysteries. Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PREFACE DIALOGUE AND SANCTUS

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 celebrant says the preface. At the end, all sing:

Cantor: San - ctus, Holy, *All:* San - ctus, Holy, San-ctus Do-mi-nus De-us Sa-ba-oth. Holy Lord God of Hosts.

Ple-ni sunt cæ-li et ter-ra glo-ri-a tu-a. Ho-san-na in ex-cel-sis. Full are heaven and earth of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Be-ne-di-ctus qui ve-nit in no-mi-ne Do-mi-ni. Ho-san-na in ex-cel-sis. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Music: Gregorian Chant, Missa XVIII "Deus Genitor alme"

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

All kneel

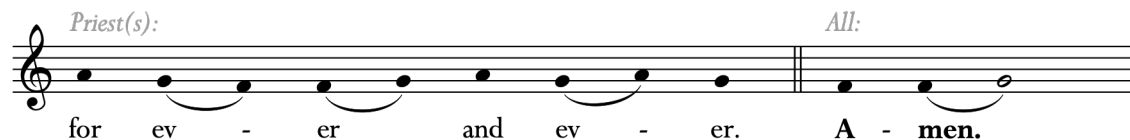
The celebrant says the Eucharistic Prayer. After the words of Consecration, the celebrant sings:

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 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,



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.

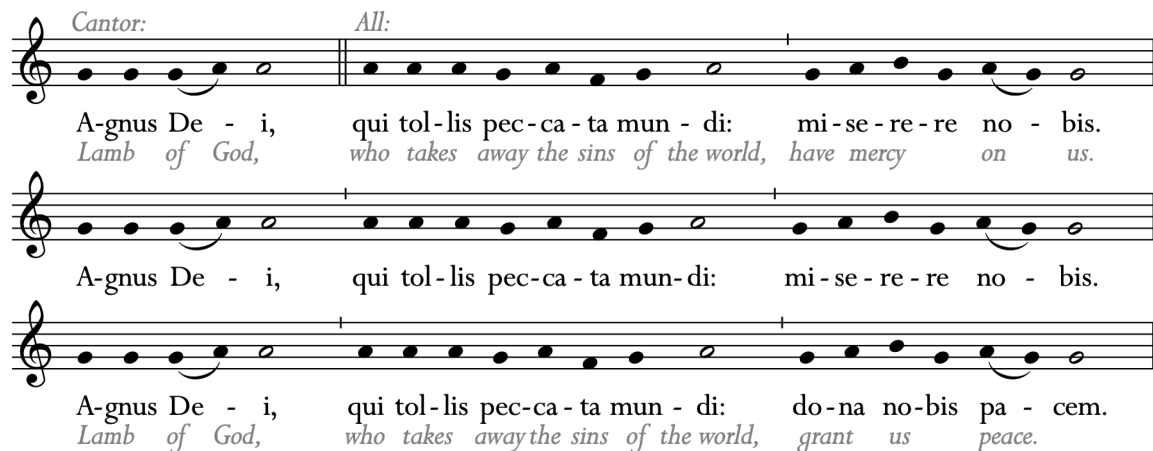
And with your spirit.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All offer one another a sign of peace

AGNUS DEI

Cantor: *All:*



A-gnus De - i, qui tol-lis pec-ca - ta mun - di: mi-se-re-re no - bis.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

A-gnus De - i, qui tol-lis pec-ca - ta mun-di: mi-se-re-re no - bis.

A-gnus De - i, qui tol-lis pec-ca - ta mun - di: do-na no-bis pa - cem.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Music: Gregorian Chant, Missa XVIII "Deus Genitor alme"

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 choir sings:

Tu mandasti mandata tua
custodiri nimis: utinam dirigantur viae meae,
ad custodiendas justificationes tuas.

℣. Beati immaculati in via,
qui ambulant in lege Domini.

℣. Beati, qui servant testimonia ejus,
in toto corde exquirunt eum.

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

*You have laid down your precepts
to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm
in keeping your statutes.*

℣. *Blessed are the immaculate in the way,
who walk in the law of the Lord.*

℣. *Blessed are those who keep his testimony,
who seek him with their whole heart.*

℣. *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 119:4–5

Verses: Psalm 119:1, 2

Music: Dominican Chant

MOTET *(Sunday)*

The choir sings:

Ave verum corpus, natum de Maria Virgine,
vere passum, immolatum in cruce
pro homine, cuius latus perforatum
fluxit aqua et sanguine: esto nobis
praegustatum in mortis examine.
O Jesu dulcis! O Jesu pie! O Jesu fili
Mariae, tu nobis miserere, O Jesu.

*Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary,
having truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross
for mankind, from whose pierced side
water and blood flowed: be for us a foretaste
[of the Heavenly banquet] in the trial of death.
O sweet Jesus! O pious Jesus! O Jesus, son
of Mary, have mercy on us, O Jesus.*

Words: thirteenth century

Music: William Byrd (10 A.M.)

Edward Elgar (12 P.M.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All stand

Graciously raise up, O Lord, those you renew with this Sacrament, that we may come to possess your redemption both in mystery and in the manner of our life. 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.**

RECESSION

All stand and sing:

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

St. Michael Hymnal 791