

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 24 and 25, 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.

Cover: Christ Pantocrator *(mosaic, Hagia Sophia, Istanbul), c. 1261*

Order of Mass

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prelude

10 A.M. Lasst uns erfreuen — *Johann Pachelbel*

12 P.M. Old Hundredth — *Werner Wehrli*

Introductory Rites

Procession

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

All People that On Earth Do Dwell — *St. Michael Hymnal* 415

Introit *(Sunday)*

As the celebrant censes the altar, the choir sings:

Laetetur cor quærentium Dominum:
quaerite Dominum, et confirmamini:
quaerite faciem eius semper.

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

Words: Psalm 105:3–4
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.

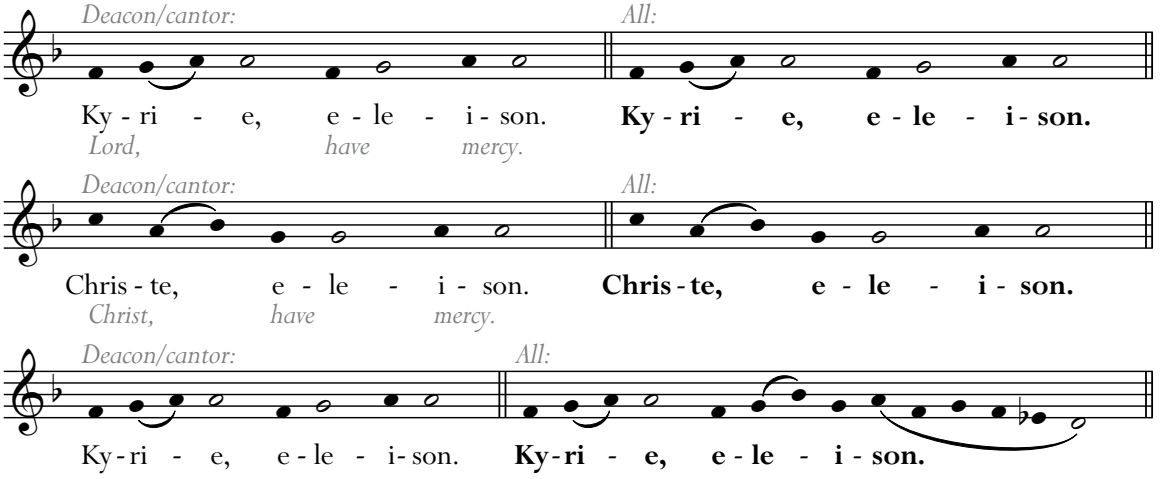
Penitential Act

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, *All strike their breast three times*
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.

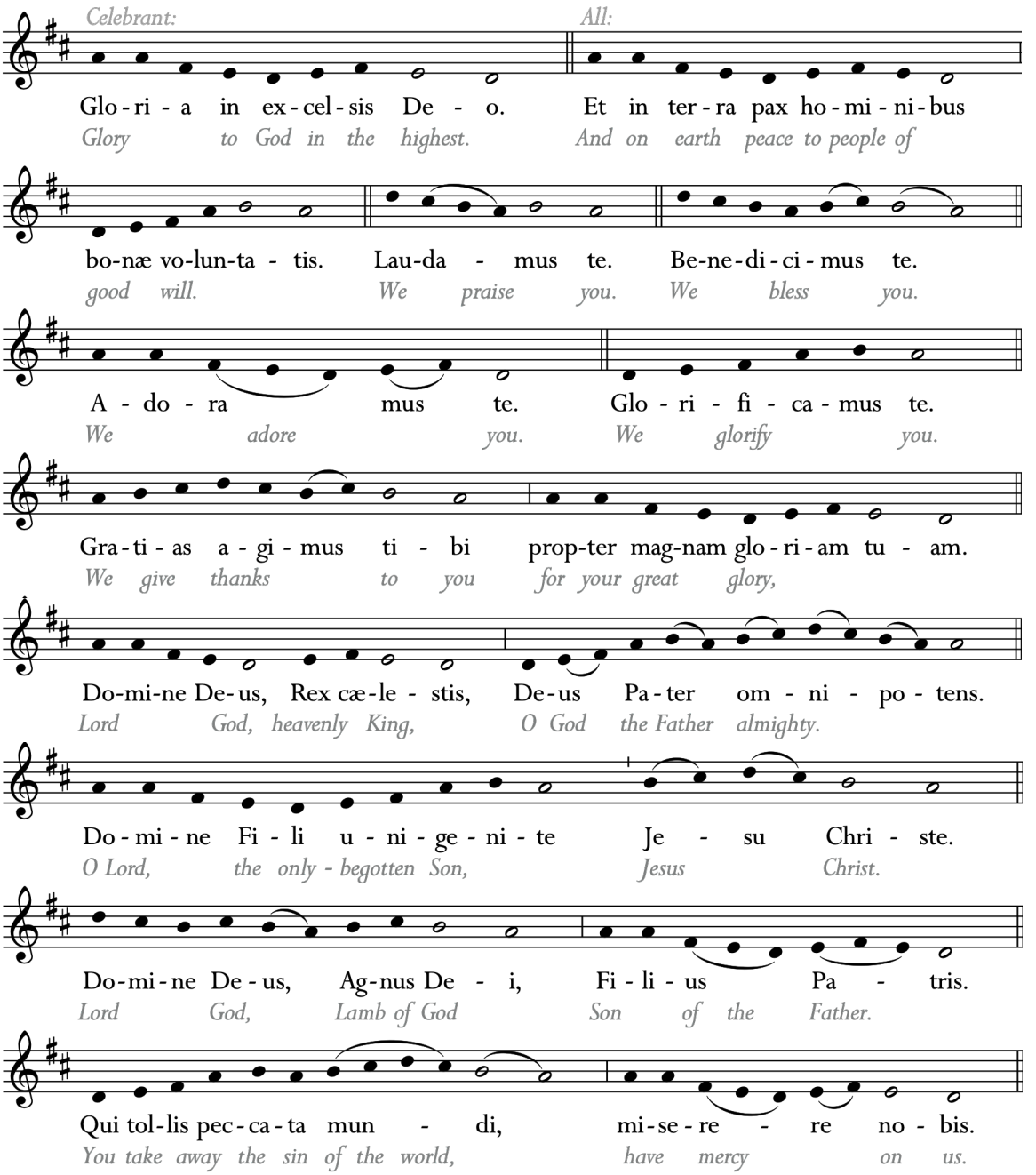
May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.
Amen.

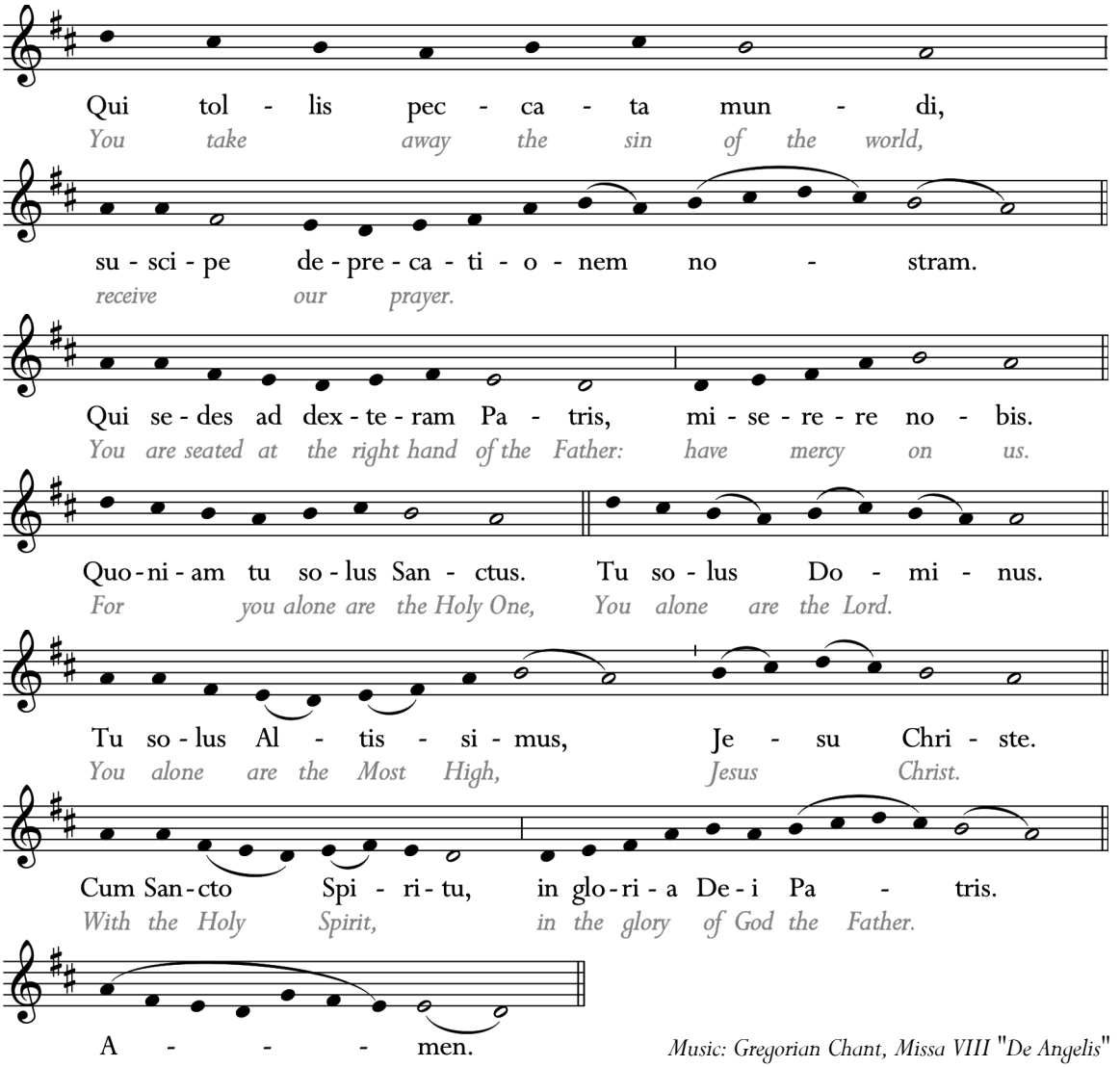
Kyrie, eleison



Music: Gregorian Chant, Missa XVI

Gloria in excelsis





Music: Gregorian Chant, Missa VIII "De Angelis"

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God, increase our faith, hope and charity, and make us love what you command, so that we may merit what you promise. 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 22:20–26

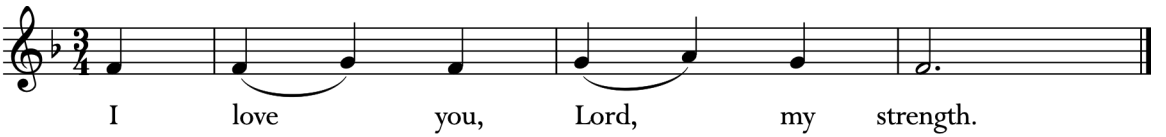
Thus says the LORD: "You shall not molest or oppress an alien, for you were once aliens yourselves in the land of Egypt. You shall not wrong any widow or orphan. If ever you wrong them and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry. My wrath will flare up, and I will kill you with the sword; then your own wives will be widows, and your children orphans.

"If you lend money to one of your poor neighbors among my people, you shall not act like an extortioner toward him by demanding interest from him. If you take your neighbor's cloak as a pledge, you shall return it to him before sunset; for this cloak of his is the only covering he has for his body. What else has he to sleep in? If he cries out to me, I will hear him; for I am compassionate."

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 18:2–3, 3–4, 47 and 51



I love you, O LORD, my strength, O LORD, my rock, my fortress, my deliverer. ℟.

My God, my rock of refuge, my shield, the horn of my salvation, my stronghold!
Praised be the LORD, I exclaim, and I am safe from my enemies. ℟.

The LORD lives and blessed be my rock! Extolled be God my savior.
You who gave great victories to your king and showed kindness to your anointed. ℟.

Music: Dominican Chant — Unam petii, adapted by Christopher Holman

READING II

1 Thessalonians 1:5c–10

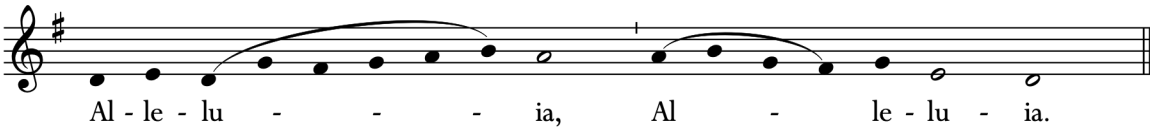
Brothers and sisters: you know what sort of people we were among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, receiving the word in great affliction, with joy from the Holy Spirit, so that you became a model for all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth not only in Macedonia and in

Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has gone forth, so that we have no need to say anything. For they themselves openly declare about us what sort of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God and to await his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus, who delivers us from the coming wrath.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

All stand



Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord,
and my Father will love him and we will come to him. ℟.

Verse: John 14:23
Music: Dominican Chant — Alleluia, Domine refugium, adapted C. Holman

GOSPEL

Matthew 22:34–40

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a scholar of the law tested him by asking, "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments."

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, *All bow*
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man. *All rise*
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.

Universal Prayer

Each petition concludes with:

Let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

After the final petition, all say:

O God,
you are the giver of every good and perfect gift.
We give you thanks for the abundant blessings
you have poured out on our parish family.

During this Building for Mission campaign,
increase in us the desire to do great things for you,
and inspire in us a generous and sacrificial spirit.

May we glorify you in all that we do
and lead many people to encounter Jesus
here at St. Gertrude Parish.

We commend our prayer to you, Father,
through the intercession of Mary our Mother,
in the Holy Spirit, through Christ our Lord. Amen. *All sit*

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY

All sit and sing:

Faith of Our Fathers — *St. Michael Hymnal* 508

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.

Look, we pray, O Lord, on the offerings we make to your majesty, that whatever is done by us in your service may be directed above all to your glory. Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

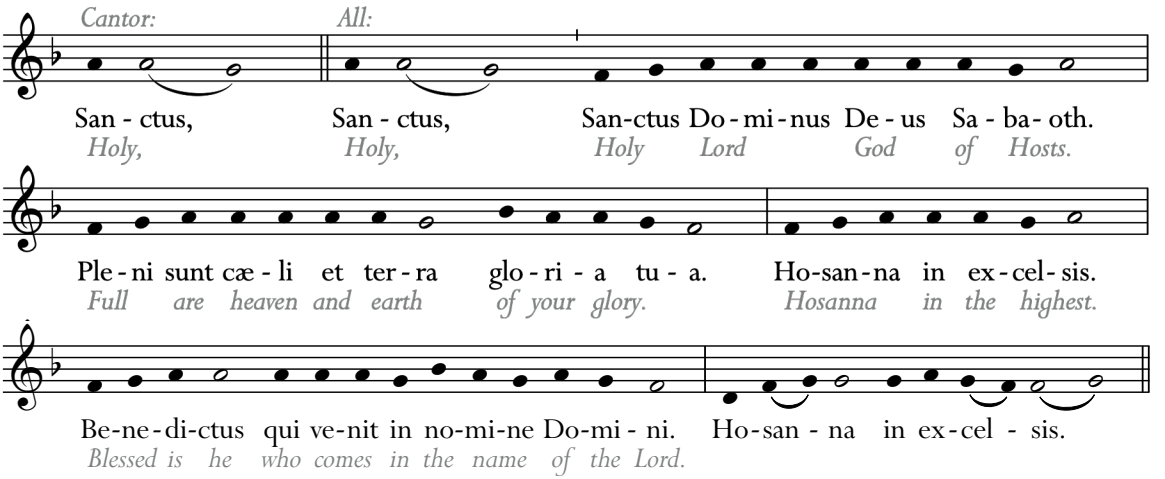
PREFACE DIALOGUE AND SANCTUS

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:



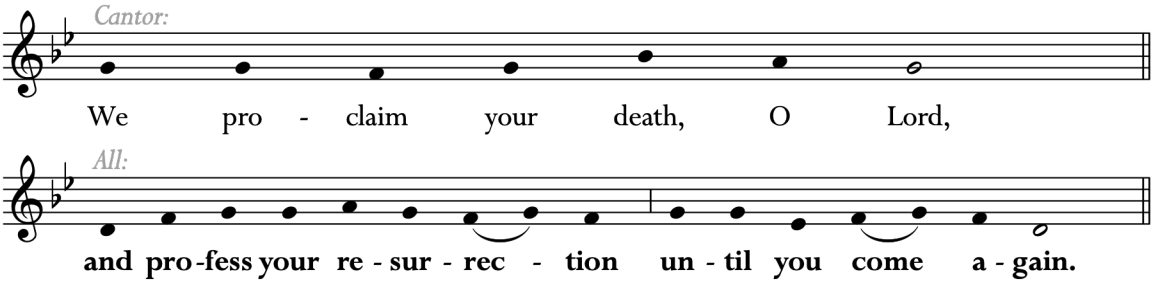
Music: Gregorian Chant, Missa XVIII "Deus Genitor alme"

The Eucharistic Prayer

All kneel

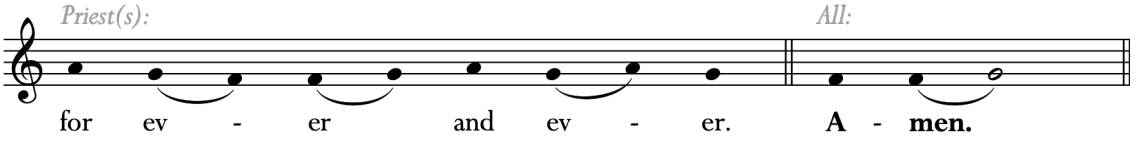
The celebrant says the Eucharistic Prayer. After the words of Consecration, the celebrant sings:

The mystery of faith.



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.

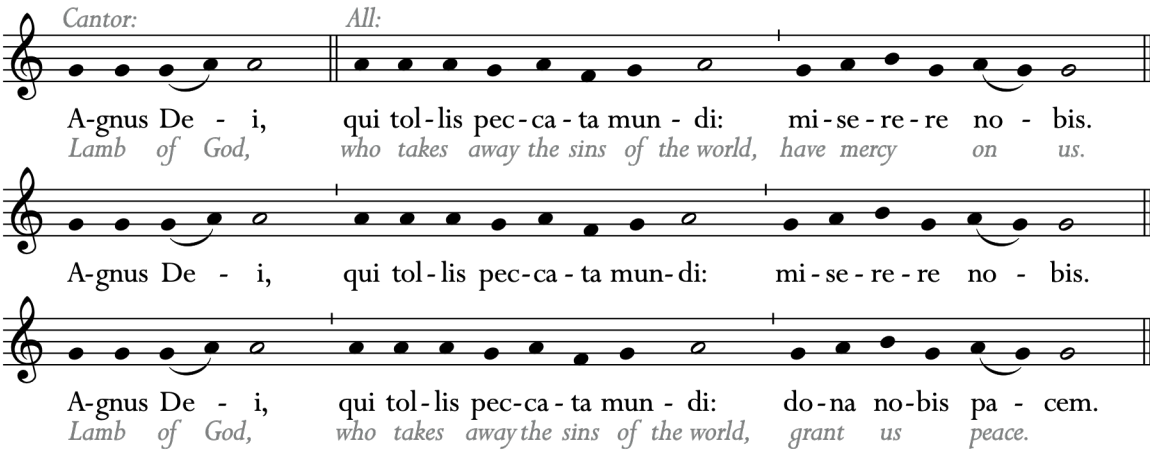
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.

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



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 cantor/choir sings:

Laetabimur in salutari tuo:
et in nomine Domini
Dei nostri magnificabimur.

We will ring out our joy at your saving help
and exult in the
name of our God.

℣. Exaudiat te Dominus in die tribulationis,
protegat te nomen Dei Jacob.

℣. *May the Lord answer you in time of trial;*
may the name of Jacob's God protect you.

℣. Mittat tibi auxilium de sancto
et de Sion tueatur te.

℣. *May he send you help from the holy place,*
and give you support from Zion.

℣. 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 20:6
Versicles: Psalm 20:1, 2
Music: Dominican Chant

MOTET

The choir sings:

Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum.
Benedicta tu in mulieribus,
et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus.
Sancta Maria, Mater Dei,
ora pro nobis peccatoribus,
nunc et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Words: after Luke 1:28
Music: Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens (10 A.M.)
Dominican Chant (12 P.M.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All stand

May your Sacraments, O Lord, we pray, perfect in us what lies within them, that what we now celebrate in signs we may one day possess in truth. 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:

For the Beauty of the Earth — *St. Michael Hymnal* 513