

St. Gertrude

Patronal Feast of the Parish

November 14 and 15, 2025

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). We teach and preach the Truth, reverently celebrate the liturgy and sacraments, and gather as a community so that all may encounter Jesus here.

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 are 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 are what matter most. We use incense at Sunday 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 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: St. Gertrude the Great Carrying the Sacred Heart of Jesus*, Spanish, seventeenth century*

Order of Mass

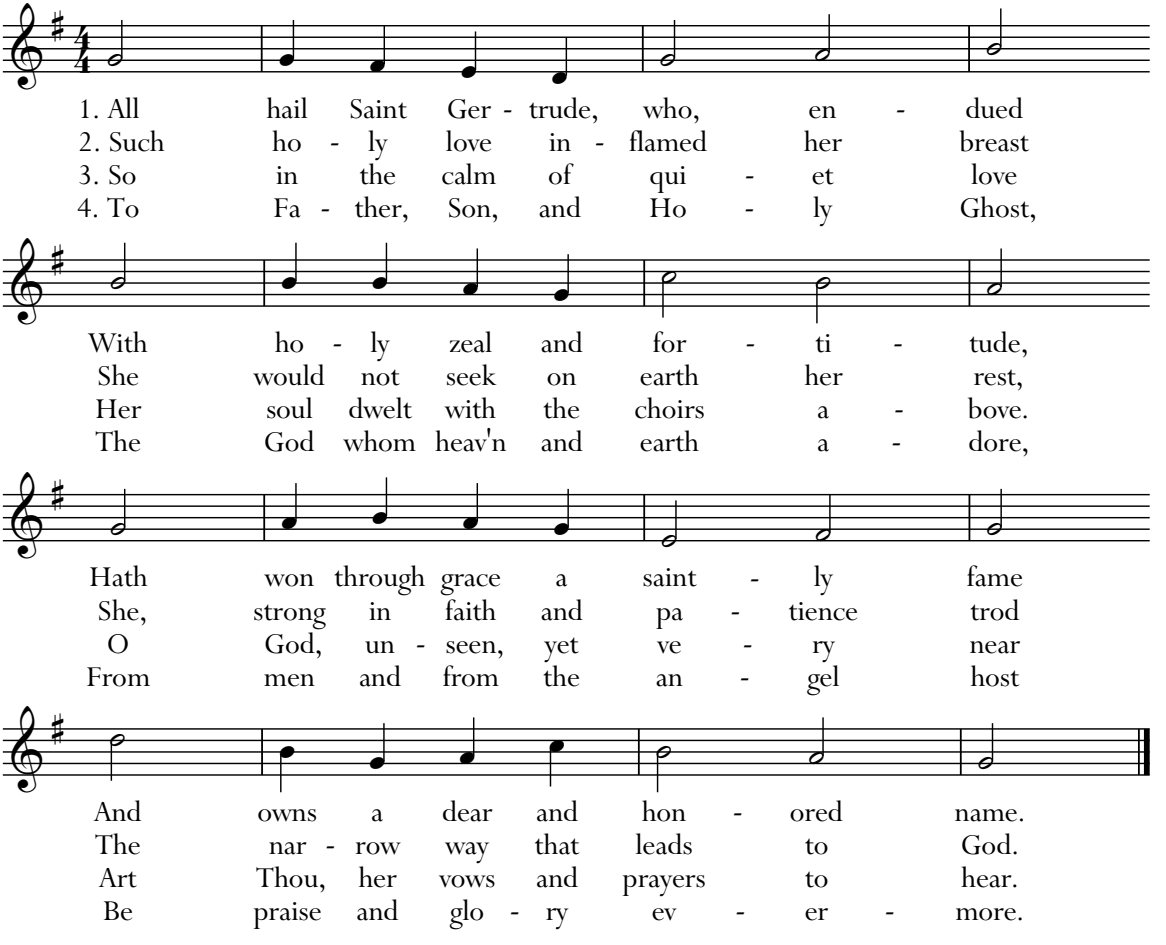
Solemnity of St. Gertrude the Great *(Transferred)*

Prelude

Prelude on the Dominican Salve Regina — *Caitlin Harrison-Crane*

Hymn

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



Words: vv. 1–2: Silvio Antoniano (Fortem virili pectore); v. 3: Jean-Baptiste de Santeul (Quid tu, relictis urbibus), adapted by Christopher Holman. Music: Old Hundredth, *Louis Bourgeois; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams*

Introductory Rites

Introit

As the celebrant censes the altar, the choir sings:

Dilexisti justitiam, et odisti iniquitatem:
propterea unxit te Deus, Deus tuus,
oleo laetitiae, prae consortibus tuis.

You have loved justice and hated iniquity.
Therefore God, your God, has anointed you
with the oil of gladness, above all your consort.

Words: Psalm 66:4
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.

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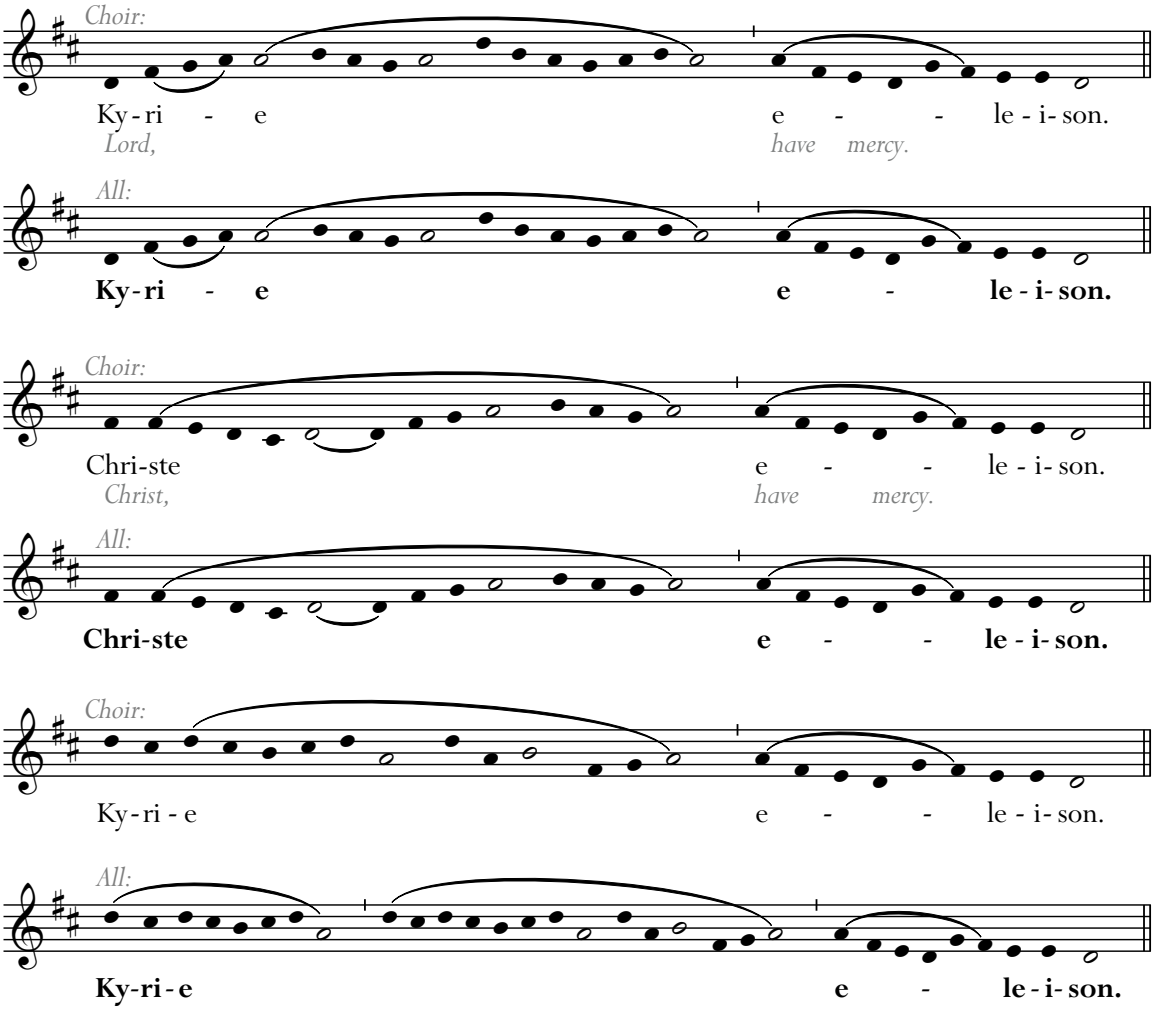
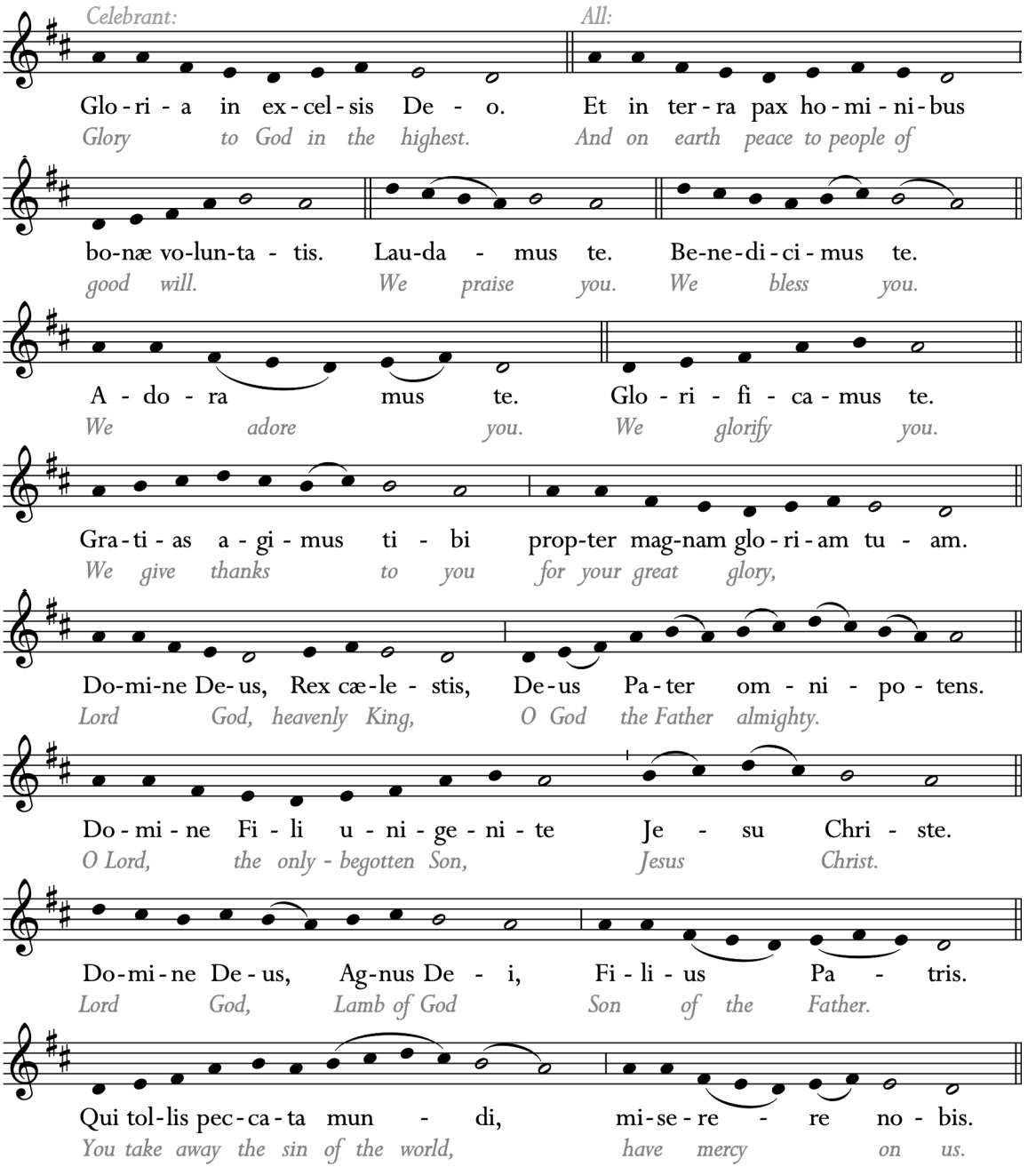
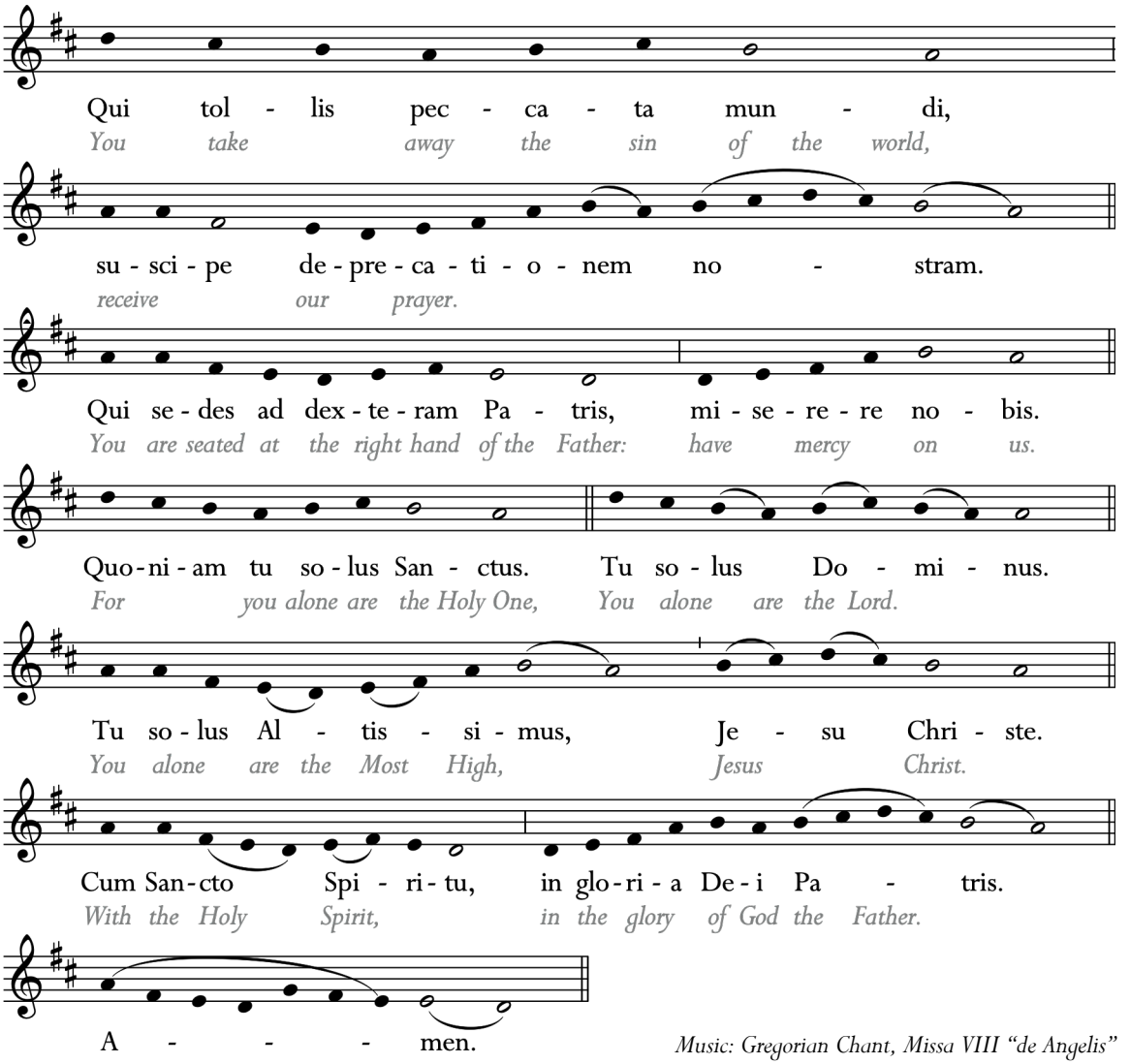


Music: Gregorian Chant, Missa VIII "de Angelis"

Gloria in excelsis





Music: Gregorian Chant, Missa VIII "de Angelis"

COLLECT

O God, who prepared a delightful dwelling for yourself in the heart of the Virgin St. Gertrude, graciously bring light, through her intercession, to the darkness of our hearts, that we may joyfully experience you present and at work within us. 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

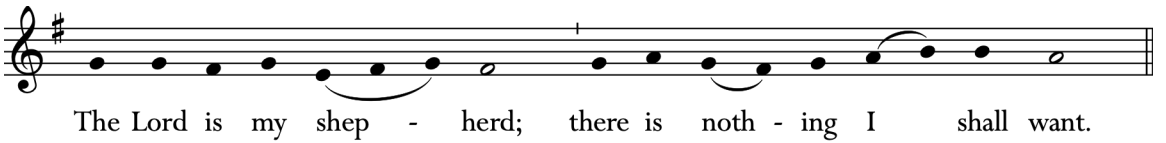
Jeremiah 31:1–4

At that time, says the LORD, I will be the God of all the tribes of Israel, and they shall be my people. Thus says the LORD: the people that escaped the sword have found favor in the desert. As Israel comes forward to be given his rest, the LORD appears to him from afar: with age-old love I have loved you; so I have kept my mercy toward you. Again I will restore you, and you shall be rebuilt, O virgin Israel; carrying your festive tambourines, you shall go forth dancing with the merrymakers.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 23:1–3a, 3b–4, 5, 6



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. ℟.

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 — Dominus regit me, adapted Christopher Holman

READING II

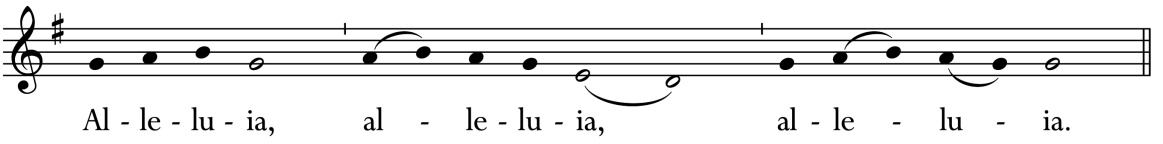
Ephesians 3:14–19

Brothers and sisters: I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that he may grant you in accord with the riches of his glory to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in the inner self, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the holy ones what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

All stand



Remain in my love, says the Lord;
whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit. ℟.

Verse: John 15:9b, 5b
Music: Gregorian Chant

GOSPEL *John 15:1–8*

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 to his disciples: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ. *All sit*

HOMILY *Friars of the Order of Preachers*

Credo

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 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.

Universal Prayer

Each petition concludes with:

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

After the final petition, all say:

Novena Prayer

**O Jesus, we praise you,
bless you, and give you thanks
for all the graces you bestowed on our holy patron, St. Gertrude.
We thank you most especially
for the love with which you enriched her life
and united her to yourself.
We recall the promise you made to St. Gertrude,
that you would hear the prayers of all
who come to you through her intercession.**

**I beseech you, by your most tender love,
grant me the grace, which I confidently expect,
as we pray in her words:**

**"O God of love and gentleness,
O heart that abounds with loving kindness,
O heart that overflows with charity,
O heart that radiates pleasantness,
O heart full of compassion,
We thank you for your heart full of love for us.
Invite us into your heart
that we may be totally transformed into love."
Amen.**

Words: cf. St. Gertrude the Great

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY

The choir sings:

Locus iste a Deo factus est,
inaestimabile sacramentum,
irreprehensibilis est.

This place was made by God;
it is a sacrament beyond all price,
and it stands firm without blemish.

Words: Genesis 28:17
Music: Anton Bruckner

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.

We bring the offerings of our devotion to be consecrated by you, O Lord, in commemoration of blessed Gertrude, for by the consolation you give us in this life you show that we should not lose hope of what is promised for eternity. Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

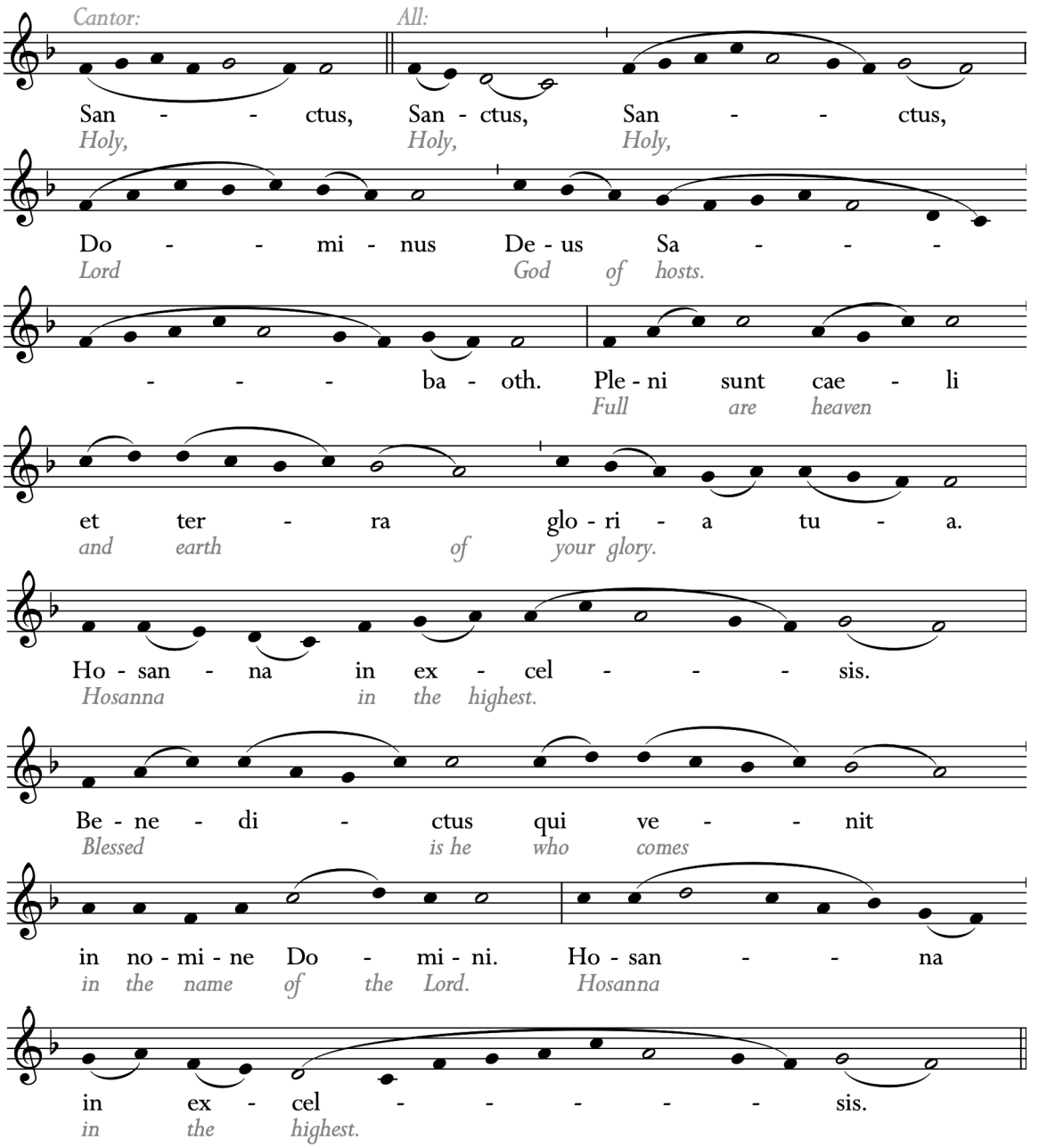
PREFACE DIALOGUE AND SANCTUS

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:



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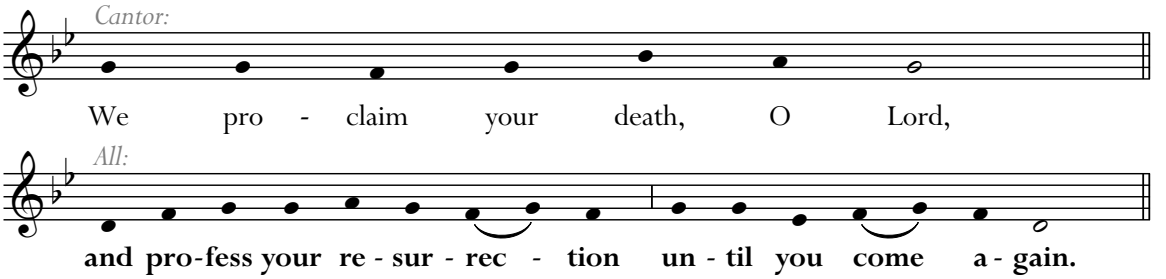
The Eucharistic Prayer

All kneel

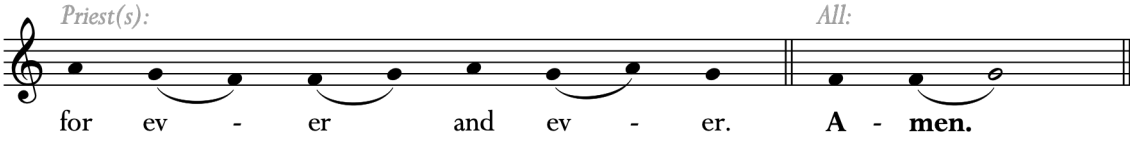
The celebrant says the Eucharistic Prayer. After the words of Consecration, the celebrant says:

The mystery of faith.



At the conclusion of the prayer the celebrant takes
the chalice and the paten with the host, and raising both, all the priests sing:

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.

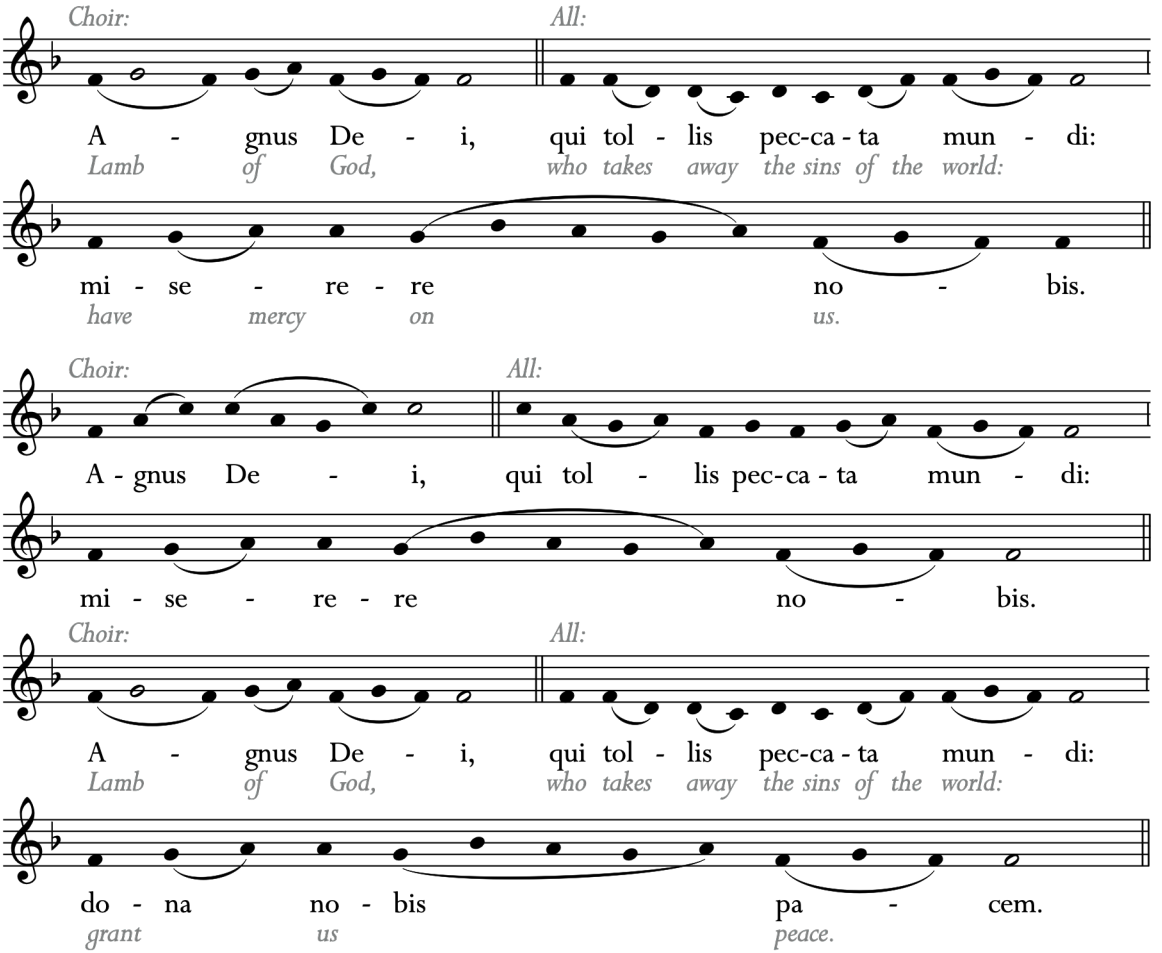
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.

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.

All offer one another a sign of peace

Agnus Dei



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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 *(Saturday)*

The Parish Choir sings:

O orzchis Ecclesia, armis divinis precincta
et jacincto ornata, tu es caldemia
stigmatum loifolum et urbs scientiarum.
O, tu es etiam crizanta in alto sono
et es chorzta gemma.

℣. O amantissime Pater,
in unione amoris illius,
quo Filius tuus olim in Cruce,
et modo in Altari se obtulit,
offero tibi eumdem
pro salute totius Ecclesiae.

℣. Salve Jesu dulcissime,
cum summâ humilitate
adorans veneror te.
Salve pretiossime Sanguis Domini mei,
cum summâ devotione
adorans veneror te.

℣. Gloria Patri, et Filio…

O measureless Church, girded with divine arms
and adorned in jacinth: you are the sweet aroma
Of the stigmata of nations, and the city of truth.
O, you are anointed too in soaring song,
And are a sparkling gem.

℣. *O most loving Father,*
in the union of that love
with which your Son — once on the Cross
and now on the Altar — offered himself,
I offer the same to you
For the salvation of the entire Church.

℣. *Hail, sweetest Jesus,*
with the greatest humility
I adore you.
Hail, most precious Blood of my Lord,
with the greatest devotion
I adore you.

℣. *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son…*

Antiphon: St. Hildegard of Bingen
Versicles: St. Gertrude the Great, Dominican Chant

MOTET *(Saturday)*

The Parish Choir sings:

The shadows of the evening hours fall from the darkening sky, upon the fragrance of the flowers the dews of evening lie. Before thy throne, O Lord of heaven, we kneel at close of day; look on thy children from on high and hear us while we pray.

The sorrows, of thy servants, Lord, O do not thou despise, but let the incense of our prayers before thy mercy rise. The brightness of the coming night upon the darkness rolls; with hope of future glory chase the shadows from our souls.

Slowly the rays of daylight fade, so fade within our heart the hopes in earthly love and joy that one by one depart. Slowly the bright stars, one by one, within the heavens shine; give us, O Lord, fresh hopes in heaven and trust divine.

Let peace, O Lord, Thy peace, O God upon our souls descend; from midnight fears and perils thou our trembling hearts defend. Give us a respite from our toil, calm and subdue our woes; though the long day we labor, Lord, O give us now repose.

Words: Adelaide Procter
Music: Amy Beach

MOTET *(Sunday)*

The Capella and Schola Cantorum sing:

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 dulics, O Jesu pie, O Jesu
filii Mariae, tu nobis miserere mei, 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: Colin Mawby

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All stand

Renewed, O Lord, at the wellsprings of salvation, we humbly entreat you that through the intercession of blessed Gertrude, holding more closely day by day to Christ, we may merit to be coheirs in his Kingdom of grace. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Concluding Rites

Solemn Blessing

The celebrant takes the relic of St. Gertrude and says:

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
Bow down for the blessing. *All bow*

Turn the hearts of your people always to you, O Lord, we pray, and, as you give them the help of such a great patron as St. Gertrude, grant also the unfailing help of your protection. Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Then, using the relic to bless the people, the celebrant concludes:

And, through the intercession of St. Gertrude, may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever.
Amen.

Go forth, the Mass is ended.
Thanks be to God.

Recession

O God, Beyond All Praising *St. Michael Hymnal* 657

Following Mass, a relic of St. Gertrude the Great will be available for veneration.