

RORATE CAELI MASS

+ December 9, 2023 +

St. Michael Catholic Church

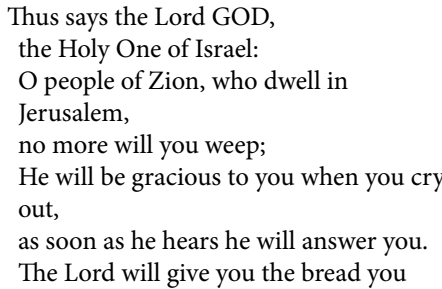
A 'Rorate Caeli' Mass is a Votive Mass in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The title refers to the first words of the introit (Latin and translation below). This candlelit Mass usually occurs before dawn in Advent. As sunrise approaches, the church becomes progressively brighter and we are reminded of the coming of Christ as the Light of the World.

Prelude

Magnificat (Garau)

Introit

Rorate caeli



Drop down, ye heavens from above and let the skies pour down righteousness.

Penitential Act

Collect

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

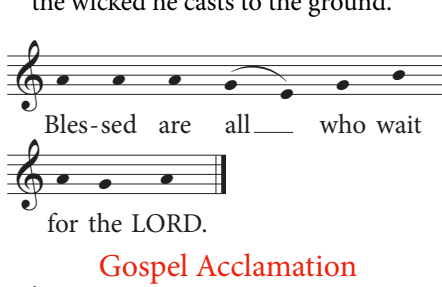
Isaiah 30:19-21

Thus says the Lord GOD,
the Holy One of Israel:
O people of Zion, who dwell in
Jerusalem,
no more will you weep;
He will be gracious to you when you cry
out,
as soon as he hears he will answer you.
The Lord will give you the bread you
need
and the water for which you thirst.
No longer will your Teacher hide
himself,
but with your own eyes you shall see
your Teacher,
While from behind, a voice shall sound
in your ears:
"This is the way; walk in it,"
when you would turn to the right or to
the left.
He will give rain for the seed
that you sow in the ground,
And the wheat that the soil produces
will be rich and abundant.
On that day your flock will be given
pasture
and the lamb will graze in spacious
meadows;
The oxen and the asses that till the
ground
will eat silage tossed to them
with shovel and pitchfork.
Upon every high mountain and lofty
hill
there will be streams of running water.
On the day of the great slaughter,
when the towers fall,
The light of the moon will be like that of
the sun
and the light of the sun will be seven
times greater
like the light of seven days.
On the day the LORD binds up the
wounds of his people,
he will heal the bruises left by his blows.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

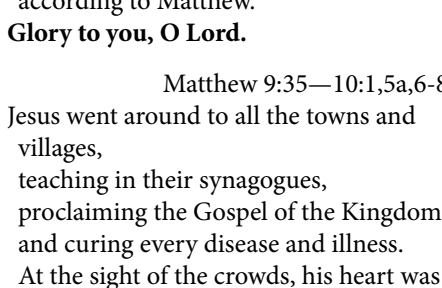
Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 147:1-2,3-4,5-6

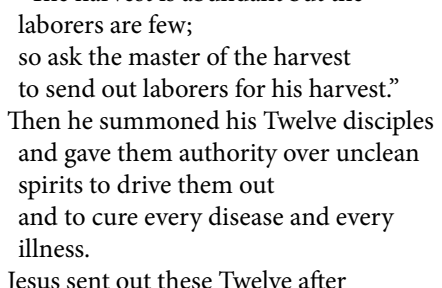


Praise the LORD, for he is good;
sing praise to our God, for he is
gracious;
it is fitting to praise him.

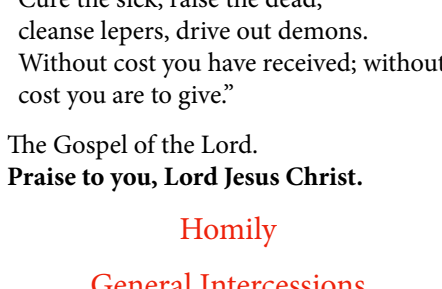
The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem;
the dispersed of Israel he gathers.



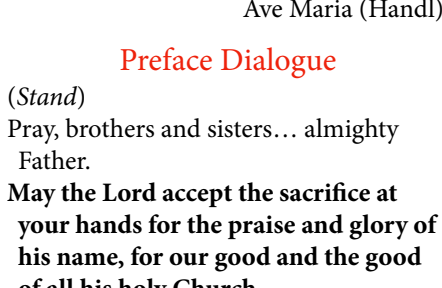
He heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.
He tells the number of the stars;
he calls each by name.



Great is our LORD and mighty in power:
to his wisdom there is no limit.
The LORD sustains the lowly;
the wicked he casts to the ground.



Gospel Acclamation



The LORD is our Judge, our Lawgiver,
our King;
he it is who will save us.

Gospel

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 9:35—10:1,5a,6-8

Jesus went around to all the towns and
villages,
teaching in their synagogues,
proclaiming the Gospel of the Kingdom,
and curing every disease and illness.
At the sight of the crowds, his heart was
moved with pity for them
because they were troubled and
abandoned,
like sheep without a shepherd.
Then he said to his disciples,
"The harvest is abundant but the
laborers are few;
so ask the master of the harvest
to send out laborers for his harvest."
Then he summoned his Twelve disciples
and gave them authority over unclean
spirits to drive them out
and to cure every disease and every
illness.

Jesus sent out these Twelve after
instructing them thus,
"Go to the lost sheep of the house of
Israel.

As you go, make this proclamation: 'The
Kingdom of heaven is at hand.'
Cure the sick, raise the dead,
cleanse lepers, drive out demons.

Without cost you have received; without
cost you are to give."

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

Homily

General Intercessions

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory

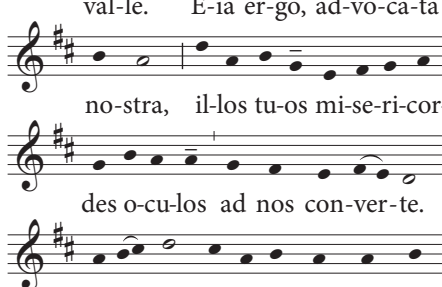
Ave Maria (Handl)

Preface Dialogue

(Stand)
Pray, brothers and sisters... almighty
Father.

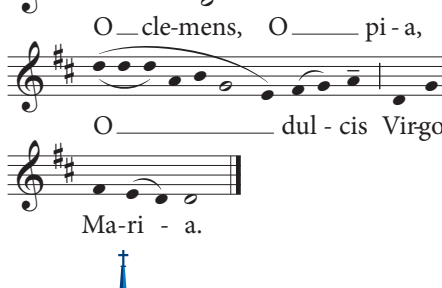
**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at
your hands for the praise and glory of
his name, for our good and the good
of all his holy Church.**

Holy, Holy, Holy



Hosanna in the high - est.

Memorial Acclamation



Amen

Lord's Prayer

**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... Savior, Jesus Christ.

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

Lamb of God

Communion

Isaiah 7:14

*Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a
son, and his name shall be called
Emmanuel.*

Prayer After Communion

Blessing and Dismissal

St. Michael Prayer

**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 wander through the world
seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.**

Antiphon to the Blessed Virgin Mary

