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PRELUDE *Toccata all'Offertorio*

Domenico Zipoli

Prayer Before Holy Mass (please rise)

My dear God and loving Father, as I participate in this Holy Mass, may Jesus fill me with His holy grace when I open my heart to Him in sincere prayer. May the sacraments I will receive, the prayers that I will say and the hymns that I will sing bring me closer to Jesus and help me to be more like Him in all that I say and do. May the Holy Communion that I will receive give me strength, so that I may share faith, hope and love with the people I will meet. Amen.

OPENING HYMN 124 (1, 2, 4) *Christ Is Risen*

Christ is risen, sing, O Christian! Wipe the tears of grief away.
All who would now seek Salvation, come, rejoice with us this day.
He has risen, Lord in glory, as he had foretold his victory.

Refrain: Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us sing Alleluia!

Useless was the stone so heavy which they used to seal His grave.
Unsuccessful were the sentries keeping watch o'er One Who saves.
All for nought were their endeavors to contain the Mighty Victor. *Refrain*

Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, humbly we would ask of Thee
That we might know Thy salvation, and o'er death, know victory,
That we might come with Thy chosen, and behold Thee, Lord of heaven. *Refrain*

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INTROIT

Psalm 139:18, 5b-6a; 118:1-2

C: I have risen: I am with you once more; you placed your hand on me to keep me safe. How great is the depth of your wisdom. Alleluia. **R: O Lord, You have probed me and You know me. You know when I sit and when I stand. Alleluia.** C: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. **R: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

KYRIE

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GLORIA

Powell

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, our Father, You have raised Christ, Your Son, Who conquered death and opened for us the way to eternal life. Let our celebration today raise us up and renew our lives by the risen Christ Who is among us. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **R. Amen.**

~ LITURGY OF THE WORD ~

FIRST LESSON

Acts 10:34, 37-43

Peter proceeded to speak and said: "You know what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."

This is the Word of the Lord. **R. Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

based on Wśród Radości

This is the day the Lord has made; let us re-joice and be glad!

R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever.
Let the house of Israel say, "His mercy endures forever."

R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

"The right hand of the LORD has struck with power; the right hand of the LORD is exalted.
I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD."

R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.
By the LORD has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes.

R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 5:6-8

Brothers and sisters: Do you not know that a little yeast leavens all the dough? Clear out the old yeast, so that you may become a fresh batch of dough, inasmuch as you are unleavened. For our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed. Therefore, let us celebrate the feast, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

This is the Word of the Lord. **R. Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA

1 Corinthians 5:7b-8a, c

traditional Ukrainian chant, arr. Elfman)

Choir, then all: Al - le-lu - ia, Al - le-lu - ia, Al - le-lu - ia.

C: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. **R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.** C: Christ has become our Paschal Sacrifice: Let us feast with joy in the Lord. **R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

GOSPEL

John 20:1-9

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

This is the gospel of the Lord. **R. Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

HYMN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT *Come, Thou Creator Spirit Blest*

Come, Thou Creator Spirit blest, and in our hearts take up Thy rest;
Come with Thy grace and heavenly aid,
Come with Thy grace and heavenly aid to fill the hearts which Thou hast made.

All glory while the ages run be to the Father and the Son,
Who gave us life the same to Thee,
Who gave us life the same to Thee, O Holy Ghost, eternally. Amen.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

R: CHRIST IS RISEN, INDEED! ALLELUIA!

~ LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST ~

OFFERTORY VERSE

Psalm 76:9b-10a

The earth feared and was silent when God arose in judgment. Alleluia.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Alleluia!

William Boyce

The Cathedral Chorale

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Almighty and Loving Father, accept these sacrificial gifts we offer You with joy in which Your Church is reborn and nourished. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **R. Amen.**

PREFACE OF EASTER

SANCTUS

Englert

~ CANON ~

THE LORDS PRAYER

AGNUS DEI

Elfman

COMMUNION ANTHEM *The Strife Is O'er*

The strife is o'er, alleluia! The vict'ry won, alleluia!

The song of triumph begun: death could not conquer God's Son.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

In His love He suffered for us, gave His life for us on the cross.

Sing tidings of resurrection, sing of our Savior's salvation!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Mother, who had wept for our Lord, near the cross in sorrow there stood.

Let us rejoice in communion with all the angels of heaven.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Cathedral Chorale

Barbara Nowicki, soprano; Rebecca Elfman, alto

POST COMMUNION HYMN 126 *Queen of the Heavens, Rejoice!*

Queen of the Heavens, now rejoice. Hear the wonderful story.

Up from the grave your Son arose, Christ the Victor in glory. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Mary and Salome did come unto the grave to anoint him.

But from the grave our Lord arose, God's angel said unto them. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Your Son, beloved, arisen, to apostles appears now.

He conquered death, and hell also, as he triumphed in glory. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Mary, whose sadness has turned to joy, O, may your prayers bring us great joy,

And happiness in Christ's kingdom. May we ever sing unto him: Alleluia! Alleluia!

COMMUNION VERSE

Romans 6:9

We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over Him. Alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal Father, watch over Your Church and bring us to the glory of the Resurrection promised by this Easter Sacrament. We ask this in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **R. Amen.**

FINAL BLESSING (please kneel)

DISMISSAL

C: Let us bless the Lord! **R: Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia!**

Prayer After Holy Mass (please remain kneeling)

I am grateful to You, Lord, that I was able to come to church and participate in the Holy Sacrifice of Mass. I thank You for receiving Your gracious pardon, Your instruction and teaching through Your Word, and Your Body and Blood in Holy Communion. May Your sacraments continue to strengthen and help me to be faithful to You and Your Church. Help me to face all the challenges of life on my journey to Your heavenly kingdom. Amen.

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN *Christ the Lord Is Ris'n Today* (1, 2, 4)

Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as His love: Alleluia!
Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Amen.

POSTLUDE *Praeludium in C*

Dieterich Buxtehude