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PRELUDE *Trio in D*

Josef Rheinberger

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 222 *From Your Throne, O God*

From Your throne, O God, in heaven, turn to us a gracious ear;
Keep us from the wiles of evil, guard us from the dooms we fear.
Do not choose, Lord, to be angry, though Your people rend Your law;
Turn our hearts away from sinning to repentance, God of all.

Confident, may we entreat You here before Your altar gates:
Grant to us, O hidden Godhead, all the favors of Your grace,
That together with creation, all of high and low degree,
We may praise You and adore You, Holy Triune Majesty.

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INTROIT

Jeremiah 12:19a, 20

C: Yet I, like a trusting lamb led to slaughter, had not realized that they were hatching plots against me. **R: But, You, O Lord of hosts, O just Judge, searcher of mind and heart, Let me witness the vengeance You take on them, for to You I have entrusted my cause! 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

Alstott

GLORIA

Englert

OPENING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, Your Son has taught us that service is the way to Your Kingdom, and that suffering is the prelude to glory. May we learn from His example to place the needs of others before our own. 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

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

The wicked say: Let us beset the just one, because he is obnoxious to us; he sets himself against our doings, reproaches us for transgressions of the law and charges us with violations of our training. Let us see whether his words be true; let us find out what will happen to him. For if the just one be the son of God, God will defend him and deliver him from the hand of his foes. With revilement and torture let us put the just one to the test that we may have proof of his gentleness and try his patience. Let us condemn him to a shameful death; for according to his own words, God will take care of him.

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

GRADUAL - *Traditional Mass*

1 Peter 4:13-14

C: But rejoice to the extent that you share in the sufferings of Christ, so that when His glory is revealed you may also rejoice exultantly. **R: If you are insulted for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - *Contemporary Mass*

Psalm 54:3-4, 5, 6 and 8



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R. (6b) The Lord upholds my life.

O God, by your name save me,
 and by your might defend my cause.
 O God, hear my prayer;
 hearken to the words of my mouth.

R. The Lord upholds my life.

For the haughty men have risen up against me,
 the ruthless seek my life;
 they set not God before their eyes.

R. The Lord upholds my life.

Behold, God is my helper;
 the Lord sustains my life.
 Freely will I offer you sacrifice;
 I will praise your name, O LORD, for its goodness.

R. The Lord upholds my life.

SECOND LESSON

James 3:16-4:3

Beloved: Where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every foul practice.

But the wisdom from above is first of all pure, then peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruits, without inconstancy or insincerity. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace.

Where do the wars and where do the conflicts among you come from? Is it not from your passions that make war within your members? You covet but do not possess. You kill and envy but you cannot obtain; you fight and wage war. You do not possess because you do not ask. You ask but do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.

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

ALLELUIA

1 Peter 3:18a

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: For Christ also suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that He might lead you to God. **R: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL

Mark 9:30-37

Jesus and his disciples left from there and began a journey through Galilee, but he did not wish anyone to know about it. He was teaching his disciples and telling them, “The Son of Man is to be handed over to men and they will kill him, and three days after his death the Son of Man will rise.” But they did not understand the saying, and they were afraid to question him.

They came to Capernaum and, once inside the house, he began to ask them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” But they remained silent. They had been discussing among themselves on the way who was the greatest. Then he sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, “If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.” Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, “Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me.”

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

HYMN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT 142 *Holy Spirit, Come Inspire Us*

Holy Spirit, come inspire us.
Send Your sevenfold gifts upon us.
(As we hear Your word most solemn,
Teach our hearts to know Your wisdom.)

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL - *Contemporary Mass*

R: Lord hear our prayer.

~ LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST ~

OFFERTORY VERSE

2 Corinthians 5:15

He indeed died for all, so that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for Him Who for their sake died and was raised.

OFFERTORY HYMN (8:00) *Take My Life and Let it Be*

MORNING HYMN

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice and let me sing, always, only, for my King.
Take myself and I shall be, ever, only, all for Thee.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (9:30) *Christ, in Me Arise*

Trevor Thomson

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Christ, in me arise and dispel all the darkness. Christ, in me arise with Your power and Your strength. Christ, in me pour out Your blessing and Your healing. Christ, in me arise, and I shall rise with You.

Be now my vision: open these eyes, showing me all that I must see. Onward to the kingdom! You are the way. Arise in me, and I shall rise with You.
Be now my footsteps, leading the way, taking me where I must go.
You know my heart and You know my ways, You who formed me in my mother's womb.
I live and move in You; my whole being thrives in You.

The Cathedral Chorale; Ernie Pappa, guitar

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord, our God, bless what we offer in love for Your Name. May we always proclaim that we are not our own, but Yours, for You both gave us life and redeemed it. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **R. Amen.**

PREFACE

SANCTUS

Proulx

~ CANON ~

THE LORDS PRAYER

AGNUS DEI

Elfman

POST-COMMUNION HYMN 210 *In Thy Protection*

In Thy protection, Father in heaven, lo, we Thy children place our life, our all.
(Lord, wilt Thou bless us, save us from temptation, keep us from danger, lest in sin we fall.)

Though all be peaceful, though storms beset us, in Thy protection we shall find our rest.
(Father, we pray Thee, humbly we beseech Thee, deliver us, the children Thou hast blest.)

COMMUNION VERSE

Romans 6:5

For if we have grown into union with Him through a death like His, we shall also be united with Him in the resurrection.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Blessed are You, Almighty God, for the demonstration of Your love in Christ's atoning death and in this Eucharist we have received. Teach us to be content in all circumstances and to rejoice in all trials, because our hope is in You. 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.**

FINAL BLESSING (please kneel)

DISMISSAL

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

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.

CLOSING HYMN *God of Grace and God of Glory*

God of grace and God of glory, on Your people pour Your pow'r!
Crown Your ancient Church's story; bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

Lo, the hosts of evil round us scorn the Christ, assail His ways!
From the fears that long have bound us, free our hearts to love and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days,
For the living of these days.

Cure your children's warring madness; bend our pride to Your control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss Your kingdom's goal,
Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal.

POSTLUDE *Festive Trumpet Tune*

David German