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PRELUDE *Overture*

G. F. Handel

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 *O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us?* (verses 1-2)

BICENTENNIAL

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Refrain: O Christ, what can it mean for us to claim You as our King?

What royal face have You revealed, Whose praise the Church would sing?

1. Aspiring not to glory's height, to power, wealth, and fame,
You walked a different, lowly way, Another's will Your aim. *Refrain*
2. You chose a humble human form, and shunned the world's renown;
You died for us upon a cross, with thorns Your only crown. *Refrain*

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INTROIT

Sirach 18:3; Psalm 22:28-29

C: The Lord guides the world with a turn of His hand, and all things obey His will. For He is King of all, and by His power He separates what is holy from what is not. **R: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; All the families of the nations shall bow down before Him. For dominion is the Lord's, and He rules the nations.** 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.**

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OPENING PRAYER

All powerful, eternal God, You willed the restoration of all things in Christ our King. Grant that the families of nations may acknowledge Him as the King of kings and Lord of lords, and the only Master of our hearts. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **R. Amen.**

~ LITURGY OF THE WORD ~

FIRST LESSON

Daniel 7:13-14

As the visions during the night continued, I saw one like a Son of man coming, on the clouds of heaven; when he reached the Ancient One and was presented before him, the one like a Son of man received dominion, glory, and kingship; all peoples, nations, and languages serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not be taken away, his kingship shall not be destroyed.

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

GRADUAL - *Traditional Mass*

Psalm 145:10-13

C: Let all Your works give You thanks, O Lord, and let Your faithful ones bless you. Let them discourse of the glory of Your kingdom and speak of your might. **R: Making known to men Your might and the glorious splendor of Your kingdom. Your Kingdom is a kingdom of all ages, and Your dominion endures through all generations.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - *Contemporary Mass*

Psalm 93:1, 1-2, 5

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R. The Lord is king; he is robed in maj - es - ty.

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R. (1a) The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

The LORD is king, in splendor robed;
 robed is the LORD and girt about with strength.

R. The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

And he has made the world firm,
 not to be moved.

Your throne stands firm from of old;
 from everlasting you are, O LORD.

R. The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

Your decrees are worthy of trust indeed;
 holiness befits your house,
 O LORD, for length of days.

R. The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

SECOND LESSON

Revelations 1:5-8

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, who has made us into a kingdom, priests for his God and Father, to him be glory and power forever and ever. Amen. Behold, he is coming amid the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him. All the peoples of the earth will lament him. Yes. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "the one who is and who was and who is to come, the almighty."

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

ALLELUIA

Isaiah 43:15

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: I am the Lord, your Holy One, the creator of Israel, your King. **R: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL

John 18:33-37

Pilate said to Jesus: "Are You the king of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you say this on your own or have others told you about me?" Pilate answered, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here."

So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

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

HYMN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT *Come, Thou Creator*

Come, Thou Creator Spirit blest, and in our souls 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.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL - *Contemporary Mass*

R: Lord hear our prayer.

~ LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST ~

OFFERTORY VERSE

Psalm 45:7

Your throne, O God, stands forever and ever; a tempered rod is Your royal scepter.

OFFERTORY HYMN (8:00) - ANTHEM (9:30): *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

arr. Gordon Young

Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia, Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;
Praise is His gracious choice; Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend; to us He'll condescend;
His love shall never end. Alleluia! Amen!

The Cathedral Chorale (9:30)

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Heavenly Father, You have enthroned Your Son that He might speak peace to the nations. May we, who place our oblation before You, seek the security of His rule and know the ecstasy of his love. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **R. Amen.**

PREFACE

SANCTUS

Proulx

~ CANON ~

THE LORDS PRAYER

AGNUS DEI

Elfman

POST-COMMUNION HYMN (8:00): 226 *Fairest Lord Jesus* (1, 3, 4)

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nations, O Thou of God and man the Son,
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling, starry host;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer, than all the angels heav'n can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations! Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be Thine!

POST-COMMUNION MUSIC (9:30): *Grace and Thanksgiving* arr. Anna Laura Page

The Saint Stanislaus Handbell Choir

COMMUNION VERSE

Psalm 89:19

For to the Lord belongs our shield, and to the Holy One of Israel, our king.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord Jesus Christ, You are the Holy One, the sovereign Lord. Through this Holy Communion, which we have received at Your altar, You have richly provided us an entrance into Your Kingdom, For you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever 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 *O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us?* (verses 3-5) BICENTENNIAL

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3. You came, the Image of our God, to heal and to forgive,
To shed Your blood for sinners' sake that we might rise and live. *Refrain*
4. Though some would make their greatness felt, and lord it over all,
You said the first must be the last, and service be our call. *Refrain*
5. O Christ, in workplace, church, and home, let none to power cling;
For still, through us, You come to serve, a different kind of King! *Refrain*

POSTLUDE *Fugue in D*

William Selby