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PRELUDE *From Heav'n Above to Earth I Come*

F. W. Zachow

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 *74 Angels from the Realms of Glory*

Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth.
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!

Shepherds, in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing; yonder shines the infant Light.
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!

Saints, before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending, in His temple shall appear.
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!

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INTROIT

Luke 2:15b-16

C: The shepherds said to one another, "Let us go, then, to Bethlehem to see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." **R: So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph and the infant lying in the manger.** 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

O'Connor

GLORIA

Elfman

OPENING PRAYER

Father in heaven, Creator of all, You ordered the earth to bring forth life and crowned its goodness by creating the human family. As we celebrate the Solemnity of the Holy Family teach us the sanctity of human love, show us the value of family life, and help us to live in peace with all people. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with the You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **R. Amen.**

~ LITURGY OF THE WORD ~

FIRST LESSON

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

God sets a father in honor over his children; a mother's authority he confirms over her sons. Whoever honors his father atones for sins, and preserves himself from them. When he prays, he is heard; he stores up riches who reveres his mother. Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children, and, when he prays, is heard. Whoever reveres his father will live a long life; he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother.

My son, take care of your father when he is old; grieve him not as long as he lives. Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him; revile him not all the days of his life; kindness to a father will not be forgotten, firmly planted against the debt of your sins – a house raised in justice to you.

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

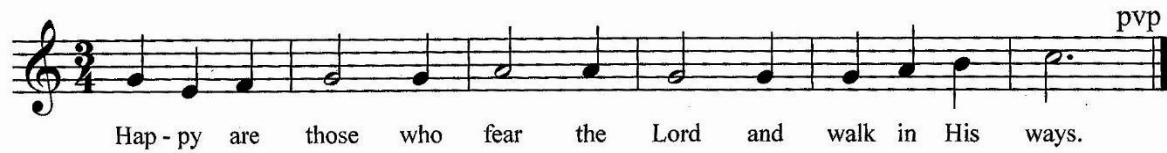
GRADUAL - *Traditional Mass*

Psalm 27:4a, 84:5

C: One thing I ask of the Lord; this I seek: to dwell in the Lord's house all the days of my life. **R: Happy they who dwell in Your house! They never cease to praise You.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - *Contemporary Mass*

Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5



R. Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Happy is everyone who fears the Lord,
who walks in his ways.

You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands;
you shall be happy, and it shall go well with you.

R. Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house;
your children will be like olive shoots around your table.

R. Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Thus shall the man be blessed who fears the Lord.
The Lord bless you from Zion.

May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem
all the days of your life.

R. Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

SECOND LESSON

Colossians 3:12-21

Brothers and sisters: Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish

one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Wives, be subordinate to your husbands, as is proper in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and avoid any bitterness toward them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is pleasing to the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, so they may not become discouraged.

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

ALLELUIA

Isaiah 45:15



C: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. **R: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.** C: Truly with you God is hidden, the God of Israel, the Savior! **R: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL

Luke 2:41-52

Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you

not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.

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

HYMN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT 141 *Holy Spirit, Come, We Ask You*

Holy Spirit, come, we ask You; saving grace we need from You.
Through this heav'nly revelation, may our stubborn will be moved.
May we fully comprehend, guided by Your constant hand.
Standing on Your words of promise, we confirm and praise Your goodness.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL - *Contemporary Mass*

R: Lord hear our prayer.

~ LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST ~

OFFERTORY VERSE

Luke 2:22b

They took Him up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord.

OFFERTORY HYMN 37 *God Is Born*

God is born, man's pow'r is trembling, Lord of heav'n revealed before us:
Fire is cold and light is darkness; Endless God is man before us:
Mortal now, yet King eternal; scorned was He, but praised forever;
For the Word was made incarnate; and in truth has dwelt among us.

What has heaven in its possession now that God has left its splendors?
He has entered, in compassion, man's domain, His aid to render.
And we know we were not blameless, for our Lord had sorely suffered;
And the Word was made incarnate; and in truth has dwelt among us.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Gracious Father, accept this sacrifice we offer in honor of the Holy Family. Through the prayers of Mary, the Virgin Mother of God, and of her husband, Joseph, unite our families in peace and love. 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.**

PREFACE

SANCTUS

Mushalko/Harrig

~ CANON ~

THE LORDS PRAYER

AGNUS DEI

Alstott

POST-COMMUNION HYMN 68 *Great the Christmas Celebration*

Great the Christmas celebration: Christ is born to bring salvation.
Come rejoice with exultation in God's promise of salvation,
In His holy birth among us here on earth.

From the bosom of His Father, Lord of lords His love does offer.
He forsakes celestial splendor, and great love on earth engenders.
He has come to share our pain and strife on earth.

Welcome, Jesus, our beloved; welcome, Savior long awaited.
Take our songs; we humbly sing them; Take our hearts; to You we give them
On this happy day of days and evermore.

COMMUNION VERSE

Isaiah 43:10a

You are My witnesses, says the Lord, My servants whom I have chosen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Loving Father, we desire to live as Jesus, Mary and Joseph in peace with You and one another. May this Holy Communion strengthen us to live like the Holy Family and to face the challenges of life. 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.**

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 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

Hark! The herald angels sing “Glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all ye nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;
With th’angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”

Hail the heav’n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, ris’n with healing in His wings.
Mild, he lays His glory by, born that we no more may die,
Born to raise each child of earth, Born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”

POSTLUDE *Allegro from Symphony IV*

William Boyce