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**February 23, 2025 ~ Sexagesima Sunday**

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PRELUDE *Chorale in G Major*

Alexandre Guilmant

## **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 196 *Blessed Is He* (1, 2, 6)

Blessed is he who trusts in God Almighty,  
And he who hopes in God's most gracious mercy.  
He shall acknowledge: God is my protector.  
In life's dark journey, (I shall fear no danger).

From all the pow'rs of evil God shall save him;  
To nature's forces, he shall ne'er fall victim.  
Under the pinions of the Lord Almighty,  
In God's protection, (he shall dwell in safety).

Savior, we heed Thy wondrous invitation,  
And we accept the strength of Thy protection.  
Lord, in Thy mercy, keep us safe forever,  
And in life's journey, (Lord, forsake us never)!

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INTROIT

Romans 12:20-21

C: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by doing so you will heap burning coals upon his head." **R. Do not be conquered by evil but conquer evil with good.** 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

Father in heaven, You taught us in Your holy Word to pray for those who persecute us. Fill us with Your gift of love that we may be forgiving and merciful toward those who seek to be our enemies. 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.**

## ~ LITURGY OF THE WORD ~

FIRST LESSON

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

So Saul went down to the wilderness of Ziph with three thousand of the best warriors of Israel, to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph. So David and Abishai reached Saul's soldiers by night, and there was Saul lying asleep within the camp, his spear thrust into the ground at his head and Abner and his troops sleeping around him. Abishai whispered to David: "God has delivered your enemy into your hand today. Let me nail him to the ground with one thrust of the spear; I will not need to strike him twice!" But David said to Abishai, "Do not harm him, for who can lay a hand on the LORD's anointed and remain innocent? So David took the spear and the water jug from their place at Saul's head, and they withdrew without anyone seeing or knowing or awakening. All remained asleep, because a deep slumber from the LORD had fallen upon them.

Crossing over to an opposite slope, David stood on a distant hilltop. With a great distance between them. But David answered: "Here is the king's spear. Let an attendant come over to get it. The LORD repays everyone's righteousness and faithfulness. Although the LORD delivered you into my hands today, I could not lay a hand on the LORD's anointed.

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

GRADUAL - *Traditional Mass*

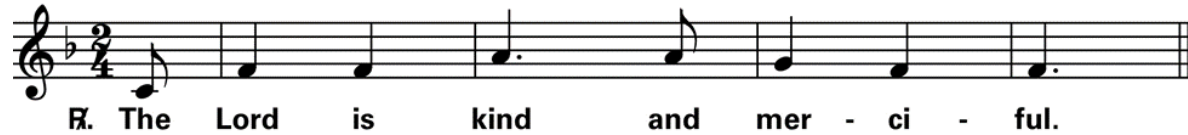
Psalm 61:3-4;18:49

C: From the brink of Sheol I call; my heart grows faint. Raise me up, set me on a rock, for You are my refuge, a tower of strength against the foe. **R. [You] preserved me from my enemies, truly You have exalted me above my adversaries, from the violent You have rescued me.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - *Contemporary Mass*

Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13

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**R (8a) The Lord is kind and merciful.**

Bless the LORD, O my soul;  
and all my being, bless his holy name.  
Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits.

**R The Lord is kind and merciful.**

He pardons all your iniquities,  
heals all your ills.  
He redeems your life from destruction,  
crowns you with kindness and compassion.

**R The Lord is kind and merciful.**

Merciful and gracious is the LORD,  
slow to anger and abounding in kindness.  
Not according to our sins does he deal with us,  
nor does he requite us according to our crimes.

**R The Lord is kind and merciful.**

As far as the east is from the west,  
so far has he put our transgressions from us.  
As a father has compassion on his children,  
so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.

**R The Lord is kind and merciful.**

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 15:45-49

So, too, it is written, “The first man, Adam, became a living being,” the last Adam a life-giving spirit. But the spiritual was not first; rather the natural and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, earthly; the second man, from heaven. As was the earthly one, so also are the earthly, and as is the heavenly one, so also are the heavenly. Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one.

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

TRACT

Matthew 5:44

C: But I say to you, love your enemies, **R: and pray for those who persecute you.**

GOSPEL

Luke 6:27-38

“But to you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other one as well, and from the person who takes your cloak, do not withhold even your tunic. Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do the same. If you lend money to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit [is] that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, and get back the same amount.

But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend expecting nothing back; then your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as [also] your Father is merciful.

“Stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven. Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you.”

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

HYMN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT *As Your Spirit Moved*

As Your Spirit moved over the waters, and You spoke, and there was light,  
Hear the sighs of sons and daughters fly from depths of sin and night:  
Lord, send down Your Holy Spirit, Your poor children humbly pray;  
Speak Your truth and help us hear it, that we follow in Your way.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL - *Contemporary Mass*

**R: Lord hear our prayer.**

**~ LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST ~**

OFFERTORY VERSE

Psalm 18:4

Praised be the Lord, I exclaim! I have been delivered from my enemies.

OFFERTORY HYMN (8:00) 180 *Come Unto Jesus* (1, 2)

Come unto Jesus, come while you may;  
Hear how He calls you: come, now, this day.  
How He does love you! Follow His way.  
Gently He calls you: Come!

*Refrain:* Lo, the vision wondrous to behold!  
He will save us from this sinful world.  
To heaven's blessed glory untold,  
O dearest Lord, we come.

Come, O my child, now, come, heed His call.  
Give Him your heart, your love, and your all.  
He shall uplift you, lest you should fall.  
Gently He calls you: Come! Refrain

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (9:30) *Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive*

MORNING HYMN

“Forgive our sins as we forgive,” You taught us, Lord, to pray;  
But You alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.

How can Your pardon reach and bless the unforgiving heart  
That broods on wrongs and will not let old bitterness depart?

In blazing light Your cross reveals the truth we dimly knew:  
What trivial debts are owed to us; how great our debt to You!

Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls and bid resentment cease;  
Then, bound to all in bonds of love, our lives will spread Your peace.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Heavenly Father, accept these gifts we offer You and lead us to love You and all people with  
Your perfect love. 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

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THE LORDS PRAYER

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POST-COMMUNION HYMN 224 *Amazing Grace* (verses as needed)

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

The Lord has promised good to me; His word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;  
‘Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

When we’ve been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise than when we’d first begun.

COMMUNION VERSE

Proverbs 16:7

When the Lord is pleased with a man's ways, He makes even his enemies be at peace with him.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty God, through this Holy Communion grant us the grace to love our enemies and to do good to those who curse us, that our reward may be great in Your Kingdom. 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.**

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 *Day by Day*



1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing  
2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to  
3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my



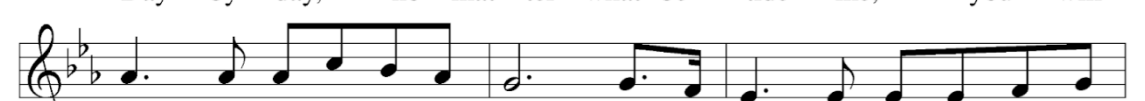
com - fort to my anx - ious soul. Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you  
serve and wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to  
bur - dens grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will



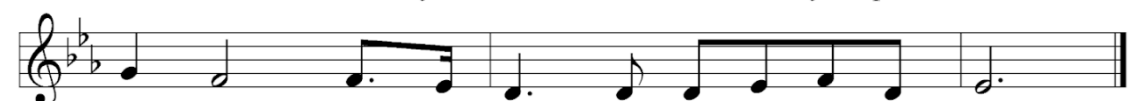
send me draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal.  
guide me o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day.  
hear me when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.



Love di - vine, be - yond all mor - tal mea - sure, brings to  
I will fear no e - vil of the mor - row, I will  
Day by day, no mat - ter what be - tide me, you will



naught the bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior, lead me to the home I  
trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior, help me bear life's pain and  
hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior, with your pres - ence here to



trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.  
sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.  
guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

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POSTLUDE *Prelude in C minor*

J. S. Bach