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PRELUDE *Arietta*

Thomas H. Kerr

## **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 195 (1-3) *Morning Hymn*

Lord, this morn we raise our voices as the world in song rejoices.  
All the works of Your creation join to sing in adoration.

You have formed us, God our Savior, overwhelmed us with Your favor.  
Blessed with gifts beyond all measure, may we praise You now and ever.

At the moment we awaken, we will call to God in heaven.  
When we call Him He will hear us; when we seek Him, He is near us.

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INTROIT

2 Timothy 2:11-13

C: This saying is trustworthy: If we have died with Him we shall also live with Him; if we persevere we shall also reign with Him. **R: But if we deny Him He will deny us. If we are unfaithful He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself.** 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

Powell

OPENING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, pour out Your Spirit and enflame us with the fire of Your love. Grant us the words to move the hearts of all people and the courage to hold firm should Your word be rejected. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the same Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **R. Amen.**

## ~ LITURGY OF THE WORD ~

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 20:10-13

Jeremiah said: "I hear the whisperings of many: 'Terror on every side! Denounce! let us denounce him!' All those who were my friends are on the watch for any misstep of mine. 'Perhaps he will be trapped; then we can prevail, and take our vengeance on him.' But the LORD is with me, like a mighty champion: my persecutors will stumble, they will not triumph. In their failure they will be put to utter shame, to lasting, unforgettable confusion. O LORD of hosts, you who test the just, who probe mind and heart, let me witness the vengeance you take on them, for to you I have entrusted my cause. Sing to the LORD, praise the LORD, for he has rescued the life of the poor from the power of the wicked!"

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

GRADUAL - *Traditional Mass*

Psalms 31:14-15

C: I hear the whispers of the crowd; terrors are all around me. They conspire against me; they plot to take my life. **R: But I trust in You, Lord; I say, "You are my God."**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - *Contemporary Mass*

Psalm 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35

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**R. Lord, in your great love, an - swer me.**

**R. (14c) Lord, in your great love, answer me.**

For your sake I bear insult,  
and shame covers my face.  
I have become an outcast to my brothers,  
a stranger to my mother's children,  
Because zeal for your house consumes me,  
and the insults of those who blaspheme you fall upon me.

**R. Lord, in your great love, answer me.**

I pray to you, O LORD,  
for the time of your favor, O God!  
In your great kindness answer me  
with your constant help.  
Answer me, O LORD, for bounteous is your kindness;  
in your great mercy turn toward me.

**R. Lord, in your great love, answer me.**

"See, you lowly ones, and be glad;  
you who seek God, may your hearts revive!  
For the LORD hears the poor,  
and his own who are in bonds he spurns not.  
Let the heavens and the earth praise him,  
the seas and whatever moves in them!"

**R. Lord, in your great love, answer me.**

SECOND LESSON

Romans 5:6-11

Brothers and sisters: Christ, while we were still helpless, yet died at the appointed time for the ungodly. Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. How much more then, since we are now justified by

his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath. Indeed, if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, how much more, once reconciled, will we be saved by his life. Not only that, but we also boast of God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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

ALLELUIA

1 Peter 3:17

arr. Dodd/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 it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be the will of God, than for doing evil. **R: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL

Matthew 10:26-33

Jesus said to the Twelve: "Fear no one. Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known. What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light; what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna. Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are counted. So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father. But whoever denies me before others, I will deny before my heavenly Father."

*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

Hebrews 10:31

It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

OFFERTORY HYMN 222 *From Your Throne, O God*

From Your throne, O God, in heaven, turn to us a gracious ear;  
Keep from us the wiles of evil, guard us from the dooms we fear.  
Do not choose, O 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.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord our God, we offer this sacrifice of praise to You. May it strengthen our faith in weak and fearful moments. We ask this in the name of 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

Powell

~ **CANON** ~

THE LORDS PRAYER

AGNUS DEI

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POST-COMMUNION HYMN 156 *Let Us Sing Our Song of Praise*

Let us sing our song of praise, as our grateful hearts we raise,  
(And we sing in contemplation of Thy wondrous ways.)

In this Holy Sacrament, Christ, our Lord, from Heav'n is sent,  
(That we might have life eternal, blessed covenant.)

Faithful people, turn to God: beyond measure is His grace;  
(In all times of war and hunger, He will show mercy.)

We believe, Lord, You are here, always with us, endlessly.  
(May it be, Lord, our confession: in our heart You'll be!)

COMMUNION VERSE

1 Timothy 5:25

Similarly, good works are also public; and even those that are not cannot remain hidden.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty God, may Your grace strengthen us who have shared in the Mysteries of the Altar. Grant us the endurance to do Your will and the resolve to receive what You have promised. 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.**

**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 228 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* (1-3)

Joyful, joyful we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, praising Thee, their Sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee; earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays.  
Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest;  
Wellspring of the joy of living, Ocean-depth of happy rest.  
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, all who live in love are Thine;  
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

POSTLUDE *Joy*

J.S. Bach, arr. Tom Parker