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PRELUDE *Adagio Semplice*

Jean Langlais

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 189 *O God, Whose Kindness (1, 2, 5)*

O God, Whose kindness flows o'er all creation,
Thou, Who in mercy answer each petition:
Hear now the people in Thy sanctuary
Lifting their prayers to Thee.

May evil forces fail in their endeavors,
Trampling God's holy laws, saddening believers,
False in their character, fighting, never peaceful,
They are deceitful.

Blest with Thy favor, though we are unworthy,
Humbly in tears, we sinners now beseech Thee.
Cleanse us from all our sins; let us live in purity,
For all eternity.

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INTROIT

Proverbs 9:7-8

C: Whoever corrects a scoffer wins abuse; whoever rebukes the wicked gets hurt. **R: A scoffer who is rebuked will only hate you; the wise, when rebuked, will love you.** 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 will be forever. Amen.**

KYRIE

O'Connor

GLORIA

Powell

OPENING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, You are ready to forgive rather than to condemn. Knowing that You are always in our midst may we never be guilty of an unforgiving heart. 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.**

~ LITURGY OF THE WORD ~

FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 33:7-9

Thus says the LORD: You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel; when you hear me say anything, you shall warn them for me. If I tell the wicked, "O wicked one, you shall surely die," and you do not speak out to dissuade the wicked from his way, the wicked shall die for his guilt, but I will hold you responsible for his death. But if you warn the wicked, trying to turn him from his way, and he refuses to turn from his way, he shall die for his guilt, but you shall save yourself.

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

GRADUAL - *Traditional Mass*

2 Timothy 4:2; 1 Timothy 5:20

C: Proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient; convince, reprimand, encourage through all patience and teaching. **R: Reprimand publicly those who do sin, so that the rest also will be afraid.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - *Contemporary Mass*

Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

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Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD;
let us acclaim the rock of our salvation.
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us bow down in worship;
let us kneel before the LORD who made us.
For he is our God,
and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides.

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Oh, that today you would hear his voice:
"Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as in the day of Massah in the desert,
where your fathers tempted me;
they tested me though they had seen my works."

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

SECOND LESSON

Romans 13:8-10

Brothers and sisters: Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not kill; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law.

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

ALLELUIA

Leviticus 19:17

arr. Dodd/Elfman



C: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. **R: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.** C: You shall not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. Though you may have to reprove your fellow man, do not incur sin because of him. **R: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL

Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples: "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that 'every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.' If he refuses to listen to them, tell the church. If he refuses to listen even to the church, then treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector. Amen, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

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

HYMN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT *Holy Spirit, Truth Divine*

Holy Spirit, Truth divine, dawn within this soul of mine.
Word of God and Inward Light, wake my spirit, clear my sight.

Holy Spirit, Love divine, glow within this heart of mine.
Kindle ev'ry high desire; perish self in Thy pure fire.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL - *Contemporary Mass*

R: Lord hear our prayer.

~ LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST ~

OFFERTORY VERSE

Proverbs 28:23

He who rebukes a man gets more thanks in the end than one with a flattering tongue.

OFFERTORY HYMN 180 *Come Unto Jesus (verses as needed)*

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 would 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*

Come, fallen sinner; come while you may!
Christ will accept you! Do not delay!
Tears of repentance He wipes away. Trust in Him only! Come! *Refrain*

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Almighty God, accept this oblation from our hands and teach us to love with conviction and without pretense. 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

Powell

~ CANON ~

THE LORDS PRAYER

AGNUS DEI

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POST-COMMUNION HYMN 189 *O God, Whose Kindness* (4, 3)

Thou hast commanded earth to yield its bounty.
Showers and sunshine by Thy hand fall freely.
Grateful for ev’ry gift, let us share our daily bread,
See that the poor are fed.

“My peace I give you,” is the Lord’s pronouncement.
Let all the nations follow this commandment.
May we in harmony live with one another,
And be as brothers.

COMMUNION VERSE

2 Corinthians 5:19

God was reconciling the world to Himself in Christ, not counting their trespasses against them and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank You for uniting us in this Eucharistic Celebration. Grant us the wisdom to apply Your truth faithfully, so that all may be reconciled to You. For You live and reign with the Father 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 *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*

Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing, Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, Your love possessing, Triumph in redeeming grace.
(Oh, refresh us, oh, refresh us, Trav’ling through the wilderness.)

Thanks we give and adoration For Your Gospel’s joyful sound.
May the fruits of Your salvation In our hearts and lives abound.
(Ever faithful, ever faithful To Your truth may we be found.)

POSTLUDE “Menuett” from *Suite Gothique*

Leon Boellmann