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PRELUDE *Prayer*

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 195 *Morning Hymn* (1-3)

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

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

Wisdom 12:15-16

C: But as you are just, You govern all things justly; You regard it as unworthy of Your power to punish one who has incurred no blame. **R: For Your might is the source of justice; Your mastery over all things makes You lenient to all.** 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

Englert

## GLORIA

Englert

## OPENING PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, Your Son taught that we need only ask to receive the things we require. Give us the grace to ask only for those things which lead us closer to You. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **R. Amen.**

## ~ LITURGY OF THE WORD ~

### FIRST LESSON

Genesis 18:20-32

In those days, the Lord said: “The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great, and their sin so grave, that I must go down and see whether or not their actions fully correspond to the cry against them that comes to me. I mean to find out.”

While Abraham’s visitors walked on farther toward Sodom, the Lord remained standing before Abraham. Then Abraham drew nearer to him and said: “Will you sweep away the innocent with the guilty? Suppose there were fifty innocent people in the city; would you wipe out the place, rather than spare it for the sake of the fifty innocent people within it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to make the innocent die with the guilty, so that the innocent and the guilty would be treated alike! Should not the judge of all the world act with justice?” The Lord replied, “If I find fifty innocent people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake.” Abraham spoke up again: “See how I am presuming to speak to my Lord, though I am but dust and ashes! What if there are five less than fifty innocent people? Will you destroy the whole city because of those five?” He answered “I will not destroy it, if I find forty-five there.” But Abraham persisted, saying, “What if only forty are found there?” He replied, “I will forbear doing it for the sake of the forty.” Then Abraham said,

“Let not my Lord grow impatient if I go on. What if only thirty are found there?” He replied, “I will forbear doing it if I can find but thirty there.” Still Abraham went on, “Since I have thus dared to speak to my Lord, what if there are no more than twenty?” The Lord answered “I will not destroy it, for the sake of the twenty.” But he still persisted: “Please, let not my Lord grow angry if I speak up this last time. What if there are at least ten there?” “For the sake of those ten,” he replied, “I will not destroy it.”

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

GRADUAL - *Traditional Mass*

Psalm 103:8-9, 13

C: Merciful and gracious is the Lord, slow to anger, abounding in kindness. God does not always rebuke, nurses no lasting anger. **R: As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on the faithful.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - *Contemporary*

Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8

Elfman

Lord, on the day I called for help, You answered me.

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with all my heart,  
for you have heard the words of my mouth;  
in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise;  
I will worship at your holy temple  
and give thanks to your name.

**R. Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.**

Because of your kindness and your truth;  
for you have made great above all things  
your name and your promise.  
When I called you answered me;  
you built up strength within me.

**R. Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.**

The LORD is exalted, yet the lowly he sees,  
and the proud he knows from afar.

Though I walk amid distress, you preserve me;  
against the anger of my enemies you raise your hand.

**R. Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.**

Your right hand saves me.

The LORD will complete what he has done for me;  
your kindness, O LORD, endures forever;  
forsake not the work of your hands.

**R. Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.**

SECOND LESSON

Colossians 2:12-14

Brothers and sisters: You were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And even when you were dead in transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, he brought you to life along with him, having forgiven us all our transgressions; obliterating the bond against us, with its legal claims, which was opposed to us, he also removed it from our midst, nailing it to the cross.

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

ALLELUIA

Jeremiah 29:12

Elfman, based on Mass 16

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

C: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. **R: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.** C: When you call Me, when you go to pray to Me, I will listen to you. **R: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL

Luke 11:1-13

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples.” He said to them, “When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread and forgive us our sins for we ourselves forgive everyone in debt to us, and do not subject us to the final test.”

And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend to whom he goes at midnight and says, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, for a friend of mine has arrived at my house from a journey and I have nothing to offer him,’ and he says in reply from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked and my children and I are already in bed. I cannot get up to give you anything.’ I tell you, if he does not get up to give the visitor the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence.

“And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. What father among you would hand his son a snake when he asks for a fish? Or hand him a scorpion when he asks for an egg? If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?”

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

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

Holy Spirit, Light divine, come into this heart of mine.  
By Thy guidance may I live, and my life in service give.  
(Holy Spirit, come, I beseech Thee; grant Thy gifts of wisdom and mercy.  
Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit, come into this heart of mine.)

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL - *Contemporary Mass*

**R: Lord hear our prayer.**

~ LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST ~

OFFERTORY VERSE

Proverbs 15:29, 15:8b

The Lord is far from the wicked, but the prayer of the just He hears. The prayer of the upright is His delight.

OFFERTORY HYMN 168 *Uśłysz, Jezu/Hear Me, Jesus* 1-Polish 2, 3- English

Uśłysz, Jezu, prośby moje, obróć na mnie oczy Twe.  
Niech dziś święte Ciało Twoje wstąpi w biedne serce me.  
Przyjdź, o Jezu, przyjdź! Przyjdź, o Jezu, przyjdź!  
Do przybytku serca mego, przyjdź, o Jezu, przyjdź.

Come, O Holy Lord, Redeemer, come into my waiting soul.  
Come, O Thou my Dearest Savior, make Thy dwelling in my soul.  
Come, my Jesus, come! Come, my Jesus, come!  
To my heart so poor and humble, come, my Jesus, come!

Come, O Blessed Bread of Heaven, feed my soul eternally.  
Savior, may I find redemption, and forever live with Thee.  
Come, my Jesus, come! Come, my Jesus, come!  
To my heart so poor and humble, come, my Jesus, come!

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Almighty God, receive these offerings we place before You, and grant that we, who make our request to You, may be willing to give to those who ask of us. 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

SANCTUS

Englert

~ CANON ~

THE LORDS PRAYER

AGNUS DEI

Alstott

POST-COMMUNION SOLO *Lord, Who the Night You Were Betrayed* Orlando Gibbons

Lord, Who the night You were betrayed did pray that all Your Church might be forever one:  
Help us at every Eucharist to say, with willing heart and soul, “Your will be done.”  
O may we all one bread, one body be, through this blest Sacrament of unity.

For all Your Church on earth, we intercede; Lord, make our sad divisions soon to cease;  
Draw us all closer, each to each, we plead, by drawing all to You, O Prince of Peace;  
Thus may we all one bread, one body be, through this blest Sacrament of unity.

And hear our prayer for wanderers from Your fold: restore them, too, Good Shepherd of the sheep,  
Back to the faith Your Saints confessed of old, and to the Church still pledged that faith to keep.  
Soon may we all one bread, one body be, through this blest Sacrament of unity.

So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease, may we be one with all Your Church above—  
One with Your Saints in one unbroken peace; one with Your Saints in one unbounded love;  
More blessed still, in peace and love to be one with the Trinity in unity.

Rebecca Elfman, soprano

COMMUNION VERSE

John 14:13-14

Whatever you ask in My name, I will do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything of Me in My name, I will do it.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord Jesus Christ, You give us the Bread of heaven and command us to petition the Father in Your name. Teach us to bring our requests into harmony with Your will, and so confirm us as Your disciples. 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: Go in peace to love and serve 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 210 *In Thy Protection*

In Thy protection, Father in heaven,  
Lo, we Thy children place our life, our all.  
[: Lord, wilt Thou bless us, save us from temptation,  
Keep us from danger, lest in sin we fall. :]

Though all be peaceful, though storms beset us,  
In Thy protection we shall find our rest.  
[: Father, we pray Thee, humbly we beseech Thee,  
Deliver us, the children Thou hast blest. :]

POSTLUDE *Fantasia in C*

J. S. Bach