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PRELUDE *Prelude*

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 HYMN 231 *The Church's One Foundation* (1, 3, 4)

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation by water and the word.
From heav'n he came and sought her to be His holy bride;
With His own blood he bought her, and for her life He died.

Through toil and tribulation and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace forever more,
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace, that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee.

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INTROIT

2 Peter 3:10, 13

C: The day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar and the elements will be dissolved by fire, and the earth and everything done on it will be found out. **R: But according to His promise we await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.** 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 will be, world without end. Amen.**

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OPENING PRAYER

Almighty, everlasting God, Your days are without end and Your mercies cannot be numbered. Make us mindful of the end of all things, and the day of Your just judgment. So inspire us to holiness of life here that we may dwell with You in eternity. We ask this in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **R. Amen.**

~ LITURGY OF THE WORD ~

FIRST LESSON

Malachi 3:19-20

Lo, the day is coming, blazing like an oven, when all the proud and all evildoers will be stubble, and the day that is coming will set them on fire, leaving them neither root nor branch, says the Lord of hosts. But for you who fear my name, there will arise the sun of justice with its healing rays.


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

GRADUAL - *Traditional Mass*

Luke 1:78-79

C: Because of the mercy of our God by which the daybreak from on high will visit us, **R: To shine on those who sit in darkness and death's shadow, to guide our feet into the path of peace.**

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R. The Lord comes to rule the earth with jus - tice.

R. (cf. 9) The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

Sing praise to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and melodious song.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
sing joyfully before the King, the LORD.

R. The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

Let the sea and what fills it resound,
the world and those who dwell in it;
let the rivers clap their hands,
the mountains shout with them for joy.

R. The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

Before the LORD, for he comes,
for he comes to rule the earth,
he will rule the world with justice
and the peoples with equity.

R. The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

SECOND LESSON

2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Brothers and sisters: You know how one must imitate us. For we did not act in a disorderly way among you, nor did we eat food received free from anyone. On the contrary, in toil and drudgery, night and day we worked, so as not to burden any of you. Not that we do not have the right. Rather, we wanted to present ourselves as a model for you, so that you might imitate us. In fact, when we were with you, we instructed you that if anyone was unwilling to work, neither should that one eat. We hear that some are conducting themselves among you in a disorderly way, by not keeping busy but minding the business of others. Such people we instruct and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to work quietly and to eat their own food.

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

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: How great are His signs, how mighty His wonders; His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and His dominion endures through all generations. **R: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL

Luke 21:5-19

While some people were speaking about how the temple was adorned with costly stones and votive offerings, Jesus said, “All that you see here, the days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down.”

Then they asked him, “Teacher, when will this happen? And what sign will there be when all these things are about to happen?” He answered, “See that you not be deceived, for many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he,’ and ‘The time has come.’ Do not follow them! When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for such things must happen first, but it will not immediately be the end.” Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be powerful earthquakes, famines, and plagues from place to place; and awesome sights and mighty signs will come from the sky.

“Before all this happens, however, they will seize and persecute you, they will hand you over to the synagogues and to prisons, and they will have you led before kings and governors because of my name. It will lead to your giving testimony. Remember, you are not to prepare your defense beforehand, for I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute. You will even be handed over by parents, brothers, relatives, and friends, and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance you will secure your lives.”

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

HYMN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT 145 *Come, Holy Spirit* (1, 4)

Come, Holy Spirit, hear our prayer. Enter our hearts, our temple fair.
Come, fill our hearts with Thy holy love. Grant us Thy blessing from above.
Come dwell within us, Spirit of love.

Lift up for us Thy words of light. Thy Word dispels the dark of night.
Thy spring of love pour forth in our hearts, Thy spring of love pour forth in our hearts.
Shield Thou our soul with armor of grace. Amen.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL - *Contemporary Mass*

R: Lord hear our prayer.

~ **LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST** ~

OFFERTORY VERSE

John 15:18

If the world hates you, realize that it hated Me first.

OFFERTORY HYMN (8:00) 178 *Jesus, Bless Your Faithful People* (1-3)

Jesus, bless Your faithful people, Those who love Your heart most sacred.
Lord, may this most precious treasure bless us ever through all ages.

For the graces You have given from Your gentle heart so loving,
We give You our hearts in offering; please accept them, we beseech You.

When this holy Mass is ended, do not leave us unattended.
Through the wellspring of Your dear heart, bless us, forgive all our transgressions.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (9:30) *Canticle of the Turning*

Rory Cooney

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My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things that You bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed Your sight on Your servant's plight, and my weakness You did not spurn;
so from east to west shall my name be blessed. Could the world be about to turn?
My heart shall sing of the day You bring. Let the fires of Your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.
Though I am small, my God, my All, You work great things in me,
and Your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
Your very Name puts the proud to shame, and for those who would for You yearn,
You will show Your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn.
From the halls of pow'r to the fortress tow'r, not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware, for Your justice tears every tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more for the food they can never earn; there are tables spread,
every mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn.
Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember Who holds us fast.
God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise that holds us bound
Till the spear and rod can be crushed by God, Who is turning the world around.

The Cathedral Chorale

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Heavenly Father, empower us, who offer these gifts, to bring Your healing power and
presence to a world sadly lacking in 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

SANCTUS

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~ CANON ~

THE LORDS PRAYER

AGNUS DEI

Alstott

POST-COMMUNION HYMN *When Peace, Like a River*

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea-billows roll,
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say:
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain: It is well with my soul. It is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control:
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate
And has shed His own blood for my soul. *Refrain*

And Lord, haste that day when our faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trumpet shall sound, and the Lord shall descend.
Even so! It is well with my soul. *Refrain*

COMMUNION VERSE

Matthew 10:22

You will be hated by all because of My name, but whoever endures to the end will be saved.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord, our God, lift us beyond the narrow horizons of this world that we may see by Your sight, live by Your law, and be saved by the grace of this Holy Communion. 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: 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 *Fanfare*

R. Mark Otterstad