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PRELUDE *Prelude Grand Choeur*

Nicolas Gigault

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 1 *Hymn of Faith* (1, 4)

To Thee we come, O Lord our God,
Before Thine altar, Father;
Thou knowest best our yearning hearts.
This supplication answer:
Lift up from want Thy people, Lord.
Bless us, O God. O Father, bless our toil!

Under Thy cross we stand prepared
To serve Thee with devotion,
Be it with sweat of blood or tears,
Or humble resignation;
For we Thy people are, O Lord.
Save us, O God. O Father, bless our toil!

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INTROIT

Romans 11:34-35; Job 40:2

C: For who has known the mind of the Lord or who has been His counselor? Or who has given Him anything that He may be repaid? **R: Will we have arguing with the Almighty by the critic? Let him who would correct God give answer!** 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

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OPENING PRAYER

God, our heavenly Father, Your ways are unsearchable, yet You have graced us with love and trust in You. Grant us the gift of discernment that we may live our lives according to Your desires and Your design. 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.**

~ LITURGY OF THE WORD ~

FIRST LESSON

Wisdom 9:13-18

Who can know God's counsel, or who can conceive what the Lord intends? For the deliberations of mortals are timid, and unsure are our plans. For the corruptible body burdens the soul and the earthen shelter weighs down the mind that has many concerns. And scarce do we guess the things on earth, and what is within our grasp we find with difficulty; but when things are in heaven, who can search them out? Or who ever knew your counsel, except you had given wisdom and sent your holy spirit from on high? And thus were the paths of those on earth made straight.

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

GRADUAL - *Traditional Mass*

Job 36:22, 23, 26

C: Behold, God is sublime in His power. What teacher is there like Him? Who prescribes for Him His conduct, or who can say, "You have done wrong"? **R: Lo, God is great beyond our knowledge; the number of His years is past searching out.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - *Contemporary*

Psalm 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 & 17

Elfman



In ev-ry age, O Lord, You have been our ref - uge.

R. (1) In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

You turn man back to dust,
saying, "Return, O children of men."
For a thousand years in your sight
are as yesterday, now that it is past,
or as a watch of the night.

R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

You make an end of them in their sleep;
the next morning they are like the changing grass,
Which at dawn springs up anew,
but by evening wilts and fades.

R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Teach us to number our days aright,
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Return, O LORD! How long?
Have pity on your servants!

R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Fill us at daybreak with your kindness,
that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days.
And may the gracious care of the LORD our God be ours;
prosper the work of our hands for us!
Prosper the work of our hands!

R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

SECOND LESSON

Philemon 9-10, 12-17

I, Paul, an old man, and now also a prisoner for Christ Jesus, urge you on behalf of my child Onesimus, whose father I have become in my imprisonment; I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I should have liked to retain him for myself, so that he might serve me on your behalf in my imprisonment for the gospel, but I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that the good you do might not be forced but voluntary. Perhaps this is why he was away from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a brother, beloved especially to me, but ever more so to you, as a man and in the Lord. So if you regard me as a partner, welcome him as you would me.

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

ALLELUIA

Luke 14:34

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: Salt is good, but if salt loses its taste, with what can its flavor be restored? **R: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL

Luke 14:25-3

Great crowds were traveling with Jesus, and he turned and addressed them, “If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? Otherwise, after laying the foundation and finding himself unable to finish the work the onlookers should laugh at him and say, ‘This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish.’

Or what king marching into battle would not first sit down and decide whether with ten thousand troops he can successfully oppose another king advancing upon him with twenty thousand troops? But if not, while he is still far away, he will send a delegation to ask for peace terms. In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.”

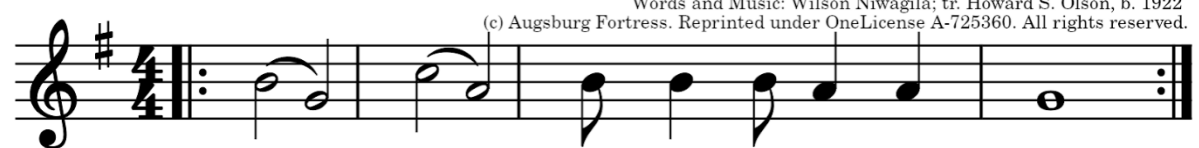
This is the gospel of the Lord. R. Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

HYMN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT *Gracious Spirit, Hear Our Pleading*

Cantor: Gracious Spirit, hear our pleading: fashion us all anew.
It’s Your leading that we’re needing; help us to follow You.

Refrain (All):

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Come, come, Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come!

Choir: Come to teach us, come to nourish those who believe in Christ.
Bless the faithful: may they flourish, strengthened by grace unpriced. **R**

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL - *Contemporary Mass*

R: Lord hear our prayer.

~ LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST ~

OFFERTORY VERSE Philippians 3:7

Whatever gains I had, these I have come to consider a loss because of Christ.

OFFERTORY HYMN (8:00) ~ ANTHEM (9:30) *O God Beyond All Praising* THAXTED

O God beyond all praising, we worship You today
And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay:
For we can only wonder at ev’ry gift You send,
At blessings without number and mercies without end.
We lift our hearts before You and wait upon Your word.
We honor and adore You, our great and mighty Lord!

The flow’r of earthly splendor in time must surely die,
Its fragile bloom surrender to You, the Lord most high;
Yet, hidden from all nature, the eternal seed is sown,
Though small in mortal stature, to heaven’s garden grown;
For Christ, the Man from heaven, from death has set us free,
And we through Him are given the final victory!

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
That we who know Your favor may serve You as our King;
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
We’ll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless You still,
To marvel at Your beauty and glory in Your ways,
And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise!

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The Cathedral Chorale (9:30)

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Heavenly Father, grant us true repentance so that these gifts we offer may be pleasing to You, and that the rest of our days may be pure and holy. 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 HYMN *One Bread, One Body*

Refrain: One Bread, one Body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless,
And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one Body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man no more. *R:*

Many the gifts, many the works: gathered to One for all. *R:*

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COMMUNION VERSE

Hebrews 7:25

Jesus is always able to save those who approach God through Him, since He lives forever to make intercession for them.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Father, in gratitude, may we, who have broken Bread together, always live in peace and harmony with all Your creation. 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.**

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 *Lift High the Cross*

Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim, till all the world
adore His sacred name!

Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,
Our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain*

All newborn soldiers of the Crucified
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. *Refrain*

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee. *Refrain*

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POSTLUDE *Lift High the Cross*

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