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PRELUDE *Largo*

Samuel Wesley

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, 2, 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.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy Name she blesses, partakes one holy Food,
And to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

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

Zephaniah 2:3a; Psalm 149:40

C: Seek the Lord, all you humble of the earth, who have observed His law; seek justice, seek humility. **R: For the Lord takes delight in His people, honors the poor with victory.** 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

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GLORIA

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OPENING PRAYER

Lord, our God, You scattered the proud in the conceit of their hearts: all their plans are brought to nothing. Forgive our sins of pride that we may never despise our brothers and sisters, but, in love, embrace all people. 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

Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

My son, conduct your affairs with humility, and you will be loved more than a giver of gifts. Humble yourself the more, the greater you are, and you will find favor with God. What is too sublime for you, seek not, into things beyond your strength search not. The mind of a sage appreciates proverbs, and an attentive ear is the joy of the wise. Water quenches a flaming fire, and alms atone for sins.

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

GRADUAL - *Traditional Mass*

Isaiah 30:15a; Sirach 23:4

C: For thus said the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel: By waiting and by calm you shall be saved, in quiet and in trust your strength lies. **R: Lord, Father and God of my life, abandon me not into their control.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - *Contemporary*

Psalm 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11

Elfman



God, in Your good - ness, You have made a home for the poor.

R. (cf. 11b) God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

The just rejoice and exult before God;
they are glad and rejoice.
Sing to God, chant praise to his name;
whose name is the LORD.

R. God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

The father of orphans and the defender of widows
is God in his holy dwelling.
God gives a home to the forsaken;
he leads forth prisoners to prosperity.

R. God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

A bountiful rain you showered down, O God, upon your inheritance;
you restored the land when it languished;
your flock settled in it;
in your goodness, O God, you provided it for the needy.

R. God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24

Brothers and sisters: You have not approached that which could be touched and a blazing fire and gloomy darkness and storm and a trumpet blast and a voice speaking words such that those who heard begged that no message be further addressed to them. No, you have approached Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and countless angels in festal gathering, and the assembly of the firstborn enrolled in heaven, and God the judge of all, and the spirits of the just made perfect, and Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and the sprinkled blood that speaks more eloquently than that of Abel.

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

ALLELUIA

Sirach 3:28

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: The mind of a sage appreciates proverbs, and an attentive ear is the wise man's joy. **R: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL

Luke 14:1, 7-14

On a Sabbath Jesus went to dine at the home of one of the leading Pharisees, and the people there were observing him carefully.

He told a parable to those who had been invited, noticing how they were choosing the places of honor at the table. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not recline at table in the place of honor. A more distinguished guest than you may have been invited by him, and the host who invited both of you may approach you and say, 'Give your place to this man,' and then you would proceed with embarrassment to take the lowest place. Rather, when you are invited, go and take the lowest place so that when the host comes to you he may say, 'My friend, move up to a higher position.' Then you will enjoy the esteem of your companions at the table. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

Then he said to the host who invited him, "When you hold a lunch or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or your wealthy neighbors, in case they may invite you back and you have repayment. Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

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

HYMN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*

MORECAMBE

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
Wean it from earth; through all its pulses move;
Stoop to my weakness; strength to me impart,
And make me love You as I ought to love.

Have You not bid me love You, God and King:
All, all Your own: soul, heart, and strength and mind?
I see Your cross; there teach my heart to cling.
Oh, let me seek You, and oh, let me find!

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL - *Contemporary Mass*

R: Lord hear our prayer.

~ **LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST** ~

OFFERTORY VERSE

Psalm 25:9

The Lord guides the humble rightly, and teaches the humble the way.

OFFERTORY HYMN **(8:00)** 229 *Just As I Am* (1, 3, 4)

Just as I am, without one plea but that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am! Thy love unknown has broken every barrier down.
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

OFFERTORY SOLO **(9:30)** *Do You Really Love Me?*

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Carey Landry

“Do you really love Me?” Jesus said to Peter.
“Do you really love Me?” Jesus said again.
“Yes, I really love You,” Peter said with joy.
“Then feed My lambs,” He said. “Peter, feed My lambs.”
“Do you really love Me?” Jesus said to Peter.
“Do you really love Me?” Jesus said again.
“Lord, You know I love You,” Peter said with joy.
“Then feed My sheep,” He said. “Peter, feed My sheep.”
“Do you really love Me?” Jesus said to me.
“Do you really love Me?” Jesus says to you.
“Yes, we really love you. We will follow You!”
“Then feed my lambs,” He says. “My people, feed my sheep.”

Leslie Doyle, soprano, guitar.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Eternal God, grant that these gifts we now offer before You may become a heavenly healing and cleanse us from unseemly pride. 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

Englert

~ **CANON** ~

THE LORDS PRAYER

AGNUS DEI

Alstott

POST-COMMUNION HYMN *Here Would I Feast*

MORECAMBE

Here would I feast upon the Bread of God,
Here drink with Thee the royal Wine of heav'n;
Here would I lay aside each earthly load,
Here taste afresh the calm of sins forgiv'n.

Mine is the sin, but Thine the righteousness;
Mine is the guilt, but Thine the cleansing Blood;
Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace;
Thy Blood, Thy righteousness, O Lord my God.

Too soon we rise, the vessels disappear;
The feast, though not the love, is past and gone.
The Bread and Wine remove, but Thou art here,
Nearer than ever, still my Shield and Sun.

COMMUNION VERSE

1 Peter 3:8

Finally, all of you, be of one mind, sympathetic, loving toward one another, compassionate, humble.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Heavenly Father, enlivened with the presence of Christ in the Eucharist, give us a humble and tender spirit, that we may think less of ourselves, more of others and most of all of 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.**

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 *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*

PEŁNA ŚWIĘTOŚCI

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 this 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 *Magnificat: He Hath Lifted Up the Lowly*

Jean Titelouze