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PRELUDE *Verset.*

Léon Boëllmann

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 208 *God, Who Created*

God, Who created all this world, and made of it His temple fair,
Above all things, Thou art our God, Father of all who come here in prayer.

Come, let us raise our voice in song, and sing to God eternal praise.
The world He made, His people saved. Come, all ye nations, sing of His ways.

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INTROIT

Sirach 35:12-13

C: For He is a God of justice, Who knows no favorites. **R: Though not unduly partial toward the weak, yet He hears the cry of the oppressed.** 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

Father in Heaven, You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, through Whom we are saved. He is the example of perfect humility and love. With humble and contrite hearts we come before You and ask forgiveness for our sins. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reign with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **R. Amen.**

~ LITURGY OF THE WORD ~

FIRST LESSON

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18

The Lord is a God of justice, who knows no favorites. Though not unduly partial toward the weak, yet he hears the cry of the oppressed. He is not deaf to the wail of the orphan, nor to the widow when she pours out her complaint.

He who serves God willingly is heard; his petition reaches the heavens. The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds; it does not rest till it reaches its goal, nor will it withdraw till the Most High responds, judges justly and affirms the right, and the Lord will not delay.

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

GRADUAL - *Traditional Mass*

Sirach 35:1-2

C: To keep the law is a great oblation, and he who observes the commandments sacrifices a peace offering. **R: In works of charity one offers fine flour, and when he gives alms he presents his sacrifice of praise.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - *Contemporary*

Psalm 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23

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R. The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

R. (7a) The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall be ever in my mouth.
Let my soul glory in the LORD;
the lowly will hear me and be glad.

R. The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

The LORD confronts the evildoers,
to destroy remembrance of them from the earth.
When the just cry out, the LORD hears them,
and from all their distress he rescues them.

R. The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

The LORD is close to the brokenhearted;
and those who are crushed in spirit he saves.
The LORD redeems the lives of his servants;
no one incurs guilt who takes refuge in him.

R. The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

SECOND LESSON

2 Timothy 4:6-8; 16-18

Beloved: I am already being poured out like a libation, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me, which the Lord, the just judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but to all who have longed for his appearance.

At my first defense no one appeared on my behalf, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the proclamation might be completed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil threat and will bring me safe to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

ALLELUIA

1 Peter 5:6

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: So humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time. **R: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL

Luke 18:9-14

Jesus addressed this parable to those who were convinced of their own righteousness and despised everyone else. “Two people went up to the temple area to pray; one was a Pharisee and the other was a tax collector. The Pharisee took up his position and spoke this prayer to himself, ‘O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity – greedy, dishonest, adulterous – or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, and I pay tithes on my whole income.’

But the tax collector stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, ‘O God, be merciful to me a sinner.’ I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

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

HYMN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT 141 *Holy Spirit*

Holy Spirit, come, we ask You. Saving grace we need from You.
Through this heavenly revelation, may our stubborn will be moved.
May we fully comprehend, guided by Your constant hand.
Standing on Your words of promise, we confirm and praise Your goodness.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL - *Contemporary Mass*

R: Lord hear our prayer.

~ **LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST** ~

OFFERTORY VERSE

Sirach 35:6

The just man's sacrifice is most pleasing, nor will it ever be forgotten.

OFFERTORY SOLO **(8:00)** 215 *Your Graces, Lord*

Your graces, Lord, fill all the world, out-numb'ring stars in heaven.
Each soul in need who seeks shall find Your mercy and provision.
Each soul in need who seeks shall find Your mercy and provision.

You are our Fortress, Rock, and Guard, for we are poor and needy.
Incline Your ear to ev'ry word; O hear our prayers and pleading.
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OFFERTORY ANTHEM **(9:30)** *Hear My Prayer, O God*

James Kent, arr. Crawford R. Thoburn

Hear my prayer, O God, and hide not Thy face from my petition.

The Cathedral Chorale

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Almighty and eternal God, accept these gifts of bread and wine that we have offered. May they make us one with Christ and each other. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. **R. Amen.**

PREFACE

SANCTUS

Englert

~ **CANON** ~

THE LORDS PRAYER

AGNUS DEI

Alstott

POST-COMMUNION HYMN 229 *Just as I Am*

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

Just as I am, though tossed about by many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without, 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!

COMMUNION VERSE

Matthew 11:29

Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am meek and humble of heart.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord, our God, may we, whom You have nourished with the Bread of Life never presume our salvation, but live worthy of Your kingdom. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever 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 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (2-4)*

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wond'rously reigning,
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen? All that is needful has been sent by His gracious ordaining.

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you.
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew all the Almighty can do, if with His love He befriend you.

Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from His people again. Gladly forever adore him!

POSTLUDE *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

setting, Hermann Grabner