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PRELUDE *Minuet in Eb*

G. F. Händel

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 adoration.

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

1 Timothy 5:8; Galatians 6:10

C: Whoever does not provide for relatives and especially family members has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever. **R: So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all, but especially to those who belong to the family of the faith.** 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

God, our Heavenly Father, You have blessed each of us with the gift of family that through our family life we may learn to love and care for others. Open our eyes to recognize in all people the bonds of kinship. May we unselfishly serve them who with us have been made co-heirs with Christ...Almighty God, You have promised a wealth of wisdom and insight. Save us from our own conceit that we may live our lives according to Your 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.**

~ LITURGY OF THE WORD ~

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 1:26-28,31a

Then God said: Let us make human beings in our image, after our likeness. Let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, the tame animals, all the wild animals, and all the creatures that crawl on the earth.

God created mankind in his image; in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

God blessed them and God said to them: Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it. Have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and all the living things that crawl on the earth.

God looked at everything he had made, and found it very good. Evening came, and morning followed—the sixth day.

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

GRADUAL - *Traditional Mass*

Ephesians 6:1-4

C: Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. “Honor your father and mother.” This is the first commandment with a promise, “that it may go well with you and that you may have a long life on earth.” **R: Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up with the training and instruction of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - *Contemporary*

Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5



R. "Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways."

Happy is everyone who fears the Lord,
who walks in his ways.
You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands;
you shall be happy, and it shall go well with you.

R. "Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways."

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house;
your children will be like olive shoots around your table.

R. "Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways."

Thus shall the man be blessed who fears the Lord.
The Lord bless you from Zion.
May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem
all the days of your life.

R. "Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways."

SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 6:1-9

Children, obey your parents [in the Lord], for this is right. “Honor your father and mother.” This is the first commandment with a promise, “that it may go well with you and that you may have a long life on earth.” Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up with the training and instruction of the Lord.

Slaves, be obedient to your human masters with fear and trembling, in sincerity of heart, as to Christ, not only when being watched, as currying favor, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, willingly serving the Lord and not human beings, knowing that each will be requited from the Lord for whatever good he does, whether he is slave or free. Masters, act in the same way toward them, and stop bullying, knowing that both they and you have a Master in heaven and that with him there is no partiality.

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

ALLELUIA

Proverbs 6:20



C: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. **R: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.** C: Observe, my son, your father's bidding, and reject not your mother's teaching. **R: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL

Luke: 2:42-52

Each year his parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his

understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, “Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety.” And he said to them, “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house? But they did not understand what he said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced [in] wisdom and age and favor before God and man.

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

HYMN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT *As Your Spirit Moved over the Waters* ZEŠLIJ DUCHA

As Your Spirit moved over the waters, and You spoke, and there was light,
Hear the cries of sons and daughters fly from depths of sin and night:
(Lord, send down Your Holy Spirit, Your poor children humbly pray:
Speak Your truth and help us hear it, that we follow in Your way.)

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL - *Contemporary Mass*

R: Lord hear our prayer.

~ **LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST** ~

OFFERTORY VERSE Proverbs 17:6

Grandchildren are the crown of old men, and the glory of children is their parentage.

OFFERTORY SOLO (8:00) *Lord, to Whom Our Prayers Ascend* Franz Schubert

Lord, to Whom our prayers ascend, flowing from the inmost heart,
Through each day and each endeavor, may our lives your love impart.
You are always there to guide us, keeping us within Your care.
All creation is Your temple where Your praises we declare.
Bless us now, both friends and family; go with us through all our days.
May our lives, in work and worship, be a hymn of love and praise!

Rebecca Elfman, soprano

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (9:30) *Oh, Blest the House* Geistliche Lieder, Wittenburg, 1525

Oh, blest the house, whate’er befall, where Jesus Christ is all in all!
Yea, if He were not dwelling there, how dark and poor and void it were!
Oh, blest that house where faith ye find and all within have set their mind
To trust their God and serve Him still and do in all His holy will.
Oh, blest the parents who give heed unto their children’s foremost need,
And weary not of care nor cost. May none to them and heav’n be lost!
Blest such a house, it prospers well: in peace and joy the parents dwell,
And in their children’s lot is shown how richly God can bless His own.
Then here will I and mine today a solemn cov’nant make and say.
Though all the world forsake His word, I and my house will serve the Lord!

The Cathedral Chorale

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Almighty Father, accept this offering from Your whole family. Bless all your children with an obedient spirit. May each home, which nurtures them, be an image of Your kingdom and the care of their parents a likeness of Your love. 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.**

PREFACE

SANCTUS Englert

~ **CANON** ~

THE LORDS PRAYER

AGNUS DEI Alstott

POST-COMMUNION HYMN *Bind Us Together*

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Refrain: Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together; bind us together with love.

There is only one God; There is only one King;
There is only one Body; that is why we can sing: *Refrain*

You are the fam'ly of God. You are the promise divine.
You are God's chosen desire. You are the glorious new wine. *Refrain*

COMMUNION VERSE

Proverbs 3:12 NRSV

My child, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments; for length of days and years of life and abundant welfare they will give you.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Heavenly Father, as a family united in the Eucharist, we entrust to Your loving care and correction the members of our families, both near and far. Supply their needs, guide their steps, keep them safe in body and soul; and may Your peace rest upon us always. For You live with the Father 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 *Let There Be Peace on Earth*

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Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth: the peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Father, family all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.
With every breath I take, let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment, and live each moment with peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

POSTLUDE *Little Prelude in C*

J. S. Bach