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PRELUDE *Fantasia in C*

J. S. Bach

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 210 *In Thy Protection* (1 & 2)

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 blessed.)

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INTROIT

Psalms 77:2-3

C: I cry aloud to God, cry to God to hear me. **R: On the day of my distress I seek the Lord; by night my hands are raised unceasingly; I refuse to be consoled.** 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

O'Connor

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, You care for us above all other creatures. Free us from all anxiety and turmoil of heart that we may seek first Your kingdom and submit to Your reign. 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.**

~ LITURGY OF THE WORD ~

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 49:14-15

Zion said, "The Lord has forsaken me; my Lord has forgotten me." Can a mother forget her infant, be without tenderness for the child of her womb? Even should she forget, I will never forget you."

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

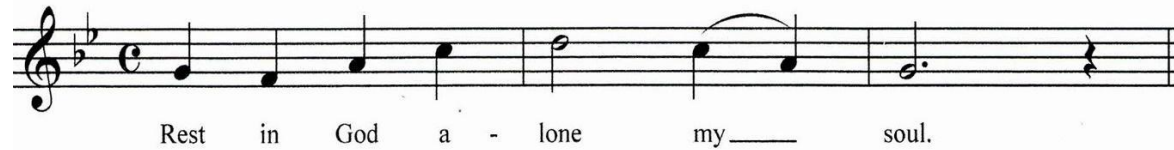
GRADUAL - *Traditional Mass*

Isaiah 54:7-8

C: For a brief moment I abandoned you, but with great tenderness I will take you back. **R: In an outburst of wrath, for a moment I hid My face from you; But with enduring love I take pity on you, says the Lord, your Redeemer.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - *Contemporary Mass*

Psalm 62:2-3, 6-7, 8-9

**R: Rest in God alone, my soul.**

Only in God is my soul at rest;
 from him comes my salvation.
 He only is my rock and my salvation,
 my stronghold; I shall not be disturbed at all.

R. Rest in God alone, my soul.

Only in God be at rest, my soul,
 for from him comes my hope.
 He only is my rock and my salvation,
 my stronghold; I shall not be disturbed.

R. Rest in God alone, my soul.

With God is my safety and my glory,
 he is the rock of my strength;
 my refuge is in God.
 Trust in him at all times, O my people!
 Pour out your hearts before him.

R. Rest in God alone, my soul.

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 4:1-5

Brothers and sisters: Thus should one regard us: as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Now it is of course required of stewards that they be found trustworthy. It does not concern me in the least that I be judged by you or any human tribunal; I do not even pass judgment on myself; I am not conscious of anything against me, but I do not thereby stand acquitted; the one who judges me is the Lord. Therefore do not make any judgment before the appointed time, until the Lord comes, for he will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will manifest the motives of our hearts, and then everyone will receive praise from God.

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

TRACT

Wisdom 1:2

GOSPEL

Matthew 6:24-34

Jesus said to his disciples: “No one can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds in the sky; they do not sow or reap, they gather nothing into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are not you more important than they? Can any of you by worrying add a single moment to your life-span? Why are you anxious about clothes? Learn from the way the wild flowers grow. They do not work or spin. But I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was clothed like one of them.

If God so clothes the grass of the field, which grows today and is thrown into the oven tomorrow, will he not much more provide for you, O you of little faith? So do not worry and say, ‘What are we to eat?’ or ‘What are we to drink?’ or ‘What are we to wear?’ All these things the pagans seek. Your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides. Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself. Sufficient for a day is its own evil.”

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*

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 145:19

You satisfy the desire of those who fear You; You hear their cry and save them.

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

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 our transgressions.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (9:30) *Day by Day.*

Oskar Anfelt

Day by day, Your mercies, Lord, attend me, bringing comfort to my anxious soul.
Day by day, the blessings, Lord, You send me draw me nearer to my heav'nly goal.
Love divine, beyond all mortal measure, brings to naught the burdens of my quest;
Savior, lead me to the home I treasure, where at last I'll find eternal rest.

Day by day, I know You will provide me strength to serve and wisdom to obey.
I will seek Your loving will to guide me o'er the paths I struggle day by day.
I will fear no evil of the morrow; I will trust in Your enduring grace.
Savior, help me bear life's pain and sorrow til in glory I behold Your face.

Oh, what joy to know that You are near me when my burdens grow to great to bear;
Oh, what joy to know that You will hear me when I come, O Lord, to You in prayer.
Day by day, no matter what betide me, You will hold me ever in Your hand.
Savior, with Your Presence here to guide me, I will reach at last the promised land.

The Cathedral Chorale

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Heavenly Father, You provide all that we need, grant that we who offer You this oblation
may experience a foretaste of Your glory. 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

Peplowski

~ **CANON** ~

THE LORDS PRAYER

AGNUS DEI

Elfman

POST-COMMUNION HYMN 159 *Jesus, My Lord and Savior*

Jesus, my Lord and Savior, here would I worship Thee.
All that I have I give Thee, for Thou didst die for me.
Here in this bread of heaven, here in this Host Divine,
Thanksgiving, praise and honor be ev'ry moment Thine.
All my vain pride I humble, all my poor soul I give
Unto my Lord and Savior, that with Him I may live.

Hosanna in the highest! Angelic choirs do sing,
Glorious praise unceasing to Christ our Lord and King,
Setting for us a standard as we our songs employ,
Bringing us closer to Him, filling us with His joy.
He knows the tears of suffering through His own earthly life.
With trembling heart we praise Him, telling Him of our strife.

COMMUNION VERSE

Joshua 1:9

I command you: be firm and steadfast! Do not fear nor be dismayed, for the Lord, your God,
is with you wherever you go.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord our God, when fears threaten us and doubts worry us, be our refuge and our strength.
Grant us courage through this Holy Communion to follow Your Son wherever He may lead.
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: Let us bless 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 227 (1, 4, 5) *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name*

Holy God, we praise Thy Name! Lord of all, we bow before Thee!
All on earth Thy scepter claim, all in heav'n above adore Thee:
(Boundless is Thy vast domain, everlasting is Thy reign.)

Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit: Three we name Thee,
While in essence only one, undivided God we claim Thee;
(And adoring, bend the knee while we own the mystery.)

Thou art King of Glory, Christ! Son of God, yet born of Mary,
For us sinners sacrificed, and to death a tributary:
(First to break the bonds of death, Thou hast opened heav'n to faith.)

POSTLUDE *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name*

setting, Flor Peeters