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PRELUDE *Dialog of Instruments*

A. Banchieri

## **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 230 *Come, Thou Almighty King* (1, 2, 4)

Come, Thou Almighty King,  
Help us Thy Name to sing. Help us to praise:  
Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious,  
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, Thou Incarnate Word,  
Gird on Thy mighty sword, our prayer attend:  
Come and Thy people bless, and give Thy word success;  
Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

To the great One in Three  
Eternal praises be, hence evermore:  
His sov'reign majesty may we in glory see,  
And to eternity love and adore.

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INTROIT

Sirach 18:3; Psalm 22:28-29

C: The Lord guides the world with a turn of His hand, and all things obey His will. For He is King of all, and by His power He separates what is holy from what is not. **R: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; All the families of the nations shall bow down before Him. For dominion is the Lord's and He rules the nations.** 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.**

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OPENING PRAYER

All powerful, eternal God, You willed the restoration of all things in Christ our King. Grant that the families of nations may acknowledge Him as the King of kings and Lord of lords, and the only Master of our hearts. 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.**

## ~ LITURGY OF THE WORD ~

FIRST LESSON

2 Samuel 5:1-3

In those days, all the tribes of Israel came to David in Hebron and said: "Here we are, your bone and your flesh. In days past, when Saul was our king, it was you who led the Israelites out and brought them back. And the Lord said to you, 'You shall shepherd my people Israel and shall be commander of Israel.'" When all the elders of Israel came to David in Hebron, King David made an agreement with them there before the Lord, and they anointed him king of Israel.

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

GRADUAL - *Traditional Mass*

Psalm 145:10-13

C: Let all Your works give You thanks, O Lord, and let Your faithful ones bless You. Let them discourse of the glory of Your kingdom and speak of Your might. **R: Making known to men Your might and the glorious splendor of Your kingdom. Your kingdom is a kingdom for all ages, and Your dominion endures through all generations.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - *Contemporary Mass*

Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5

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R. Let us go re - joic - ing to the house of the Lord.

**R. (cf. 1) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**

I rejoiced because they said to me,  
"We will go up to the house of the LORD."  
And now we have set foot  
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

**R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**

Jerusalem, built as a city  
with compact unity.  
To it the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the LORD.

**R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**

According to the decree for Israel,  
to give thanks to the name of the LORD.  
In it are set up judgment seats,  
seats for the house of David.

**R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**

SECOND LESSON

Colossians 1:12-20

Brothers and sisters: Let us give thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light. He delivered us from the power of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For in him were created all things in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers; all things were created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things he himself might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile all things for him, making peace by the blood of his cross through him, whether those on earth or those in heaven.

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

ALLELUIA

Isaiah 43:15

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: I am the Lord, your Holy One, the creator of Israel, your King. **R: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL

Luke 23:35-43

The rulers sneered at Jesus and said, "He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God." Even the soldiers jeered at him. As they approached to offer him wine they called out, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself." Above him there was an inscription that read, "This is the King of the Jews."

Now one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us." The other, however, rebuking him, said in reply, "Have you no fear of God, for you are subject to the same condemnation? And indeed, we have been condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes, but this man has done nothing criminal." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

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

HYMN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT *Come, Thou Creator (1, 4)*

Come, Thou Creator Spirit blest, and in our souls take up Thy rest.  
Come with Thy grace and heavenly aid,  
Come with Thy grace and heavenly aid  
To fill the hearts which Thou hast made.

All glory while the ages run be to the Father and the Son,  
Who gave us life; the same to Thee,  
Who gave us life; the same to Thee,  
O Holy Ghost, eternally. Amen.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL - *Contemporary Mass*

**R: Lord hear our prayer.**

### ~ LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST ~

OFFERTORY VERSE

Psalm 45:7

Your throne, O God, stands forever and ever; a tempered rod is Your royal scepter.

OFFERTORY HYMN (8:00) 165 *Humbly Before Thy Throne* (verses as needed)

Humbly before Thy throne I approach Thee,  
Grateful praise my poor heart now sings.  
Thou art my Savior and my Redeemer,  
Lord of lords and the King of kings. *Refrain*

*Refrain:* Adoration, praise and glory to the Sacrament Most Holy.  
Jesus Christ, the Son of Mary, in this Sacred Host I praise Thee.

All that I have I give Thee in gladness,  
All my heart and my love I give.  
For all my sins I ask Thy forgiveness;  
Lamb of God, with Thee may I live. *Refrain*

Holy Thou art, beyond understanding,  
O most blessed Trinity.  
May all the earth and heaven sing praises,  
Now and in eternity. *Refrain*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (9:30) *O Lord of Light, Who Made the Stars*

O Lord of Light, Who made the stars, O Dawn, by Whom we see the way,  
O Christ, Redeemer of the world: Come now and listen as we pray!  
In lowliness You came on earth to rescue us from Satan's snares;  
Oh, wondrous love that healed our wounds by taking on our mortal cares!  
To pay the debt we owed for sin, Your painful cross was made the price;  
From blessed Mary's womb You came, a victim pure for sacrifice.  
But now You reign, the King of Kings, Adored in highest majesty;  
Your very Name is held in awe from pole to pole and sea to sea!  
Great judge of all, on earth's last day, have pity on Your children's plight;  
Rise up to shield us with Your grace; deliver us from Satan's might. Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Heavenly Father, You have enthroned Your Son that He might speak peace to the nations.  
May we, who place our oblation before You, seek the security of His rule and know the  
ecstasy of His love. 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.**

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THE LORDS PRAYER

AGNUS DEI

Alstott

POST-COMMUNION HYMN 222 *From Your Throne, O God*

From Your throne, O God, in heaven, turn to us a gracious ear;  
Keep us from the wiles of evil, guard us from the dooms we fear.  
Do not choose, Lord, to be angry, though Your people rend Your law;  
Turn our hearts away from sinning to repentance, God of all.

Confident, may we entreat You here before Your altar gates:  
Grant to us, O hidden God-head, all the favors of Your grace,  
That together with creation, those of high and low degree,  
We may praise You and adore You, Holy Triune Majesty.

Jesus, Remember Me

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Cri - sto, re - cuér - da - me cuan - do ven - gas en tu rei - no.

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COMMUNION VERSE

Psalm 89:19

For to the Lord belongs our shield, and to the Holy One of Israel, our king.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord Jesus Christ, You are the Holy One, the sovereign Lord. Through this Holy Communion, which we have received at Your altar, You have richly provided us an entrance into Your kingdom. For You live and reign with the Father 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 *O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us?* (2, 4, 5)

*Refrain:* O Christ, what can it mean for us to claim You as our King?

What royal face have You revealed, Whose praise the Church would sing?

You chose a humble human form and shunned the world's renown;  
You died for us upon a cross with thorns Your only crown. *Refrain*

Though some would make their greatness felt and lord it over all,  
You said the first must be the last, and service be our call. *Refrain*

O Christ, in workplace, church, and home, let none to power cling,  
For still through us You come to serve, a different kind of King. *Refrain*

POSTLUDE *Grand Chorus in March Form, in Gregorian Tonality* Alexandre Guilmant