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PRELUDE *Dearest Jesus, at Your Word*

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 *Dearest Jesus, at Your Word*

HOLY GOD

Dearest Jesus, at Your word we have come again to hear You;
Let our thoughts and hearts be stirred, and in glowing faith be near You,
As the promises we hear bring the life of heaven here.

All our knowledge, sense, and sight lie in deepest darkness shrouded
Till Your Spirit breaks the night, filling us with light unclouded.
All good thoughts and works You give by Your grace, that we might live.

Radiance of God's glory bright, Light of Light from God proceeding,
Jesus, send Your blessed light; help our hearing, speaking, heeding,
That our hearts to You may raise grateful prayers and hymns of praise.

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INTROIT

Matthew 6:33; Proverbs 16:3

C: But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides. **R: Entrust your works to the Lord, and your plans will succeed.** 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 of infinite majesty, You have given each of us our appointed task. Help us to fulfill our responsibilities, so that when our Master shall take account of us, He may find us His good and faithful servants, and bring us into His eternal joy. 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.**

~ LITURGY OF THE WORD ~

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 18:1-10

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the terebinth of Mamre, as he sat in the entrance of his tent, while the day was growing hot. Looking up, he saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he ran from the entrance of the tent to greet them; and bowing to the ground, he said: "Sir, if I may ask you this favor, please do not go on past your servant. Let some water be brought, that you may bathe your feet, and then rest yourselves under the tree. Now that you have come this close to your servant, let me bring you a little food, that you may refresh yourselves; and afterward you may go on your way." The men replied "Very well, do as you have said."

Abraham hastened into the tent and told Sarah, "Quick, three measures of fine flour! Knead it and make rolls." He ran to the herd, picked out a tender, choice steer, and gave it to a servant, who quickly prepared it. Then Abraham got some curds and milk, as well as the steer that had been prepared, and set these before the three men; and he waited on them under the tree while they ate.

They asked Abraham, “Where is your wife Sarah?” He replied, “There in the tent.” One of them said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah will then have a son.”

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

GRADUAL - *Traditional Mass*

Psalm 104:23; 90:17a

C: People go forth to their work, to their labor till evening falls. **R: May the favor of the Lord our God be ours. Prosper the work of our hands!**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - *Contemporary Mass*

Psalm 15:2-3, 3-4, 5

He who does jus-tice will live in the pres-ence of the Lord.

R.(1a) He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

One who walks blamelessly and does justice;
who thinks the truth in his heart
and slanders not with his tongue.

R. He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

Who harms not his fellow man,
nor takes up a reproach against his neighbor;
by whom the reprobate is despised,
while he honors those who fear the LORD.

R. He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

Who lends not his money at usury
and accepts no bribe against the innocent.

One who does these things
shall never be disturbed.

R. He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

SECOND LESSON

Colossians 1:24-28

Brothers and sisters: Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ on behalf of his body, which is the church, of which I am a minister in accordance with God’s stewardship given to me to bring to completion for you the word of God, the mystery hidden from ages and from generations past. But now it has been manifested to his holy ones, to whom God chose to make known the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; it is Christ in you, the hope for glory. It is he whom we proclaim, admonishing everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone perfect in Christ.

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

ALLELUIA

1 Samuel 25:6

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: If you remain in My word, you will truly be My disciples. **R: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL

Luke 10:38-42

Jesus entered a village where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary who sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak. Martha, burdened with much serving, came to him and said, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me.”

The Lord said to her in reply, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her.

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

HYMN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT *Holy Spirit, Come Inspire Us*

Holy Spirit, come inspire us. Send Your sevenfold gifts upon us.
(As we hear Your word most solemn, teach our hearts to know Your wisdom.)

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL - *Contemporary Mass*

R: Lord hear our prayer.

~ **LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST** ~

OFFERTORY VERSE

Ecclesiastes 3:17b

There is a time for every affair and on every work a judgment.

OFFERTORY HYMN 156 *Let Us Sing Our Song of Praise*

Let us sing our song of praise, as our grateful hearts we raise,
And we sing in contemplation of Thy wondrous ways.

In this Holy Sacrament, Christ, our Lord, from heav'n is sent,
That we might have life eternal, blessed covenant.

We believe, Lord, You are here, always with us, endlessly.
May it be, Lord, our confession: in our heart You'll be!

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Eternal Father, together with this bread and wine, we offer You ourselves. Help us to comprehend Your Word so that it becomes the priority in our lives. 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.**

PREFACE

SANCTUS

Englert

~ **CANON** ~

THE LORDS PRAYER

AGNUS DEI

Alstott

POST-COMMUNION HYMN *O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee*

OLD HUNDREDTH

O Jesus, blessed Lord, to Thee
My heartfelt thanks forever be,
Who hast so lovingly bestowed
On me Thy Body and Thy Blood.

Break forth, my soul, in joy, and say:
What wealth is come to me this day!
My Savior dwells within my heart:
How blest am I! How good Thou art!

COMMUNION VERSE

John 6:27

Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on Him the Father, God, has set His seal.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty Lord, in this Eucharist we have chosen to receive the better portion. May we never be so overcome with details that we are distracted from Your holy Word. 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.**

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 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

HYFRYDOL

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling; all Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation; enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Finish then Thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be:
Let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee:
Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

POSTLUDE *Fugue on Old Hundredth*

J. Pachelbel