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PRELUDE *Toccata in F*

Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

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 *The Great Miracle of God*
(Bp. Hodur's Hymn for the Anniversary of the Church)

HYMN OF FAITH

With greatest joy we gather now,
Confessing, as is proper:
“We are prepared, by God inspired,
Before both earth and heaven,
To stand beside our sacred cause,
Off’ring our lives,
For God’s Holy Church.”

Now may our holy banner wave
Above the heads of mankind,
And so proclaim to all, these truths:
“Sacrifice, Work, and Struggle,”
As we in faith now stand prepared,
Off’ring our lives,
For God’s Holy Church.

So let the bells ring out! Declare
Across the land and ocean,
“God’s own word speaks to our new time,
His Kingdom now arises”--
As we with faith still stand prepared,
Off’ring our lives,
For God’s Holy Church.

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INTROIT

Psalm 23:1-3, 5

C: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I lack. In green pastures You let me graze; to safe waters You lead me, You restore my strength. You guide me along the right path for the sake of Your name. **R: You set a table before me as my enemies watch; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.** 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

GLORIA

Englert

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty and merciful God, You called a humble priest to be Your servant and to awaken Your people for work in Your vineyard. Grant that, as we observe the anniversary of Your call to us, our faith may be made firm and our hearts may be enkindled by the fire of sacrificial love...Almighty, merciful God, You call us to leave the barren ways of the world and return to You. Give us the grace of repentance that we may live our lives in accord with the teachings of Your Son. 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

Wisdom 5:1-5

Then shall the just one with great assurance confront his oppressors who set at naught his labors. Seeing this, they shall be shaken with dreadful fear, and amazed at the unlooked-for salvation. They shall say among themselves, rueful and groaning through anguish of spirit: "This is he whom once we held as a laughingstock and as a type for mockery, fools that we were! His life was accounted madness, and his death dishonored. See how he is accounted among the sons of God; how his lot is with the saints."

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

GRADUAL - *Traditional Mass*

Psalm 30:2-4

C: I praise You, Lord, for You raised me up and did not let my enemies rejoice over me. **R: Lord, my God, I cried out to You and You healed me. Lord, You brought me up from Sheol; You kept me from going down to the pit.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - *Contemporary Mass*

Psalm 9:2-3, 5-6, 8-9, 10-11

based on "Turn Your Eyes to Jesus" arr. Rebecca Elfman

Serve the Lord with fear, and re - joice be - fore Him with trem - bling;

pay hom - age to Him.

R: Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice before Him with trembling. Pay homage to Him.

I will praise you, LORD, with all my heart;

I will declare all your wondrous deeds.

I will delight and rejoice in you;

I will sing hymns to your name, Most High.

R: Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice before Him with trembling. Pay homage to Him.

For you upheld my right and my cause,

seated on your throne, judging justly.

You rebuked the nations, you destroyed the wicked;

their name you blotted out for all time.

R: Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice before Him with trembling. Pay homage to Him.

The LORD rules forever,

has set up his throne for judgment.

It is he who judges the world with justice,

who judges the peoples with fairness.

R: Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice before Him with trembling. Pay homage to Him.

The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed,

a stronghold in times of trouble.

Those who know your name trust in you;

you never forsake those who seek you, LORD.

R: Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice before Him with trembling. Pay homage to Him.

SECOND LESSON

1 Timothy 4:1-5

Now the Spirit explicitly says that in the last times some will turn away from the faith by paying attention to deceitful spirits and demonic instructions through the hypocrisy of liars with branded consciences. They forbid marriage and require abstinence from foods that God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth. For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected when received with thanksgiving, for it is made holy by the invocation of the God in prayer.

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

ALLELUIA

Psalm 31:2

Elfman (based on an Orthodox chant)

Al - le-lu - ia, Al - le-lu - ia, Al - le-lu - ia.

C: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. **R: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.** C: In You, Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame. In Your justice deliver me. **R: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL

John 15:1-7

Jesus said to His disciples: “I am the true vine, and My Father is the vine-grower. He prunes away every barren branch, but the fruitful ones He trims clean to increase their yield. You are clean already, thanks to the word I have spoken to you. Live on in Me, as I do in you. No more than a branch can bear fruit of itself apart from the vine, can you bear fruit apart from Me. I am the vine; you are the branches. He who lives in Me and I in him, will produce abundantly, for apart from Me you can do nothing. A man who does not live in Me is like a withered, rejected branch, picked up to be thrown in the fire and burnt. If you live in Me, and My words stay a part of you, you may ask whatever you want, it will be done for you. My Father has been glorified in your bearing much fruit and becoming My disciples.”

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

HYMN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT 143 *Holy Spirit, Dwell within Us* (1, 3)

Holy Spirit, dwell within us. Great Creator, come and teach us.
Send Your grace and consolation, fill the hearts of Your creation.

Fill our minds, Your light releasing, love within our hearts increasing.
Firm in godliness, You strengthen mortal man with gifts from heaven.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL - *Contemporary Mass*

R: Lord hear our prayer.

~ LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST ~

OFFERTORY VERSE

Psalm 89:13b-16

Mighty Your arm, strong Your hand, Your right hand is ever exalted. Justice and judgment are the foundation of Your throne; love and loyalty march before You. Happy the people who know You, Lord, who walk in the radiance of Your face.

OFFERTORY HYMN *You Are the Vine, Lord*

MORNING HAS BROKEN

You are the Vine, Lord; we are the branches,
Living in You as You live in us,
Hearing Your teaching, cleansed by Your promise,
Nourished on Your life, growing in trust.

Left to ourselves, Lord, we could do nothing;
Going our own way, fruitless we'd be.
Prune us and tend us; keep us connected,
Growing and fruiting abundantly,

Living Your teaching, sharing Your promise,
Feeding the starving, growing in trust:
You are the Vine, Lord; we are Your branches,
Living in You as You live in us.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God, our Father, accept our offerings. Teach us that in serving You first, and loving You most we may attain the gifts of heaven. 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 **(8:00)** 156 *Let Us Sing Our Song of Praise* (1-3, 5 as needed)

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. :]

Faithful people, turn to God: beyond measure is His grace.
[: In all times of war and hunger, He will show mercy. :]

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

POST-COMMUNION ANTHEM **(9:30)** *Make Us One*

Karen Sobiechowski

Make us one, Dear Father, knit our hearts together,
True believers in Jesus Christ, Your Son.
Let Your Holy Spirit move in pow'r among us;
Members of Your Body, we are one.
We are one, we are one, in the love of the Savior, we are one.
Let us walk in unity, so that all the world may see
The love You gave so freely in Your Son.

The Cathedral Chorale

COMMUNION VERSE

Hebrews 4:15

For we do not have a High Priest Who is unable to sympathize with our weakness, but One Who has similarly been tested in every way, yet without sin.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord Jesus Christ, You are our faithful High Priest, tempted in the wilderness so to help others who are tempted. Through this Holy Communion aid, strengthen and purify us. 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: 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 *Tyle Lat* (1 - Polish & 2, 8 - English)

Tyle lat my Ci, O Panie,
Służbę wierną wypełniali, Szli ku słońcu w świt, zaranie,
[: Łańcuch niewoli targali. :]

Unto thee we built a temple,
Which for us became a treasury, Pouring gifts of faith and courage.
[: In it is our hope forever. :]

Would to God we be faithful ever,
Would to God this sacred banner in our souls and hearts be opened,
[: Until death our life does sever. :]

POSTLUDE *Prelude in G*

J. S. Bach