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PRELUDE *Adagio semplice*

Jean Langlais

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 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
The unity of heart and mind is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

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INTROIT

James 2:1, 9

C: My brothers and sisters, show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ. **R: But if you show partiality, you commit sin, and are convicted by the law as transgressors.** 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

Heavenly Father, Your Son served as our perfect example of love. Help us to sincerely pray for those who dislike us and to love those who would make themselves our enemies. 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

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

The Lord said to Moses, "Speak to the whole Israelite community and tell them: Be holy, for I, the Lord, your God, am holy.

"You shall not bear hatred for your brother or sister in your heart. Though you may have to reprove your fellow citizen, do not incur sin because of him. Take no revenge and cherish no grudge against any of your people. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. I am the Lord."

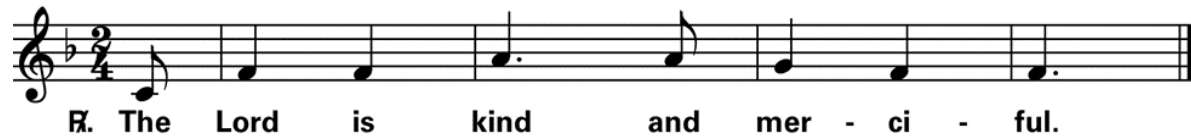
This is the Word of the Lord. R. Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL - *Traditional Mass*

Romans 12:19, 21

C: Beloved, do not look for revenge but leave room for the wrath; for it is written "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay, says the Lord." **R: Do not be conquered by evil but conquer evil with good.**

Alstott



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R. (8a) The Lord is kind and merciful.

Bless the LORD, O my soul;
and all my being, bless his holy name.
Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

He pardons all your iniquities,
heals all your ills.
He redeems your life from destruction,
crowns you with kindness and compassion.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

Merciful and gracious is the LORD,
slow to anger and abounding in kindness.
Not according to our sins does he deal with us,
nor does he requite us according to our crimes.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

As far as the east is from the west,
so far has he put our transgressions from us.
As a father has compassion on his children,
so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Brothers and sisters: Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person; for the temple of God, which you are, is holy.

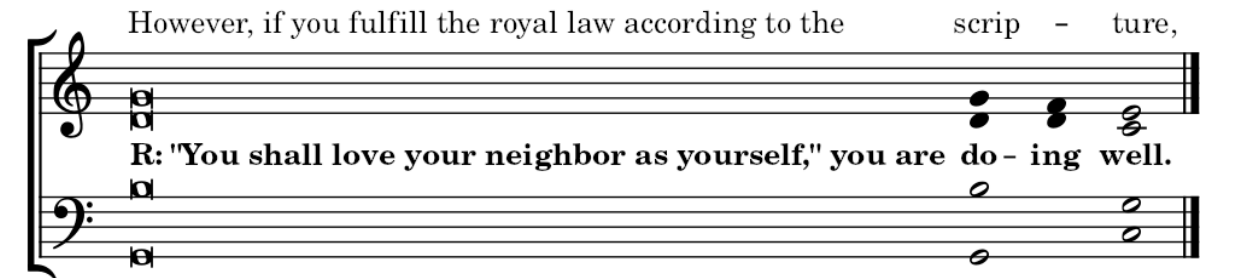
Let no one deceive himself. If any one among you considers himself wise in this age, let him become a fool, so as to become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in the eyes of God, for it is written: "God catches the wise in their own ruses," and again: "The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain."

So let no one boast about human beings, for everything belongs to you, Paul or Apollos or Cephas, or the world or life or death, or the present or the future: all belong to you, and you to Christ, and Christ to God.

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

TRACT

James 2:8



GOSPEL

Matthew 5:38-48

Jesus said to his disciples: "You have heard that it was said, "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." But I say to you, offer no resistance to one who is evil. When someone strikes you on your right cheek, turn the other one as well. If anyone wants to go to law with you over your tunic, hand over your cloak as well. Should anyone press you into service for one mile, go for two miles. Give to the one who asks of you, and do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow.

"You have heard that it was said, "You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy." But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father, for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what recompense will you have? Do not the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet your brothers only, what is unusual about that? Do not the pagans do the same? So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect."

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

HYMN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT 143 *Holy Spirit, Dwell* (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

Proverbs 14:21

He sins who despises the hungry; but happy is he who is kind to the poor.

OFFERTORY HYMN 221 *Turn Your Eyes to Jesus*

Turn your eyes to Jesus, look to heav'n above;
Seek His many graces and His wond'rous love.
How the pow'rs of nature kneel before His throne,
And in hymns of splendor, worship Him alone.

Sing, my soul, in gladness; sing in rapt'rous joy.
With the heav'nly forces, songs of praise employ.
For His many graces ever thankful be,
For the Lord most precious now would come to thee.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Almighty God, Your Son taught us that service to our neighbor is service to You. May this oblation be a sign to us of the total self-sacrifice to which we are called. 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.**

PREFACE

SANCTUS

Peplowski

~ **CANON** ~

THE LORDS PRAYER

AGNUS DEI

Elfman

POST-COMMUNION HYMN **(8:00)** *Gift of Finest Wheat* (verses 2, 4, 5 as needed)

Refrain: You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat.
Come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.

2. With joyful lips we sing to you our praise and gratitude
that you should count us worthy, Lord, to share this heav'nly food. *Refrain*
4. The myst'ry of your presence, Lord, no mortal tongue can tell:
Whom all the world cannot contain comes in our hearts to dwell. *Refrain*
5. You give yourself to us, O Lord; then selfless let us be,
to serve each other in your name in truth and charity. *Refrain*

POST-COMMUNION ANTHEM (9:30) *Where True Charity and Love Abide*
Plainsong Mode VI

Where true charity and love abide, God is dwelling there.
We are gathered in the one love of Christ Jesus; let us lift our voices to God and be joyful.
In holy wonder let us love the living God; And may our hearts ever be one in faithful love.
Where true charity and love abide, God is dwelling there.
Since we are all one in the Lord, as we gather, let us be watchful that no strife still divide us.
Contention, envy, ill-will, spite— may these all cease; with us, abiding in our midst, is Christ our God.
Where true charity and love abide, God is dwelling there.
All surrounded by the blest saints, we shall see You face to face in glorious light, O Christ Jesus.
With holy joy far beyond thought we shall be full, from age to age, world without end, forevermore.
Where true charity and love abide, God is dwelling there. *-9th cent. hymn*

COMMUNION VERSE Romans 13:10

Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All-loving Father, by the grace of this Holy Eucharist move us toward committed love and faithful work that we may build up the Body of Christ. 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.

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 228 *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* (1-3)

Joyful, joyful we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, praising Thee, their Sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, blooming meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest.
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, all who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other; lift us to the joy divine.

POSTLUDE *Prelude in G*

Alexandre Guilmant