PREFACE: Partita on ‘Freu dich sehr, O meine Seele’ (Rejoice greatly, O my soul)—Georg Böhm (1661-1733)

INTROIT: Plainsong, Mode II; PS 105:3-4

Laetetur cor quaeentium Dominum: quaeire Domum, et confirmannini: quaeire faciem eis semper. (PS 105:1) Confitemini Domino, et invoke nomen ejus; annuntiate inter gentes opera ejus. Gloria Patri...

FIRST READING: Dt 18:15-20

Moses spoke to all the people, saying: “A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for you from among your own kin; to him you shall listen. This is exactly what you requested of the LORD, your God, at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let us not again hear the voice of the LORD, our God, nor see this great fire any more, lest we die.’ And the LORD said to me, ‘This was well said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their kin, and will put my words into his mouth; he shall tell them all that I command him. Whoever will not listen to my words which he speaks in my name, I myself will make him answer for it. But if a prophet presumes to speak in my name an oracle that I have not commanded him to speak, or speaks in the name of other gods, he shall die.’”

RESPONSOIRAL PSALM: Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD; let us acclaim the rock of our salvation. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to him. Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the LORD who made us. For he is our God, and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides. Oh, that today you would hear his voice: “Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as in the day of Massah in the desert, Where your fathers tempted me; they tested me though they had seen my works.”

SECOND READING: 1 Cor 7:32-35

Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties. An unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how he may please the Lord. But a married man is anxious about the things of the world, how he may please his wife, and he is divided. An unmarried woman or a virgin is anxious about the things of the Lord, so that she may be holy in both body and spirit. A married woman, on the other hand, is anxious about the things of the world, how she may please her husband. I am telling you this for your own benefit, not to impose a restraint upon you, but for the sake of propriety and adherence to the Lord without distraction.

GOSPEL: Mk 1:21-28

Then they came to Capernaum, and on the sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!” Jesus rebuked him and said, “Quiet! Come out of him!” The unclean spirit convulsed him and with a loud cry came out of him. All were amazed and asked one another, “What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him.” His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee.

OFFERTORY ANTIPHON: Plainsong, Mode VIII; PS 92:2 (with verses 6)

Bonum est confiteri Domino: et psallere Nomini tuo Altissime. It is good to give praise to the Lord: and to sing to your Name, O Most High.

OFFERTORY MOTET (11): Cantate Domino—Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612)

O sing unto the Lord a new song: sing unto the Lord, all the whole earth. Sing unto the Lord, and praise his Name: be telling of his salvation from day to day. Declare his honor unto the nations: and his wonders unto all people.
COMMUNION CHANT: Plainsong, Mode I; PS 31:17-1

Illumina faciem tuam super servum tuum, et salvum me fac in tua misericordia: Domine, non confundar, quoniam invocavi te.

Make your face to shine upon your servant, and save me in your mercy: let me not be confounded, O Lord, for I have called upon you.

COMMUNION MOTET (11): Protector Noster—Johann Michael Haydn (1737-1806)

Behold, O God our defender: and look upon your servants. O Lord God of hosts, hear the prayers of your servants. Alleluia.

POSTLUDE: Allegro (Organ Concerto in Bb)—GF Handel (1685-1759);


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