**Prelude:** Méditation Religieuse—Henri Mulet (1878-1967)

**Entrance Hymn:**

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

*Tune: ST. FLAVIAN (CM) Vers: Claudia Hermanan (1998)*

1. Lord, who throughout these forty days for us didst fast and pray,
   teach us with thee to mourn our sins, and close by thee to stay.
2. As thou with Satan didst contend and didst the victory win,
   O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to conquer sin.
3. As thou didst hunger and thirst, so teach us, gracious Lord,
   to die to self, and chiefly live by thy most holy word.
4. And through these days of penitence, and through thy Passion-tide,
   yea, evermore, in life and death, Jesus with us abide.
5. Abide with us, that so, this life of suffering o'er past,
   an Easter of an unending joy we may attain at last!

**Introit:** Plainsong, Mode V; IS 66:10

Laetare Jerusalem: et conventum facite omnes qui diligitis eam: gaudete cum laetitia, qui in tristitia fuistis: ut exsultetis, et satiemini ab uberibus consolationis vestrae.

**Kyrie:** (5:30, 9, 12:30) Kyrie XVI:

**First Reading:** (5:30, 7:30, 11, 12:30) 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23

In those days, all the princes of Judah, the priests, and the people added infidelity to infidelity, practicing all the abominations of the nations and polluting the LORD’s temple which he had consecrated in Jerusalem. Early and often did the LORD, the God of their fathers, send his messengers to them, for he had compassion on his people and his dwelling place. But they mocked the messengers of God, despised his warnings, and scoffed at his prophets, until the anger of the LORD against his people was so inflamed that there was no remedy. Their enemies burnt the house of God, tore down the walls of Jerusalem, set all its palaces afire, and destroyed all its precious objects. Those who escaped the sword were carried captive to Babylon, where they became servants of the king of the Chaldeans and his sons until the kingdom of the Persians came to power. All this was to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah: “Until the land has retrieved its lost sabbaths, during all the time it lies waste it shall have rest while seventy years are fulfilled.” In the first year of Cyrus, king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah, the LORD inspired King Cyrus of Persia to issue this proclamation throughout his kingdom, both by word of mouth and in writing: “Thus says Cyrus, king of Persia: All the kingdoms of the earth the LORD, the God of heaven, has given to me, and he has also charged me to build him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever, therefore, among you belongs to any part of his people, let him go up, and may his God be with him!”

(9) 1 SM 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

The LORD said to Samuel: “Fill your horn with oil, and be on your way. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen my king from among his sons.” As Jesse and his sons came to the sacrifice, Samuel looked at Eliab and thought, “Surely the LORD’s anointed is here before him.” But the LORD said to Samuel: “Do not judge from his appearance or from his lofty stature, because I have rejected him. Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the LORD looks into the heart.” In the same way Jesse
presented seven sons before Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any one of these.” Then Samuel asked Jesse, “Are these all the sons you have?” Jesse replied, “There is still the youngest, who is tending the sheep.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Send for him; we will not begin the sacrificial banquet until he arrives here.” Jesse sent and had the young man brought to them. He was ruddy, a youth handsome to behold and making a splendid appearance. The LORD said, “There— anoint him, for this is the one!” Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand, anointed David in the presence of his brothers; and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (5:30, 11, 12:30) PS 137:1-2, 3-4, 5, 6

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose; beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul. R. He guides me in right paths for his name’s sake. Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side With your rod and your staff that give me courage. R. You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. R. Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come. R.

SECOND READING: (5:30, 7:30, 11, 12:30) EPH 2:4-10

Brothers and sisters: God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ—by grace you have been saved, raised us up with him, and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the inmeasurable riches of his grace in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God; it is not from works, so no one may boast. For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them

(9) Eph 5:8-14

Brothers and sisters: You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth. Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness; rather expose them, for it is shameful even to mention the things done by them in secret; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it says: “Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light.”

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.

GOSPEL: (5:30, 7:30, 11, 12:30) JN 3:14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus: “Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.” For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.

(9) JN 9:1-41

As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him. We have to do the works of the one who sent me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, “Go wash in the Pool of Siloam”—which means Sent—.So he went and washed, and came back able to see. His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said, “Isn’t this the one who used to sit and beg?” Some said, “It is, but others said, “No, he just looks like him.” He said, “I am.” So they said to him, “How were your eyes opened?” He replied, “The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and told me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ So I went there and washed and was able to see.” And they said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I don’t know.” They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them,
"He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see." So some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, because he does not keep the sabbath." But others said, "How can a sinful man do such signs?" And there was a division among them. So they said to the blind man again, "What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." Now the Jews did not believe that he had been blind and gained his sight until they summoned the parents of the one who had gained his sight. They asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How does he now see?" His parents answered and said, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. We do not know how he sees now, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him, he is of age; he can speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone acknowledged him as the Christ, he would be expelled from the synagogue. For this reason his parents said, "He is of age; question him." So a second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give God the praise! We know that this man is a sinner." He replied, "If he is a sinner, I do not know. One thing I do know is that I was blind and now I see." So they said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples, too?" They ridiculed him and said, "You are that man's disciple; we are disciples of Moses! We know that God spoke to Moses, but we do not know where this one is from." The man answered and said to them, "This is what is so amazing, that you do not know where he is from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if one is devout and does his will, he listens to him. It is unheard of that anyone ever opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he would not be able to do anything." They answered and said to him, "You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?" Then they threw him out. When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him. Then Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind." Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not also blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you are saying, 'We see,' so your sin remains.

OFFERTORY HYMN (5:30, 7:30 12:30): Our Father We Have Wandered

1. Our Father, we have wandered and hidden from your face, And foolishness have squandered your legacy of grace. But now, in exile dwelling, we rise with fear and shame, As distant but compelling, we hear you call our name.

2. And now at length discerning the evil that we do, Behold us Lord, returning with hope and trust to you. In haste you come to meet us and home rejoicing bring. In gladness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring.

OFFERTORY ANTIPHON (11): Plainsong, Mode II, PS 135. 3, 6

Laudate Dominum, quia benignus est: psallite nomini ejus, quoniam suavis est: omnia quaecumque voluit, fecit in coelo et in terra.

Praise the Lord, for he is good: sing to his Name, for he is sweet: whatsoever he pleased, he has done in heaven and in earth.

OFFETTORY MOTET (11) Call to Remembrance. O Lord–Richard Farrant

O good Jesus, have mercy on us. For you have created us, you have redeemed us, with your precious blood.

SANCTUS: (5:30, 9, 12:30) Sanctus XVIII:

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2. And now at length discerning the evil that we do, Behold us Lord, returning with hope and trust to you. In haste you come to meet us and home rejoicing bring. In gladness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring.

3. O Lord of all the living, both banished and restored, compassionate, forgiving and ever caring Lord, grant now that our transgressing, our faithlessness may cease. Stretch out your hand in blessing in pardon and in peace.

Words: Kevin Nichols (1929-2006)
Music: PASSION CHORALE, Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612)
MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION:

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your Res-sur-rec-tion un-ti! you come a-gain.

AGNUS DEI: (5:30, 9, 12:30)


COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

I will go, * to the al-tar of God,
the God of my glad-ness, the God of my joy.

COMMUNION CHANT (5:30, 7:30, 11, 12:30):

Jerusalem, quae aedificatur ut civitas,
cujus participatio ejus in idipsum:
illuc enim ascenderunt tribus, tribus
Domini, ad con-fitendum nomini tuo,
Domino.

COMMUNION CHANT (9):

Lutum fecit ex sputo Dominus, et
linivit óculos meos: Et abii, et lavi, et
vidi, et credidi Deo.

COMMUNION MOTET (11) Voce Mea—Giovanni Croce (1557-1609)

I called to the Lord, and he heard me.

(12:30) Drop, Drop Slow Tears—Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

CLOSING HYMN:

Lift High The Cross

Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim till all the world a-dore his sacred Name

POSTLUDE: Dialogue—Louis Marchand (1669-1732)

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