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Agnus Dei is from "Mass of St. Christopher" by J. Lyon

Agnus Dei - from Mass IX "Cum Jubilo



K COMMUNION ANTIPHON
 Fili, quid fecisti nobis sic? Ego et
 pater tuus dolentes quaerebamus te:
 Et quid est quod me quaerebatis?
 Nesciebatis quia in his quae Patris mei sunt
 oportet me esse?

*Son, why hast Thou done so to us? I and
 your Father have sought Thee sorrowing.
 How is it that you sought Me? Did you not
 know that I must be about My Father's
 business?*

Communion Motet is the Agnus Dei from Mass by Lobo

L POST COMMUNION PRAYER
 Quos caelestibus reficis sacramentis, fac,
 clementissime Pater, sanctae Familiae
 exempla iugiter imitari, ut, post aerumnas
 saeculi, eius consortium consequamur
 aeternum. Per Christum Dominum nostrum.
 Amen.

*We pray Thee, O most merciful Father,
 whom Thou dost refresh with the heavenly
 mysteries, that we may ever follow the
 example of the Holy Family, so that after
 the trials of this life, we may be admitted to
 their company for ever.*

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

The Feast of the Holy Family fittingly takes the place of the Sunday in the Octave of Christmas.

The Introit recalls that God the Son, in becoming man, makes His *home* on earth. He takes to Himself the natural human loyalty and affection of a family, and gives obedience and devotion to His human parents.

We are reminded that the Family is the "Church in the Home", in which we



first learn the ways of the Faith: our prayers and the richness of loving human relationships. The Family bond reflects in a way the life of the Blessed Trinity as a communion of Persons bound together in an unbreakable unity of love.

In His family, Our Lord learnt love and self-sacrifice, the very qualities that prepared Him for His Public Ministry and the Work of our Redemption.

INTROIT

A Deus in loco sancto suo: Deus, qui in- *God is in His holy place; God, who makes*
 habitare facit unanimes in domo: ipse *men of one mind to dwell in one house, He*
 dabit virtutem et fortitudinem plebi suae. *shall give power and strength to His people.*
Psalm. Exsurgat Deus, et dissipentur inimici *Psalm Let God arise, and let His enemies be*
eius: et fugiant, qui oderunt eum, a facie *scattered: and let them that hate Him flee*
eius. from before His face.

Introductory rite—see Mass book page 3

Kyrie & Gloria from Missa Petre ego te rogari" by Alonzo Lobo

COLLECT

B Deus, qui praeclara nobis sanctae Fa- *O God, who hast deigned to give to us the*
 miliae dignatus es exempla praebere, *guidance of the example of the Holy Family,*
 concede propitius, ut, domesticis virtutibus *graciously grant that by imitating their*
 caritatisque vinculis illam sectantes in laeti- *homely virtues and their bonds of love, we*
 tia domus tuae praemiis fruamur aeternis. *may come to enjoy our eternal reward in the*
 Per Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum.... *happiness of Thy heavenly house for ever.*
 Per omnia saecula saeculorum. Amen.

First Reading is the book of Genesis.

C The word of the Lord was spoken to Abram in a vision, Have no fear, Abram, I am your shield; your reward will be very great. My Lord, Abram replied, what do you intend to give me? I go childless... Then Abram said, See, you have given me no descendants; some man of my household will be my heir. And then this word of the Lord was spoken to him, He shall not be your heir; your heir shall be one of your own flesh and blood. Then taking him outside he said, Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants, he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified. The Lord dealt kindly with Sarah as he had said, and did what he had promised her. So Sarah conceived and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the time God had promised. Abraham named the son born to him Isaac, the son to whom Sarah had given birth.

Verbum Domini. Deo gratias.

GRADUAL

D Unam petii a Domino, hanc requiram, ut
 inhabitem in domo Domini. V. Ut videam
 voluptatem Domini: et protegar a templo sancto
 eius.

*One thing I have asked of the Lord, this
 will I seek after: that I may dwell in the
 house of the Lord. V. That I may see the
 Lord's desire, and be protected by His holy
 temple.*

VESPERS AND BENEDICTION
WILL BE SUNG HERE TONIGHT AT 7.30 P.M.
 YOU ARE WELCOME TO TAKE THIS SHEET HOME
PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE THE MASS BOOK

E Second Reading is taken from St. Paul's epistle to the Hebrews
 It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore. It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.
 Verbum Domini. **R. Deo gratias**

F GOSPEL ALLELUIA *Rejoice in the Lord, O ye just: praise befits the upright.*
 Gaudete iusti in Domino: rectos decet collaudatio.

G GOSPEL—A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke
 When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord - observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord - and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said: 'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.' because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.' As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected - and a sword will pierce your own soul too - so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.' There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem. When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.
 Verbum Domini. **R. Laus tibi Christe.**

CREDO IV—see Mass book page 29 or 30.

At the end of the Bidding Prayers we sing this ancient prayer to Our Lady.

*We fly to thy protection, O holy Mother of God.
 Despise not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us from all dangers, O ever glorious and blessed Virgin.*

7. **S** UB tú-um praesí-di-um confúgimus, * sáncta Dó- i
 Génitrix : nòstras depre-ca-ti- ónes ne despí-ci-as in ne-ces-
 si-tá-tibus : sed a per-í-cu-lis cúntis líbe-ra nos sem-
 per, Vírgo glo-ri-ó-sa et be- ne-dícta.

Offertory Motet. "Dormi fili" by Hector Berlioz (1803-1849).

"Sleep, my Son," sings the Mother to her only child. "Sleep! Sleep!" the father gently urges the infant. "A thousand praises we sing to Thee." "I have prepared a bed just for Thee—so sleep my beautiful little one. I have made Thy bed with the softest hay—so sleep little soul. "Sleep, my Son," sings the Mother to her only child. "A thousand praises we sing to Thee "Sleep, my son— your Mother is going to sing thee a sweet melody." "Sleep, son, Thy father will sing Thee a gentle lullaby." "Sleep, my Son," sings the Mother to her only child. "A thousand praises we sing to Thee.

H PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Hostiam tibi placationis offerimus, Domine, suppliciter deprecantes, ut, Deiparae Virginis beatique Joseph interveniente suffragio, familias nostras in tua gratia firmiter et pace constituas. Per Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

As we offer to Thee, O Lord, the Sacrifice which brings us peace, we humbly beseech Thee that through the intercession of the Blessed Mother of God and Holy Joseph, thou wouldst firmly establish our families in Thy grace and peace.

J PREFACE

Vere dignum et iustum est, aequum et salutare, nos tibi semper et ubique gratias agere: Domine, sancte Pater, omnipotens aeternae Deus: Quia per incarnati Verbi mysterium nova mentis nostrae oculis lux tuae claritatis infulsit: ut, dum visibiliter Deum cognoscimus, per hunc in invisibilium amorem rapiamur. Et ideo cum Angelis et Archangelis, cum Thronis et Dominationibus, cumque omni militia caelestis exercitus, hymnum gloriae tuae canimus, sine fine dicentes:

It is truly meet and right and incumbent upon us for our salvation that we should always and everywhere give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty everlasting God. For through the mystery of the incarnate Word the new light of Thy splendour has dawned upon our minds so that, as we recognise Him visibly as God, we may be rapt into love of things invisible. Wherefore with angels and archangels, with thrones and dominations and with all the company of heaven, we sing the hymn of Thy glory, ever more saying:

Sanctus from plainsong Mass IX "Cum Jubilo"

San- ctus, * Sanctus, San- ctus Dóminus De- us Sá- ba- oth. Ple- ni sunt
 coe- li et ter- ra gló- ri- a tu- a. Ho- sánna in excél- sis. Be- ne-díctus qui
 ve- nít in nó- mi- ne Dó- mi- ni. Ho- sánna in ex- cé- sis.