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‘Proper’ of the Mass

Set to Gregorian Tones
With Organ Accompaniment

by

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In order to satisfy a number of requests, I have prepared this little “Sampler” of settings of the ‘Proper’ of the Mass. Those asking for these settings tell me they value:

1. Devotion to the Word of God, in particular, to the Book of Psalms as the “Prayerbook” of the Church.

2. A desire to “Sing the Mass” rather than to “Sing at the Mass.” The Proper parts of the Mass given in the Roman Missal represent the authentic piety of the Liturgy, and best nourish the spiritual needs of the faithful.

3. Sacred texts that focus on devotion to God, divine realities, the transcendent, the mysteries of the Liturgical Year, sin and repentance, and the gifts of grace.

4. Music that draws its inspiration from the traditional chant and polyphony of the Church.

5. Organ accompaniments that adorn and heighten the word of God, without being flashy or calling an inordinate attention to themselves.

6. Options that are simple enough for beginning cantors and choirs, and require a minimum of rehearsal time.

7. In addition, options that are more challenging, and call to mind the sound and atmosphere, evoke the “ethos,” of the traditional chants of the Graduale Romanum, while using the officially approved English texts.

To this end, I am including here some “sketches” of possibilities. If you, the recipient, have time, please assist with this project. Provide feedback as to your needs, what works and doesn’t work, what is not included here that you would like to see, and any other points of interest and concern.

A new translation of the Missale Romanum is expected soon. With the advent of this translation, will it be time to make available an English Gradual in the styles of traditional Catholic church music included herein?

I am eager to hear from you. Email works best for me.

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Introit

*Nos autem oportet.*

Galations 6:14

1. May God have pity on us and bless us; may he let his face shine upon us. So may your way be known upon earth; among all nations, your salvation. (R)

2. May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you. May the nations be glad and exult because you rule the peoples in equity. (R)

3. The earth has yielded its fruits; God, our God, has blessed us. May God still give us his blessing, till the ends of the earth revere him. (R)

Introit Antiphon based on an earlier version by Columba Kelly, O.S.B.
Psalm Tone by Columba Kelly, O.S.B.

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Introit

Nos autem oportet.

Galations 6 : 14

4. We should glory * in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, for he is our salvation, our life and our resurrection; through him we are saved and made free.

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Introit

_Nos autem oportet._

_Galatians 6 : 14_

**PSALM 66**

_Psalm tone melody by Columba Kelly, O.S.B._

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_Organist: change intervening chord on underlined syllable._

1. May God have pity on _us_ and _bless_ us;
   may he let his face _shine_ upon _us_.
   So may your way be known _upon_ _earth_; among _all nations_, your _salvation._ (R')

2. May the peoples _praise_ you, _O God_; may all the _peoples_ _praise_ you.
   May the nations be glad and _exult_
   because you rule the _peoples_ _in_ _equity_. (R')

3. The earth has _yielded_ its _fruits_;
   God, our _God_, _has_ _blessed_ us.
   May God _still_ _give_ _us_ _his_ _blessing_,
   till the ends of the _earth_ _revere_ _him_. (R')
Introit

Nos autem oportet.

Galations 6:14

4. We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, for he is our salvation, our life and our resurrection; through him we are saved and made free.

Verse

4. May God have pity on us and bless us; may he let his face shine upon us.

The Antiphon is repeated: “We should glory.”
HOLY THURSDAY OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Responsorial Psalm

Calix benedictionis

Psalm 115

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UR blessing cup is a com-mun-ion with the Blood of Christ.

PSALM 115

1. How shall I make a return to the Lord
   for all the good he has done for me?
   The cup of salvation I will take up,
   and I will call upon the name of the Lord. (R)

2. Precious in the eyes of the Lord
   is the death of his faithful ones.
   I am your servant the son of your handmaid;
   you have loosened my bonds. (R)

3. To you will I offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving,
   and I will call upon the name of the Lord.
   My vows to the Lord I will pay
   in the presence of all his people. (R)
HOLY THURSDAY OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Gospel Acclamation

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

Verse

*Mandatum novum*  
*Jn 13 : 34*

5. I give you a new commandment, says the Lord: love one another as I have loved you.
HOLY THURSDAY OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

OFFERTORY

Dextera Domini

Psalm 117

1. The right hand of the Lord has struck with power: the right hand of the Lord has exalted me; I shall not die but live, and declare the works of the Lord.

COMMUNION

Hoc corpus

1 Corinthians 11:24-25

1. This body will be given for you. This is the cup of the new covenant in my blood; whenever you receive them, do so in remembrance of me.