SUNDAY IV
LENT

‘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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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Introit. V

R

E-joice, * Je-ru-sa-lem! Be glad for her, you who love her; re-joice with her, you who mourned for her, and you will find contentment at her con-sol-ing breasts. Ps. I re-joiced when they said to me:* "Let us go up to God's house. Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir-it. * As it was in the beginning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

When the Antiphon is repeated after the Verse of the Psalm, the Verse is concluded thus :

up to God's house.
REJOICE, * JERUSALEM! BE GLAD FOR HER, YOU WHO LOVE HER;

REJOICE WITH HER, YOU WHO MOURNED FOR HER, AND YOU WILL FIND	

CONTEMPT AT HER CONSOLING BREASTS. PS. I REJOiced WHEN THEY SAI
d TO ME: *

"LET US GO UP TO THE LORD'S HOUSE." OR: UP TO THE LORD'S HOUSE."*

"If the Antiphon is repeated immediately after the Psalm verse, use this version.

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Glo- ry be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho- ly Spir- it. * As it was in the begin-
ning, is now, and ev- er shall be, world with-out end. A- men.
VERSES: SET 1

A

Ps. I rejoiced when they said to me: * “Let us go up to the Lord’s house.”

B

And now our feet are standing * within your gates O Jerusalem.

And now our feet are standing * within your gates O Jerusalem.
VERSES: SET 2

A

In unison with organ accompaniment:

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! * “May they prosper who love you!

B

A cappella:

Peace be within your walls, / and security within your towers!” *

For my brethren and companions’ sake / I will say, “Peace be within you!”
Peace be within your walls, / and security within your towers!”

For my brethren and companions’ sake I will say, “Peace be within you!”

REFRAIN sung by all:

Be joyful in the Lord, my heart: give God all praise and glory.
VERSES: SET 3

A

_In unison with organ accompaniment:

Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son, * and to the Ho-ly Spir- it.

B

_A capella:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ev-er shall be, *

world without end. A-men.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, *

world without end. Amen.

REFRAIN sung by all:
Psalm Tone

Introit. V

Re-joice, Je-ru-sa-lem! Be glad for her, you who love her; re-joice with her, you who mourned for her, and you will find contentment at her con-sol-ing breasts.
INTROIT

HARMONY SETTING

Mixed Voices

Rejoice, Jerusalem! Be glad for her, you who love her; rejoice with her, you who

mourned for her, and you will find contentment at her consoling breasts.

HARMONY SETTING

Equal Voices

Rejoice, Jerusalem! Be glad for her, you who love her; rejoice with her, you who

mourned for her, and you will find contentment at her consoling breasts.
INTROIT

Metrical Refrains for Congregation:

A

Be joyful in the Lord, my heart: give God all praise and glory.

B

Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation.

REFRAIN sung by all:

Be joyful in the Lord, my heart: give God all praise and glory.