

Gloria (Mass of S. Francis)

V.O. For today's Holiday Prayers, as it's a holiday and you're probably relaxing,
— mostly music: and to start with, the whole of this Gloria from the
Mass of S. Francis by Philip Green.

3:37

I've been asked a number of times about that record and the music. It
was written just a couple of years ago and first sung, by the choir of 110
children from schools in Cork city, Ireland, who made this recording, for a
special radio & TV broadcast of Mass. ~~from~~ The celebrant on that occasion
and in the recording,
h was Canon Sydney McEwan, the well-known Scottish tenor. With the choir,
he sang the 'Entry Song' which is from the words of the Gospels, about an
incident of Jesus with little children. MUSIC 1' c. 4:45

PRAYERS (Inst)

'To sing is to pray twice over' — that correct and exhortation of one of
the Fathers of the Church (I think it was) has been quoted a lot, as an
encouragement to get people to join in the singing of parts of the Mass and
of the public prayer of the Church. Perhaps its point is more easily seen if
you've been, for instance, part of a large ^{multinational} crowd on a solemn occasion
singing the Creed in unison. Not every musical setting makes a prayer more
prayerful, though. But here's one, of the Lord's Prayer, Our Father, with the
children's choir, which I think does help one to pray, twice over

MUSIC 2² 2:30