St. Stanislaus Cathedral

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August 20, 2023 ~ Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

PRELUDE Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

setting, J. S. Bach

Prayer Before Holy Mass (please rise)

The Reverend Janusz A. Lucarz, Assistant Pastor

My dear God and loving Father, as I participate in this Holy Mass, may Jesus fill me with His holy grace when I open my heart to Him in sincere prayer. May the sacraments I will receive, the prayers that I will say and the hymns that I will sing bring me closer to Jesus and help me to be more like Him in all that I say and do. May the Holy Communion that I will receive give me strength, so that I may share faith, hope and love with the people I will meet. Amen.

OPENING HYMN Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation! O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation! Join the great throng, psaltery, organ and song, Sounding in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee; Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend thee. Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, Who with His love doth befriend thee. CONFITEOR - Traditional Mass Page 16 ~ Contemporary Mass Page 66

INTROIT

Baruch 5:5; Psalm 122:1-2

C: Up, Jerusalem! Stand upon the heights; look to the east and see your children gathered from the east and the west at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that they are remembered by God. R: I rejoiced when they said to me, "Let us go up to the house of the Lord." And now our feet are standing within your gates, Jerusalem. C: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. R: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

KYRIE	Vermulst
GLORIA	Englert

OPENING PRAYER

Most gracious Father, You gather us from the four corners of the earth through Your holy Word. Open the closed ears of those who wander that they may hear Your Word which alone brings peace. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **R. Amen.**

~ LITURGY OF THE WORD ~

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

Thus says the Lord: Observe what is right, do what is just; for my salvation is about to come, my justice, about to be revealed. The foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, ministering to Him, loving the name of the Lord, and becoming His servants – all who keep the Sabbath free from profanation and hold to my covenant, them I will bring to my holy mountain and make joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be acceptable on my altar, for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

This is the Word of the Lord. R. Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL - Traditional Mass

Tobit 14:6-7a

C: All the nations of the world shall be converted and shall offer God true worship. **R: All shall abandon their idols, which have deceitfully led them into error, and shall bless the God of the ages in righteousness.**



R. (4) O God, let all the nations praise you!

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. O God, let all the nations praise you!**

May the nations be glad and exult because you rule the peoples in equity; the nations on the earth you guide. **R. O God, let all the nations praise you!**

May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you! May God bless us, and may all the ends of the earth fear him! **R. O God, let all the nations praise you!**

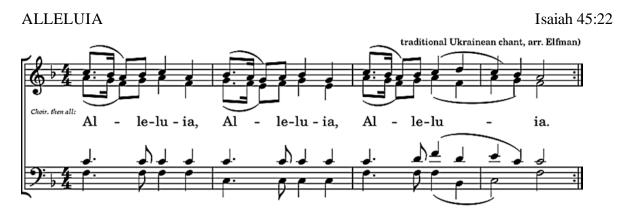
SECOND LESSON

Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Brothers and sisters: I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I glory in my ministry in order to make my race jealous and thus save some of them. For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?

For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable. Just as you once disobeyed God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now disobeyed in order that, by virtue of the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God delivered all to disobedience, that he might have mercy upon all.

This is the Word of the Lord. R. Thanks be to God.



C: Alleluia, alleluia. **R: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.** C: Turn to me and be safe, all you ends of the earth, for I am God; there is no other! **R: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL

Matthew 15:21-28

At that time, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman of that district came and called out, "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon." But Jesus did not say a word in answer to her. Jesus' disciples came and asked him, "Send her away, for she keeps calling out after us." He said in reply, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But the woman came and did Jesus homage, saying, "Lord, help me." He said in reply, "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour.

This is the gospel of the Lord. R. Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

HYMN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God

O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God, increase our faith in our dear Lord: Unless Your grace the pow'r should give, none can believe in Christ and live, O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God.

O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God, enlight'n us by Your sacred word; Teach us to know God's radiant love; lead us to Christ, Who reigns above, O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL - Contemporary Mass

R: Lord hear our prayer.

~ LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST ~

OFFERTORY VERSE

Revelation 15:4

Who will not fear You, Lord, or glorify Your name? For You alone are holy. All the nations will come and worship before You, for Your righteous acts have been revealed.

OFFERTORY HYMN (8:00) 220 O Lord Almighty (1, 2)

O Lord Almighty, O Eternal Father, Who would not marvel at Thy works, Great Author? (Who past our reason, Infinite Immortal, This world created, this world created.)

Where'er the sun shines, coming down from heaven, The whole world over, may Thy Name be honored. (Even the heavens can't contain Your glory, Lord God Almighty, Lord God Almighty.) Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy name. Sing like never before, O my soul. I'll worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning. It's time to sing Your song again. Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me, let me be singing when the evening comes.

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger. Your name is great, and Your heart is kind. For all your goodness, I will keep on singing: ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

And on that day when my strength is failing, the end draws near, and my time has come- still my soul will sing your praise unending: ten thousand years and then forevermore. (Based on Ps. 103)

Leslie Doyle, voice and guitar

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Heavenly Father, accept this sacrifice for the salvation of Your people. May it empower the witness of Your Church that those who go astray may be gathered in. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **R. Amen.**

PREFACE

SANCTUS

Proulx

Alstott

~ CANON ~

THE LORDS PRAYER

AGNUS DEI

POST-COMMUNION HYMN 222 From Your Throne, O God

From Your throne, O God, in heaven, turn to us a gracious ear; Keep us from the wiles of evil, guard us from the dooms we fear. Do not choose, Lord, to be angry, though Your people rend Your law; Turn our hearts away from sinning to repentance, God of all. Confident, may we entreat You here before Your altar gates: Grant to us, O hidden Godhead, all the favors of Your grace, That together with creation, all of high and low degree, We may praise You and adore You, Holy Triune Majesty.

COMMUNION VERSE

Matthew 8:11

I say to you, many will come from the east to the west, and will recline with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob at the banquet in the kingdom of heaven.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty God, Your Gospel reaches to the ends of the earth and those who receive it are gathered into Your Kingdom. For us who shared Your Table, and have been grafted to Your holy vine, may it always be Good News indeed. We ask this in the name of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **R. Amen.**

FINAL BLESSING (please kneel)

DISMISSAL

C: Let us bless the Lord! R: Thanks be to God.

Prayer After Holy Mass (please remain kneeling)

I am grateful to You, Lord, that I was able to come to church and participate in the Holy Sacrifice of Mass. I thank You for receiving Your gracious pardon, Your instruction and teaching through Your Word, and Your Body and Blood in Holy Communion. May Your sacraments continue to strengthen and help me to be faithful to You and Your Church. Help me to face all the challenges of life on my journey to Your heavenly kingdom. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

WSTAŁ PAN CHRYSTUS

There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea;

There's a kindness in God's justice which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heav'n;

There is no place where earth's sorrows have more kindly judgment given.

There is welcome for the sinner and a promised grace made good; There is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in His blood. There is grace enough for thousands of new worlds as great as this; There is room for fresh creations in that upper home of bliss.

'Tis not all we owe to Jesus; it is something more than all: Greater good because of evil, larger mercy through the fall. Make our love, O God, more faithful: let us take You at Your word, And our lives will be thanksgiving for the goodness of the Lord.

POSTLUDE Procession in Eb

Alexandre Guilmant

THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES Monday, August 21 9:30 am – Holy Mass Tuesday, August 22 9:30 am – Holy Mass Wednesday, August 23 9:30 am – Holy Mass Thursday, August 24 9:30 am – Healing Mass Friday, August 25 9:30 am – Holy Mass Saturday, August 26 9:30 am – Sp. Dr. Robert Sarnowski by Julia Bannon

Lectors: 8/20 – 8:00 – John Andrzejewski 9:30 – Eve Hughes 11:15 – David Rychleski 8/27 – 8:00 – Kathy Michalina 9:30 – Patrick McHugh 11:15 – David Rychleski

Next Sunday, August 27th – Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Holy Mass: 8:00 am Traditional 9:30am Contemporary 11:15 am Cathedral Chapel, Tripp Park

<u>Cathedral Office Manager Job Posting</u> – St. Stanislaus Cathedral is seeking to fill the office manager position by this September when Luann, our current Office Manager will be retiring. The candidate search is underway as we repost the announcement of this placement opportunity. The position is flexible and rewarding. All interested applicants may contact the parish office for more details to include flexible hours, salary, and responsibilities as they work with the parish committee and clergy.

<u>Altar Flowers</u> – The floral pieces at the high altar today are offered to the glory of God and in memory of Joseph & Nellie (Cwynar) Zike offered by Harry & Christine Zike.