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PRELUDE *The Gift of Love*

setting, Hal Hopson

Prayer Before Holy Mass (please rise)

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 1 Hymn of Faith (1, 4)

To Thee we come, O Lord, our God, Before Thine altar, Father.
Thou knowest best our yearning hearts; this supplication answer.
Lift up from want Thy people, Lord.
Bless us, O God. O Father, bless our toil.

Under Thy cross we stand prepared, To serve Thee with devotion;
Be it with sweat of blood or tears, Or humble resignation.
For we Thy people are, O Lord.
Save us, O God, O Father, bless our toil!

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INTROIT

1 John 4:7, 9

C: Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. **R: In this way the love of God was revealed to us; God sent His only Son into the world so that we might have life through Him.** 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

Almighty Father, through Jesus Christ You revealed that the greatest law is love of You and our neighbors. In flame our hearts with the fire of Your Holy Love and so strengthen our love for one another. 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

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers the day I took them by the hand to lead them forth from the land of Egypt; for they broke My covenant, and I had to show Myself their master, says the Lord. But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord. I will place My law within them, and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be My people. No longer will they have need to teach their friends and kinsmen how to know the Lord. All, from the least to the greatest, shall know Me, says the Lord, for I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sins no more.

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

GRADUAL - *Traditional Mass*

Luke 17:3b-4

C: If your brother sins, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him. **R: And if he wrongs you seven times in one day and returns to you seven times saying, “I am sorry,” you should forgive him.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - *Contemporary Mass*

Psalm 103

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R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

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My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless His holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all His blessings.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

It is He Who forgives all your guilt, Who heals every one of your ills,
Who redeems your life from the grave, Who crowns you with love and compassion.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

The Lord does deeds of justice, gives judgment for all who are oppressed.
He made known His ways to Moses and His deeds to Israel’s sons.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.
For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is His love for those who fear Him. **R. The Lord is kind and merciful.**

SECOND LESSON

1 John 4:17-21

Our love is brought to perfection in this; that we should have confidence on the day of judgment; for our relation to this world is just like His. Love has no room for fear; rather, perfect love casts out all fear. And since fear has to do with punishment, love is not yet perfect in one who is afraid. We, for our part, love because He first loved us. If anyone says, “My love is fixed on God,” yet hates his brother, he is a liar. One who has no love for his

brother he has seen, cannot love the God he has not seen. The commandment from Him is this: “Whoever loves God must also love his brother.”

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

ALLELUIA

John 15:17

traditional Ukrainian chant, arr. Elfman)

Choir, then all:
Al - le-lu - ia, Al - le-lu - ia, Al - le-lu - ia.

C: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. **R: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.** C: This I command you: love one another. **R: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL

Luke 10:25-37

On one occasion a lawyer stood up to pose this problem to Jesus: “Teacher, what must I do to inherit everlasting life?” Jesus answered him: “What is written in the law? How do you read it?” He replied: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.”

Jesus said, “You have answered correctly. Do this and you shall live.” But because he wished to justify himself he said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” Jesus replied: “There was a man going down from Jerusalem to Jericho who fell in with robbers. They stripped him, beat him, and then went off leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road; he saw him but continued on. Likewise there was a Levite who came the same way; he saw him and went on. But a Samaritan who was journeying along came on him and was moved to pity at the sight. He approached him and dressed his wounds, pouring in oil and wine as a means to heal. He then hoisted him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, where he cared for him. The next day he took out two silver pieces and gave them to the innkeeper with the request: ‘Look after him, and if there is any further expense I will repay

you on my way back.’ Which of these three, in your opinion was neighbor to the man who fell in with the robbers?”

The answer came, “The one who treated him with compassion.” Jesus said to him, “Then go and do the same.”

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

HYMN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT *Come, Thou Creator*

Come, Thou Creator Spirit blest, and in our hearts take up Thy rest;
Come with Thy grace and heav’nly aid, come with Thy grace and heav’nly aid
To fill the hearts which Thou hast made.

Great Paraclete, to Thee we cry, O highest Gift of God Most High:
O living Fount, O Fire of love, O living Fount, O Fire of love
And sweet anointing from above.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL - *Contemporary Mass*

R: Lord hear our prayer.

~ LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST ~

OFFERTORY VERSE

1 John 4:10-11

In this is love; not that we have loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as expiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also must love one another.

OFFERTORY HYMN *They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love*

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored,

Refrain: And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.

(We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand)
And together we’ll spread the news that God is in our land (*Refrain*)

(We will work with each other, we will work side by side)
And we’ll guard each one’s dignity and save each one’s pride, (*Refrain*)

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

All-loving Father, Your Son taught us to love You and our brothers and sisters. May this offering serve to bring us closer to You and to one another. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
R. Amen.

PREFACE

SANCTUS

Proulx

~ CANON ~

THE LORDS PRAYER

AGNUS DEI

Alstott

POST-COMMUNION HYMN *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* (verses as needed)

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
The unity of heart and mind is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear,
And often for each other flows a sympathizing tear.

From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin, we shall be free,
And perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

COMMUNION VERSE

John 13:35

This is how all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty and merciful Father, may this Eucharist which is a pledge and sign of Your love for us, help us to draw closer to You and to one another. Help us to forgive the faults of our brothers and sisters as You have promised to forgive us. 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.**

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 228 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (1-3)

Joyful, joyful we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, praising Thee, their Sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, blooming meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest.
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, all who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other; lift us to the joy divine.

POSTLUDE *Processional in G*

John Stanley