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**November 19, 2023 ~ Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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PRELUDE *For the Fruit of All Creation*

arr. Barry L. Bobb

## 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 *We Gather Together*

KREMSER

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;  
He chastens and hastens His will to make known;  
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing;  
Sing praises to His Name, He forgets not His own.

We all do extol Thee, Thou Leader triumphant,  
And pray that Thou still our Defender wilt be.  
Let Thy congregation escape tribulation;  
Thy Name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

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INTROIT

Jeremiah 3:19

C: I had thought: How I should like to treat you as sons, and give you a pleasant land, a heritage most beautiful among the nations! **R: You would call Me, "my Father," I thought, and never cease following me.** 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

Heavenly Father, You have entrusted us with the riches of faith to be used to expand Your kingdom on earth. May we spend our days wisely investing these spiritual gifts for the increase of Your kingdom on earth. 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

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls. Her husband, entrusting his heart to her, has an unfailing prize. She brings him good, and not evil, all the days of her life. She obtains wool and flax and works with loving hands. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her fingers ply the spindle. She reaches out her hands to the poor, and extends her arms to the needy. Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting; the woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her a reward for her labors, and let her works praise her at the city gates.

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

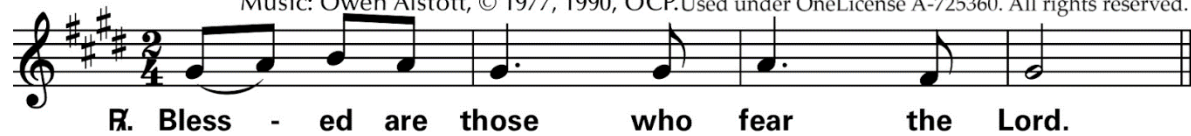
GRADUAL - *Traditional Mass*

Luke 12:48b

C: Much will be required of the person entrusted with much. **R: And still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - *Contemporary Mass*

Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5

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Music: Owen Alstott, © 1977, 1990, OCP. Used under OneLicense A-725360. All rights reserved.**R. (cf. 1a) Blessed are those who fear the Lord.**

Blessed are you who fear the LORD,  
who walk in his ways!  
For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork;  
blessed shall you be, and favored.

**R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord.**

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine  
in the recesses of your home;  
Your children like olive plants  
around your table.

**R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord.**

Behold, thus is the man blessed  
who fears the LORD.

The LORD bless you from Zion:  
may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem  
all the days of your life.

**R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord.**

## SECOND LESSON

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Concerning times and seasons, brothers and sisters, you have no need for anything to be written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night. When people are saying, "Peace and security," then sudden disaster comes upon them, like labor pains upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to overtake you like a thief. For all of you are children of the light and children of the day. We are not of the night or of darkness. Therefore, let us not sleep as the rest do, but let us stay alert and sober.

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

## ALLELUIA

Luke 11:28

C: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. **R: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.** C: "Blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it." **R: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## GOSPEL

Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "A man going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one – each according to his ability. Then he went away. Immediately the one who received five talents went and traded with them, and made another five. Likewise, the one who received two made another two. But the man who received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried his master's money.

After a long time the master of those servants came back and settled accounts with them. The one who had received five talents came forward bringing the additional five. He said, 'Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' Then the one who had received two talents also came forward and said, 'Master, you gave me two talents. See, I have made two more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' Then the one who had received the one talent came forward and said, 'Master, I knew you were a demanding person, harvesting where you did not plant and gathering where you did not scatter; so out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground. Here it is back.'

His master said to him in reply, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I did not plant and gather where I did not scatter? Should you not then have put my money in the bank so that I could have got it back with interest on my return? Now then! Take the

talent from him and give it to the one with ten. For to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And throw this useless servant into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.”

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

**HYMN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT** *Holy Spirit, Dwell within Us*

Holy Spirit, dwell within us.  
Great Creator, come and teach us.  
Send Your grace and consolation.  
Fill the hearts of Your creation.

You were named by God in heaven,  
Comforter, the soul's companion.  
Fire of Love, O Living Fountain,  
Counsel us: our hearts enlighten.

**HOMILY**

**PROFESSION OF FAITH**

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL** - *Contemporary Mass*

**R: Lord hear our prayer.**

**~ LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST ~**

**OFFERTORY VERSE**

Psalm 19:14

But from willful sins keep Your servant; let them never control me. Then shall I be blameless, innocent of grave sin.

**OFFERTORY HYMN** For the Fruit of All Creation

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For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.  
For these gifts to ev'ry nation, thanks be to God.  
For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,  
Future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.  
In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.  
In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,  
In the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.  
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.  
For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,  
Most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

**PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

Almighty God, may we labor all day long for Your love and strive all our lives for Your kingdom. Grant that we, who offer these gifts, may always be faithful to You. We ask this in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **R. Amen.**

**PREFACE**

**SANCTUS**

Proulx

**~ CANON ~**

**THE LORDS PRAYER**

**AGNUS DEI**

Alstott

**POST-COMMUNION (8:00)** 160 *We Kneel Before You* (1-4 as needed)

We kneel before You, Eternal Savior.  
In adoration, this song we offer.  
Though so unworthy to ask Your blessing,  
We join in praise with angels rejoicing.

We now confess You, Divine Creator.  
Our hearts' full love we give You, O Master.  
Savior, we thank you for our redemption.  
In Your great sacrifice is our salvation.

You are our True God, holy forever.  
Be, Lord, our refuge, Mighty Defender.  
Bless Your creation from fatal outcome,  
And in adversity, be our contentment.

Fall down on bended knee before your Savior.  
Hold fast in your heart, His Wondrous Presence.  
Sing of His glory with songs of gladness.  
He is Your Father, He, your Friend Precious.

POST-COMMUNION ANTHEM (9:30) *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* Kathleen Thomerson  
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I want to walk as a child of the Light. I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the earth; the Star of my life is Jesus.

*Refrain:* In Him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the Light of the City of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father.

I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus.

The Cathedral Chorale

COMMUNION VERSE Psalm 119:65

You have treated Your servant well, according to Your word, O Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty Father, strengthened by this Holy Eucharist, may we persevere in faithful service, announcing Your love and showing Your compassion. We ask this in the name of Your Son, 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 *Now Thank We All Our God*

Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things has done, in Whom this world rejoices,  
Who from our mothers' arms has blest us on our way  
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,  
And keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
And free us from all harm in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,  
The Son, and Spirit blest, Who reign in highest heaven,  
The One Eternal God, Whom earth and heav'n adore,  
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

POSTLUDE *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* arr. J. Pachelbel