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PRELUDE *Cantilena*

Josef Rheinberger

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 221 *Turn Your Eyes to Jesus*

Turn your eyes to Jesus, look to heav'n above;
Seek His many graces and His wondrous love.
(How the pow'rs of nature kneel before His throne,
And in hymns of splendor, worship Him alone!)

Sing, my soul, in gladness; sing in rapturous joy
With the heav'nly forces; songs of praise employ.
(For His many graces, ever thankful be,
For the Lord most precious now would come to Thee.)

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INTROIT

Isaiah 42:8-10a

C: I am the Lord, this is My Name; My glory I give to no other, nor My praise to idols. See now, the earlier things have come to pass, new ones I now foretell; before they spring into being, I announce them to you. **R: Sing to the Lord a new song, His praise from the end of the earth.** 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.**

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OPENING PRAYER

Lord, Jesus Christ, You have called us to new ways and new beginnings. You have made us a new creation. May we be ever thankful for past mercies, ever joyful for past favors, and ever more passionate to serve You. For You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **R. Amen.**

~ LITURGY OF THE WORD ~

FIRST LESSON

Hosea 2:16b, 17b, 21-22

I will lead her into the wilderness and speak persuasively to her. There she will respond as in the days of her youth, as on the day when she came up from the land of Egypt. I will betroth you to me forever: I will betroth you to me with justice and with judgment, with loyalty and with compassion; I will betroth you to me with fidelity, and you shall know the Lord.

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

GRADUAL - *Traditional Mass*

Hebrews 9:15; 8:13

C: For this reason He is mediator of a new covenant: since a death has taken place for deliverance from transgressions under the first covenant, those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance. **R: When He speaks of a “new” covenant, He declares the first one obsolete. And what has become obsolete and grown old is close to disappearing.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - *Contemporary Mass*

Psalm 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13

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R. The Lord is kind and mer - ci - ful.

R: The Lord is kind and merciful.

Bless the Lord, O my soul;
 and all my being, bless his holy name.
 Bless the Lord, O my soul;
 and forget not all his benefits.

R: The Lord is kind and merciful.

He pardons all your iniquities,
 he heals all your ills.
 He redeems your life from destruction,
 he crowns you with kindness and compassion.

R: The Lord is kind and merciful.

Merciful and gracious is the Lord,
 slow to anger and abounding in kindness.
 Not according to our sins does he deal with us,
 nor does he requite us according to our crimes.

R: The Lord is kind and merciful.

As far as the east is from the west,
 so far has he put our transgressions from us.
 As a father has compassion on his children,
 so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him.

R: The Lord is kind and merciful.

SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 3: 1b-6

Do we need, as some do, letters of recommendation to you or from you? You are our letter, written on our hearts, known and read by all, shown to be a letter of Christ administered by us, written not in ink but by the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets that are hearts of flesh. Such confidence we have through Christ toward God. Not that of ourselves we are qualified to take credit for anything as coming from us; rather, our qualification comes from God, who has indeed qualified us as ministers of a new covenant, not of letter but of spirit; for the letter brings death, but the Spirit gives life.

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

TRACT

Acts 13:38a

(give note) CHOIR or CELEBRANT:

Septuagesima: Then a leper approached, did Him hom - age and said,
 Sexagesima: You must know, my brothers,
 that through Him forgiveness of sins is being pro - claimed to you.
 Quinquagesima: From now on I announce new things to you,

CONGREGATION:

"Lord, if You wish, You can make me clean."
 In Him every believer is jus - ti - fied.
 Hidden events of which you knew not.

TRACT

Isaiah 48:6b

C: From now on I announce new things to you, **R: Hidden events of which you know not.**

GOSPEL

Mark 2: 18-22

The disciples of John and of the Pharisees were accustomed to fast. People came to him and objected, "Why do the disciples of John and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?" Jesus answered them, "Can the wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them? As long as they have the bridegroom with them they cannot fast. But the days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast on that day. No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old cloak. If he does, its fullness pulls away, the new from the old, and the tear gets worse. Likewise, no one pours new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise, the wine will burst the skins, and both the wine and the skins are ruined. Rather, new wine is poured into fresh wineskins."

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

HYMN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT *Come Down, O Love Divine*

Come down, O Love divine; seek Thou this soul of mine
And visit it with Thine own ardor glowing;
O Comforter, draw near; within my heart appear
And kindle it, Thy holy flame bestowing.

Oh, let it freely burn, till worldly passions turn
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
And let Thy glorious light shine ever on my sight,
And clothe me 'round, the while my path illuming.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL - *Contemporary Mass*

R: Lord hear our prayer.

~ LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST ~

OFFERTORY VERSE

Isaiah 43:19a

See I am doing something new. Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

OFFERTORY HYMN (8:00) *Kochajmy Pana (Jesus, We Love Thee)*

Kochajmy Pana, bo serce Jego, żąda i pragnie serca naszego.
Dla nas Mu włócznie boleść zadana,
Kochajmy Pana, kochajmy Pana!

Jesus, we love Thee, for of Thy whole heart,
Thou doest desire that we give Thee our heart.
For us Thou suffered pain without mercy.
Jesus, we love Thee! Jesus, we love Thee!

Come unto Jesus, come, O ye children;
Know of His mercy and His compassion.
He would forgive thee and show His mercy.
Jesus, we love Thee! Jesus, we love Thee!

The Cathedral Chorale

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (9:30) *Lead Me, Lord*

David Blackwell

Lead me, Lord, lead me in Thy righteousness. Make Thy way plain before my face;
for it is Thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Almighty Father, through this holy oblation may we be ever conscious of Your love and thankful for Your mercy. We ask this in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **R. Amen.**

PREFACE

SANCTUS

Peplowski

~ CANON ~

THE LORDS PRAYER

AGNUS DEI

Elfman

POST-COMMUNION HYMN 231 *The Church's One Foundation*

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation by water and the Word.
From heav'n He came and sought her to be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy Name she blesses, partakes one holy Food,
And to one hope she presses with ev'ry grace endued.

Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is one.
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee. Amen

COMMUNION VERSE

2 Corinthians 5:17

So whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Heavenly Father, through this Sacred Banquet You unite us to Your Son. May we come to know and love You through Him, the bridegroom of our souls, 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.

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 210 *In Thy Protection*

In Thy protection, Father in Heaven,
Lo, we Thy children place our life, our all.
Lord, wilt Thou bless us, save us from temptation,
Keep us from danger, lest in sin we fall.

Though all be peaceful, though storms beset us,
In Thy protection we shall find our rest.
Father, we pray Thee, humbly we beseech Thee,
Deliver us, the children Thou hast blessed.

POSTLUDE *Meditation in C*

David N. Johnson (1922-1987)