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April 14, 2024 ~ Second Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE *At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing*

arr. John Ferguson

VIDI AQUAM (*I saw water*)

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 137 *The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done*

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The strife is o'er, the battle done;

The victory of life is won;

The song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!

The pow'rs of hell have done their worst,

But Christ their legions hath dispersed.

Let shouts of holy joy outburst: Alleluia!

The three long days have quickly sped:

He rises glorious from the dead.

All glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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INTROIT

Psalm 66:2-3

C: Shout joyfully to God, all you on earth, sing praise to the glory of His name; proclaim His glorious praise, alleluia! **R: Say to God, "How tremendous are Your deeds! For Your great strength Your enemies fawn upon You, alleluia!"** 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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GLORIA

Powell

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, You show those in error the light of Your truth that they may change their ways and return to the path of righteousness. Grant to all those trying to live the Christian ideal the ability to discard all that is contrary to this aim and to hold fast to all that is in keeping with it. 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.**

~ LITURGY OF THE WORD ~

FIRST LESSON

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Peter said to the people: "The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and denied in Pilate's presence when he had decided to release him. You denied the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead; of this we are witnesses.

Now I know, brothers, that you acted out of ignorance, just as your leaders did; but God has thus brought to fulfillment what he had announced beforehand through the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer. Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away."

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

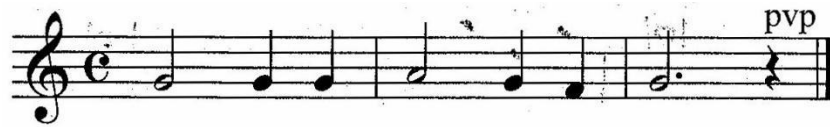
GRADUAL - *Traditional Mass*

Psalm 4:3, 7b-8a

C: Men of rank, how long will you be dull of heart? Why do you love what is vain and seek after falsehood? Alleluia! **R: O Lord, let the light of Your countenance shine upon us! You put gladness into my heart, alleluia!**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - *Contemporary Mass*

Psalm 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9



Lord, let Your face shine on us.

R. (7a) Lord, let your face shine on us.

When I call, answer me, O my just God,
you who relieve me when I am in distress;
have pity on me, and hear my prayer!

R. Lord, let your face shine on us.

Know that the LORD does wonders for his faithful one;
the LORD will hear me when I call upon him.

R. Lord, let your face shine on us.

O LORD, let the light of your countenance shine upon us!
You put gladness into my heart.

R. Lord, let your face shine on us.

As soon as I lie down, I fall peacefully asleep,
for you alone, O LORD,
bring security to my dwelling.

R. Lord, let your face shine on us.

SECOND LESSON

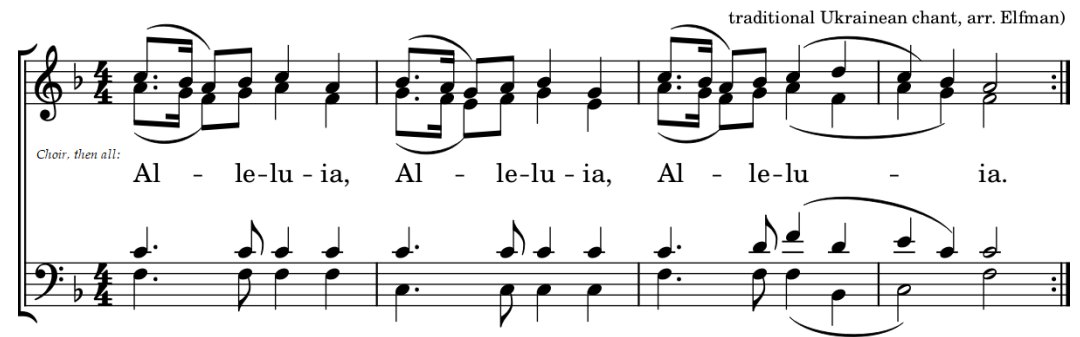
1 John 2:1-5

My children, I am writing this to you so that you may not commit sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one. He is expiation (punished) for our sins, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world. The way we may be sure that we know him is to keep his commandments. Those who say, "I know him," but do not keep his commandments are liars, and the truth is not in them. But whoever keeps his word, the love of God is truly perfected in him.

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

ALLELUIA

Psalm 111:9



C: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. **R: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.** C: He has sent deliverance to His people; He has ratified His covenant forever; holy and awesome is His name. **R: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL

Luke 24:35-48

The two disciples recounted what had taken place on the way, and how Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of bread.

While they were still speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. Then he said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have." And as he said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed, he asked them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them.

He said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, “Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.”

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

HYMN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT 143 *Holy Spirit, Dwell within Us* (1, 3)

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

Fill our minds, Your light releasing, love within our hearts increasing.
Firm in godliness, You strengthen mortal man with gifts from heaven.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL - *Contemporary Mass*

R: Lord hear our prayer.

~ LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST ~

OFFERTORY VERSE

Psalm 146:1-2

Praise the Lord, O my soul; I will praise the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God while I live. Alleluia!

OFFERTORY SOLO (8:00) *Awake, My Heart, with Gladness*

Johann Crüger

Awake, my heart, with gladness, see what today is done;
Now, after gloom and sadness, comes forth the glorious sun.
My Savior there was laid where our bed must be made,
When, as on wings in flight, we soar to realms of light.

Now hell, its prince, the devil, of all their pow'rs are shorn;
Now I am safe from evil, and sin I laugh to scorn.
For Christ again is free; in glorious victory,
He who is strong to save has triumphed o'er the grave.

Now I will cling forever to Christ, my Savior true;
My Lord will leave me never, whate'er He passes through.
He rends death's iron chain; He breaks through sin and pain;
He shatters hell's grim thrall; I follow Him through all.

Rebecca Elfman, soprano

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (9:30) *At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing*

Bohemian Brethren,
arr. Elfman

At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our victorious King
Who has washed us in the tide flowing from His pierced side. Alleluia!

Praise we Him, Whose love divine gives His sacred Blood for wine,
Gives His Body for the feast: Christ the Victim, Christ the Priest. Alleluia!

Now no more can death appall, now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened paradise, and Your saints in You shall rise. Alleluia!

Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy:
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, newborn souls in You to be. Alleluia!

The Cathedral Chorale

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord Jesus Christ, through Your Holy Eucharist may we receive Your grace to help us overcome that which is earthly and learn to love that which is heavenly. For You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **R. Amen.**

PREFACE

SANCTUS

Englert

~ CANON ~

THE LORDS PRAYER

AGNUS DEI

Englert

POST-COMMUNION *Now All the Vault of Heav'n Resounds* LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Now all the vault of heav'n resounds
In praise of love that still abounds:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Eternal is the gift He brings;
Therefore our heart with rapture sings:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Now still he comes to give us life
And by His Presence stills all strife.
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;
Set heart and will on things above,
That we conquer through Your triumph:
Grant grace sufficient for life's day,
That by our lives we truly say:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

COMMUNION VERSE

John 16:16, 17b

A little while and you will no longer see Me, and again a little while later and you will see Me. Because I am going to the Father. Alleluia!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O Lord God, may the Sacrament we have received be food for our souls and strength for our bodies that we may always be open to the presence 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 *Lift High the Cross*

Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore His sacred Name.

1. Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,
Our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain*
2. All newborn soldiers of the Crucified
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. *Refrain*
3. So shall our song of triumph ever be:
"Praise to the Crucified for victory!" *Refrain*

POSTLUDE *Lift High the Cross*

setting, John Leavitt