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PRELUDE *Be Thou My Vision*

setting, Stan Pethel

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 *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service*

ABBOT'S LEIGH

Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need,
Who upon the cross, forsaken, worked Your mercy's perfect deed:
We, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart,
Consecrating to Your purpose every gift which You impart.

Still Your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;
Still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
As You, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,
By Your Spirit send Your power to our world to make it whole.

As we worship, grant us vision, till Your love's revealing light,
In its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight,
Making known the needs and burdens Your compassion bids us bear,
Stirring us to ardent service, Your abundant life to share.

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INTROIT

2 Peter 1:3,9

C: God's divine power has bestowed on us everything that makes for life and devotion, through the knowledge of Him Who called us by His own glory and power. **R: Anyone who lacks them is blind and shortsighted, forgetful of the cleansing of his past sins.** 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

Alstott

GLORIA

Englert

OPENING PRAYER

Lord our God, Your Son cured the blind man who sought His mercy. Remove the blindness of our hearts and enlighten our minds that we may gain true insight and see Your glory. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You, and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **R. Amen.**

~ LITURGY OF THE WORD ~

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Thus says the Lord: Shout with joy for Jacob, exult at the head of the nations; proclaim your praise and say: The Lord has delivered His people, the remnant of Israel. Behold, I will bring them back from the land of the north; I will gather them from the ends of the world, with the blind and the lame in their midst, the mothers and those with child; they shall return as an immense throng. They departed in tears, but I will console them and guide them; I will lead them to brooks of water, on a level road, so that none shall stumble. For I am a father to Israel, Ephraim is my first-born.

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

GRADUAL - *Traditional Mass*

Jeremiah 5:21-22a; Psalm 31:19

C: Pay attention to this, foolish and senseless people who have eyes and see not, who have ears and hear not. Should you not fear Me, says the Lord, should you not tremble before Me?

R: How great is the goodness, O Lord, which You have in store for those who fear You, and which, toward those who take refuge in You, You show in the sight of men.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - *Contemporary Mass*

Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6

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R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

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R. (3) The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

When the LORD brought back the captives of Zion,
we were like men dreaming.

Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with rejoicing.

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Then they said among the nations,
"The LORD has done great things for them."

The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad indeed.

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like the torrents in the southern desert.

Those that sow in tears shall reap rejoicing.

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Although they go forth weeping,
carrying the seed to be sown,

They shall come back rejoicing, carrying their sheaves.

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 5:1-6

Brothers and sisters: Every high priest is taken from among men and made their representative before God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal patiently with the ignorant and erring, for he himself is beset by weakness and so, for this reason, must make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honor upon himself but only when called by God, just as Aaron was. In the same way, it was not Christ Who glorified Himself in becoming high priest, but rather the One Who said to Him: You are My son: this day I have begotten You; just as He says in another place: You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

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

ALLELUIA

Psalm 146:8a

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: The Lord gives sight to the blind. The Lord raises up those that were bowed down. **R: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL

Mark 10: 46-52

As Jesus was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a sizable crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind man, the son of Timaeus, sat by the roadside begging. On hearing that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me." And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he kept calling out all the more, "Son of David, have pity on me." Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." So they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you." He threw aside his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus. Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.

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

HYMN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT *Holy Spirit, Truth Divine*

Holy Spirit, Truth divine,
Dawn upon this soul of mine;
Word of God and inward light,
Wake my spirit, clear my sight.

Holy Spirit, Love divine,
Glow within this heart of mine;
Kindle ev'ry high desire;
Perish self in Thy pure fire.

Holy Spirit, Pow'r divine,
Fill and nerve this will of mine;
Grant that I may strongly live,
Bravely bear, and nobly strive.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL - *Contemporary Mass*

R: Lord hear our prayer.

~ LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST ~

OFFERTORY VERSE

Isaiah 43:8

Lead out the people who are blind, though they have eyes, who are deaf, though they have ears.

OFFERTORY HYMN (8:00) *221 Turn Your Eyes to Jesus*

Turn your eyes to Jesus, look to heav'n above;
Seek His many graces and His wond'rous 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 rapt'rous joy,
With the heavenly forces, songs of praise employ.
(For His many graces, ever thankful be;
For the Lord most precious now would come to thee.)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (9:30) *Word of God, Come Down on Earth* John A. Behnke

Word of God, come down on earth, living rain from heav'n descending;
Touch our hearts and bring to birth faith and hope and love unending.
Word almighty, we revere You; Word made flesh, we long to hear You.
Word eternal, throned on high, Word that brought to life creation,
Word that came from heav'n to die, crucified for our salvation,
Saving Word, the world restoring, speak to us, Your love outpouring.
Word that caused blind eyes to see, speak and heal our mortal blindness;
Deaf we are; our healer be; loose our tongues to tell your kindness.
Be our Word in pity spoken, heal the world by sin now broken.
Word that speaks God's tender love, one with God beyond all telling,
Word that sends us from above God the Spirit, with us dwelling,
Word of truth, to all truth lead us; Word of life, with one Bread feed us.

Cathedral Choir

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Heavenly Father, may the gifts we offer You lift the darkness from our eyes, for Your mercy's sake. 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

Elfman

POST-COMMUNION HYMN 224 *Amazing Grace* (verses 1-3)

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

The Lord has promised good to me; His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

COMMUNION VERSE

Leviticus 19:14

You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block in front of the blind, but you shall fear your God. I am the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty, eternal God, may our gratitude for the Eucharistic gift we have received bring us ever greater benefits. Hear our prayers offered for the blindness of the world, so that all people may be delivered by the light of Your truth, 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 *Be Thou My Vision*

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart!
Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my soul's shelter, Thou my high tower,
Raise Thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise;
Thou mine inheritance, now and always.
Thou and Thou only first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

Be Thou my wisdom and Thou my true Word,
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of All.

POSTLUDE *Trumpet Tune in Eb*

Franklin D. Ashdown