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PRELUDE *Cantilena.* 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 236 *Hail, Dear Mary* (1, 2, 7)

Hail, dear Mary, praise and glory unto you we bring.
(Sing, O child, in exultation, of her virtues sing.)

How her hands had served our Savior, Who this world had made.
(Lo, the greatness of His glory, Mary's Son, our Lord.)

Dearest children, hold her image always in your heart.
(For protection pray to Mary, Mother of our God.)

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INTROIT

Ephesians 4:1b-3

C: Live in a manner worthy of the call you have received. Alleluia. **R: With all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace. 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

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OPENING PRAYER

Almighty Father, You are the source of unity and love. Your Son prayed that He would live in us and we in Him. Through His glory and our faith, may we all come together in unity and love. 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

Acts 7:55-60

Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked up intently to heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God, and Stephen said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." But they cried out in a loud voice, covered their ears, and rushed upon him together. They threw him out of the city, and began to stone him. The witnesses laid down their cloaks at the feet of a young man named Saul. As they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he fell to his knees and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." And when he said this, he fell asleep.

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

GRADUAL - *Traditional Mass* Acts 2:46-47a

C: Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple area and to breaking bread in their homes. Alleluia. **R: They ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart, praising God and enjoying favor with all the people. Alleluia.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - *Contemporary Mass* Psalm 97:1-2, 6-7, 9

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R. The Lord is king, the most high o - ver all the earth.

R. (1a and 9a) The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

The LORD is king; let the earth rejoice;
let the many islands be glad.
Justice and judgment are the foundation of his throne.
R. The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

The heavens proclaim his justice,
and all peoples see his glory.
All gods are prostrate before him.
R. The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

You, O LORD, are the Most High over all the earth,
exalted far above all gods.
R. The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

SECOND LESSON Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20

I, John, heard a voice saying to me: “Behold, I am coming soon. I bring with me the recompense I will give to each according to his deeds. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.” Blessed are they who wash their robes so as to have the right to the tree of life and enter the city through its gates.

“I, Jesus, sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the root and offspring of David, the bright morning star.”

The Spirit and the Bride say, “Come!” Let the hearer say, “Come.” Let the one who thirsts come forward, and the one who wants it receive the gift of life-giving water.

The one who gives this testimony says, “Yes, I am coming soon.” Amen, Come, Lord Jesus!
This is the Word of the Lord. R. Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA Colossians 1:17

traditional Ukrainian chant, arr. Elfman

Al - le-lu - ia, Al - le-lu - ia, Al - le-lu - ia.

C: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. **R: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.** C: He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. **R: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL John 17:20-26

Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed, saying: “Holy Father, I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me. And I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one, that the world may know that you sent me, and that you loved them even as you loved me. Father, they are your gift to me. I wish that where I am they also may be with me, that they may see my glory that you gave me, because you loved me before the foundation of the world. Righteous Father, the world also does not know you, but I know you, and they know that you sent me. I made known to them your name and I will make it known, that the love with which you loved me may be in them and I in them.”

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 now this soul of mine, and visit it with Your own ardor glowing.
O Comforter, draw near; within my heart appear, and kindle it, a holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,
Till earthly passions turn to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
And let Your 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

Matthew 18:20

Where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them.
Alleluia.

OFFERTORY HYMN (8:00) 156 *Let Us Sing Our Song of Praise* (1, 2, 4)

Let us sing our song of praise, as our grateful hearts we raise,
(And we sing in contemplation of Thy wondrous ways.)

In this Holy Sacrament, Christ, our Lord, from Heav'n is sent,
(That we might have life eternal, blessed covenant.)

Bless us with the holiest Bread from the heavens, to defend.
(May it cure us as it saves us, in our ev'ry need.)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (9:30) *We Are Marching in the Light of God*
“Freedom Song”

We are marching (eating, drinking, praying) in the light of God.

*Sung by the children of the School of Christian Living
and the Cathedral Chorale. Ernie Pappa, guitar*

PRAVER OVER THE GIFTS

Almighty God, gathered about this altar we offer You these gifts and our lives. May Your presence come alive within us, to do more through us, than we could ever accomplish ourselves. 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

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~ CANON ~

THE LORDS PRAYER

AGNUS DEI

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POST COMMUNION HYMN (8:00): *Gift of Finest Wheat* (verses as needed)

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Refrain: You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat.

Come give to us, O saving Lord, the Bread of Life to eat.

As when the shepherd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice,
So when You call Your fam'ly, Lord, we follow and rejoice. *R*

With joyful lips we sing to You our praise and gratitude
That You should count us worthy, Lord, to share this heav'nly food. *R*

Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ outpoured?
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare our oneness in the Lord? *R*

The myst'ry of Your presence, Lord, no mortal tongue can tell:
Whom all the world cannot contain comes in our hearts to dwell. *R*

You give Yourself to us, O Lord; then selfless let us be,
To serve each other in Your name in truth and charity. *R*

POST-COMMUNION ANTHEM (9:30) *In Remembrance*

Beryl Red

In remembrance of Me, eat this bread. In remembrance of Me, drink this wine.
In remembrance of me, pray for the time when God's own will is done.
In remembrance of Me, heal the sick. In remembrance of Me, feed the poor.
In remembrance of Me, open the door and let your brother in, let him in.
Take, eat, and be comforted. Drink, and remember, too,
That this is my Body and precious Blood shed for you, shed for you.
In remembrance of Me, search for truth. In remembrance of Me, always love.
In remembrance of Me, don't look above, but in your heart,
Look in your heart for God. Do this in remembrance of Me.

COMMUNION VERSE

John 17:11b NRSV

Holy Father, protect them in Your name that You have given Me, that they may be one as
We are one. Alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Most gracious God, our Father, You enliven us through Your Son and strengthen us through
His Body and Blood. Bless us now so that, united in faith, we may manifest the wonders of
Your love. 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.**

FINAL BLESSING (please kneel)

DISMISSAL

C: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!
R: Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia!

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 231 *The Church's One Foundation* (1, 2)

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.

POSTLUDE *Festive Trumpet Tune*

Franklin D. Ashdown