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Our Organist for today is Bernard Gardzalla

PRELUDE *Largo from Symphonic Fantasy For The Aeolian Organ* Victor Herbert

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 *God Is Here*

God is here! As we Your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
May we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
Wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.

Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace;
Here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place.
Here, in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech,
Here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.

Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt,
Keep us faithful to the Gospel: help us work Your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive;
We, who cannot live without You, we adore You! We believe!

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INTROIT

Psalm 31:24a, Sirach 51:11

C: Love the Lord, all you faithful! The Lord protects the loyal. **R: I will ever praise Your name and be constant in my prayers to You. Thereupon the Lord heard my voice, He listened to my appeal.** 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

Englert

GLORIA

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OPENING PRAYER

Almighty Father, in Your Holy Word You have taught us about the necessity to pray always without becoming weary. You hear us when we call upon You. Help us to persist in our prayers and grant us patience to await Your reply. 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

Exodus 17:8-13

In those days, Amalek came and waged war against Israel. Moses therefore, said to Joshua, "Pick out certain men, and tomorrow go out and engage Amalek in battle. I will be standing on top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand." So Joshua did as Moses told him: he engaged Amalek in battle after Moses had climbed to the top of the hill with Aaron and Hur. As long as Moses kept his hands raised up, Israel had the better of the fight, but when he let his hands rest, Amalek had the better of the fight. Moses' hands, however, grew tired; so they put a rock in place for him to sit on. Meanwhile Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side and one on the other, so that his hands remained steady till sunset. And Joshua mowed down Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.

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

GRADUAL - *Traditional Mass*

Ephesians 6:18

C: With all prayer and supplication, pray at every opportunity in the Spirit. **R: To that end, be watchful with all perseverance and supplication for all the holy ones.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - *Contemporary*

Psalm 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

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R. Our help is from the Lord, who made heav - en and earth.

R.(cf. 2) Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

I lift up my eyes toward the mountains;
whence shall help come to me?
My help is from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.

R. Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

May he not suffer your foot to slip;
may he slumber not who guards you:
indeed he neither slumbers nor sleeps,
the guardian of Israel.

R. Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

The LORD is your guardian; the LORD is your shade;
he is beside you at your right hand.
The sun shall not harm you by day,
nor the moon by night.

R. Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

The LORD will guard you from all evil;
he will guard your life.
The LORD will guard your coming and your going,
both now and forever.

R. Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

SECOND LESSON

2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

Beloved: Remain faithful to what you have learned and believed, because you know from whom you learned it, and that from infancy you have known the sacred Scriptures, which are capable of giving you wisdom for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for refutation, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that one who belongs to God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingly power: proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient; convince, reprimand, encourage through all patience and teaching.

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

ALLELUIA

Job 27:10

Elfman, based on Mass 16

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

C: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. **R: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.** C: Will he then delight in the Almighty and call upon Him constantly? **R: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL

Luke 18: 1-8

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary. He said, "There was a judge in a certain town who neither feared God nor respected any human being. And a widow in that town used to come to him and say, 'Render a just decision for me against my adversary.' For a long time the judge was unwilling, but eventually he thought, 'While it is true that I neither fear God nor respect any human being, because this widow keeps bothering me I shall deliver a just decision for her lest she finally come and strike me.'" The Lord said, "Pay attention to what the dishonest judge says. Will

not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? Will he be slow to answer them? I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

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, 2)

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, our souls' 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

Matthew 26:42

Withdrawing a second time, He prayed again, "My Father, if it is not possible that this cup pass away without My drinking it, Your will be done!"

OFFERTORY SOLO **(8:00)** 167 *At Thy Door* (1-4 as needed)

At Thy door, I come before Thee, at Thy door I come before Thee,
And I ask, O Lord, Thy mercy, and I ask, O Lord, Thy mercy.

In this Bread we now behold Thee, in this Bread we now behold Thee,
Heaven's gift, Thou Lord Almighty, Heaven's gift, Thou Lord Almighty.

In this Sacrament Most Holy, in this Sacrament Most holy,
From on high, come, Lord of Glory, from on high, come, Lord of Glory.

In this Host, this Bread of Heaven, in this Host, this Bread of Heaven,
God's Eternal Son is given, God' Eternal Son is given.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM **(9:30)** *I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes*

Parker Ramsay

I will lift up mine eyes to the hills, from whence my help doth come.
My help cometh from the Lord my God, which hath made heav'n and earth.
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved. He that keepeth thee will not, will not slumber.
Behold, He that keepeth Israel will slumber not nor sleep.
The Lord is thy keeper and the shade upon thy right hand.
The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.
The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil.
He shall preserve, shall preserve thy soul.
The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in, from this time forth and
forever more.

The Cathedral Chorale

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Eternal God, may we, who offer these gifts to You, never cease to call upon You for Your
grace and love and remain steadfast in Your service as we live and spread Your holy word.
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.**

PREFACE

SANCTUS

Englert

~ **CANON** ~

THE LORDS PRAYER

AGNUS DEI

Alstott

POST-COMMUNION HYMN 178 *Jesus, Bless Your Faithful People* (1-3)

Jesus, bless Your faithful people, those who love Your heart most sacred.

[: Lord, may this most precious treasure bless us ever through all ages.:]

For the graces You have given from Your gentle heart so loving,

[: we give You our hearts in off'ring; please accept them, we beseech You.:]

When this Holy Mass is ended, do not leave us unattended.

[: Through the wellspring of Your dear heart, bless us, forgive our transgressions.:]

COMMUNION VERSE

Psalm 86:3

You are my God; pity me, Lord; to You I call all the day.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Heavenly Father, may we who have shared in this Eucharist rejoice in Your love and have faith and joy in Your assurance that our prayers are heard and answered. 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.**

FINAL BLESSING (please kneel)

DISMISSAL

C: Go in peace to love and serve 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 *Unto the Hills* (1, 4)

IN THY PROTECTION

Unto the hills I lift my longing eyes:

From whence shall my help come, from whence arise?

From God the Lord doth come my certain aid,

From God the Lord, Who heav'n and earth has made.

He shall preserve thy soul from every sin,

Preserve thy going out and coming in.

Above thee watching, he whom we adore

Shall keep thee henceforth and forevermore.

POSTLUDE *Postlude-Cantique*

Theodore Dubois