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**June 29, 2025 ~ Solemnity of the Word of God**

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PRELUDE “Evening” from *Three Impressions for Organ*.

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

## **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’s Word Is Our Great Heritage*

A MIGHTY FORTRESS

God’s word is our great heritage and shall be ours forever;  
To spread its light from age to age shall be our chief endeavor.  
Through life it guides our way; in death it is our stay.  
Lord, grant, while time shall last, Your Church may hold it fast  
Throughout all generations.

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INTROIT

Hebrews 4:12; Psalm 15:1-2

C: Indeed, the Word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating even between soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart. **R: O Lord, who shall abide in Your tent? Who may dwell on Your holy mountain? Whoever walks without blame doing what is right, speaking truth from the heart.** 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

O merciful God, grant that we may hear Your words with willing hearts and apply ourselves to fulfill them. May we progress toward perfection, and, after completing our earthly pilgrimage, may we be united with You in eternity. 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.

## ~ LITURGY OF THE WORD ~

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 55:6-11

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake their way, and sinners their thoughts; Let them turn to the Lord to find mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways—oracle of the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, my thoughts higher than your thoughts.

Yet just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to the one who sows and bread to the one who eats, So shall my words be that goes forth from my mouth; It shall not return to me empty, but shall do what pleases me, achieving the end for which I sent it.

Yes, in joy you shall go forth, in peace you shall be brought home; Mountains and hills shall break out in song before you, all trees of the field shall clap their hands.

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

GRADUAL - *Traditional Mass*

Colossians 3:16a, Romans 10:17

C: Let the Word of God dwell in you richly. **R: Thus faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - *Contemporary Mass*

Psalm 19:7, 8, 9, 10

Elfman



Lord, You have the words of ev - er - last - ing life.

**R: Lord, You have the words of everlasting life.**

God's perfect loves revives the soul;  
God's stable rule guides the simple.

**R: Lord, You have the words of everlasting life.**

God's just demands delight the heart.  
God's clear commands sharpen vision.

**R: Lord, You have the words of everlasting life.**

God's faultless decrees stand forever.  
God's right judgments keep their truth.

**R: Lord, You have the words of everlasting life.**

Their worth is more than gold, the purest gold.  
Their taste richer than honey, sweet from the comb.

**R: Lord, You have the words of everlasting life.**

SECOND LESSON

Thessalonians 2:10-13

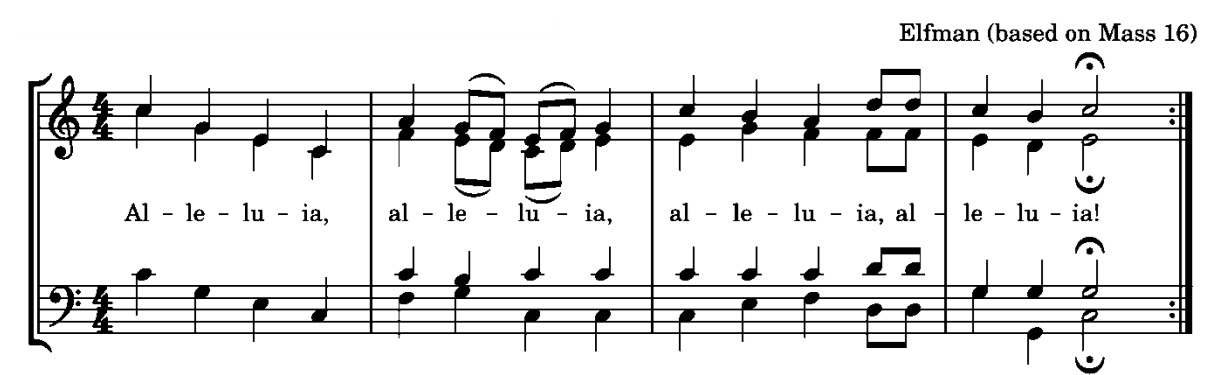
You are witnesses, and so is God, how devoutly and justly and blamelessly we behaved toward you believers. As you know, we treated each one of you as a father treats his children, exhorting and encouraging you and insisting that you conduct yourselves as worthy of the God who calls you into his kingdom and glory. And for this reason we too give thanks to God unceasingly, that, in receiving the word of God from hearing us, you received not a human word but, as it truly is, the work of God, which is now at work in you who believe.

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

ALLELUIA

1 Samuel 3:9b: John 6:68b

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: Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: You have the words of eternal life. **R: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL

Luke 8:4-15

When a large crowd gathered, with people from one town after another journeying to him, he spoke in a parable. "A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path and was trampled, and the birds of the sky ate it up. Some seed fell on rocky ground, and when it grew, it withered for lack of moisture. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some seed fell on good soil, and when it grew, it produced fruit a hundredfold." After saying this, he called out, "Whoever has ears to hear ought to hear."

Then his disciples asked him what the meaning of this parable might be. He answered, "Knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of God has been granted to you: but the rest, they are made known through parables so that 'they may look but not see, and hear but not understand.'

"This is the meaning of the parable. The seed is the word of God. Those on the path are the ones who have heard, but the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts that they may not believe and be saved. Those on the ground are the ones who, when they hear, receive the word with joy, but they have no root: they believe only for a time and fall away in time of trial. As for the seed that fell among thorns, they are the ones who have heard, but as they go along, they are choked by the anxieties and riches and pleasures of life, and they fail to produce mature fruit. But as for the seed that fell on rich soil, they are the ones who, when they have heard the word, embrace it with a generous and good heart, and bear fruit through perseverance.

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

#### HYMN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT 141 *Holy Spirit*

Holy Spirit, come, we ask You; saving grace we need from You.  
Through this heav'nly revelation may our stubborn will be moved.  
May we fully comprehend, guided by Your constant hand.  
Standing on Your words of promise, we confirm and praise Your goodness.

#### HOMILY

#### PROFESSION OF FAITH

#### PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL - *Contemporary Mass*

**R: Lord hear our prayer.**

### ~ LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST ~

#### OFFERTORY VERSE

Luke 11:27-28

While He was speaking, a woman from the crowd called out and said to Him, "Blessed is the womb that carried You and the breasts at which You nursed". He replied, "Rather, blessed are those who hear the Word of God and observe it".

#### OFFERTORY HYMN (8:00) 160 *We Kneel Before You (1, 2, 4)*

We kneel before You, Eternal Savior. In adoration, this song we offer.  
Though so unworthy to ask Your blessing, we join in praise with angels rejoicing.

We now confess You, Divine Creator, our hearts' full love we give You, O Master.  
Savior, we thank You for our redemption. In Your great sacrifice is our salvation.

Fall down on bended knee before Your Savior. Hold fast in your heart His Wondrous Presence.

Sing of His glory with songs of gladness. He is Your Father, He, your Friend precious.

#### OFFERTORY ANTHEM (9:30) *Seek Ye First*

Karen Lafferty

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Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness,  
And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!  
Ask, and it shall be given unto you. Seek, and ye shall find.  
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Ernie Pappa, guitar

#### PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Heavenly Father grant that this holy offering, an expression of Your activity through the incarnation of Your Word Jesus Christ, may regenerate us in spirit and awaken us to a new life in You. We ask this in the name of 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 165 *Humbly Before Thy Throne 1-3, as needed*

Humbly before Thy throne I approach Thee; grateful praise my poor heart now sings.  
Thou art my Savior and my Redeemer, Lord of Lords and the King of Kings.

*Refrain:* Adoration, praise and glory to the Sacrament Most Holy.

Jesus Christ, the Son of Mary, in this sacred Host I praise Thee.

All that I have I give Thee in gladness; all my heart and my love I give.  
For all my sins I ask Thy forgiveness. Lamb of God, with Thee may I live. *Refrain*

Holy Thou art, beyond understanding, O most blessed Trinity.  
May all the earth and heaven sing praises, now and in eternity. *Refrain*

COMMUNION VERSE

Revelation 19:11-13

Then I saw the heavens opened, and there was a white horse; its rider was [called] “Faithful and True”. He judges and wages war in righteousness. His eyes were [like] a fiery flame, and on His head were many diadems. He had a name inscribed that no one knows except Himself. He wore a cloak that had been dipped in blood, and His Name was called the Word of God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty Father, as we have heard the Word of God and have received the Body and Blood of Your Son, may we be strengthened in spirit and become more zealous in Your holy Church. As we follow the voice of Your Incarnate Word, Jesus Christ, may we continue to build Your Kingdom here on earth. 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: 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 *Sent Forth By God's Blessing*

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Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,  
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.  
The Supper is ended. Oh, now be extended  
the fruits of this service in all who believe.  
The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching,  
shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
Your grace shall incite us, Your love shall unite us  
to work for Your kingdom and answer Your call.

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living,  
the tasks of our everyday life we will face—  
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,  
embracing God's children, the whole human race.  
With Your feast You feed us, with Your light now lead us;  
unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving  
give honor to Christ and His Name that we bear.

POSTLUDE *Toccata in D*

THE ASH GROVE

Gordon Balch Nevin