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PRELUDE *In Pastures Green*

Alexander Schreiner

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, Forgive*

On the Cross, for the sins of man, our Lord was crucified.

On the Cross, with great pains and suffering, He bled and died.

Refrain: Lord, forgive us when we fail Thee;

Lord, forgive when we betray Thee;

Lord, forgive!

With the Cross, hope of all who would confess and come to Him,

With the Cross, He would gather all who would believe in Him. (Refrain)

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INTROIT

Isaiah 43:8-9a; Jeremiah 5:21-22a

C: Lead out the people who are blind though they have eyes; who are deaf though they have ears. Let all the nations gather together, let the peoples assemble! **R: 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?** 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. R. Amen.**

KYRIE

O'Connor

OPENING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, enlighten our minds with Your unchanging truth. Always believing in the Son of God may we be led in the ways of salvation. 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.**

~ LITURGY OF THE WORD ~

FIRST LESSON

1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

The Lord said to Samuel: "Fill your horn with oil, and be on your way. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen my king from among his sons."

As Jesse and his sons came to the sacrifice, Samuel looked at Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is here before him." But the Lord said to Samuel: "Do not judge from his appearance or from his lofty stature, because I have rejected him. Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart." In the same way Jesse presented seven sons before Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any one of these." Then Samuel asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" Jesse replied, "There is still the youngest, who is tending the sheep." Samuel said to Jesse, "Send for him; we will not begin the sacrificial banquet until he arrives here." Jesse sent and had the young man brought to them. He was ruddy, a youth handsome to behold and making a splendid appearance. The Lord said, "There-anoint him, for this is the one!"

Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand, anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and from that day on, the spirit of the Lord rushed upon David.

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

GRADUAL - *Traditional Mass*

Isaiah 42:18, 20; Psalm 148:8; Isaiah 2:5b

C: You who are deaf, listen, you who are blind, look and see! You see many things without taking note; your ears are open, but without hearing. **R: The Lord gives sight to the blind. The Lord raises up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves righteousness. Let us walk in the light of the Lord!**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - *Contemporary*

Psalm 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

The. LORD is my shep-herd; there is noth-ing I shall want.

R. (1) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

In verdant pastures he gives me repose;

beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

He guides me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk in the dark valley

I fear no evil; for you are at my side

With your rod and your staff that give me courage.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes;

you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 5:8-14

Brothers and sisters: You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth. Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness; rather expose them, for it is shameful even to mention the things done by them in secret; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it says: "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light."

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

TRACT

Psalm 36:9-10

C: We feast on the rich food of Your house; from Your delightful stream You give us drink.

R: For with You is the fountain of life, and in Your light we see light.

GOSPEL

John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" — which means Sent —. So he went and washed, and came back able to see.

His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said, "Isn't this the one who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is," but others said, "No, he just looks like him." He said, "I am."

They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see." So some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, because he does not keep the sabbath." But others said, "How can a sinful man do such signs?" And there was a division among them. So they said to the blind man again, "What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

They answered and said to him, "You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?" Then they threw him out.

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him.

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

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

Holy Spirit, Light Divine, come into this heart of mine;
By Thy guidance may I live, and my life in service give.
Holy Spirit, come, I beseech Thee;
Grant Thy gifts of wisdom and mercy.
Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit, come into this heart of mine.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL - *Contemporary Mass*

R: Lord hear our prayer.

~ **LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST** ~

OFFERTORY VERSE

Isaiah 43:7-8

Everyone who is named is Mine, whom I created for My glory, whom I formed and made.
Lead out the people who are blind, though they have eyes, who are deaf though they have ears.

OFFERTORY HYMN (8:00) 168 *Hear Me, Jesus* (1, 3)

Hear me, Jesus, Gracious Savior, all my love to Thee I give.
May Thy Holy precious Body in my heart forever live.

Refrain: Come, my Jesus, come! Come, my Jesus, come!

To my heart so poor and humble, come, my Jesus, come!

Come, O Blessed Bread of Heaven, feed my soul eternally.
Savior, may I find redemption and forever live with Thee. (Refrain)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (9:30) *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

Thomas Tallis

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;
Lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon My breast."
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in Him a resting place, and He has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give
The living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream.
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in Him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light;
Look unto Me; your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found in Him my star, my sun;
And in that light of life I'll walk till trav'ling days are done.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord, our God, You call us from darkness into light. Through the Passion and merits of Your Son may this offering strengthen us when we are tested. 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.**

PREFACE

SANCTUS

Peplowski

~ **CANON** ~

THE LORDS PRAYER

AGNUS DEI

Elfman

POST-COMMUNION HYMN 155 Hallowed Be Forever (1-3)

Hallowed be forever, Living Host Divine,
In which Christ our Savior hidden is sublime.

Refrain: Hail Thou, Jesus, Son of Mary.
Thou art God eternal, wondrous mystery.

Hallowed be forever, Thou angelic Bread,
Sacrament Most Holy, on which we are fed.

Hallowed be forever, Shepherd Crucified.
For us Thou didst suffer, for us Thou hast died. (Refrain)

COMMUNION VERSE

John 12:46

I came into the world as light, so that everyone who believes in Me might not remain in darkness.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty God, Your Son endured the loneliness and darkness of the cross to gain for us eternal life with You. We thank You that in this Eucharist we experience the light of Your countenance and know that we are never abandoned. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the same Holy Spirit, one God, for ever 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 *Awake, O Sleeper*

AMAZING GRACE

Awake, O sleeper, rise from death, and Christ shall give you light;
So learn His love, its length and breadth, its fullness, depth, and height.

Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that He might save;
With kind and gentle hearts forgive as God in Christ forgave.

For us Christ lived, for us He died, and conquered in the strife.
Awake, arise, go forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.

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POSTLUDE *Amazing Grace*

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