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PRELUDE *Prelude in C.*

David N. Johnson

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 *Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive* (1, 2, 4)

TWE DZIECI

“Forgive our sins as we forgive,” You taught us, Lord, to pray;
But You alone can grant us grace to live the words we say, to live the words we say.

How can Your pardon reach and bless the unforgiving heart
That broods on wrongs and will not let old bitterness depart, old bitterness depart?

Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls and bid resentment cease;
Then, bound to all in bonds of love, our lives will spread Your peace, our lives will spread your peace.

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INTROIT

Psalm 113:1-2

C: Praise, you servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord. **R: Blessed be the name of the Lord both now and forever.** 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

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GLORIA

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OPENING PRAYER

All-Knowing Father, Your Son taught us to first seek His kingdom and all other things would be given to us. Help us to seek the riches of Your truth and the wealth of Your grace. 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.**

~ LITURGY OF THE WORD ~

FIRST LESSON

Amos 8:4-7

Hear this, you who trample upon the needy and destroy the poor of the land! “When will the new moon be over,” you ask, “that we may sell our grain, and the Sabbath, that we may display the wheat? We will diminish the ephah, add to the shekel, and fix our scales for cheating! We will buy the lowly for silver, and the poor for a pair of sandals; even the refuse of the wheat we will sell!”

The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Never will I forget a thing they have done!

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

GRADUAL - *Traditional Mass*

Deuteronomy 25:13-14, 16

C: You shall not keep two differing weights in your bag, one large and the other small; nor shall you keep two different measures in your house, one large and the other small. **R: Everyone who is dishonest in any of these matters is an abomination to the Lord, your God.**

Praise the Lord Who lifts up the poor.

Elfman

R. (cf. 1a, 7b) Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

Praise, you servants of the LORD,
 praise the name of the LORD.
 Blessed be the name of the LORD
 both now and forever.

R. Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

High above all nations is the LORD;
 above the heavens is his glory.
 Who is like the LORD, our God, who is enthroned on high
 and looks upon the heavens and the earth below?

R. Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

He raises up the lowly from the dust;
 from the dunghill he lifts up the poor
 to seat them with princes,
 with the princes of his own people.

R. Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

Beloved: First of all, I ask that supplications, prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings be offered for everyone, for kings and for all in authority, that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life in all devotion and dignity. This is good and pleasing to God our Savior, who wills everyone to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth. For there is one God. There is also one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as ransom for all. This was the testimony at the proper time. For this I was appointed preacher and apostle – I am speaking the truth, I am not lying, teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

It is my wish, then, that in every place the men should pray, lifting up holy hands, without anger or argument.

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

ALLELUIA

Sirach 29:11

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

Elfman, based on Mass 16

C: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. **R: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.** C: Dispose of your treasure as the Most High commands, for that will profit you more than the gold. **R: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL

Luke 16:1-13

Jesus said to his disciples, “A rich man had a steward who was reported to him for squandering his property. He summoned him and said, ‘What is this I hear about you? Prepare a full account of your stewardship, because you can no longer be my steward.’ The steward said to himself, ‘What shall I do, now that my master is taking the position of steward away from me? I am not strong enough to dig and I am ashamed to beg. I know what I shall do so that, when I am removed from the stewardship, they may welcome me into their homes.’ He called in his master’s debtors one by one. To the first he said, ‘How much do you owe

my master?’ He replied, ‘One hundred measures of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Here is your promissory note. Sit down and quickly write one for fifty.’ Then to another the steward said, ‘And you, how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘One hundred kors of wheat.’ The steward said to him, ‘Here is your promissory note; write one for eighty.’

And the master commended that dishonest steward for acting prudently. “For the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. I tell you, make friends for yourselves with dishonest wealth, so that when it fails, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings. The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones. If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth, who will trust you with true wealth? If you are not trustworthy with what belongs to another, who will give you what is yours? No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon.”

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, 3)

Holy Spirit, dwell within us. Great Creator, come and teach us.
Send Your grace and consolation. Fill the hearts of Your creation.

Fill our minds, Your light releasing, love within our hearts increasing.
Firm in godliness, You strengthen mortal man with gifts from heaven.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL - *Contemporary Mass*

R: Lord hear our prayer.

~ LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST ~

OFFERTORY VERSE

Proverbs 13:22

The good man leaves an inheritance to his children’s children, but the wealth of the sinner is stored up for the just.

OFFERTORY HYMN *For the Fruit of All Creation*

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
For these gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
Future needs in earth’s safekeeping, thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor, God’s will is done.
In the help we give our neighbor, God’s will is done.
In our world-wide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,
In the harvests we are sharing, God’s will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,
Most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Omniscient Father, receive the offering Your people place before You and make us eager to share in the good things You have given us. 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. **Amen.**

PREFACE

SANCTUS

Englert

~ CANON ~

THE LORDS PRAYER

AGNUS DEI

Alstott

POST-COMMUNION HYMN (8:00) 160 *We Kneel Before You* (verses as needed)

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.

You are our True God, holy forever.
Be, Lord, our refuge, Mighty Defender.
Save Your creation from fatal outcome,
And in adversity, be our contentment.

Fall down on bended knee before Your Savior.
Hold fast within your heart His Wondrous Presence.
Sing of His glory with songs of gladness.
He is Your Father; He is your friend.

POST-COMMUNION ANTHEM (9:30) *Rise, O Sun of Righteousness* Bohemian
Brethren, Kirchengesang, 1566

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Rise, O Sun of Righteousness; with Your might creation bless.
Shine upon Your Church today, showing all Your gentle way. Have mercy, Lord.
Rouse our hearts from slumber deep. May Your word within us leap.
Give us voices to proclaim praises to Your holy Name. Have mercy, Lord.
Gather in Your scattered flock. Give us water from the rock.
Bless the unity we share in our Shepherd's loving care. Have mercy, Lord.
Burst the bars of stubborn pride. Make the heav'nly pathway wide.
Raise us up from sin and death with Your Spirit's living breath. Have mercy, Lord.
Honor, praise and glory be to the Holy Trinity!
May Your gracious will be done. Make us one, as You are one. Have mercy, Lord.

The Cathedral Chorale

COMMUNION VERSE

Proverbs 11:28

He who trusts in his riches will fall, but like green leaves the just flourish.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord, Jesus Christ, You have fed us at Your Holy Table and have blessed us with abundance. Help us to use our riches rightly and generously, so that, having used perishable things to Your glory, we may at last gain the imperishable inheritance of Your kingdom. For You live with the Father 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 228 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* (1-3)

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, praising Thee, their Sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee; earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays.
Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, blooming meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest;
Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest.
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, all who love in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other; lift us to the joy divine.

POSTLUDE *Offertory in G.*

Henry Heron