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PRELUDE *Prayer to Our Lady*

Léon Boëllmann

## **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.*

VIDI AQUAM (*I saw water*) **(9:30)** Page 12 in the tan pew book

OPENING HYMN 266 (1-Polish 2-English) *Mary Dear*

Witaj Maryjo, śliczna Pani, do Ciebie wołamy.  
Wśród tej ziemi my wygnani ku tobie wzdychamy.  
O Maryjo, witaj nam, Tys nadzieja cała,  
Witaj nam, O Maryjo, chwała tobie, chwała.  
(O Maryjo, witaj nam, O Maryjo, witaj nam,  
Witaj nam O Maryjo, chwała tobie, chwała!)

Mary dear, most beautiful Virgin, on this day we greet thee.  
From this world of sin and sadness we would sing Thy glory.  
Mother dear, we ask of thee, on this day be with us.  
Mother dear, on this day we sing thy praise and glory.  
(Mother dear, we honor thee, Mother dear, we honor thee,  
Mother dear, on this day we sing thy praise and glory!)

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INTROIT

Psalm 27:7-9

C: Hear my voice, Lord, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me. “Come,” says my heart, “seek God’s face;” Your face, Lord, do I seek! Alleluia. **R: Do not hide Your face from me; do not repel Your servant in anger. You are my help; do not cast me off; do not forsake me, God my Savior. 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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OPENING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, You promised that when we seek You with all our heart, we will find You. Give us such a total desire for You that we will not cease our search until You show us Your salvation and reveal Your presence. 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.**

## ~ LITURGY OF THE WORD ~

FIRST LESSON

Acts 6:1-7

As the number of disciples continued to grow, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. So the Twelve called together the community of the disciples and said, “It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to serve at table. Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint to this task, whereas we shall devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.” The proposal was acceptable to the whole community, so they chose Stephen, a man filled with faith and the Holy Spirit, also Philip, Prochurus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicholas of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these men to the apostles who prayed and laid hands on them. The word of God continued to spread, and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem increased greatly; even a large group of priests were becoming obedient to the faith.

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

GRADUAL - *Traditional Mass*

Numbers 6:24-26

C: The Lord bless you and keep you! The Lord let His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! Alleluia! **R: The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace! Alleluia!**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - *Contemporary Mass*

Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19

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**R. Lord, let your mer - cy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**

**R. (22) Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**

Exult, you just, in the LORD;  
praise from the upright is fitting.  
Give thanks to the LORD on the harp;  
with the ten-stringed lyre chant his praises.

**R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**

Upright is the word of the LORD,  
and all his works are trustworthy.  
He loves justice and right;  
of the kindness of the LORD the earth is full.

**R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**

See, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear him,  
upon those who hope for his kindness,  
To deliver them from death  
and preserve them in spite of famine.

**R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**

SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 2: 4-9

Beloved: Come to him, a living stone, rejected by human beings but chosen and precious in the sight of God, and, like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it says in Scripture: ‘Behold, I am laying a stone in Zion, a cornerstone, chosen and precious, and

whoever believes in it shall not be put to shame.’ Therefore, its value is for you who have faith, but for those without faith: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone, a stone that will make people stumble, and a rock that will make them fall.’ They stumble by disobeying the word, as is their destiny.

You are “a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may announce the praises” of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

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

ALLELUIA

John 6:45-46



C: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. **R: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.** C: It is written in the prophets: “They shall all be taught by God.” Everyone who listens to My Father and learns from Him comes to Me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the One Who is from God; He has seen the Father. **R: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL

John14:1-12

Jesus said to his disciples: “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way.” Thomas said to him, “Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” Philip said to him, “Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us.” Jesus said to

him, “have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me is doing his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else, believe because of the works themselves. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father.”

*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;  
Send 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

2 Corinthians 4:6

For God Who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to bring to light the knowledge of the glory of God on the face of Jesus Christ. Alleluia.

#### OFFERTORY HYMN (8:00) 176 How Lovely Are Your Dwelling Places (1, 2)

O Lord, how lovely are Your dwelling places!  
Happy the soul that finds itself within.  
Great as You are, You chose to dwell among us;  
With eyes of faith, we sense Your presence here.

*Refrain:* Here in Your heart a spring opens up; / Unending love flows forth from Your side.  
Wounded for sinners, Jesus, my King, / In my poor soul, Lord, come and abide.

Finding You here, the trembling heart rejoices,  
The faithful soul has heaven on the earth.  
Yearning, the exile finds Your spring of sweetness,  
Pain disappears, and mourning turns to mirth. *Refrain*

#### OFFERTORY ANTHEM (9:30) Built on a Rock Ludvig M. Lindeman Text reprinted under OneLicense A-275360. All rights reserved.

Built on a Rock the Church shall stand, / Even when steeples are falling.  
Crumbled have spires in every land; / Bells are still chiming and calling—  
Calling the young and old to rest, / Calling the souls of those distressed,  
Longing for life everlasting.

Christ builds a house of living stones: / We are His own habitation;  
He fills our hearts, His humble thrones, / Granting us life and salvation.  
Where two of three will seek His face, / He in their midst will show His grace,  
Blessings upon them bestowing.

Through all the passing years, O Lord, / Grant that, when church bells are ringing,  
Many will come to hear your Word, / Who here this promise is bringing:  
“I know My own, My own know Me; / You, not the world, My face shall see.  
My peace I leave with you. Amen.”

The Cathedral Chorale

#### PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord our God, sanctify these gifts and purify our hearts. Placing our needs before You may we walk with the light of Your countenance. 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

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THE LORDS PRAYER

AGNUS DEI

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POST-COMMUNION HYMN 176 *How Lovely Are Thy Dwelling Places* (3, 4)

O dearest Jesus, here amid this silence,  
Blest is the shade You cast on those who serve.  
Better is one day spent within Your Presence  
Than endless years of happiness on earth.

*Refrain:* Here in Your heart a spring opens up;  
Unending love flows forth from Your side.  
Wounded for sinners, Jesus, my King,  
In my poor soul, Lord, come and abide.

Lord, we implore You by Your heart most holy,  
Source of all goodness, throne of boundless love:  
Lead us to heaven by Your gracious mercy,  
That we might dwell eternally above. *Refrain*

COMMUNION VERSE

John 1:18

No one has ever seen God. The only Son, God, Who is at the Father's side, has revealed Him. Alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord Jesus, You are the Word of God fully known, the mystery hidden for ages, the cornerstone of our salvation, and now revealed in the Holy Eucharist we have shared. Through Your Holy Resurrection, build us into a living temple to contain the glory of God. For You live and reign with the Father 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! **R: Thanks be to God. 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 *Now All the Vault of Heav'n Resounds*

Now all the vault of heav'n resounds  
In praise of love that still abounds:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!  
Repeat their song of glory here:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Eternal is the gift He brings;  
Therefore our heart with rapture sings:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Now still he comes to give us life  
And by His Presence stills all strife.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;  
Set heart and will on things above,  
That we conquer through Your triumph:  
Grant grace sufficient for life's day,  
That by our lives we truly say:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE *Festive Processional*

Franklin D. Ashdown