

# St. Stanislaus Cathedral

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PRELUDE *Andante from the Fourth Organ Symphony*

Charles-Marie Widor

## 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 195 *Morning Hymn* (1, 2)

Lord, this morn we raise our voices as the world in song rejoices.

[: All the works of Your creation join to sing in adoration.:]

You have formed us, God our Savior, overwhelmed us with Your favor.

[: Blessed with gifts beyond all measure, may we praise You now and ever.:]

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INTROIT

1 John 4:7, 9

C: Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. **R: In this way the love of God was revealed to us; God sent His only Son into the world so that we might have life through Him.** 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

Englert

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty Father, through Jesus Christ You revealed that the greatest law is love of You and our neighbors. In flame our hearts with the fire of Your Holy Love and so strengthen our love for one another. 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

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers the day I took them by the hand to lead them forth from the land of Egypt; for they broke My covenant, and I had to show Myself their master, says the Lord. But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord. I will place My law within them, and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be My people. No longer will they have need to teach their friends and kinsmen how to know the Lord. All, from the least to the greatest, shall know Me, says the Lord, for I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sins no more.

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

GRADUAL - *Traditional Mass*

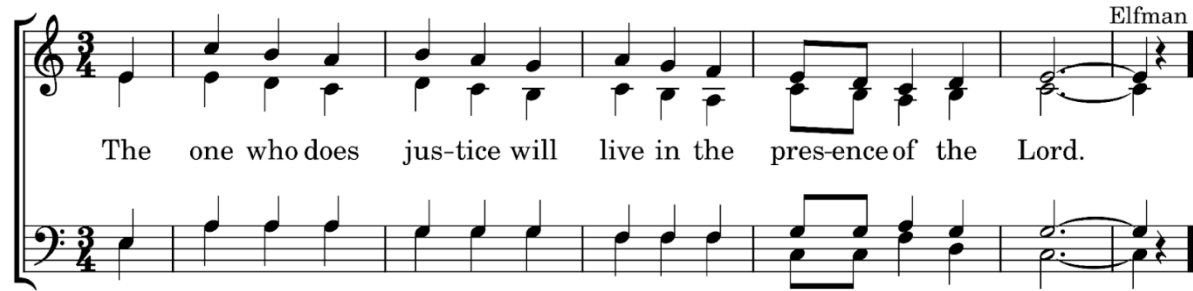
Luke 17:3b-4

C: If your brother sins, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him. **R: And if he wrongs you seven times in one day and returns to you seven times saying, “I am sorry,” you should forgive him.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - *Contemporary*

Psalm 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5

Elfman



The one who does jus-tice will live in the pres-ence of the Lord.

**R. (1a) The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.**

Whoever walks blamelessly and does justice;  
who thinks the truth in his heart  
and slanders not with his tongue.

**R. The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.**

Who harms not his fellow man,  
nor takes up a reproach against his neighbor;  
by whom the reprobate is despised,  
while he honors those who fear the LORD.

**R. The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.**

Who lends not his money at usury  
and accepts no bribe against the innocent.

Whoever does these things  
shall never be disturbed.

**R. The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.**

SECOND LESSON

1 John 4:17-21

Our love is brought to perfection in this; that we should have confidence on the day of judgment; for our relation to this world is just like His. Love has no room for fear; rather, perfect love casts out all fear. And since fear has to do with punishment, love is not yet perfect in one who is afraid. We, for our part, love because He first loved us. If anyone says, “My love is fixed on God,” yet hates his brother, he is a liar. One who has no love for his brother he has seen, cannot love the God he has not seen. The commandment from Him is this: “Whoever loves God must also love his brother.”

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

ALLELUIA

John 15:17

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: This I command you: love one another. **R: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL

Luke 10:25-37

On one occasion a lawyer stood up to pose this problem to Jesus: “Teacher, what must I do to inherit everlasting life?” Jesus answered him: “What is written in the law? How do you read it?” He replied: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.”

Jesus said, “You have answered correctly. Do this and you shall live.” But because he wished to justify himself he said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” Jesus replied: “There was a man going down from Jerusalem to Jericho who fell in with robbers. They stripped him, beat him, and then went off leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road; he saw him but continued on. Likewise there was a Levite who came the same way; he saw him and went on. But a Samaritan who was journeying along came on him and was

moved to pity at the sight. He approached him and dressed his wounds, pouring in oil and wine as a means to heal. He then hoisted him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, where he cared for him. The next day he took out two silver pieces and gave them to the innkeeper with the request: 'Look after him, and if there is any further expense I will repay you on my way back.' Which of these three, in your opinion was neighbor to the man who fell in with the robbers?"

The answer came, "The one who treated him with compassion." Jesus said to him, "Then go and do the same."

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

HYMN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT *Come, Thou Creator*

Come, Thou Creator Spirit blest, and in our hearts take up Thy rest;  
Come with Thy grace and heav'nly aid, come with Thy grace and heav'nly aid  
To fill the hearts which Thou hast made.

Great Paraclete, to Thee we cry, O highest Gift of God Most High:  
O living Fount, O Fire of love, O living Fount, O Fire of love  
And sweet anointing from above.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL - *Contemporary Mass*

**R: Lord hear our prayer.**

~ **LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST** ~

OFFERTORY VERSE

1 John 4:10-11

In this is love; not that we have loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as expiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also must love one another.

OFFERTORY HYMN *Draw Us in The Spirit's Tether*

HEAR ME, JESUS

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Draw us in the Spirit's tether, for, when humbly in Thy Name,  
Two or three are met together, Thou art in the midst of them.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Touch we now Thy garment's hem, alleluia!

As disciples used to gather, in the Name of Christ to sup,  
Then with thanks to God the Father, break the Bread and bless the Cup.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! So now bind our friendship up, alleluia!

All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of You,  
That by caring, helping, giving, we may be disciples true.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve with faith anew, alleluia!

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

All-loving Father, Your Son taught us to love You and our brothers and sisters. May this offering serve to bring us closer to You and to one another. 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

Englert

~ **CANON** ~

THE LORDS PRAYER

AGNUS DEI

Alstott

POST-COMMUNION HYMN (8:00) *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;  
The unity of heart and mind is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear,  
And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin, we shall be free,  
And perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

POST-COMM. ANTHEM (9:30) *Lord, You Have Searched Me (Psalm 139)* Elfman  
*Commissioned for the Right Reverend Bernard Nowicki in the fiftieth anniversary year of his ordination to the priesthood in the Polish National Catholic Church (2017). Thirteen years ago today, September 14<sup>th</sup>, he was consecrated a bishop of the Church.*

Lord, you have searched me and known me; You know when I rise up;  
You know when I lie down; You discern my purpose from afar.  
You trace my journeys and my resting places and are acquainted with all my ways.  
Before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, You know it through and through.  
You encompass me behind and before.  
Such knowledge is too wonderful; it is so high that I cannot attain to it.  
Where can I go, then, from Your Spirit? Where can I flee from Your presence?  
If I climb up to heaven, You are there; if I make my bed in the grave, You are there also.  
If I take the wings of morning and dwell in the uttermost part of the sea,  
Even there Your hand will lead me, Your right hand hold me fast.  
Search me out, O God, and know my heart;  
Try me and know my restless thoughts.  
See if there be any wickedness in me, and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

The Cathedral Chorale

COMMUNION VERSE

Hebrews 7:25

Jesus is always able to save those who approach God through Him, since He lives forever to make intercession for them.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty and merciful Father, may this Eucharist which is a pledge and sign of Your love for us, help us to draw closer to You and to one another. Help us to forgive the faults of our brothers and sisters as You have promised to forgive us. 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.**

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 *They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love*

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We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored,

*Refrain:* And they'll know we are Christians by our love,  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

(We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand)  
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land **R**

(We will work with each other, we will work side by side)  
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride, **R**

POSTLUDE *Toccata in Em*

Johann Pachelbel