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PRELUDE *Salvation Unto Us Has Come*

setting, J. S. Bach

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 *What Is This Star?*

What is this star aglow in the heavens, spreading its glow o'er all the earth?
Prophets of old have foreseen its coming, showing the way to man's rebirth.
Kings from the Far East crossing the desert followed its light to Bethlehem.
There in a manger, wrapped up in swaddling, found Christ the Savior, Prince of Peace.

O star of heaven, light of salvation, send down on us your rays of joy.
We need your guidance and your protection, if Heaven's gift we would enjoy.
Mankind, take heed of this sign from Heaven, sent down for all to hail His birth.
He who descended gives us assurance of our achieving peace on earth.

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INTROIT

Psalm 27:1

C: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom do I fear? **R: The Lord is my life's refuge; of whom am I afraid?** 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

O'Connor

GLORIA

Englert

OPENING PRAYER

God our Father, Your Son called us to be evangelists of Your Kingdom and bearers of Your Good News. Renew the spirit of faith and service in us so that our witness may turn many to Your light and peace. 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

Isaiah 8:23-9, 3

First the Lord degraded the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali; but in the end he has glorified the seaward road, the land west of the Jordan, the District of the Gentiles. Anguish has taken wing, dispelled is darkness: for there is no gloom where but now there was distress. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; Upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone. You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing, as they rejoice before you as at the harvest, as people make merry when dividing spoils. For the yoke that burdened them, the pole on their shoulder, and the rod of their taskmaster you have smashed, as on the day of Midian.

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

GRADUAL - *Traditional Mass*

Psalm 22:27-28

C: The poor will eat their fill; those who seek the Lord will offer praise. May your hearts enjoy life forever! **R: All the ends of the earth will worship and turn to the Lord; All the families of nations will bow low before You.**



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R. (1a) The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The LORD is my light and my salvation;
 whom should I fear?

The LORD is my life's refuge;
 of whom should I be afraid?

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

One thing I ask of the LORD; this I seek:
 To dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,
 That I may gaze on the loveliness of the LORD
 and contemplate his temple.

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

I believe that I shall see the bounty of the LORD
 in the land of the living.

Wait for the LORD with courage;
 be stouthearted, and wait for the LORD.

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

I urge you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree in what you say, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and in the same purpose. For it has been reported to me about you, my brothers and sisters, by Chloe's people, that there are rivalries among you. I mean that each of you is saying, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with the wisdom of human eloquence, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its meaning.

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

C: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. **R: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.** C: The Lord had done great things for us; Oh, how happy we were! **R: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL

Matthew 4:12-23

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, He withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what had been said through Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the way to the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death light has arisen." From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fisherman. He said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed him. He walked along from there and saw two other brothers, James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They were in a boat, with their father Zebedee, mending their nets. He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him. He went around all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness among the people.

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

Tobit 13:6e

“Turn back, you sinners! Do the right before Him: perhaps He may look with favor upon you and show you mercy.

OFFERTORY HYMN (8:00) *The People that in Darkness Sat*

AMAZING GRACE

The people that in darkness sat a glorious light have seen;
The Light has shined on them who long in shades of death have been.

To hail Thee, Sun of Righteousness, the gathering nations come,
With joy as when the reapers bear their harvest treasures home.

For unto us a Child is born, to us a Son is giv'n,
And on His shoulder ever rests all pow'r in earth and heav'n.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (9:30) *The Lord Is My Light*

Lillian Bouknight

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The Lord is my light and my salvation. Whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the strength of my life. Whom shall I fear?
In the time of trouble, He shall hide me. Whom shall I fear?
Wait on the Lord and be of good courage. He shall strengthen thy heart.

The Cathedral Chorale

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Heavenly Father, accept this offering and grant to us and to Your Church the grace to engage in a bold and daring evangelism. May we, who attempt great things for You, also expect great things from You. 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.**

PREFACE

SANCTUS

Mushalko/Harrig

~ CANON ~

THE LORDS PRAYER

AGNUS DEI

Elfman

POST-COMMUNION HYMN 231 *The Church's One Foundation* (1, 2, 4 as needed)

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation by water and the word.
From heav'n He came and sought her to be His holy Bride;
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy Name she blesses; partakes one holy food;
And to one hope she presses with ev'ry grace endued.

Yet she on earth hath union with God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace, that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee.

COMMUNION VERSE

Psalm 27:14

Wait for the Lord, take courage; be stouthearted, wait for the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us for we have known Your will but failed to do it. By the power of this Holy Eucharist, cleanse us from indifference and fill us with zeal that we may bring others to a knowledge of You. For You live and reign with the Father and the 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 51 *Once a Bright Star* (1, 3)

Once a bright star pierced the darkness shining over Bethlehem.
Star-veiled angels proclaimed blessings and salvation unto men.
O'er the lowly stable's manger that concealed God's own true Son
Beamed the beacon bright with promised joy and peace for everyone.

At the sight of Christ's pure light, let chains and shackles fall away.
At His dawning, let all mourning flee as darkness does the day.
Then may we be all enraptured and be reborn from above,
So, transformed into God's people, may we live a Christ-like love.

POSTLUDE *Voluntary in G*

Henry Heron