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PRELUDE *Prelude and Fugue in A minor*

Johann K. F. Fischer

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 180 *Come Unto Jesus* (1, 3)

Come unto Jesus, come while you may; hear how He calls you, come, now, this day.
How He does love you! Follow His way. Gently He calls you, Come!

Refrain: Lo, the vision wondrous to behold! He would save us from this sinful world.
To heaven's blessed glory untold, O dearest Lord, we come!

Come, fallen sinner, come, while you may! Christ will accept you! Do not delay!
Tears of repentance He wipes away. Trust in Him only! Come! (*Refrain*)

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INTROIT

Psalm 146:9-10

C: The Lord protects the stranger, sustains the orphan and the widow, but thwarts the way of the wicked. **R: The Lord shall reign forever, your God, Zion, through all generations. Hallelujah!** 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

Heavenly Father, Your Son has taught us that all we possess we have in trust from You. Help us to be faithful in our stewardship so that in earning, we may be just, and in spending, honorable. May we not seek our own indulgence, but Your glory and the good of others. 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 6:1, 4-7

Thus says the Lord, the God of hosts: Woe to the complacent in Zion! Lying upon beds of ivory, stretched comfortably on their couches, they eat lambs taken from the flock, and calves from the stall! Improvising to the music of the harp, like David, they devise their own accompaniment. They drink wine from bowls and anoint themselves with the best oils; yet they are not made ill by the collapse of Joseph! Therefore, now they shall be the first to go into exile, and their wanton revelry shall be done away with.

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

GRADUAL - *Traditional Mass*

Psalm 146:5-7a

C: Happy those whose help is Jacob's God, whose hope is in the Lord their God. **R: The Maker of heaven and earth, the seas and all that is in them, Who keeps faith forever.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - *Contemporary*

Psalm 146:7, 8-9, 9-10

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R. (1b) Praise the Lord, my soul!

Blessed is he who keeps faith forever,
 secures justice for the oppressed,
 gives food to the hungry.
 The LORD sets captives free.

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

The LORD gives sight to the blind;
 the LORD raises up those who were bowed down.
 The LORD loves the just;
 the LORD protects strangers.

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

The fatherless and the widow he sustains,
 but the way of the wicked he thwarts.
 The LORD shall reign forever;
 your God, O Zion, through all generations. Alleluia.

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

SECOND LESSON

1 Timothy 6:11-16

But you, man of God, pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness. Compete well for the faith. Lay hold of eternal life, to which you were called when you made the noble confession in the presence of many witnesses. I charge you before God, who gives life to all things, and before Christ Jesus, who gave testimony under Pontius

Pilate for the noble confession, to keep the commandment without stain or reproach until the appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ that the blessed and only ruler will make manifest at the proper time, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in

unapproachable light, and whom no human being has seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal power. Amen.

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

ALLELUIA

Proverbs 21:13

Elfman, based on Mass 16



C: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. **R: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.** C: He who shuts his ear to the cry of the poor will himself also call and not be heard. **R: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL

Luke 16:19-31

Jesus said to the Pharisees: “There was a rich man who dressed in purple garments and fine linen and dined sumptuously each day. And lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who would gladly have eaten his fill of the scraps that fell from the rich man’s table. Dogs even used to come and lick his sores.

When the poor man died, he was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried, and from the netherworld, where he was in torment, he raised his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. And he cried out, ‘Father Abraham, have pity on me. Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am suffering torment in these flames.’ Abraham replied, ‘My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established to prevent anyone from crossing who might wish to go from our side to yours or from your side to ours.’

He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, send him to my father’s house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they too come to this place of torment.’ But Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets. Let them listen to them.’ He said, ‘Oh no, father

Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ Then Abraham said, ‘If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.’”

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

HYMN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT 42 *Holy Spirit, Come Inspire Us*

Holy Spirit, come inspire us. Send Your sevenfold gifts upon us.
(As we hear Your word most solemn, Teach our hearts to know Your wisdom.)

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL - *Contemporary Mass*

R: Lord hear our prayer.

~ LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST ~

OFFERTORY VERSE

Proverbs 21:3

To do what is right and just is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice.

OFFERTORY HYMN (8:00) 159 *Jesus, My Lord and Savior*

Jesus, my Lord and Savior, here would I worship Thee.
All that I have I give Thee, for Thou didst die for me.
Here in this Bread of Heaven, here in this Host Divine,
Thanksgiving, praise, and honor be every moment Thine.
All my vain pride I humble, all my poor self I give
Unto my Lord and Savior, that with Him I may live.

Hosanna in the highest! Angelic choirs do sing,
Glorious praise unceasing to Christ our Lord and King,
Setting for us a standard as we our songs employ,
Bringing us closer to Him, filling us with His joy.
He knows the tears of suffering through His own earthly life.
With trembling heart we praise Him, telling Him of our strife.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (9:30) *What Does the Lord Require of You?* Jim Strathdee

What does the Lord require of you? What does the Lord require of you?
To seek justice and love kindness and walk humbly with your God.

The Cathedral Chorale

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord our God, accept the gifts of praise and thanksgiving which we offer You for Your great mercies already afforded us. Let us be thankful for what You have given us and make us mindful of the needs of others. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

PREFACE

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~ CANON ~

THE LORDS PRAYER

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POST-COMMUNION HYMN 161 *Who, O Lord, Would Not Love You?*

Refrain: Who, O Lord, would not love You, Love before creation?
For You took upon Yourself our improv'rish station.

Lamb of God so peaceful, wond'rous mystery,
With You as our Savior, fear there cannot be. *Refrain*

Through Your love unending, miracle divine,
You revive my spirit with Your food sublime. *Refrain*

With Your Blood and Body you feed us in love.
By Your Holy Presence earth is heav'n above! *Refrain*

COMMUNION VERSE

Proverbs 22:22-23

Injure not the poor because they are poor, nor crush the needy at the gate; for the Lord will defend their cause, and will plunder the lives of those who plunder them.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Compassionate Lord Jesus, give us, who have received Your Body and Blood, the grace to see You in all who are poor and to always be ready to love and serve them for Your sake. 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: 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 *Let Justice Flow Like Streams*

AMAZING GRACE

Let justice flow like rushing streams of sparkling water, pure,
Enabling growth, refreshing life, abundant, cleansing, sure.

Let righteousness roll on, roll on, as others' cares we heed,
An ever-flowing stream of faith translated into deed.

So may God's plumb-line measure truth in everything we do,
And justice, right, and peace pervade this world our whole life through.

POSTLUDE *Toccata in F*

Dieterich Buxtehude