

**MELODY FOR THE
SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE
HOLY GREAT FAST**

The Man Born Blind

Old Refrain:

Blessed are those who have mercy
Who give to the poor and fast and pray
The Holy Spirit will fill their hearts
The Son will show them mercy on Judgment Day

New Refrain:

Blessed are those who have mercy
From God they shall obtain mercy
On Judgment Day Christ will set them apart
May His Holy Spirit fill all their heart.

1. Fasting, O God's faithful people
Helps us overcome Satan's evil
Our holy God made fasting for us all
Life and salvation for every soul

2. God made man from the dust of the ground
Only in man can reason be found
Jesus one day went to a place
To teach the multitudes about the faith

3. As Jesus passed by, He saw a man
Who had been blind since his life began
Jesus, moved with compassion and pity
Upon the man showed great mercy

4. He spat on the ground and He made clay
And anointed the man who then washed it away
The man, born blind, received his sight
Through our God's power and might

5. As he went back, the people said:
"Is this not the blind man who sat and begged?
How then is this man able to see
Since he was born blind certainly?"

6. People disagreed on the man's identity
Some said: "He resembles the blind man closely."
"This is the blind man himself", others said
"And we can see it very clearly," they pled

7. They went out, for the truth seeking
And asked what had been done by Christ the King
Great were the answers the blind man did say
With humility on that Sabbath day
8. This was the sign that God is mighty
It showed His will and great glory
Our God is the only One who is eternal
Worshipped and glorified by all people
9. The people went to the Pharisees to ask:
“How can a man accomplish such a task?!”
They marveled as they were saying:
“This is not the act of a human being.”
10. “This man is a sinner”, they did say
“How can he heal the blind man on the Sabbath day?!”
They ran to the blind man and asked him again:
“How did this miracle happen?”
11. Since they could not reach an agreement
They went and questioned his parents:
“Is this your son born with no eyes
And now on his own eyesight he relies?”
12. His parents said without hesitation:
“This is our son born without vision
We know this much, but we do not know
To whom or what this great deed we owe.”
13. The parents of the blind man spoke truly
But could not speak of Jesus openly
For the Jews had agreed before asking
To punish anyone who believes in Christ the King
14. The people called the blind man again,
And said of one fact they are certain:
“That Jesus Christ is a sinner
And cannot be a miracle-worker.”
15. “One thing I know, I can certainly say:
I was blind, now I see the light of day
Whether this man is a sinner I do not know
I gave you the truth,” the blind man told them so

16. Then they proceeded with their questioning:
“How could you have been blind and now seeing?”
He told them: “You did not listen to me
What happened, I have told you already”
17. “Time after time you inquired
Is becoming His disciples your desire?”
They then reviled him, and their answer was:
“We are Moses’ disciples and respect his laws.”
18. They again said with persistence:
“We know that God gave Moses the Commandments
So we always keep the Sabbath day,
But you followed that man and did not obey.”
19. “I am amazed,” the blind man did proclaim
“How could you make such an unjust claim?
We know that God does not hear a sinner,
But He hears anyone who is a worshipper.”
20. They told him: “You were born in sin
The same way your ancestors have been
How dare you teach us to be devout?”
Then the Pharisees cast the blind man out.
21. Jesus found the man when He heard
“Do you believe in the Son of God?” He inquired
The man said: “Who is He, that I may believe?”
Jesus said: “He is the One by whom these words you receive.”
22. We believe that God’s divinity
Parted not from His humanity
So Jesus told the blind His plan:
That He came to the world to judge every man
23. We do not worship two different gods
Neither do we worship a two-natured god
We worship the One true God only
In this faith, steady and strong are we
24. From the devil let us speedily flee
Now that God’s great power we can see
Let us not be like those who did not trust
And clung to accusations false and unjust

25. Let us fast honestly and faithfully
Not like those who fast insincerely
The Lord talked to His people with regret
Through the son of Amoz, Isaiah the prophet:
26. “Forty years have gone and passed
And you have not to Me offered a fast
You eat your fattened cows every day
And claim that you are fasting for Me this way
27. The fast that I have chosen for you
Is when your neighbor’s heavy burden you undo
When you bring to your house the sick and needy
And when you share your bread with the hungry.”
28. Fasting and prayer will make us win
The grace of God without falling into sin
Let us listen to His word and commandment
And obey our Lord each and every moment
29. Our Lord, the Lover of Mankind
Who fasted to erase the sin from our mind
Chase away from us the evil entailing death
And make us steady in the love of our faith
30. Protect our churches from the devil’s ways
Protect our patriarch and keep him safe always
Our bishops give them power and their lives bless
Our priests and deacons grant them forgiveness