

**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