

# The Holy Eucharist

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent

Feb. 21, 2021

## Opening Rites

### Prelude

Welcome back church family! While today is cause for celebration, today also marks the first Sunday of reflection and repentance as we observe the season of Lent. We may feel that it is untimely but, in fact, to restart with contrite hearts is a good and sober exercise before we move ahead. As Joel 2:13 says,

“Rend your hearts and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.”

Let us stand for our opening song.

### Opening Song

#### Greeting

*All standing*

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

V. I was glad when they said to me,

R. “Let us go to the house of the Lord.”

V. O come, let us sing to the Lord;

R. Let us shout for joy to the Almighty Savior.

V. God is spirit.

R. Those who worship Him must worship in spirit and in truth.

V. Praise be to God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

R. And praise be to His kingdom now and forever.

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;  
*People* His mercy endures forever.

*The Celebrant says following prayer*

Almighty God, to You all hearts are open, all desires known, and from You no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Celebrant* The Lord, the King of heaven and earth is here. Let us call to Him—the God of our salvation by using the Kyrie responsively.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

### **Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as You know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find You mighty to save; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*The Celebrant says the Collect.*

*People* Amen.

## The Liturgy of the Word

### **The Lessons**

*Genesis 9:8-17*

8 Then God spoke to Noah and to his sons with him, saying: 9 “And as for Me, behold, I establish My covenant with you and with your descendants after you, 10 and with every living creature that is with you: the birds, the cattle, and every beast of the earth with you, of all that go out of the ark, every beast of the earth. 11 Thus I establish My covenant with you: Never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood; never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” 12 And God said: “This is the sign of the covenant which I make between Me and you, and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations: 13 I set My rainbow in the cloud, and it shall be for the sign of the covenant between Me and the earth. 14 It shall be, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the rainbow shall be seen in the cloud; 15 and I will remember My covenant which is between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh; the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. 16 The rainbow shall be in the cloud, and I will look on it to remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” 17 And God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant which I have established between Me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

*Reader* The word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*1 Peter 3:18-22*

18 For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit, 19 by whom also He went and preached to the spirits in prison, 20 who formerly were disobedient, [b]when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water. 21 There is also an antitype which now saves us—baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 22 who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him.

*Reader* The word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

### **The Gospel**

*Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 5:17-26

*People* Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

*Luke 5:17-26*

17 Now it happened on a certain day, as He was teaching, that there were Pharisees and teachers of the law sitting by, who had come out of every town of Galilee, Judea, and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was present to heal them. 18 Then behold, men brought on a bed a man who was paralyzed, whom they sought to bring in and lay before Him. 19 And when they could not find how they might bring him in, because of the crowd, they went up on the housetop and let him down with his bed through the tiling into the midst before Jesus. 20 When He saw their faith, He said to him, “Man, your sins are forgiven you.” 21 And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, “Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?” 22 But when Jesus perceived their thoughts, He answered and said to them, “Why are you reasoning in your hearts? 23 Which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Rise up and walk’? 24 But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins”—He said to the man who was paralyzed, “I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.” 25 Immediately he rose up before them, took up what he had been lying on, and departed to his own house, glorifying God. 26 And they were all amazed, and they glorified God and were filled with fear, saying, “We have seen strange things today!”

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

### **The Sermon**

## **The Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.

Through Him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation

He came down from heaven:

conceived by the Holy Spirit

He became incarnate from the virgin Mary,  
and was made man.

For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day He rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **The Prayers of the People**

- V. Father, we pray for Your holy catholic Church;  
R. That we may be one.
- V. Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve You;  
R. That Your Name may be glorified by all people.
- V. We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
R. That they may be faithful ministers of Your Word and Sacraments.
- V. We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
R. That there may be justice and peace on the earth.
- V. Give us grace to do Your will in all that we undertake;  
R. That our works may find favor in Your sight.
- V. Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
R. That they may be delivered from their distress.
- V. We praise You for Your saints who have entered into joy;  
R. May we also come to share in Your heavenly kingdom.
- V. Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

*Celebrant*

Heavenly Father, You have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of Your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as You know and love us in Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **Confession**

*Celebrant*

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:8-9

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Minister and People*

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, we pray You of Your mercy: forgive what we have been, amend what we are, direct what we shall be; that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Name. Amen.

*The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

### **Prayer of Humble Access**

Most merciful Lord, we do not trust in our own merits to come to Your table, but in Your boundless grace. You have invited us to come to the table of the Kingdom of Heaven. Help us to partake of the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that we may ever-more live in Him, and He in us. Amen.

### **The Peace**

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

Our Lord Jesus Christ says: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you."

*Celebrant*        The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*         And also with you.

*The people exchange the peace of the Lord.*

## **The Liturgy of the Eucharist**

### **Offertory**

*During the Offertory, a hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung.*

*Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings to the celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.*

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due His Name; bring offering and come into His courts. *Psalm 96:8*

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and says*

The Lord be with you.

*People*        And also with you.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People*        We lift them up to the Lord.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*        It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Here a proper preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.*

Therefore, we praise You, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of Your Name:

*Celebrant and People*

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of hosts,  
heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.  
Glory be to Thee, O Lord Most High! Amen.

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In Your infinite love You made us in Your image, and, when we fell into sin and become subject to evil and death, You, in Your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, Your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us. He stretched out His arms upon the cross, and offered Himself, in obedience to Your will, a perfect sacrifice for all mankind, to reconcile us to You, the God and Father of all.

On the night He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when He had given thanks to You, He broke it, and gave it to His disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper He took the cup of wine; and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving and we offer You these gifts, recalling His death, resurrection, and ascension.

Sanctify them by Your Holy Spirit to be for Your people the Body and Blood of Your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve You in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all Your saints into the joy of Your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Your Son Jesus Christ. All honor and glory is Yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. *Amen.*

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,  
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive

those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

V. We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

R. Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.*

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words*

The Body & Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. *Amen.*

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

Eternal God, heavenly Father, You have graciously accepted us as living members of Your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and You have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of His Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve You with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **The Blessing**

*The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, may bless the people with either of the following*

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

### **Announcements**

### **Closing Song**

### **Postlude**