

Morning Prayer

21st Sunday after Pentecost

Oct. 17, 2021

Preparatory Prayer

Officiant invites the people to a moment of silent prayer to prepare for the day's service.

Officiant says one of the following

Blessed day to everyone and welcome to another time of worship. As Psalm 34:3 says, "Oh magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together."

Let us rise and sing our opening song.

Opening Song

"God's Spirit Now Revealed"

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God reveals His presence;
Let us now adore Him.
And with awe appear before Him;
God is in His temple:
All within keep silence.
Prostrate lie with deepest reverence.

Him alone God we own.
Him our God and Saviour:
Praise His name forever.
God reveals His presence;
Hear the harps resounding,
See the crowds the throne surrounding;

Holy, holy, holy.
Hear the hymn ascending.
Angels, saints, their voices blending.
Bow Thine ear, to us here;
Hearken, O Lord Jesus,
To our meaner praises.

上帝親身顯明

上帝親身顯明，
會中眾人拜敬，
謙虛心來倚祂座前；
讚美上帝至聖，
殿裏恭敬肅靜，
一齊來吟專心虔誠。

阮承認，獨一真，
救主上帝至聖，
讚美永遠不停。
上帝親身顯明，
樂器聲音響應，
請看天民圍倚座前；

至聖至聖至聖，
讚美聲音不停，
天使聖徒一齊拜敬。
阮的聲，請主聽，
願主歡喜俯下，
鑒納罪人讚美。

O Thou Fount of blessing,
Purify my spirit,
Trusting only in Thy merit:
Like the holy angels,
Who behold Thy glory,
May I ceaselessly adore Thee.

主啊活水源本，
來洗清阮神魂，
阮只靠祢贖罪深恩；
親像上天天軍，
得着與主親近，
敬拜真神獨一至尊。

Let Thy will ever still,
Rule Thy Church terrestrial,
As the host celestial.

願聖旨，永治理，
使祢聖會得成，
親像天上聖城。

Confession of Sin

The Officiant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Officiant and People together

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, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your name. Amen.

The Officiant says

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

Responsorial Psalm

Officiant Let us stand and read the Psalm responsively.

Psalm 91:9-16

⁹ Because you have made the LORD, *who is* my refuge,

Even the Most High, your dwelling place,

¹⁰ No evil shall befall you,

Nor shall any plague come near your dwelling;

¹¹ For He shall give His angels charge over you,
To keep you in all your ways.

¹² In *their* hands they shall bear you up,
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.

¹³ You shall tread upon the lion and the cobra,
The young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot.

¹⁴ “Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore I will deliver him;
I will set him on high, because he has known My name.

¹⁵ He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him;
I *will be* with him in trouble;
I will deliver him and honor him.

¹⁶ With long life I will satisfy him,
And show him My salvation.”

All say

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Lesson

Officiant Please sit for the lesson.

Acts 2:1-13

¹When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. ²And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and *one* sat upon each of them. ⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

⁵And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. ⁶And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. ⁷Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, “Look, are not all these who speak Galileans? ⁸And how *is it that* we hear, each in our own language in which we were born? ⁹Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea

and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God.”¹² So they were all amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “Whatever could this mean?”

¹³ Others mocking said, “They are full of new wine.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

The Sermon (<https://youtu.be/8VWo7J1m-ik>)

The Creed

Officiant Please stand for the Apostle’s Creed.

All stand to declare

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God
the Father Almighty.

From there He will come again
to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.
Officiant Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Suffrages

Father, without You, we can never push forward and grow deeper in our love for You.

V. Show us Your mercy, O Lord;

R. And grant us Your salvation.

We pray for our prime bishop, Brent; our diocesan bishop, Rex; our leaders in this Parish, and all ministers around the world.

V. Clothe Your ministers with righteousness;

R. Let Your people sing with joy.

We pray for the conflicts and violence around the world. We pray for the battles we are facing in this pandemic. In the midst of all these, we pray that people will find You.

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. For only in You can we live in safety.

Guide us for the coming election. Enlighten everyone to vote based on what is true and reasonable. Do not allow our countrymen to be drawn to empty promises, deceitful charm, and unsound plans that will not benefit our children in the years to come.

V. Lord, keep this nation under Your care;

R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Open the eyes of the world that they may behold You and be drawn to You.

V. Let Your way be known upon earth;

R. Your saving health among all nations.

We pray for those who are poor and helpless. Most specially for the children roaming our streets, the disabled and elderly who are on their own, those who are enslaved by injustice and violence, and many others who do not know where to turn for help.

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. And sustain us with Your Holy Spirit.

V. Let us now pray for our own needs and those of others.

Moment of Silence

Officiant closes with the following collect

Hasten, O Father, the coming of Thy kingdom; and grant that we Thy servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold Thy Son at His coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

Collect of the Day

All together

Lord, we pray that Your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Closing Prayer

Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, You have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to You; and You have promised through Your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in His Name You will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of Your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Officiant may say a few words to greet the people at this point

Closing

The Officiant may close with one of the following:

To him who by means of his power working in us is able to do so much more than we can ever ask for or even think of: to God be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus for all time, for ever and ever. Amen. (Eph. 3:20-21)

Announcements

It's always a comfort to be able to take time off to worship and rest in God amidst our busy schedules. We pray that today's service has ministered to you and that God was honored with our offering of worship.

We have two announcements just before we end:

1. With the vacancy left by Bro. Nelson Ang in the Vestry, we would like to inform everyone that Bro. Erwin Lim would be filling in to complete his term until December 2022. Bro. Erwin was the nominee with the highest votes next to the five elected in our 2018 election, making him the first alternate in case there is a vacancy left by any of the five. We thank God also for his willingness to take on the position and help our Parish in this capacity.
2. Again, we are observing Missions Month this October and our campaign is to find ways to pray, care, and share to people around us—especially seekers. Have you found anyone to pray, care, and share to already? In case you need ideas, here's a testimony from Evan Ong, one of our Joy Fellowship officers and a Choir Officer too, on how he applied Pray-Care-Share in his circle.

(video)

I hope you were encouraged by Evan's testimony. A longer version of this testimony will be available on our Facebook page where he talks about the challenges he faced and how he was able to overcome them. Throughout the month, we'll be showing more of these testimonials to motivate everyone to go and seek those who are looking for Christ.

With that, we are ending our service for today but we hope to have you worshipping with us again next week. Let us now rise for our Closing Song.

Closing Song

“Bring Them In”

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Verse 1

Hark 'tis the Shepherd's Voice I hear
Out in the desert dark and drear
Calling the sheep who've gone astray
Far from the Shepherd's Fold away

Chorus:

Bring them in
Bring them in
Bring them in from the fields of sin
Bring them in
Bring them in
Bring the wandering ones to Jesus

Verse 2

Who'll go and help this Shepherd kind
Help Him the wandering ones to find
Who'll bring the lost ones to the fold
Where they'll be sheltered from the cold

Silent Prayer

帶領他們

我有聽見牧者之聲，
遍傳曠野黑暗懼怕，
懇切呼喚迷路的羊，
離開羊圈四處飄流。

帶領伊，帶領伊，
帶領伊離罪的憐憫。
帶領伊，帶領伊，
帶領迷路羊到主前。

是誰願意幫助牧者，
尋找迷羊遍行曠野，
是誰肯帶伊歸羊圈，
脫離寒冷享受溫暖。