

The Holy Eucharist

7th Sunday of Easter, Theological Sunday

May 21, 2023

Prelude

Opening Rites

“Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God – this is your true and proper worship.”

Romans 12:1

Opening Song

#76 – “We Praise Thee O God”

Verse 1

We praise Thee, O God!
For the Son of Thy love,
For Jesus who died and
is now gone above.

Chorus

Hallelujah! Thine the glory.
Hallelujah! Amen.
Hallelujah! Thine the glory.
Revive us again.

Verse 2

We praise Thee, O God!
For Thy Spirit of light,
Who has shown us our Savior,
And scattered our night.

Verse 3

All glory and praise
To the Lamb that was slain,
Who has borne all our sins, and
has cleansed every stain.

“我讚美天父 ”

1 我讚美天父，
差遣聖子降世，
就是耶穌替我死，
今復活升天。

和：福氣權能榮光歸主，
是我心所願，
福氣權能榮光歸主，
直直至永遠。

2 我讚美救主，
賞賜我保惠師，
就是真理的聖神，
要感化我心。

3 我讚美聖神，
助我靠主深信，
向前跑走不回頭，
到天堂我兜。

Greeting

All standing, the 1st and 5th responses should be used, the others are optional.

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.

V. Alleluia. Christ is risen.

R. The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Celebrant may say the following prayer or any other appropriate 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.*

Song of Praise

When appointed, the following hymn or some other song of praise is sung or said, all standing

Gloria S280

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to His people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship You, we give You thanks,
we praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father:

receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect.

O God, the King of glory, You have exalted Your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to Your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us Your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

People Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

The Lessons

The people sit.

The First Reading (Lesson) from Psalm 23.

After each Reading, the Reader may say

The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Second Reading (Lesson) from 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8.

After each Reading, the Reader may say

The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“The Lord is My Shepherd”

The Lord is my Shepherd, I never shall want,
For lack of His mercies, my soul shall not pant;
In pleasant green pastures I daily abide,
He leads me the peaceful still waters beside.
My soul He restoreth, and for His Name’s sake,
The path of true righteousness bids me take;
Yea, though I pass through death’s valley and shade,
I will not by evil be ever dismay’d.
I will not by evil be ever dismay’d.
The Lord is my Shepherd, I never shall want!

For Thou art my Shepherd and with me always,
Thy rod and Thy staff are my comfort and stay;
My table Thou spreadest in presence of foes,
My head Thou anointest, my cup overflows;
Thy goodness and mercy shall follow me still,
While life’s earnest duties I daily fulfill;
Till joyous my spirit shall claim its reward,
And dwell evermore in the house of the Lord.
And dwell evermore in the house of the Lord.
The Lord is my Shepherd, I never shall want!

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 John 17:1-11.
People Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

After the Gospel, the Reader says
The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

The Sermon by Dr. Neil Ty

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

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of Your people, and strengthen us to do Your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Confession

The Celebrant may read one of the following sentences

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." Mark 12:29-31

The Deacon or Celebrant says

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

If you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. *Matthew 5:23, 24*

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Offertory Hymn

#339 - "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

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Precious Lord, take my hand,
Lead me on, help me stand
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night,
Lead me on to the light,
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear,
Precious Lord, linger near
When my life is almost gone;
Hear my cry, hear my call,
Hold my hand lest I fall
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

“寶貝主，牽我手”

- 1 寶貝主，牽我手，
助我站，導我行！
我疲倦，我憂煩，我軟弱；
經風暴，過黑夜，
導我行，進光明；
寶貝主，牽我手，到天庭。
- 2 我道路，漸淒涼，
主臨近，慰憂傷！
我生命，在主手，掌握中；
我呼求，我祈禱，
扶持我，免跌倒；
寶貝主，牽我手，常引導。

After the offerings are collected, the people sing

All things come of Thee, O Lord. And of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer

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

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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

Now to God who is able to do exceedingly, abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Announcements

1. Our volleyball fellowship starts today 1PM at the SSSH high school gym. There will be a fellowship and orientation for the players, followed by some dry-run games. Actual tournament will start next week May 28 and will run for 9 weeks until July 23. Feel free to watch and support our players.

Closing Song

#186 - "Savior, Like A Shepherd"

Verse 1

Saviour, like a shepherd lead us,
Much we need Thy tender care;
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us,
For our use Thy folds prepare;

Chorus

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast bought us Thine we are;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are

Verse 2

We are Thine, do Thou befriend us,
Be the guardian of our way;
Keep thy flock, from sin defend us,
Seek us when we go astray;

Verse 3

Thou hast promised to receive us,
Poor and sinful though we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us,
Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free;

Postlude

“主啊，我屬祢”

- 1 救主耶穌是我牧者，
我受祂照顧養飼，
導到草埔使我飲食，
用羊廐使我居住。

和 我受耶穌養飼照顧，
各時刻受祂保護，
主我屬祢，主我屬祢，
主啊，我永遠屬祢。
- 2 我屬耶穌安穩自在，
因為祂真善保護，
使我免受對敵陷害，
導我行四正的路。
- 3 我雖小漢欲親近祢，
歡喜聽從祢命令，
為着愛主已經立志，
一生給主祢差用。