

Holy Baptism Service – May 5, 2024

Opening Rites

Prelude

Greeting

A happy Lord's Day to everyone and welcome to our Holy Baptism Sunday Service. Today, we will not just witness the baptism of new believers in the Lord. Today is also an opportunity for us to renew our own baptismal vows and be reminded of our calling as children of God.

Let us begin our worship by standing together and singing our opening hymn.

Opening Hymn and Procession

#87 - "O Worship The King" vv. 1,2,4

O worship the King, all Glorious above,
O gratefully sing His power and His love;
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,
His chariots of wrath the deep thunder clouds form,
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in Thee do we trust; nor find Thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and friend.
Amen.

Greeting

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;
People There is one hope in God's call to us;

“同心來敬拜”

- 1 同心來敬拜，天上大君王，
祂權能慈愛咱當來尊崇，
祂做咱的盾牌永遠在保護，
住燦爛的明宮，得讚美稱呼。
- 2 傳報主權能，播揚祂愛疼，
用光做衣穿穹蒼做帳房，
雷鳴的大響聲顯出主權威，
深奧奇秒作為，人人當敬畏。
- 4 人本是塵土，軟弱又痛苦，
倚靠主大恩得勝到有剩，
主極慈悲溫柔愛咱到永遠，
做咱及時幫助，救咱到完全。
阿們。

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People One God and Father of all.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant, Lord God, to all who have been baptized into the death and resurrection of Your Son Jesus Christ, that, as we have put away the old life of sin, so we may be renewed in the spirit of our minds, and live in righteousness and true holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Ministry of the Word

The Lessons

The people sit. One or two Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying
The First and Second Readings from Exodus 34:4-7 & James 1:2-6.

After each Reading, the Reader may say
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 Matthew 3:13-17.

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 Dcn. Harold Uy

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

The Celebrant says,
The Candidate(s) for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

The Candidates and their Sponsors stand from their seats.

Sponsors Reverend sir, we present these persons to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Celebrant asks the Candidates,

Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidates I do.

The Examination

Celebrant Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Candidates I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Candidates I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Candidates I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept Him as your Savior?

Candidates I do.

Celebrant Do you put your whole trust in His grace and love?

Candidates I do.

Celebrant Do you promise to follow and obey Him as your Lord?

Candidates I do.

The Celebrant addresses the Congregation,

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

Congregation We will.

The Celebrant says these or similar words,

Let us all stand and join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ,
His only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived
by the power of 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.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand
of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living
and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit and the convictions of our faith?

People 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.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you see and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidates

The Celebrant then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth. Please kneel.

A Person appointed leads the following petitions

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Open their hearts to Your grace and truth.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Fill them with Your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of Your holy Church.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Send them into the world in witness to Your love.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Bring them to the fullness of Your peace and glory.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ Your Son may live in the power of His resurrection and look for Him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. *Amen.*

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Celebrant, with the Crucifer, proceeds to the Font and blesses the water

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Celebrant

We thank You, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it You led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it Your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through His death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank You, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in His death. By it we share in His resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.

Therefore, in joyful obedience to Your Son, we bring into His fellowship those who come to Him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray You, by the power of Your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To Him, to You, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Congregation sits. The Candidates stand.

The Baptism

The Candidates, with their respective Sponsors, approach the Font one at a time.

Celebrant *N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.*

Jaclyn Chan

Jillian-Lanceryn Yu

Jackielyn Hazel Yu-Lao

Clark Ethan Gan

Rhyan Andre Siy

Riley Adrian Siy

The Bishop or Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross, and saying to each one,

You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. Amen.

When this action has been completed for all candidates, the Bishop or Priest, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over them, saying,

Let us kneel and pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank You that by water and the Holy Spirit You have bestowed upon *this* Your servant(s) the forgiveness of sin, and have raised *them* to the new life of grace. Sustain *them*, O Lord, in Your Holy Spirit. Give *them* an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love You, and the gift of joy and wonder in all Your works. *Amen.*

The Celebrant instructs the newly baptized to stand and face the people, and says,
Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim His resurrection, and share with us in His eternal priesthood.

The Celebrant returns to the Chancel.

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 peace.

The Holy Eucharist

The Offertory

#202 - "Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!
Thou art the Potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me after Thy will,
While I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!
Search me and try me, Master, today!
Whiter than snow, Lord, wash me just now,
As in Thy presence humbly I bow.

“求主領我行”

- 1 求主領我行十架道路，
一直進到完全的地步，
有主與我行我心免驚，
至終穩當到天上聖城。
- 2 願主助我行祢的旨意，
言語與行為會榮耀祢，
無論在家裡或是出外，
各時各刻求主與我住。

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!
Wounded and weary, help me, I pray!
Power, all power, surely is Thine!
Touch me and heal me, Savior divine. Amen.

3 得主導我行人生路程，
若要勝魔鬼靠祢權能，
等候無久祢榮耀降臨，
接我到空中與祢見面。阿們。

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

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.

Because in Jesus Christ our Lord You have received us as Your sons and daughters, made us citizens of Your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

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.

Closing Rites

Announcements

1. Praise God again for the newly baptized brothers and sisters. We request the newly baptized and their sponsors to stay for a while after the service for the picture taking.
2. We also have an important announcement regarding our live streaming. Just as we have announced last December 24, our livestreamed service is only for those who have valid reasons for not being able to come physically to worship with us such as those who are bed-ridden, caring for bed-ridden persons, or if they cannot come on a certain Sunday.

Otherwise, we are commanded by Scripture to not neglect meeting together and to minister to each other as a body. By staying at home without a justifiable reason, we neglect this command of the Lord and minister to ourselves only.

So, as to discourage this behavior, we will be delaying the stream of our services to Tuesdays starting **July 7**. Only those with valid reasons as mentioned will be given

special access to the livestream. Those who use our streams to invite others to be part of our church may still use the video released on Tuesday to do so.

So, we sincerely welcome you to worship with us and minister as well to your fellow brothers and sisters in the Lord and experience worship at its fullest in our church.

Closing Hymn and Recession

#268 - "O Happy Day That Fixed My Choice" vv. 1,3,4

Verse 1

O happy day that fixed my choice
On Thee, my Savior and my God!
O may this glowing heart rejoice,
And tell its raptures all abroad.

Refrain:

Happy day, happy day,
When Jesus washed my sins away,
He taught me how to watch and pray,
And live rejoicing every day;
Happy day, happy day,
When Jesus washed my sins away

Verse 3

'Tis done, the great transaction's done;
I am my Lord's, and He is mine;
He drew me and I followed on,
Charmed to confess the Voice divine.

Verse 4

My restless heart was once waylaid
By earthly care and fear betrayed;
His call I heard, His steps I trod,
With joy obeyed the voice of God.

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

Picture Taking

“今日立約我心決意”

1 今日立約我心決意，
 一生屬主完全歸祂，
 我得赦罪滿心快樂，
 都是由主白白賜福。

(和) 福氣日，喜樂日，
 救主耶穌洗我過失，
 祂教示我做醒祈禱，
 日日靠祂歡喜讚美，
 福氣日，喜樂日，
 救主耶穌洗我過失。

3 上帝救恩極深極大，
 我是屬祂祂也屬我，
 祂在招呼我跟祂行，
 歡喜聽從我主的聲。

4 以前我心都不安定，
 世事纏絆煩惱驚惶，
 今願放棄俗情事務，
 專心致意為我救主。