

# The Holy Eucharist

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

May 2, 2021

## Opening Rites

### Greeting

Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

*1 Corinthians 15:57*

### Opening Song

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* And blessed be His kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

### Opening Prayer

*The Celebrant may say the 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.*

### Song of Praise

The Lord, the King of heaven and earth is alive and with us. With our loudest voices, let us acclaim Him together.

### Gloria S280

*All say*

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.

Almighty God, to know You is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know Your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow His steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## The Liturgy of the Word

### **The Lessons**

*Isaiah 61:1-7*

<sup>1</sup> “The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me,  
Because the Lord has anointed Me  
To preach good tidings to the poor;  
He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted,  
To proclaim liberty to the captives,  
And the opening of the prison to those who are bound;

<sup>2</sup> To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord,  
And the day of vengeance of our God;  
To comfort all who mourn,

<sup>3</sup> To console those who mourn in Zion,  
To give them beauty for ashes,  
The oil of joy for mourning,  
The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness;  
That they may be called trees of righteousness,  
The planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified.”

<sup>4</sup> And they shall rebuild the old ruins,  
They shall raise up the former desolations,  
And they shall repair the ruined cities,  
The desolations of many generations.

<sup>5</sup> Strangers shall stand and feed your flocks,

And the sons of the foreigner  
Shall be your plowmen and your vinedressers.  
<sup>6</sup> But you shall be named the priests of the Lord,  
They shall call you the servants of our God.  
You shall eat the riches of the Gentiles,  
And in their glory you shall boast.  
<sup>7</sup> Instead of your shame you shall have double honor,  
And instead of confusion they shall rejoice in their portion.  
Therefore in their land they shall possess double;  
Everlasting joy shall be theirs.

*After each Reading, the Reader may say*  
The word of the Lord.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

*Hebrews 7:22-28*

<sup>22</sup> by so much more Jesus has become a surety of a better covenant. <sup>23</sup> Also there were many priests, because they were prevented by death from continuing. <sup>24</sup> But He, because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood. <sup>25</sup> Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them. <sup>26</sup> For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens; <sup>27</sup> who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people's, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself. <sup>28</sup> For the law appoints as high priests men who have weakness, but the word of the oath, which came after the law, appoints the Son who has been perfected forever.

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The word of the Lord.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

## **Anthem: The Light of a Million Mornings**

### **The Gospel**

*Then, all standing and facing the reader, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*  
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 1:29-34  
*People* Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>29</sup> The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup> This is He of whom I said, 'After me comes a Man who is preferred before me, for He was before me.' <sup>31</sup> I did not know Him; but that He should be revealed to Israel,

therefore I came baptizing with water.”<sup>32</sup> And John bore witness, saying, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and He remained upon Him.”<sup>33</sup> I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘Upon whom you see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’<sup>34</sup> And I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.”

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

**The Sermon (<https://youtu.be/IieCfDjmDxA>)**

**The Nicene Creed**

*People stand*

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.

## **Mission and Vision**

Mission:

*Celebrant* Church, what are we to do?

*People* To raise up generations of mature followers of Christ to be salt and light in the world who will love God, love others, and make disciples.

Vision:

*Celebrant* What do we aim to be?

*People* SSP envisions to impact its community through members who are diligent in making disciples wherever they are, rooted in the word, reverent in worship, and fervent in prayer.

## **The Prayers of the People**

*The people kneel if able or sit*

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for believers and followers of Jesus all over the world. May we, in unity and sincerity, champion hope in this time of fear, champion kindness amidst selfishness, champion peace amidst uncertainty, and champion love amidst hatred.

**Father, we pray for Your holy Catholic Church;**

*That we may be one.*

Father, give us a generous and kind heart to help the least of our brothers and sisters. Whether we are in plenty or in scarcity, may we help those who are in need despite any cost. For whatever we did for the least of our brothers and sisters, we did it to You.

**Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve You;**

*That Your Name may be glorified by all people.*

Father, we pray for Joel Pachao, our incumbent prime bishop, Brent Alawas, our incoming prime bishop, Rex Reyes Jr., our bishop, Rev. Justin, our rector, Pastor Aileen and myself. We, Your servants, humbly ask for steadfast, unceasing, and abundant love as we serve You full-time. May the joy of the Lord be our source of strength in life and ministry.

**We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;**

*That they may be faithful ministers of Your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for our President, Duterte, the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) and LGU officials. We pray for good discernment, unity and efficiency in coming up with more concrete plans to stop the spread of covid-19.

**We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;**

*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

**Give us grace to do Your will in all that we undertake;**

*That our works may find favor in Your sight.*

Father, we pray for our members who are currently confined inside the hospital and in home isolation because of covid-19. Send caring doctors, nurses and people to take good care of them. Give them a heart full of hope and assurance of Your Sovereignty and love.

**Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;**

*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

**We praise You for Your saints who have entered into joy;**

*May we also come to share in Your heavenly kingdom.*

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

*Silence*

*Officiant closes with any of the following collects*

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of Your people; in the multitude of Your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to You for help; for You are gracious, O lover of souls, and to You we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## Confession

*The Celebrant may say 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

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

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4:14,16

*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, 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 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 said: "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you, not as the world gives do I give to you." The peace of the Lord be always with you.

## **The Remembrance of the Eucharist**

*People sit*

## **Offertory Hymn**

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

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

We now proceed to our time of remembrance of the Holy Eucharist and Christ's sacrifice. Soon we will be partaking of the one bread and the one cup again as Christ instructed but, for now, we do this to look forward to that day when we all can do so.

The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

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 forever 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 kneel or sit.*

*Celebrant*

Holy and gracious Father: in Your infinite love You made us in Your image; and when we fell into sin and became 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.

*In the absence of a priest, the Celebrant may skip this portion.*

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 the faith:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

*Celebrant*

We remember our redemption, O Father, in observing these things. We recall His death, resurrection, and ascension, and we align ourselves anew.

Sanctify us, we pray, that we may faithfully 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, Son, Holy Spirit, 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.

Let us take this time to tell God our thoughts in reflection of what Christ has done.

*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 been feeding 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.*

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. It is with sadness that we inform you that two of our dear members have gone to be with the Lord in the past week:
  - a. Sis. **Sharon Yu-Maxilom** (April 27) from COVID-19 Complications
  - b. Sis. **Gan Siok Su 顏淑書** (mom of Debbie and Allan Co) (April 28) from kidney problem complications

Let us pray for their families at this difficult time.

**Closing Song**

**Postlude**