The Holy Eucharist - 4th Sunday of Easter (April 21, 2024)

Prelude

Opening Rites

Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. *1 Corinthians* 15:57

Opening Song

#13 - "To God be the Glory"

Verse 1

To God be the glory great things He hath done! So loved He the world that He gave us His Son, who yielded His life an atonement for sin, and opened the lifegate that all may go in.

Chorus

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give Him the glory, great things He hath done!

Verse 2

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, to every believer the promise of God; the vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Verse 3

Great things he hath taught us, great things He hath done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son; but purer, and higher, and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

"榮耀歸於上帝"

- 1 榮光歸於上帝功勞已經成, 賜祂的獨生子顯明祂的愛, 犠牲寶貴生命為贖罪受害, 恩典的門大開人人可入來。
- 和:讚美主,讚美主, 全地聽祂聲音; 讚美主,讚美主, 讚美主,讚美主, 萬民出聲來吟; 當來信主耶穌得天父的愛, 榮光歸於上帝功勞已經成。
- 2 救主流出寶血完成這救恩, 當依靠主恩典得上帝應允, 雖然背逆天父滿心大汚穢, 若誠心信靠祂卽時得赦罪。
- 3 救主救贖恩情功勞極其大, 咱大家當吟詩讚美永不息, 將來被提上天與救主相見, 榮耀尊貴權能都一齊歸祂。

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

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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, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of Your people: Grant that when we hear His voice we may know Him who calls us each by name, and follow where He leads; who, with You and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

People Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

The Lessons

The people sit. One or two Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying The First and Second Reading from Psalm 16:5-11 & Philippians 3:1-11.

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 John 16:19-24.
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 Ptr. Jonathan Banzuelo

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,

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.

and His kingdom will have no end.

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

Lord Jesus Christ, You said to Your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of Your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit You live and reign, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Confession

The Celebrant may read one of the following sentences

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

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

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is Yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, and You are exalted as head over all. 1 Chronicles 29:11

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

Offertory Hymn

#174 - "I Need Thee Every Hour"

Verse 1
I need Thee every hour,
most gracious Lord;
no tender voice like Thine
can peace afford.

"時刻我欠用主"

1 時刻我欠用主, 極大慈悲, 是祢温柔的聲, 使我歡喜。

Chorus

I need Thee, O I need Thee, every hour I need Thee.
O bless me now, my Savior;
I come to Thee.

Verse 2

I need Thee every hour; stay Thou nearby; temptations lose their power when Thou art nigh.

Verse 3

I need Thee every hour, in joy or pain; come quickly and abide, or life is vain.

Verse 4

I need Thee every hour; teach me Thy will; and Thy rich promises in me fulfill.

- 和:我欠用祢主耶穌, 時刻我欠用祢, 願主此時賜福我, 我來就祢。
- 3 時刻我欠用主, 無論禍福, 求祢與我無離, 才有安樂。
- 4 時刻我欠用主, 教示我行, 願祢寶貴應允, 於我完成。

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 indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give You thanks, almighty and eternal Father, and on this night of our redemption to celebrate with joyful hearts the memory of Your wonderful works.

For by the mystery of His passion Jesus Christ, Your risen Son, has conquered the powers of death and hell and restored in men and women the image of Your glory. He has placed them once more in paradise and opened to them the gate of life eternal.

And so, in the joy of this Passover, earth and heaven resound with gladness. We join 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, 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

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

1. Just a reminder that Marriage Keepers Fellowship will be right after the worship service at Music Room, 4th floor Faithfulness Building.

2. For an announcement from our Junior Youth Summer Conference, we'd like to call on a representative from their team, Sis. Kimberly Koh.

Closing Song - #120 - "O Happy Day" vv.1-3

Verse 1

The Sabbath Day the Lord has giv'n, Bestowing joy on all mankind; His people now with rev'rent hearts In worship true His joy they find.

Chorus

Happy day, happy day, Great God descends with me to stay, Reveals His love for all to see, His throne of grace now beckons me. Happy day, happy day, Earth's joys recede as Him we see.

Verse 2

On this His day Christ rose from death O'er death and sin His pow'r He shows; Now Prince of Peace the Living Lord, Abundant life from Him o'er flows.

Verse 3

His Spirit pure dwells in our hearts, Our souls now burn His truth to see, From strangling sin we find relief, And changed our grief to joy will be.

Dismissal

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

Postlude

"上帝設立安息主日"

1 上帝設立安息主日, 應允賜福天下萬民, 此日信徒恭敬來守, 會得福氣充滿心神。

和:福氣日,福氣日, 至大主宰與我親密, 就是上帝慈悲顯明, 使我到祂施恩座前, 福氣日,福氣日, 世上安樂無可比朋。

- 2 今日耶稣由死復活, 克勝死失魔鬼的權, 和平人君永活的主, 豐盛活命賜我完全。
- 3 保惠先生來與我住, 感化我心會識真理, 罪惡束縛得着釋放, 憂悶苦痛變做歡喜。