

# The Holy Eucharist – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent (April 6, 2025)

## Prelude

## Opening Rites

*The celebrant may begin with words of welcome using the following passages*

A blessed Sunday to everyone! It is good that we can come together again to be in the Lord's presence this Lent season.

As we come before the Lord, let us do so in humility and with readiness to let God scrutinize our hearts and minds. As Joel 2:13 says,

“Rend your hearts and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil.”

### *Celebrant*

Let us all rise for the opening hymn.

### **Opening Hymn #46 “How Great Thou Art”**

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O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the works Thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed!

### *Chorus*

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin!

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!

## “救主祢真偉大”

- 1 我的上帝當我舉目看天上，  
祢手所做一切奇妙工程，  
看見星辰又聽見雷鳴的聲，  
宇宙一切祢奇妙手做成。
- 和：我心讚美上帝至聖尊名，  
祢真偉大，何等偉大！  
我心讚美救主奇妙的愛，  
祢真偉大，何等偉大！
- 2 我的上帝祢差遣獨一聖子，  
降世做人替我放棄生命，  
為我的罪釘死在十字架上，  
救贖恩情耶穌已經完成。
- 3 號筒出聲主要從天上再來，  
接我回去天堂快樂所在，  
我當誠心謙卑跪落來敬拜，  
讚美頌揚我主祢真偉大。

## **Greeting**

*All standing, the 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> responses should be used, the others are optional.*

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

V. Praise be to God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

R. And praise be to His kingdom now and forever.

*In Lent and on other penitential occasions*

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all your sins;

*People* His mercy endures forever.

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

O Almighty God, who pours out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and of supplication: Deliver us, when we draw near to You, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship You in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Kyrie Eleison**

*On other occasions the following is used*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

## **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.*

Almighty God, You alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant Your people grace to love what You command and desire what You promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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 Jonah 4:5-11 & Colossians 3:5-14.  
A citation giving chapter and verse may be added.*

*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 18:21-35.  
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 Bro. Danny Tio*

#### **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.

### **Mission and Vision**

*Celebrant*

Lent is also a time for us to go back and be reminded that Christ calls us to take up our cross and follow Him. And so, let us recall what that means by declaring to ourselves, our God-given 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*

To be a church that impacts 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**

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Prime Bishop, Nestor; our Diocesan Bishop James; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of Him. Pray that they may find and be found by Him.

*Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence*

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

*Moment of Silence*

### **Closing Collect**

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 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

I appeal to you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. *Romans 12:1*

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

### Offertory Hymn

#### Hymn #194 - "Be Still, My Soul"

Be still, my soul; the Lord is on thy side;  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;  
Leave to thy God to order and provide;  
In every change He faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul; thy best, thy heavenly, Friend  
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul; thy God doth undertake  
To guide the future as He has the past.  
Thy hope, thy confidence, let nothing shake;  
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know  
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

### “我心恬靜”

- 1 我心恬靜, 安穩住主翼下,  
甘願背起悲傷痛苦十架,  
照主所愛聽祂命令安排,  
世事變遷, 主信實永存在。  
我心恬靜, 經過荆棘路程,  
有主引導我心會得安寧。
- 2 我心恬靜, 上帝引導保證,  
過去供應將來也會帶領,  
心存盼望堅固不可搖動,  
一切奧秘, 時到就會看明。  
我心恬靜, 雖然有大風浪,  
聽主命令一切都會平靜。

Be still, my soul; the hour is hastening on  
When we shall be forever with the Lord,  
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,  
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.  
Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,  
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.  
Amen.

3 我心恬靜, 日子快快過去,  
使命完成與主在天相見,  
憂傷失志到尾都要過去,  
無再傷悲, 滿心快樂得意。  
我心恬靜, 無再啼哭分離,  
快樂歡喜永遠與主居住。  
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**

*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*

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.

*The threefold amen follows.*

### **Announcements**

1. Dcn. Harold will be on leave the whole month of April. (c/o Mike Kwong)
2. Please be mindful of our Holy Week and Easter Service Schedule:

April 13 – Palm Sunday (8:30AM)

April 17 – Holy Wednesday (8:00PM) – no Prayer Meeting

April 18 – Maundy Thursday (8:00PM)

April 19 – Good Friday (9:00AM)

April 20 – Easter Sunday (8:30AM)

### **Closing Hymn**

#### **#7 - Lead Us, O Thou Great Jehovah**

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,  
Pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;  
Hold me with Thy powerful hand.  
Bread of Heaven, Bread of Heaven,  
Feed me till my want is over.

#### **“至大上帝願祢導我”**

- 1 至大上帝願祢導我，  
穩過今世曠野地；  
我真軟弱祢大權能，  
用手牽我無犯罪  
天的米糧天的米糧，  
求祢永永養飼我。

Open now the crystal fountain,  
Whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through.  
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,  
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
Bid my anxious fears subside.  
Death of death, and hell's destruction  
Lead me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises,  
I will ever give to Thee. Amen.

**Dismissal**

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God!

Postlude

- 2 活命水源求祢開透，  
我心口渴大欣慕；  
火柱雲柱求祢顯出，  
導我至終行天路  
全能救主全能救主，  
賜我氣力永保護
- 3 後日行到約但河墘，  
驚惶訝疑免纏絆；  
主有戰勝死失陰府，  
保我穩上迦南岸，  
我就吟詩我就吟詩，  
永遠感謝讚美祢。阿們