

The Holy Eucharist – 13th Sundays after Pentecost (August 18, 2024)

Prelude

Opening Rites

The officiant may start with the following verses

The hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth, for such the Father seeks to worship Him. *John 4:23*

Good morning and welcome to St. Stephen's Parish.

As we worship our God together, let us all STAND as we sing our opening song Hymn # 76 - We Praise Thee O God.

Opening Hymn – #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.

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

Let us pray this together

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

Let us now praise our God together as we SING Gloria in Excelsis

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.

Almighty God, You have given Your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of His redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of His most holy life; through Jesus Christ Your Son 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 (Lesson) from Jeremiah 1:4-10 & Romans 1:13-17.

After each Reading, the Reader may say

The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Anthem - "I Am Not Ashamed"

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Verse 1

We're an anchor for those who are hurting,
We're a harbor for those who are lost;
Sometimes it's not always easy bearing Calvary's cross.
We've been ridiculed by those who don't know Him,
And mocked by those who don't believe.
Still, I love standing up for my Jesus 'cause of all that He's done for me.

Chorus

That's why I am not ashamed of the Gospel,
The Gospel of Jesus Christ.
I am not afraid to be counted.
But I'm willing to give my life.
See, I'm ready to be all He wants me to be
Give up the wrong for the right.
No, I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Verse 2

For every moment His hand has held mercy,
For all the love He's shown all my life,
A simple thanks does not say how I'm feeling. I get tears in my eyes.
So, as for me I'm gonna keep on believing
In the One who's been so faithful to me.
I'm not out to please this whole world around me;
I've got my mind on eternity.

Chorus

That's why I am not ashamed of the Gospel,
The Gospel of Jesus Christ.
I am not afraid to be counted.
But I'm willing to give my life.
See, I'm ready to be all He wants me to be
Give up the wrong for the right.
No, I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Bridge

I've got too much behind me to let this world blind me,
To some He's a name, but to me He's my everything.
I am not ashamed of the Gospel,
No, I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

I've got too much behind me to let this world blind me,
To some He's a name, but to me He's my everything.
I am not ashamed of the Gospel,
No, I am not ashamed of the Gospel
No, I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ,
Of Jesus Christ,
I am not ashamed of Jesus Christ!

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 Mark 6:7-13.

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.

Please be SEATED.

Let us now listen attentively as Pastor Jay Banzuelo deliver the Lord's message

The Sermon

Let us all STAND and declare the Nicene Creed

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.

Let us all KNEEL as we have our Prayers for the People

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

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

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

As we approach the Lord's table, let us now together pray the Prayer of Humble Access. Altogether,

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

Let us all RISE for 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.

Let us greet each other with the peace of the Lord

The people exchange the peace of the Lord.

Please be SEATED for the offertory

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory

One of the following, or some other appropriate sentence of Scripture, may be used

Celebrant

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 and let us sing together the hymn 181 - O Jesus, I Have Promised

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

Offertory Hymn

#181 – “O Jesus, I Have Promised”

Verse 1

O Jesus, I have promised
to serve Thee to the end;
be Thou forever near me,
my Master and my Friend.
I shall not fear the battle
if Thou art by my side,
nor wander from the path way
if Thou wilt be my Guide.

Verse 2

O let me feel Thee near me!
The world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
but Jesus, draw Thou nearer,
and shield my soul from sin.

“主耶穌永遠愛咱”

- 1 主耶穌永遠愛咱，
好像活水長流，
祂極其榮光燦爛，
宛早晨的日頭，
我周圍黑暗雲霧，
求主攏總照散，
前途黑暗看不明，
願主的光引導。
- 2 苦難有時會包圍，
使咱憂悶失志，
魔鬼愛咱受迷惑，
使咱靈魂永死，
我主賞賜我聖靈，
可得安慰扶持，
倚靠聖靈的智慧，
看明魔鬼計智。

Verse 3

O Jesus, Thou hast promised
to all who follow Thee
that where Thou art in glory
there shall Thy servant be.
And Jesus, I have promised
to serve Thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
my Master and my Friend.

3 天光時清早起來，
趁主命令做工，
黃昏穹蒼雖黑暗，
猶原有存希望，
日日注神看耶穌，
愈明上帝款式，
信心愈久愈堅固，
與主會愈親密。

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. Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.
R. Let us rejoice and exult and give the glory to the Lord.

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

Almighty and everliving God, we thank You for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of Your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of Your Son, and heirs of Your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work You have given us to do, to love and serve You as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To Him, to You, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. 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

- Please be reminded that the Marriage Keepers Fellowship will have a Bible Study today, 10:30AM at the Music Room in the 4th floor
- We will now a special announcement from the choir. Let us watch the video that the choir have prepared for us. We will now have our Bro. Jerry Ting to do the announcement.

We hope that the Lord Jesus has been pleased with our worship and let us...

Let us all rise to sing our closing song hymn 131 - There Is Power In The Blood

Closing Song

#131 – “There Is Power In The Blood”

Verse 1

Would you be free from the burden of sin?
There's power in the blood, power in the blood;
Would you o'er evil a victory win?
There's wonderful power in the blood.

“主的寶血有能力”

- 1 你要脫離罪惡的痛苦嗎？
救主寶血內有這能力，
罪惡極重尚且不免絕望，
因為主的血有能力。

Chorus

There is power, power, wonder working power
In the blood of the Lamb;
There is power, power, wonder working power
In the precious blood of the Lamb.

Verse 2

Would you be free from your passion and pride?
There's power in the blood, power in the blood;
Come for a cleansing to Calvary's tide;
There's wonderful power in the blood.

Verse 3

Would you be whiter, much whiter than snow?
There's power in the blood, power in the blood;
Sin stains are lost in its life giving flow.
There's wonderful power in the blood.

Dismissal

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

Postlude

和: 主的寶血有極奇妙的大能力大能力;
主的寶血有極奇妙的大能力, 極大的能力。

2 你要得勝肉體的情慾嗎?
救主寶血內有這能力,
今可歡喜誇耀你的軟弱,
因為主的血有能力。

3 你要追求聖潔的生活嗎?
救主寶血內有這能力,
可對魔鬼大聲唱得勝歌,
因為主的血有能力。