

The Holy Eucharist (2nd Sunder after Epiphany – January 19, 2025)

Prelude

Opening Rites

Isaiah 49:6 remind us of our Lord saying, “I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

Opening Song:

Hymn #198 - Come, Thou Almighty King

Verse 1

Come, Thou Almighty King,
Help us Thy name to sing;
Help us to praise.
Father, all glorious,
O'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days!

Verse 2

Come, Thou Incarnate Word,
Gird on Thy mighty Sword;
Our prayer attend.
Come, and Thy people bless,
And give Thy word success,
Spirit of holiness, on us descend!

Verse 3

Come, holy Comforter,
Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour.
Thou who almighty art,
Now rule in every heart,
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r! Amen.

“懇求聖父降臨”

- 1 懇求聖父降臨，
助阮讚美你名，
恭敬稱謝。
天父無限榮光，
得勝掌管四方，
亙古常存在的神， 掌管萬民。
- 2 懇求聖子降臨，
你的權柄顯露，
聽阮祈禱；
施恩給衆子民，
願你聖道永恒；
懇求聖潔的靈， 降臨奮興。
- 3 懇求聖靈降臨，
顯出神聖見證，
賞賜安寧，
你是全能主宰，
管理各人心懷，
永遠住在裡面， 大能的神。阿們。

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

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

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.

Collect:

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the Light of the world: Grant that Your people, illumined by Your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that He may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

The Lessons

The First and Second Reading from Genesis 15:1-6 & Hebrews 11:8-12.

After each Reading, the Reader may say

The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Anthem - "Shine Down"

Chorus

Shine down your light on me, let the people see that in Your presence darkness flees.

Father of light, shine down on me.

Shine down your light on me, let the people see that in Your presence darkness flees.

Father of light, shine down on me.

Father of light, shine down on me.

Verse 1

You have sent us Your glory in the life of Your only Son,

And in Your Holy Spirit shines the light of the Everlasting One,

A light that keeps reaching to the people of every land,

A love that keeps longing to fill the heart of every man.

Chorus

Shine down your light on me, let the people see that in Your presence darkness flees.

Father of light, shine down on me.

Shine down your light on me, let the people see that in Your presence darkness flees.

Father of light, shine down on me.

Father of light, shine down on me.

Verse 2

Bring us into Your presence where Your love is the only light,

The lamp of salvation, the hope that is always shining bright.

It scatters the darkness, swept away by Your mighty hand.

Now all the nations can worship, sing the song of the glorious Lamb!

Bridge

Alle, Alleluia! Glory to the Lamb!

Praise and honor, strength and power be unto You, the great "I Am",

be unto You, the great "I Am"

Chorus

Shine down your light on me, let the people see that in Your presence darkness flees.

Father of light, shine down on me.
Shine down your light on me, let the people see that in Your presence darkness flees.
Father of light, shine down on__
Father of light, shine down on__
Father of light, Who shatters the night,
Shine down on me!

The Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Luke 19:1-10**.

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 (*Pastor 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,
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.

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 (*including St. Stephen's Parish*) 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

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with Your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Confession

1 John 1:8,9 "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."

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

Psalm 96:8, to "Ascribe to the Lord the honor due His Name; bring offering and come into His courts."

Offertory Hymn:

#92 - O! How I Love Thy Law vv. 1,3,4

Verse 1

God's law is perfect, and upright,
And doth endure forever,
The judgments of the Lord are true
And righteous altogether.

Chorus

In God's law, I delight,
In God's law, I delight,
Daily on it with joy I meditate.
In God's law, I delight,
In God's law, I delight,
Daily on it with joy I meditate.

“上帝道理純全正直”

1 上帝道理純全正直，
永永遠遠不廢，
上帝律例真正確實，
清潔公義格外。

和： 主的誠，我真愛，
主的誠，我真愛，
日日歡喜思念主祢的誠。
主的誠，我真愛，
主的誠，我真愛，
日日歡喜思念主祢的誠。

Verse 3
Moreover they Thy servant warn
How He His life should frame.
A great reward provided is
For them that keep the same.

3 主的奴僕由這誠命，
能得儆戒教示；
上帝應允守這誠命，
可得賞賜福氣。

Verse 4
Who can his errors understand?
O cleanse Thou me within
From secret faults; Thy servant keep
from all presumptuous sin.

4 誤犯的罪是誰會知，
求主為我洗清，
使我罪惡不藏心裡，
免犯上帝命令。

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

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

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. **Inter-color Basketball Fellowship** announcement c/o Bro. Prince Pimentel.
2. **Reminder: Prayer and Feasting Fellowship** at Glory Hall – this is a joint fellowship for Joy, YPF, and Zion. Also everyone else who took part in our Prayer and Fasting week are welcome to join.
3. **SSHS 2025 Annual Meeting:** We would like to inform all corporate members of St. Stephen's High School of its 2025 Annual Meeting and Election of the Board of Trustees on February 23, 2025. The 1st official notice was sent via email last January 15, 2025. The 2nd notice will be emailed to you on Feb 15, 2025. To participate in this annual meeting and voting, members are required to register on-line or on-site. **Sis. Lilan Chua** will be stationed at the back to assist the members for registration, nomination or assignment of proxy. Thank you.

Closing Song:

#50 - What A Friend We Have In Jesus

Verse 1

What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry,
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer!

Verse 2

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged,
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer.

“至好朋友就是耶穌”

- 1 至好朋友就是耶穌，
擔當罪過及煩惱，
真正咱有大大福氣，
萬事都可對祂討，
心肝常常失落平安，
屢屢罣慮艱苦事，
這是由咱未有深信，
未有放心交託主。
- 2 或是遇着憂悶試煉，
或是甚麼大煩惱，
的確不可常常失志，
當將各項來祈禱，
豈有朋友至此盡忠，
甘願體貼萬災禍，
耶穌知咱心的軟弱，
將這苦事來祈禱。

Verse 3

Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Saviour, still our refuge;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In His arms He'll take and shield thee;
thou wilt find a solace there. Amen.

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

People Thanks be to God!

Postlude

3 設使倦懶都無氣力，
親像挑擔將跌倒，
至大救主咱可親近，
萬事都可對祂討，
朋友若有看輕厭賤，
可將這事來祈禱，
主會用手遮截保護，
心可安然免煩惱。阿們。