

The Holy Eucharist

3rd Sunday after Epiphany
January 22, 2023

Prelude

Opening Rites

From the rising of the sun to its setting My Name shall be great among the nations, and in every place incense shall be offered to My Name, and a pure offering: for My Name shall be great among the nations, says the Lord of hosts. *Malachi 1:11*

Opening Song

#79 - "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord Almighty!"

Holy, holy, holy!
Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning, our song shall rise to Thee:
Holy, holy, holy!
Merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

Holy, holy, holy!
All the saints adore Thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy!
Though the darkness hide Thee,
though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy!
Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name, in earth, and sky,
and sea;
Holy, holy, holy!
Merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity. Amen.

“聖哉萬物的大主宰”

- 1 聖哉，聖哉，聖哉！
萬物的大主宰，
清早起來應該出聲讚美吟詩，
聖哉，聖哉，聖哉！
仁慈的大主宰，
三位一體上帝榮光歸祿。
- 2 聖哉，聖哉，聖哉！
天上萬萬聖使，
金的冕旒脫落在主寶座位前，
基路兵西拉兵，攏總讚美敬拜，
在昔現今將來至大至聖。
- 3 聖哉，聖哉，聖哉！
煙雲雖然隔離，
凡間罪人不堪見主顯赫榮光，
只有上主至聖，宇宙無物可比，
權能慈愛聖潔極其齊全。
- 4 聖哉，聖哉，聖哉！
宇宙的大主宰，
地上空中水裡萬物一齊讚美，
聖哉，聖哉，聖哉！
仁慈的大主宰，
三位一體上帝榮光歸祿。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

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.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of His salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of His marvelous works; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

People Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

The Lessons

The people sit.

The First Reading from Genesis 6:9-22; 7:23-24 (*page 5 of pew Bibles*)

⁹This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God. ¹⁰And Noah begot three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

¹¹The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. ¹²So God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth.

¹³And God said to Noah, "The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence through them; and behold, I will destroy them with the earth. ¹⁴Make yourself an ark of gopherwood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and outside with pitch. ¹⁵And this is how you shall make it: The length of the ark *shall be* three hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits. ¹⁶You shall make a window for the ark, and you shall finish it to a cubit from above; and set the door of the ark in its side. You shall make it *with* lower, second, and third *decks*.

¹⁷And behold, I Myself am bringing the flood of waters on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which *is* the breath of life; and everything that *is* on the earth shall die. ¹⁸But I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall go into the ark—you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you. ¹⁹And of every living thing of all flesh you shall bring two of every *sort* into the ark, to keep *them* alive with you; they shall be male and female. ²⁰Of the birds after their kind, of

animals after their kind, and of every creeping thing of the earth after its kind, two of every *kind* will come to you to keep *them* alive. ²¹ And you shall take for yourself of all food that is eaten, and you shall gather *it* to yourself; and it shall be food for you and for them.”

²² Thus Noah did; according to all that God commanded him, so he did.

²³ So He destroyed all living things which were on the face of the ground: both man and cattle, creeping thing and bird of the air. They were destroyed from the earth. Only Noah and those who *were* with him in the ark remained *alive*. ²⁴ And the waters prevailed on the earth one hundred and fifty days.

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

The Second Reading from Romans 3:9-24 (*page 976 of pew Bibles*)

⁹ What then? Are we better *than they*? Not at all. For we have previously charged both Jews and Greeks that they are all under sin.

¹⁰ As it is written:

“There is none righteous, no, not one;
¹¹ There is none who understands;
There is none who seeks after God.
¹² They have all gone out of the way;
They have together become unprofitable;
There is none who does good, no, not one.”
¹³ “Their throat *is* an open tomb;
With their tongues they have practiced deceit”;
“The poison of asps *is* under their lips”;
¹⁴ “Whose mouth *is* full of cursing and bitterness.”
¹⁵ “Their feet *are* swift to shed blood;
¹⁶ Destruction and misery *are* in their ways;
¹⁷ And the way of peace they have not known.”
¹⁸ “There is no fear of God before their eyes.”

¹⁹ Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. ²⁰ Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law *is* the knowledge of sin.

²¹ But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, ²² even the righteousness of God *which is* through faith in Jesus Christ to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

²⁴ being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

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 4:12-17.

People Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

Matthew 4:12-17 (*page 435 of pew Bibles*)

¹²Now when Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, He departed to Galilee. ¹³And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying:

¹⁵ “The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,

The way of the sea, beyond the Jordan,

Galilee of the Gentiles:

¹⁶ The people who sat in darkness saw a great light,

And upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death

Light has dawned.”

¹⁷From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

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The Sermon by Ptr. Aileen Fung

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

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Prime Bishop, Brent, our Diocesan Bishop, Rex; 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 [especially _____
_____whom we remember today]. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

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

Silence

Lord, hear the prayers of *Thy* people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of *Thy* Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *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

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

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

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

Offertory Song

#193 - "Search Me, O God"

Search me, O God, and know my heart today,
Try me, O Saviour, know my thoughts, I pray;
See if there be some wicked way in me;
Cleanse me from every sin, and set me free.

I praise Thee, Lord, for cleansing me from sin;
Fulfill Thy Word and make me pure within;
Fill me with fire, where once I burned with shame;
Grant my desire to magnify Thy Name.

Lord, take my life, and make it wholly Thine;
Fill my poor heart with Thy great love divine;
Take all my will, my passion, self and pride;
I now surrender, Lord, in me abide.

O Holy Ghost, revival comes from Thee;
Send a revival, start the work in me;
Thy Word declares Thou wilt supply our need;
For blessings now, O Lord, I humbly plead. Amen.

“懇求上帝鑒察”

- 1 懇求上帝現在來鑒察我，
試驗我心知我的意念，
看我心內有什麼得罪祢，
用祢寶血洗我罪惡清潔。
- 2 讚美救主洗我罪惡清潔，
照祢的旨意使我得醫治，
賜下聖靈改變我的性情，
盡我一生彰顯我主光榮。
- 3 主我求祢使我完全屬祢，
我一生一世祢作王管理，
除去所有自私驕傲心志，
今願完全順服我主旨意。
- 4 懇求聖神賜下奮興的靈，
使我的心靈會得着成聖，
祢有應允欠缺祢會補足，
我今謙卑求主施恩賜福。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. 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

1. We are excited to announce that we will be selling anniversary shirts as part of our 120th anniversary celebration. We can wear these shirts in our special events like in our upcoming church camp, churchwide picture taking later in the year, and our other celebration programs. Orders will be received starting today. Please go to the booth at the Sanctuary entrance to check your sizes and place your orders.
2. Please take note that our new round of Knowing Level classes are going to start on February 19 (Sunday) 10:30AM. For those who wish to be baptized, Confirmed, or to be refreshed by the basics of our faith, please call up our church office to register.
3. As part of our 120th anniversary as well, we have Bro. Prince Pimentel to promote our upcoming Inter-color Basketball Fellowship.
4. Last Sunday we culminated our Prayer and Fasting week with a Prayer and Feasting event. Let's witness what happened over the week with this video from our Prayer Committee.

(Video)

We thank God for a refreshing week of reconnecting with Him. As a follow up, do watch out for our other Prayer Initiatives for the year and do join us every week in our Wednesday Prayer Meetings not only for personal refreshing but because our church needs these prayers to effectively help others taste and see God's goodness.

5. Finally, our school would like to remind the members of SSHS Inc. to register for the upcoming annual meeting and election of board members on February 26 10:30AM. Please refer to the email sent to you for details and check the spam folder in case you don't see it in your inbox. Deadline for registration is February 6. For any concerns, please call up our school office.

We praise God for all these activities and of course, for allowing us into His presence together this morning. We hope to see everyone again next week and may you also have a fruitful time serving God and being with others in our fellowships after the service. To close our time, let us now respond to all we've seen and heard through our closing song. Let us stand.

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.

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.

Postlude

“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。
- 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。