

The Holy Eucharist - 9th Sunday after Pentecost (July 21, 2024)

Prelude

Opening Rites

A blessed Lord's day to everyone and welcome to St. Stephen's Parish, this 9th Sunday after Pentecost. I hope we are all doing well, and excited to come before our Heavenly Father in worship. Hear the words of our Lord Jesus Christ who said in John 4:23, "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."

Opening Hymn:

#11 – Praise Ye The Lord The Almighty

Verse 1

Praise to the Lord,
the Almighty, the King of Creation!
O my soul praise Him,
for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;
Join me in glad adoration!

Verse 2

Praise to the Lord,
who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth!
Shelters thee under His wings,
yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been,
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Verse 3

Praise to the Lord,
who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely His goodness and mercy
here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
If with His love He befriend thee!

Verse 4

Praise to the Lord,
O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath,
come now with praises before Him.
Let the Amen sound from His people again,
Gladly for aye we adore Him. Amen.

“讚美全能的主上帝”

- 1 讚美全能的主上帝，
人類的大君王，
有大權力會拯救你，
你當讚美尊崇，
聽見的人當進入祂的聖所，
大家同心齊聲歡呼。
- 2 讚美奇妙的主上帝，
咱當一齊歌唱，
祂照顧你不受災害，
軟弱得着剛強，
心所祈求照祂應允得賞賜，
祂的恩典實在豐富。
- 3 讚美上主賜你興旺，
以聖手保護你，
祂有慈愛又有憐憫，
常常看顧無離，
你當思念主的愛極深極大，
全能聖手扶持引導。
- 4 咱當滿心讚美天父，
讚美祂大權能，
世間眾人都當齊聲，
讚美在祂面前，
吟講阿們救主榮光大顯現，
永遠讚美祂的恩典。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 Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, You know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of Your Son 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

Celebrant: “**PLEASE BE SEATED** For The Reading Of The Lessons.”

The Lessons

The people sit. One or two Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying

The First and Second Reading from **Nehemiah 2:17-20, 6:15-16 & 1 Peter 4:7-11.**

After each Reading, the Reader may say

The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Anthem - “God of my Praise”

Chorus

Let the voice of thunder raise, hallowed be the God of my praise;
Heaven and earth shall stand amazed, lifting their voice to the God of my praise-
Glory shall sing to the God of my praise.

Verse 1

O Lord, my Rock, keep silent not to me; on Thee I call.

Let Your peace be known to me; I pray today, display Thy glory.

Chorus

Let the voice of thunder raise, hallowed be the God of my praise;
Heaven and earth shall stand amazed, lifting their voice to the God of my praise-
Glory shall sing to the God of my praise.

Verse 2

O Lord of sight, of power and might, delight Thyself in me,

With nothing less than righteousness, for all to see You live in me.

Chorus

Let the voice of thunder raise, hallowed be the God of my praise;
Heaven and earth shall stand amazed, lifting their voice to the God of my praise.

Bridge

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Chorus

Let the voice of thunder raise, hallowed be the God of my praise;
Heaven and earth shall stand amazed, lifting their voice to the God of my praise. (3 times)

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Glory shall sing to the God of my praise.
Glory shall sing to the God of my praise.

The Gospel

Celebrant: "Let us **ALL RISE** for the Reading of 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 10:35-44**.

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

Celebrant: "Let us **KNEEL and PRAY.**"

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

Let us take comfort in the words of God from 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

Celebrant: “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.

The people exchange the peace of the Lord.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory

Psalms 96:8 “Ascribe to the Lord the honor due His Name; bring offering and come into His courts.”

Offertory Hymn:

#228 - "He Leadeth Me O Blessed Thought" vv.1,3,4

Verse 1

He leadeth me, O blessed thought!
O words with heav'nly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Chorus

He leadeth me, He leadeth me!
By His own hand He leadeth me,
His faithful foll'wer I would be,
For by His hand He leadeth me.

Verse 3

Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine,
Nor ever murmur or repine;
Content, whatever lot I see,
Since 'tis my God that leadeth me.

Verse 4

And when my task on earth is done,
When by thy grace the victory's won,
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
Since God through Jordan leadeth me.

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.

“主領我路這句極好”

1 主領我路這句極好，
使我安心全無煩惱，
不論在家或是出外，
實在是主親身的導。

和：主領我路主領我路，
祂有親身在導我路，
我愛做祂盡忠聖徒，
祂有親身在導我路。

3 今我伸手給主祢牽，
經過今世不嫌艱難，
安心任憑救主註定，
是祢親身在導我行。

4 將來世間的工明白，
由主的恩勝過對敵，
死河當過不驚無伴，
主領我上約但河岸。

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.

Announcements

1. This is a reminder from St. Stephen's High School Alumni Association Inc., of the school's 107th Founding Anniversary and the 78th Alumni Association Anniversary and Homecoming celebration later 11:00 AM. For those attending, this will be held at the Stephenian Hall (5th Floor Elementary Bldg.).
2. Another announcement, our Knowing Level Classes will start on the first week of August (Sunday the 4th) 10:30am, and will run for 8 weeks. This is open for everyone who would like to become a member in our church through baptism and/or confirmation, or those who would simply like to learn more about the basic principles of our Christian faith. Interested parties may register with our Church office.

I hope that our Lord was pleased with our worship this morning. As we are dismissed, may we be encouraged and challenged to live victorious lives for Jesus Christ in the world today. Let us **ALL STAND** and sing our closing song Hymn #294 - With Thy Blessing, Lord, Dismiss Us.

Closing Song:
#294 – “With Thy Blessing, Lord, Dismiss Us”

With Thy blessing now dismiss us,
With Thy joy our hearts embrace;
Bound in love and aspiration,
In glad paths Thy steps we trace.
In Thy footsteps, in Thy footsteps
Through the desert Thou wilt guide,
In Thy footsteps, in Thy footsteps
Through the desert Thou wilt guide.

To Thy name be pow’r and glory,
Make us bold Thy truth to preach;
May the harvest be abundant,
Every place Thy love to reach.
Witnessing for Christ our Saviour
Shedding light upon life’s way
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Shedding light upon life’s way.

With Thy spirit Lord refresh us,
Through us may Thy church revive;
May our faith in Thee increasing,
Daily by Thy grace to live.
Grace unfailing overflowing
God outpours the whole world o’er
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God outpours the whole world o’er.
Amen.

Dismissal

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

Postlude

“今將散會求主賜福”

- 1 今將散會求主賜福，
使我心中常快樂，
大家結聯親愛扶助，
歡喜跟隨主足步，
跟主足步跟主足步，
經過曠野主領路，
跟主足步跟主足步，
經過曠野主領路。
- 2 榮光權柄歸主聖名，
壯我心志免驚惶，
真理傳播百倍收成，
四處為主做見證，
做主見證做主見證，
無論何往做光燈，
做主見證做主見證，
無論何往做光燈。
- 3 教會奮興由我做起，
所受靈恩愈加添，
我的信心求主幫助，
愈久愈知恩無限，
主恩無限主恩無限，
久長充滿全世界，
主恩無限主恩無限，
久長充滿全世界。阿們。