

The Holy Eucharist - 4th Sunday after Pentecost (June 16, 2024)

Prelude

Opening Rites

The officiant may start with the following verses

A blessed morning to everyone and Happy Father's Day to all the dads here. As we come before the presence of our Heavenly Father, let us be mindful give Him the honor He truly deserves. As John 4:23 says,

“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 Song

#9 - “This Is My Father's World”

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This is my Father's world,
And to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world:
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world,
The birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white,
Declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world:
He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass;
He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world.

“這是天父世界”

- 1 這是天父世界，
眾人一齊來聽，
天地萬物相與應聲，
讚美祂大尊名；
樹木田園水泉，
穹蒼大海高山，
顯明祂大權能榮光，
仁愛公義齊全。
- 2 這是天父世界，
咱當感謝敬拜，
空中鳥隻吟詩好聽，
讚美祂大尊名；
溪水草埔青翠，
果子香花極美，
日光照來涼風吹來，
述說祂大仁愛。

O let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world:
Why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King; let the heavens ring!
God reigns; let earth be glad! Amen.

3 這是天父世界，
上帝慈愛顯明，
求主助我努力向前，
公義穩當得勝；
聖國臨到地上，
親像在天一樣，
天下到尾合做一家，
榮光歸於上帝。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.

Keep, O Lord, Your household the Church in Your steadfast faith and love, that through Your grace we may proclaim Your truth with boldness, and minister Your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, 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 Proverbs 4:1-9 & Ephesians 6:1-4.

After each Reading, the Reader may say

The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“You Raise Me Up” with “Be Still, My Soul”

Be still, my soul! The Lord is on your 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! The waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

When I am down and oh, my soul, so weary;
When troubles come and my heart burdened be;
Then I am still and wait here in the silence
Until You come and sit a while with me.

You raise me up so I can stand on mountains.
You raise me up to walk on stormy seas.
I am strong when I am on Your shoulders.
You raise me up to more than I can be.

There is no life, no life without its hunger.
Each restless heart beats so imperfectly.
But when You come, and I am filled with wonder,
Sometimes I think I glimpse eternity.

You raise me up so I can stand on mountains.
You raise me up to walk on stormy seas.
I am strong when I am on Your shoulders.
You raise me up to more than I can be.

You raise me up so I can stand on mountains.
You raise me up to walk on stormy seas.
I am strong when I am on Your shoulders.
You raise me up,
You raise me up,
You raise me up to more than I can be.

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 Luke 15:11-23.

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.

The Prayers of the People

- V. For all people in their daily life and work;
R. *For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*
- V. For this community, the nation, and the world;
R. *For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*
- V. For the just and proper use of your creation;
R. *For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*
- V. For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
R. *For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*
- V. For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
R. *For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

V. For Nestor Poltic, our Prime Bishop; James Boliget, our Bishop-Elect; and for all bishops and other ministers;

R. *For all who serve God in his Church.*

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

Silence

Celebrant

Heavenly Father, You have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of Your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as You know and love us in Your Son 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

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

Celebrant

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 Hymn

164 - "Count Your Blessings" vv. 1,2,4

Verse 1

When upon life's billow's you are tempest tossed,
When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost,
Count your many blessings, name them one by one,
And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.

Chorus

Count your blessings, name them one by one;
Count your blessings, see what God hath done;
Count your blessings, name them one by one;
Count your many blessings see what God hath done.

Verse 2

Are you ever burdened with a load of care?
Does the cross seem heavy you are called to bear?
Count your many blessings, every doubt will fly,
And you will be singing as the days go by.

Verse 4

So, amid the conflict, whether great or small,
Do not be discouraged, God is over all;
Count your many blessings, angels will attend,
Help and comfort give you to your journey's end.

“遇着試煉災難圍你真艱苦”

1 遇着試煉災難圍你真艱苦，
致到失志絕望四面走無路，
你所得的恩賜各項想來記，
穩當滿心感謝上帝大慈悲。

和：主的恩賜你當算當數，
主的恩賜你豈算會了，
主的恩賜各項想來記，
穩當滿心，感謝上帝大慈悲。

2 有時掛慮煩惱致到心亂亂，
訝疑上帝愛疼負十架不願，
你所得的恩賜若再想來記，
訝疑就會除去日日愛吟詩。

4 所以經過艱難不論大小事，
勿得絕望失志上帝水做主，
你所得的恩賜猶原想並說，
主會安慰幫助導你到天堂。

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.

For You are our Father, the source of light and life, You made us in Your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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. Happy Father's Day to all the fathers!
2. We'd like to invite everyone again to join us online this Wednesday for our Prayer Meeting at 8PM. For this week, we are especially praying for fathers. If you are a father in need of refreshing you may come and find solace with God in prayer. And for the rest of us, let us come together to pray for dads that the weary will find encouragement, the unmotivated would be compelled, and all fathers can lead in the way of the Lord. The Zoom links are available on our Facebook page and distributed via Viber every Wednesday.
3. We also encourage everyone to stay by the pulpit side after the service as we pray for the JYSC next week.

Closing Song - #150 – “Faith Of Our Fathers”

Faith of our fathers, living still
In spite of dungeon, fire and sword;
O how our hearts beat high with joy
Whenever we hear that glorious Word!
Faith of our fathers, holy faith!
We will be true to Thee till death.

Our fathers, chained in prisons dark,
Were still in heart and conscience free;
How sweet would be their children's fate,
If they like them could die for Thee!
Faith of our fathers, holy faith!
We will be true to Thee till death.

Faith of our fathers, we will strive
To win all nations unto Thee;
And thro' the truth that comes from God,
Mankind shall then be truly free.
Faith of our fathers, holy faith!
We will be true to Thee till death. Amen.

“出日下雨是主所定”

- 1 出日下雨是主所定，
兩項都是花木欠用，
憂悶歡喜都有利益，
養飼靈魂堅固信德，
賜福降災都從命令，
天父願祢旨意得成。
- 2 有孝的子豈能變臉，
怒氣來嫌所愛父親，
天父給我有孝的心，
愛祢敬祢信祢愈深，
將來景況雖然無定，
天父願祢旨意得成。
- 3 性命我知是祢所賜，
不論好歹不嫌境遇，
死的蔭影遮我的時，
堅固盼望我心無疑，
或活或死我全無驚，
天父願祢旨意得成。阿們。

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

People Thanks be to God!

Postlude