

The Holy Eucharist – 4th Sunday in Lent (March 10, 2024)

Prelude

Opening Rites

Daniel 9:9-10, “To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, because we have rebelled against him and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God by following his laws which he set before us.”

Opening Hymn

#4 “Let Us Now With Gladsome Minds” vv.1-4

Verse 1

Let us with a gladsome mind,
Praise the Lord for He is kind:
For His mercies shall endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.

Verse 2

Let us sound His name abroad,
For of gods He is the God:
For His mercies shall endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.

Verse 3

He, with all commanding might,
Filled the new-made world with light:
For His mercies shall endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.

Verse 4

All things living He doth feed,
His full hand supplies their need:
For His mercies shall endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.

“咱大家讚美上帝”

- 1 咱大家讚美上帝，
祂施恩直到萬世，
祂慈愛各時發現，
到永遠不會改變。
- 2 讚美上帝大主宰，
傳祂尊名至四海，
祂慈愛各時發現，
到永遠不會改變。
- 3 大主宰無所不會，
榮光遍滿新天地，
祂慈愛各時發現，
到永遠不會改變。
- 4 大主宰各項足額，
給萬人有可飲食，
祂慈愛各時發現，
到永遠不會改變。

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.

In Lent and on other penitential occasions

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all your sins;
People His mercy endures 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.*

Kyrie Eleison

On other occasions the following is used

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that He may live in us, and we in Him; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Celebrant Please be **SEATED** for the reading of the lessons.

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 **2 Chronicles 36:14-23** & **Romans 13:1-7.**

After each Reading, the Reader may say

The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Anthem - "Let Them See Jesus"

Verse 1

When I look into a mirror whose reflection do I see?
Do I see the face of Jesus or is it still the same old me?
If my life has changed completely, then the change has got to show;
I've got to live the love of Jesus, I've got to let somebody know.

Chorus

Let them see Jesus, when they look into my eyes, let them see Jesus;
Let them see Jesus, see the love that never dies, let them see Jesus.
O Lord, I haven't much to give You but I give You all of me,
Still I never could repay the price You paid on Calvary.
So Lord, please let them see Jesus in me.

Verse 2

Wash away my old indifference. Throw away my foolish pride,
and replace them with a new love from the One they crucified.
Let my life be an example; a sacrifice of praise;
to my precious Lord and Savior Who saved me by His grace.

Chorus

Let them see Jesus, when they look into my eyes, let them see Jesus;
Let them see Jesus, see the love that never dies, let them see Jesus.
O Lord, I haven't much to give You but I give You all of me,
Still I never could repay the price You paid on Calvary.
So Lord, please let them see Jesus in me.

Chorus (end)

Let them see Jesus, when they look into my eyes, let them see Jesus;
Let them see Jesus, see the love that never dies, let them see Jesus.
O Lord, I haven't much to give You but I give You all of me,
Still I never could repay the price You paid on Calvary.
So Lord, please let them see Jesus,
O Lord, please let them see Jesus,
O Lord, please let them see Jesus in me.

Celebrant Let us all **RISE** for the proclamation of the Gospel.

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 22:15-22**.

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 (Dcn. 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

Celebrant Let us **KNEEL** and pray together the Prayers of the People.

- V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;
R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.
- V. Day by day we bless you;
R. We praise your name for ever.

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;
R. Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;
R. For we put our trust in you.

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;
R. And we shall never hope in vain.

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

Moment of Silence

Closing Collect

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

We are reminded of the Greatest Command in Matthew 12:29-31 where 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."

The Deacon or Celebrant says **In reflection of these, let us humble 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.

Celebrant Let us all **RISE** for the Peace.

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 reminds us to “Ascribe to the Lord the honor due His Name; bring offering and come into His courts.”

Hymn #322 – “Be Thou My Vision.”

Verse 1

Be Thou my Vision,
O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me,
save that Thou art.
Thou my best Thought,
by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping,
Thy presence my light.

Verse 2

Be Thou my Wisdom,
and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and
Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father,
I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling,
and I with Thee one.

Verse 3

Riches I heed not,
nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine Inheritance,
now and always:
Thou and Thou only,
first in my heart,
High King of Heaven,
my Treasure Thou art. Amen.

Repeat Verse 1

“成為我異象”

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| 1 主在我心中，
成為我異象，
世間只有祢，
是我心所望！
日夜我心神，
思念祢無停，
祢做我光燈，
使我有光明。 | 3 富貴不迷我，
誇獎是虛空，
祢是我產業，
永遠又妥當，
祢是我一切，
我要信靠祢，
天上的君王，
世間無可比。阿們。 |
| 2 主做我智慧，
又做我真道，
時刻跟隨祢，
受祢永照顧，
祢做我天父，
我做祢兒子，
祢與我結聯， | |

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. JYSC announcement (Officiant will request to PLAY VIDEO)

The last time “Project Match” was promoted, they asked, “are you ready?” And again, are you ready? This summer, Joy and Young People’s Fellowship will be launching “Project Match”, the second ever joint youth summer camp open for all youths alike. It's a chance for our young members to come together, make new friends, and grow in their faith with mentors and novices. It will be held from June 18-22, 2024 at CCT Tagaytay Training Center. It is open for Grade 6 to College students. And what just shown in the video was a preview of what to expect from the church summer camp, with team-building games, sportsfest, singspirations, inspiring worship sessions, and more. So, if you're ready to make one of your best decisions in life, we encourage all youth to register for our summer camp. Spaces are limited, but a good news for you is that the early bird rate is extended until March 31, so don't miss out. Remember, what happens in the camp, stays in the camp.

2. Reminder: Churchmen’s and Churchwomen’s Fellowships today (MK Room & Room 224 respectively)
3. Reminder: Holy week service schedule (see flyer insert)

Closing Song

Hymn #75 – A Mighty Fortress is My God vv. 1-3

Verse 1

A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing;
our helper He amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great,
and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

Verse 2

Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing,
were not the right Man on our side,
the Man of God’s own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is He;
Lord Sabaoth, His name,
from age to age the same,
and He must win the battle.

“上帝做咱堅固營寨”

- 1 上帝做咱堅固營寨，
做咱盾牌到萬世，
雖有危險艱苦阻礙，
咱免驚惶不受害，
咱的君王興起，靠祂奇妙計智，
魔鬼雖然兇猛，我主有大權能，
咱的上帝永得勝。
- 2 咱若倚靠自己能力，
就沒氣力勝對敵，
全能的主發出號令，
與惡交戰穩得勝，
君王什麼名字，耶穌基督就是，
祂是獨一無二，上帝獨生的子，
靠祂交戰穩當贏。

Verse 3

And though this world, with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim,
we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure,
for lo, his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him. Amen.

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God!

Postlude

3 世界充滿魔鬼計謀，
主會保護眾信徒，
咱不免驚仇敵陷害，
主的真理永同在，
魔鬼恐嚇的聲，我心全然無驚，
只要主出一聲，對敵驚惶四散，
罪惡權勢不害我。阿們。