

The Holy Eucharist – 2nd Sunday in Lent (March 16, 2025)

Prelude

Opening Rites

The celebrant may begin with words of welcome using the following passages

Rend your hearts and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil. *Joel 2:13*

Celebrant

Good morning and welcome to our worship service. As we start our worship service, Let us all rise for the opening hymn.

Opening Hymn

#80 - “Rejoice the Lord is King” vv.1-3

Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing,
and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart! Lift up your voice!
Rejoice! Again I say, rejoice!

Jesus, the Savior, reigns,
the God of truth and love:
when He had purged our stains,
He took His seat above.
Lift up your heart! Lift up your voice!
Rejoice! Again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail,
He rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given.
Lift up your heart! Lift up your voice!
Rejoice! Again I say, rejoice! Amen.

“歡喜救主做王”

- 1 歡喜救主做王，
大家當來尊崇，
人人感恩吟詩，
救主已經勝利；
滿心歡喜，出聲讚美
快樂吟詩榮耀歸祂。
- 2 真理仁愛的主，
在天掌管萬有，
洗咱罪惡清潔，
今坐榮光座位；
滿心歡喜，出聲讚美
快樂吟詩榮耀歸祂。
- 3 祂坐上帝右旁，
直到對敵歸誠，
順服救主命令，
跪落在主腳前；
滿心歡喜，出聲讚美
快樂吟詩榮耀歸祂。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.

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

O Almighty God, who pours out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and of supplication: Deliver us, when we draw near to You, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship You in spirit and in truth; through Jesus 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.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word, Jesus Christ Your Son; who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

People Amen.

Please be seated for 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 (Lesson) from Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 & Ephesians 4:1-6.

After each Reading, the Reader may say

The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Our anthem for today, I believe, is one of the most powerful songs that declares who Jesus is. He is the Lion of Judah, the root of David. He is faithful and true. He is the great I AM. Let us listen to the choir as they render the anthem entitled I AM.

“I Am”

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I Am, I Am, I Am the Great I Am

I am the Root of David,
The Bright and Morning Star
I am the Lion of Judah
I Am, I Am.

I am Alpha and Omega
The Beginning and the End
The First and the Last
I Am. I am the Great I Am!

I am faithful and true
I am the Word of God
I am the Lamb
I am the Spotless Lamb
I Am.

I am the Resurrection,
And He that lives
I am alive forever
Amen!

I am King of kings
And Lord of lords
I am Holy, Holy Lord
God Almighty which was, and is, and is to
come

Finale
I Am God Almighty
Which was, and is, and is to come
I Am. I Am. I Am that I Am.
I Am, I Am, I Am the Great I Am

The Gospel

Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying
Let us all stand for the Gospel.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 23:29-39.
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

Please be seated. We are glad to have Ptr. Jay Banzuelo to deliver the Lord's message.

The Nicene Creed

Let us all stand as we declare what we believe in.

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

Suffrages from the Morning Prayer Liturgy may also be used

Let us kneel for 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 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

Closing Collect

Almighty God, by Your Holy Spirit You have made us one with Your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to Your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *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

LET US ALL STAND

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

PLEASE BE SEATED

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

During the Offertory, a hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung.

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

We will now have the offering. During the offering, we will be singing Hymn #182 – Open My Eyes That I May See

Offertory Hymn

#182 – "Open My Eyes That I May See"

Verse 1

Open my eyes, that I may see
Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;
Place in my hands the wonderful key
That shall unclasp and set me free.

Chorus

Silently now I wait for Thee,
Ready my God, Thy will to see,
Open my eyes/¹ears/²heart/³, illumine me,
Spirit divine! Spirit divine!

Verse 2

Open my ears, that I may hear
Voices of truth Thou sendest clear;
And while the wave notes fall on my ear,
Everything false will disappear.

“開我的目才會看明”

- 1 開我的目才會看明，
奧妙真道寶貝聖經，
使我眼睛會得氣力，
主的聖旨會得通遠，
和：今我恬靜在等候祢，
我心便便愛祢指示，
開我的目/耳/口使它銳利，
聖神上帝准我所愛。
- 2 開我的耳才會曉聽，
祢所報傳福音真聲，
真理的聲在我心裏，
衆項異端不會再害，

Verse 3

Open my mouth, and let me bear,
Gladly the warm truth everywhere;
Open my heart and let me prepare
Love with Thy children thus to share

3 開我的口才會傳報，
天下衆人的救真道，
開我的心才會顯明，
祢的榮光祢的愛情，

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 (Pre-Consecrated Elements)

The people remain standing after the offertory.

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Officiant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Therefore, we praise You, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of Your Name:

Officiant 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.

Officiant Let us kneel and pray.

Celebrant

Holy and gracious Father: in Your infinite love You made us in Your image; and when we fell into sin and became 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.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving and we offer You these gifts, which have been sanctified beforehand, recalling His death, resurrection, and ascension.

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 server distributes the bread and wine. Upon receiving, the ministers partake of the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant and People

Almighty and ever-living 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 Celebrant may close with the following Scripture

To Him who by means of his power working in us is able to do so much more than we can ever ask for or even think of: to God be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus for all time, for ever and ever. Amen. (Eph. 3:20-21)

The threefold amen is sung.

Celebrant

Please be seated for some announcements.

Announcements

1. Last Wednesday, March 12 2025, The Rt. Rev. Nestor Pultic was installed as the new Prime Bishop of the Episcopal Church of the Philippines. He was elected last year 2024 at the regular synod meeting and was installed at the Episcopal Cathedral of St. Mary and St. John in E. Rodriguez, Quezon City. As Prime Bishop, he oversees all the Episcopal dioceses in the Philippines and all the churches under them, including our church, St. Stephen's Parish, and also represent our country to the greater worldwide Anglican Communion. Let us pray that God will use him mightily.

Closing Song

I hope that God is pleased with our worship today. As we come to an end, let us all STAND as we sing our closing song, Hymn #72 – Holy Spirit, Descend Upon Our Hearts

#72 – “Holy Spirit, Descend Upon Our Hearts”

“懇求聖靈住在我心”

Verse 1

O Spirit now descend
And dwell within each heart,
Omnipotent, O blessed Light,
Thy boundless grace impart.

1 懇求聖神降臨，
在阮各人的心，
無所不能至光至明，
賞賜恩典極深。

Verse 2

O Spirit teach us now,
That we Thy truth confess,
Our sin to know, repenting come,
To trust His righteousness.

2 懇求聖神教示，
使阮會信道理，
醒悟知罪憂悶反悔，
來靠耶穌的義。

Verse 3

O Spirit now reprove
And help us to submit,
Hating our sins following His will,
Our lives to God submit.

3 懇求聖神責督，
幫助阮心降服，
常常歡喜上帝聖旨，
怨恨攏總罪惡。

Verse 4

O Spirit now protect,
That we each day progress,
In every word and every deed,
To follow in His steps.

4 懇求聖神照顧，
使阮日日進步，
所說言語所行的事，
各項照主法度。

Verse 5

O Spirit comfort now,
Thy grace we e'er implore
That we may overcome all trials
And reach heav'n's noble shore. Amen.

5 懇求聖神安慰，
日日加添恩惠，
使阮安然經過試煉，
上到天堂富貴。阿們。

Dismissal

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

Postlude