

# The Holy Eucharist – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent (March 17, 2024)

## Prelude

## Opening Rites

*Celebrant*

A blessed day to everyone! How are your hearts now as we come before God today?

As we approach our Lord this 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent, let us humbly remember God's great mercy towards us. As Daniel 9:9-10 reminds us:

“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.”

*Celebrant*

Let us all rise and begin our worship with a hymn.

## Opening Hymn

### #5 - "All Things Bright and Beautiful"

*Chorus*

All things bright and beautiful,  
All creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful:  
The Lord God made them all.

Each little flow'r that opens,  
Each little bird that sings:  
He made their glowing colours,  
He made their tiny wings.

The purple-headed mountain,  
The river running by,  
The sunset and the morning  
That brightens up the sky.

The cold wind in the winter,  
The pleasant summer sun,  
The ripe fruits in the garden:  
He made them ev'ry one.

## “世上萬物極美麗”

和： 世上萬物極美麗，  
活物無論大小，  
上帝創造萬項類，  
充滿奇妙智慧。

1 春天溫暖的日頭，  
秋天吹來涼風，  
所有成熟的果子，  
各項是主所創。

2 小蕊花草都在開，  
它色緻這樣美，  
小隻鳥仔在吟詩，  
述說主的恩惠。

3 賜咱眼睛可看明，  
賜咱嘴唇唱歌，  
主大權能當傳報，  
稱呼讚美無息。

## **Greeting**

*All standing, the 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> responses should be used, the others are optional.*

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

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.*

Almighty God, You alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant Your people grace to love what You command and desire what You promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through 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**

### **The Lessons**

*The people sit. One or two Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying  
The First and Second Reading from Psalm 86:12-17 & Romans 14:1-13.*

*After each Reading, the Reader may say*  
The word of the Lord.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

### **Anthem – “I Cheer You On”**

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#### *Verse 1*

To all the mothers who have watched their children grow,  
and then were brave enough to let them go.  
To the fathers who gave dignity, not shame,  
to the families who are more than just a family name.  
To the teacher who sees the future in their eyes,  
to the pastor who stayed true to the calling and the prize;  
To the servant in a system that's begun to seem absurd,  
To the singer or the dreamer who is faithful yet unheard.

#### *Chorus*

I cheer you on! Did you think that no one notice? Did you think you were alone?  
To each one who has made the choice for right instead of wrong,  
your Heavenly Father smiles, and I, I cheer you on.

#### *Verse 2*

To the one who stands unwavering when temptation comes to call,  
to the one who has forgiven the greatest hurt of all;  
You're a remnant of the way,  
He wanted us to be in a remnant of a world He wanted us to see.

#### *Chorus*

I cheer you on! Did you think that no one notice? Did you think you were alone?  
To each one who has made the choice for right instead of wrong,  
your Heavenly Father smiles, and I, I cheer you on.

#### *Chorus (last)*

I cheer you on! Did you think that no one notice?  
Did you think you were alone?  
To each one who has made the choice for right instead of wrong,  
your Heavenly Father smiles, and I, I cheer you on.  
and I, I cheer you on.  
I cheer you on.  
I cheer you on!

## **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 9:51-56.

*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 Ptr. 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**

*Suffrages from the Morning Prayer Liturgy may also be used*

- 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**

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*

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4:14,16

*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**

*Celebrant*

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalms 50:14*

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

### **Offertory Hymn**

## “今日用我”

### #307 - “Use Me Today”

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Use me today, O Saviour divine!  
Cleanse and renew this servant of Thine.  
Lord, with Thy Spirit fill me I pray;  
Then, in Thy service, use me today.

Use me today, Lord, use even me  
Use me to lead some lost one to Thee.  
Lead where Thou wilt, Lord, open the way,  
And to Thy glory use me today.

Use me today to scatter the seed,  
Bringing the blessing someone may need.  
Whether I toil or quietly pray,  
Blessed Lord Jesus, use me today.

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,

- 1 親愛的救主, 今日用我,  
復興又潔淨祢的僕人,  
我今來求主用靈充滿,  
在祢工作中, 今日用我。
- 2 親愛的救主, 請祢用我,  
用我來引領迷失的人,  
求主的聖靈為我開路,  
為祢的榮耀, 今日用我。
- 3 親愛的救主, 用我播種,  
帶着主恩, 助需要的人,  
無論是辛勞或是祈禱,  
恩愛主耶穌, 今日用我。

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. We praise God for our recently concluded Diocesan Convention last March 12 and 13. Part of which was the election of our new Diocesan Bishop: Bishop-Elect James Boliget. Bishop-Elect James had been serving as a clergy in our diocese since 1993, became the Rector and Dean of the National Cathedral in 2008, and has been called to pastor in St. Barnabas, Tagaytay and the neighboring congregations in Batangas, Cavite, and the PNP Academy last year. He has also served in almost all the committees of our diocese including key committees such as the Diocesan Council (like the Vestry of the Diocese), Standing Committee (which serves as the advisory committee of the bishop), and the Commission on Ministry (which is in charge of equipping potential clergy people in our diocese).

May God bless our new bishop and our diocese in the years to come.

2. Also, please be reminded that next week is our Palm Sunday service, still at 8:30AM, and that we will have our Holy Week services from Wednesday to Friday. Please refer to your fliers or our website for the schedules.

## Closing Song

### Hymn #320 – “Make Me A Blessing”

#### *Verse 1*

Out in the highways and byways of life,  
Many are weary and sad;  
Carry the sunshine where darkness is rife,  
Making the sorrowing glad.

#### *Chorus*

Make me a blessing, make me a blessing,  
Out of my life may Jesus shine;  
Make me a blessing, O Savior, I pray,  
Make me a blessing to someone today.

#### *Verse 2*

Tell the sweet story of Christ and His love,  
Tell of His pow'r to forgive  
Others will trust Him if only you prove  
True, every moment you live.

#### *Verse 3*

Give as 'twas given to you in your need,  
Love as the Master loved you;  
Be to the helpless a helper indeed.  
Unto your mission be true.

## Dismissal

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

## Postlude

## “從我賜恩福”

- 1 在人生道路和經驗中間，  
許多人悲傷困倦，  
播傳真光在這黑暗世界，  
使喜樂代替悲哀。  
和：從我賜恩福，從我賜恩福，  
從我生活彰顯基督，  
從我賜恩福，救主聽我求，  
從我賜恩福在別人身上。
- 2 述說基督耶穌仁愛故事，  
述說祂赦罪恩慈，  
你的生活若時刻顯真誠，  
別人會信主得生。
- 3 照你所領受的分給別人，  
主愛你你愛別人，  
切實扶助需要扶助的人，  
忠於主所托聖工。