

In Memoriam Service

Opening Rites

Prelude

After the prelude, the Celebrant addresses the people

A blessed morning to everyone and we'd like to especially welcome the family members of our departed brothers and sisters in the Lord who are worshipping with us this morning.

In today's Lord's Day and as part of our 120th anniversary, we come together celebrating the hope that we have in Christ Jesus by also remembering our brothers and sisters who have gone before us during the past pandemic. Even though there is a tinge of sadness as we miss our loved ones, our service today is marked with hope and rejoicing because our grief also recalls to us our resurrection to life eternal. Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we too, shall be raised and find comfort knowing that "neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

So, today, while we sorrow in sympathy with those who mourn, let us also rejoice over the hope that we have in Christ.

Let us begin by singing our opening song.

Opening Song

156 - 'Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Verse 1

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to take Him at His Word;
Just to rest upon His promise,
Just to know, "Thus saith the Lord!"

Chorus

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er;
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
Oh, for grace to trust Him more!

Verse 2

Oh, how sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to trust His cleansing blood;
Just in simple faith to plunge me
'Neath the healing, cleansing flood!

“各時刻依靠主耶穌”

- 1 各時刻倚靠主耶穌，
日常生活就安樂，
遇着災難或是艱苦，
對主說就變幸福。
- 和： 主啊，主啊，我今專意
將我身心交託祢，
主啊，主啊，求祢這時
賜我平安大福氣。
- 2 各時刻倚靠主耶穌，
日常生活就安樂，
若有犯罪心內苦楚，
當求主赦免罪惡。

Verse 3

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just from sin and self to cease;
Just from Jesus simply taking
Life and rest, and joy and peace.

Verse 4

I'm so glad I learned to trust Him,
Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
And I know that He is with me,
Will be with me to the end.

Greeting

Celebrant

I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord.
Whoever has faith in Me shall have life,
even though he die.
And everyone who has life,
and has committed himself to Me in faith,
shall not die for ever.

People

As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives
and that at the last He will stand upon the earth.
After my awaking, He will raise me up;
and in my body I shall see God.
I myself shall see, and my eyes behold Him
who is my friend and not a stranger.

Collect

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before You this day our brothers and sisters who have gone ahead of us. We thank You for giving them to us, their family and friends, to know and to love as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage. In Your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life, so that in quiet confidence we may continue our course on earth, until, by Your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

3 各時刻倚靠主耶穌，
日常生活就安樂，
遇着惡人奸詐計謀，
主拯救免受苦毒。

4 各時刻倚靠主耶穌，
日常生活就安樂，
跟主脚步行天路途，
主旨意都當順服。

Celebrant

For none of us has life in himself,
and none becomes his own master when he dies.
For if we have life, we are alive in the Lord,
and if we die, we die in the Lord.
So, then, whether we live or die,
we are the Lord's possession.

People

Happy from now on
are those who die in the Lord!
So it is, says the Spirit,
for they rest from their labors.

Lessons

The people sit. One or two Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying
The First Reading (Lesson) from Joshua 1:5-9.

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

The Second Reading (Lesson) from Hebrews 4:6-11.

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

Antem: “I Am Bound for the Promised Land”

Verse 1

I stand on Jordan's stormy bank
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land
Where my possessions lie

Chorus

I am bound for the promised land! Hallelujah!
Bound for the promised land
Oh, who will come and go with me?
I am bound for the promised land!

Verse 2

Oh, what a rich and heavenly scene
Now rises to my sight:
Sweet fields arrayed in living green
And rivers of delight

Verse 3

There luscious fruits that never fail
On trees immortal grow;
And rock and hill and brook and vale
With milk and honey flow

Finale

Glory, hallelujah!

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 11:25-30.
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. Harold Uy

The Apostle's Creed

Celebrant

In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism, let us proclaim our faith using the Apostle's Creed.

All stand to declare

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God
the Father Almighty.
From there He will come again
to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

The people kneel.

After every petition, the people respond with "Amen."

Almighty God, who hast knit together Your elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of Your Son Christ our Lord: Grant, we beseech You, to Your whole Church in paradise and on earth, Your light and Your peace.

Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life, and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass with Him to our joyful resurrection.

Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that Your Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days.

Grant to Your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve You with a quiet mind.

Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in Your fatherly care, that, casting all their grief on You, they may know the consolation of Your love.

Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting.

Grant us, with all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, to have our consummation and bliss in Your

eternal and everlasting glory, and, with all Your saints, to receive the crown of life which You promise to all who share in the victory of Your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reign with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Celebrant

Please be seated first as we remember the people who have gone before us from 2020 to present. During the presentation, our conductress, Ms. Sharon Abesamis will be rendering the song “Find Us Faithful.”

(Slide Show)

After the slides, the Celebrant says

Let us kneel and pray.

Celebrant

Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to You our brothers and sisters, who were reborn by water and the Spirit in Holy Baptism. Grant that their death may recall to us Your victory over death, and be an occasion for us to renew our trust in Your Father's love. Give us, we pray, the faith to follow where You have led the way; and where You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, to the ages of ages. Amen.

Prayers for the Family

Celebrant

Now, may we invite the family members of the people we have remembered to please stand from your seats as we pray for you. Church family, let us take a moment to pray for the bereaved family members.

For the family, you may take this opportunity to thank God for His sustaining grace and commit yourselves to Him. Let us pray.

Silent prayer

The Priest concludes by saying this prayer

Grant, O Lord, to these families who are bereaved the spirit of faith and courage, that they may have strength to meet the days to come with steadfastness and patience; not sorrowing as those without hope, but in thankful remembrance of your great goodness, and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love. And this we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

The bereaved family members kneel.

Confession

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

All

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 stand for the peace. Let us say these words responsively.

- V. Give rest, O Christ, to Your servants with Your saints,
R. Where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.
- V. You only are immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return. For so did You ordain when You created me, saying, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return." All of us go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
R. Give rest, O Christ, to Your servants with Your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

Celebrant Knowing this, may 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

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 Song

#203 - "Close to Thee"

Thou my everlasting portion,
More than friend or life to me,
All along my pilgrim journey,
Saviour, let me walk with Thee.
Close to Thee, close to Thee,
Close to Thee, close to Thee,
All along my pilgrim journey,
Saviour, let me walk with Thee.

“親近祢”

- 1 主是我永遠的產業，
勝過世間萬項物，
在我一生所行的路，
救主引導又扶持。
親近祢，親近祢，
親近祢，親近祢。
在我一生所行的路，
救主引導又扶持。

Not for ease or worldly pleasure,
Nor for fame my pray'r shall be;
Gladly will I toil and suffer,
Only let me walk with Thee.
Close to Thee, close to Thee,
Close to Thee, close to Thee,
Gladly will I toil and suffer,
Only let me walk with Thee.

Lead me through the vale of shadows,
Bear me o'er life's fitful sea;
Then the gate of life eternal
May I enter, Lord with Thee.
Close to Thee, close to Thee,
Close to Thee, close to Thee,
Then the gate of life eternal
May I enter, Lord, with Thee. Amen.

- 2 我不求世上的安樂，
地位錢財與名聲，
雖然受苦歡喜順服，
只要有主與我行。
親近祢，親近祢，
親近祢，親近祢。
雖然受苦歡喜順服，
只要有主與我行。
- 3 領我經過死蔭山谷，
有主同在我免驚，
祢的聖手引導保護，
一直到天上聖城。
親近祢，親近祢，
親近祢，親近祢。
祢的聖手引導保護，
一直到天上聖城。阿們。

After the offering is received, the following response is sung

All things come of Thee, O Lord. And of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	We lift them up to the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who rose victorious from the dead, and comforts us with the blessed hope of everlasting life. For to Your faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body lies in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens.

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:

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

Almighty God, we thank You that in Your great love You have fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of Your Son Jesus Christ, and have given us a foretaste of Your heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all Your saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, may bless the people with either of the following

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant: Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever; 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. Again, we'd like to welcome the bereaved families of our members especially to those who are coming from other churches and it is good to see again those family members have not been with us for some time. May we ask the family members to stand again to be acknowledged.

Do know that despite your loss, you have a family in our church always. After the service, we have snacks for you at the Humility Hall so please do proceed there at your convenience.

2. In light of the upcoming ordination of our pastors, many have been asking to clarify what deacons do. Following its origins in Acts 6:1-6, here is a definition from our catechism in the Book of Common Prayer:

“The ministry of a deacon is to represent Christ and his Church, particularly as a servant of those in need; and to assist bishops and priests in the proclamation of the Gospel and the administration of the sacraments.”

In other words, as pastors of our church, they are already doing the work of a Deacon in a full-time capacity in our Parish. But, their ordination means that starting April 11, instead of only being recognized by our Parish as pastors, the whole Episcopal Church in the Philippines will be *recognizing* and even *authorizing* them to do the nurturing and teaching ministry of the church.

And so, after their ordination, they will have the title of Reverend Mister or Reverend Miss—or you may call them Deacon Harold, Deacon Aileen, and Deacon Jeremiah. The next step for them, should they wish to pursue it, is to be ordained as Priests where they will be further authorized to share in

the Bishop's authority to administer the Sacraments, solemnize weddings, and pronounce absolution and blessing on the people.

So, again, for April 11's ordination service, we'd like to request people to fill up the survey sheets found in the attendance booklets and drop them off in the box near the entrance. This will help us know how much food to prepare for the day. We hope everyone can join us to celebrate this momentous event.

3. Volleyball
4. Prayer Clock - Good morning, everyone! We only have less than 2 weeks before the church camp, and the prayer committee would like to ask for your prayers through the Prayer Clock that we have prepared at the back. All you have to do is (1) CHOOSE AT LEAST ONE PRAYER ITEM, (2) CHOOSE ONE TIME SLOT and write your name on the prayer clock, (3) then with best efforts, PRAY REGULARLY for the prayer items throughout the week.

For example, you chose 8pm to pray for God's traveling mercy going to Lima, Batangas. You commit to praying for a few minutes every day at 8pm for the safe travel of everyone going to the camp.

We encourage everyone to drop-by at the prayer clock and hope everyone can join this prayer initiative. Thank you and God bless!

5. For those who ordered our SSP 120th Anniversary shirts, they are now available for pick up at our booth near the church entrance. If you weren't able to place an order but would like to, we will be accepting orders again around June or July.

Closing Song **# 62 – “Lead On, O King Eternal”**

Lead on, O King eternal,
the day of march has come;
henceforth in fields of conquest
Thy tents shall be our home.
Through days of preparation
Thy grace has made us strong,
and now, O King eternal,
we lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal,
to lands of deepest night;
we follow where Thou leadest
as heralds of the light.
May we to souls immortal,
Thy Word of life convey,
and open heaven's portal
through Christ, the truth, the way.

“永生君王來引導”

- 1 永生君王來引導，
交戰日子臨到，
征服惡魔的戰場，
祢帳棚作阮兜；
通日準備攏妥當，
靠主心得勇壯，
向永遠活大君王，
唱得勝歌敬奉。
- 2 永生君王來引導，
這個罪惡世界，
同聲報揚祢聖潔，
甜蜜平安仁愛；
無靠刀劍來拚命，
無靠鑼鼓大聲，
靠慈悲仁愛所行，
在地宛在天城。

Lead on, O King eternal;
we follow, not with fears,
for gladness breaks like morning
where'er Thy face appears.
Thy cross is lifted o'er us,
we journey in its light;
the crown awaits the conquest;
lead on, O God of might. Amen.

3 永生君王來引導，
阮要一生隨祢，
祢的笑容若出現，
親像光明早晨；
祢的十架當舉高，
祢的聖手導我，
至終得勝得冕旒，
至大上帝引導。
阿們。

Postlude