

# The Holy Eucharist – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent (March 3, 2024)

## Prelude

## Opening Rites

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

Welcome to our Worship Service today dear brothers, sisters, and friends. As we observe our 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent, let us approach our Heavenly Father like the Prodigal Son who says:

I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." *Luke 15:18,19*

Praise God for He welcomes us home.

Let us all rise for the opening hymn.

## Opening Hymn

### #93 - "Fairest Lord Jesus!" vv. 1-3

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,  
O Thou of God and man the Son;  
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,  
Thou, my soul's glory, joy and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,  
Robed in the blooming garb of spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,  
And all the twinkling, starry host:  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer,  
Than all the angels heaven can boast. Amen.

## 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.

## “美妙主耶穌”

- 1 美妙主耶穌，萬物祢在看顧，  
祢是上帝成做世人；  
主我所仰望，主我所尊崇，  
我歡喜主做我君王。
- 2 青翠的草埔，花草上的甘露，  
春天美麗樹木香花；  
主更加聖潔，主更加清香，  
憂傷的靈會得釋放。
- 3 日頭照全地，暗暝月亮美麗，  
天上星辰閃耀不停；  
主更加榮耀，主更加光明，  
天地無物會可比併。阿們。

- 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.*

Almighty God, You know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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 Leviticus 19:11-18 & Romans 12:9-21.

After each Reading, the Reader may say

The word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## **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 John 13:31-35.

*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. Dcn Harold Uy**

### **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.

### **Mission and Vision (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday only)**

*Celebrant*

Together, let us also declare our Mission and Vision.

Mission:

*Celebrant*

Church, what are we to do?

*People*

To raise up generations of mature followers of Christ to be salt and light in the world who will love God, love others, and make disciples.

Vision:

*Celebrant*

What do we aim to be?

*People*

To be a church that impacts our community through members who are diligent in making disciples wherever they are, rooted in the word, reverent in worship, and fervent in prayer.

### **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.

*Celebrant*

Let us now say a prayer for discernment as we begin the search for a new bishop for our diocese. Let us pray.

*Celebrant and people*

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit Your faithful people are governed and sanctified: we pray You to visit Your household of faith, the Episcopal Diocese of Central Philippines, as she calls for a bishop who shall shepherd your people; come to us Lord, Holy Spirit, and make us Your temple; so that by Your indwelling we will come to know Your will, and the person who is after Your own heart who shall be to us a teacher, priest, and pastor following the example of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. In His Name we pray. Amen.

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

*Silence*

**Closing Collect**

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*

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:8,9

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. For today, we will be doing our confession in silence. Let us take a moment to pray.

*Confession in Silence*

*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**

#### **Hymn #321 – “Have I Done My Best For Jesus?”**

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*Verse 1*

I wonder, have I done my best for Jesus,  
Who died upon the cruel tree?  
To think of His great sacrifice at Calvary!  
I know my Lord expects the best from me.

*Chorus*

How many are the lost that I have lifted?  
How many are the chained I've helped to free?  
I wonder, have I done the best for Jesus,  
When He has done so much for me?

### **“將最好的獻給主耶穌”**

- 1 我是否將最好的獻給耶穌？  
慘死在十架的聖羔，  
想到主在各各他偉大犧牲，  
主要我將最好的都獻贈。
- 和： 我扶助多少失喪者得拯救，  
扶助被罪捆縛者得自由？  
我是否將最好的獻給耶穌，  
祂為我成就大功勞。

*Verse 2*

The hours that I have wasted are so many,  
The hours I've spent for Christ so few;  
Because of all my lack of love for Jesus,  
I wonder if His heart is breaking too.

2 我所浪費的光陰是那麼多？  
用在主身上都不多；  
這是因為我愛主的心冷淡，  
主的心靈一定破碎難堪。

*Verse 3*

I wonder, have I cared enough for others,  
Or have I left them die alone?  
I might have helped a wanderer to the Savior,  
The seed of precious Life I might have sown.

3 我有否足夠關心別人靈魂？  
或是看伊孤單沉淪？  
我應該幫助流浪者就近神，  
寶貝生命種子撒在他心。

*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 truly right to glorify You, Father, and to give You thanks; for You alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, You made all things and fill them with Your blessing; You created them to rejoice in the splendor of Your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before You to serve You night and day; and, beholding the glory of Your presence, they offer You unceasing praise. Joining our voices with angels and archangels and with every creature in and under heaven, we 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.

We acclaim You, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal Your wisdom and love. You formed us in Your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to

You, our Creator, we might rule and serve all Your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from You, You did not abandon us to the power of death. In Your mercy You came to our help, so that in seeking You we might find You. Again and again, You called us into covenant with You, and through the prophets You taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, You loved the world so much that in the fullness of time You sent Your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, He lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor He proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill Your purpose He gave Himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for Him who died and rose for us, He sent the Holy Spirit, His own first gift for those who believe, to complete His work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification 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.*

When the hour had come for Him to be glorified by You, His heavenly Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end; at supper with them He 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and His descent among the dead, proclaiming His resurrection and ascension to Your right hand, awaiting His coming in glory; and offering to You, from the gifts You have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise You and we bless You as we reveal to the world and declare together the mystery of the faith:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died

Christ is risen

Christ will come again

*The Celebrant continues*

Lord, we pray that in Your goodness and mercy Your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for Your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of Your Son Jesus Christ.



Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of Your Name.

Remember, Lord, Your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of Your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with all the saints who have found favor with You in ages past. We praise You in union with them and give You glory through Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are Yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. 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. Hello everyone! We are inviting everyone to watch and support our Intercolor Basketball Fellowship games that will start on today from 1PM until 6PM at the SSHS Pre-School Basketball Gym (5th Floor Pre-school Building). This will run for 9 consecutive Sundays, culminating with our championship games on April 28, 2024.  
There will be a short opening ceremony today from 1PM, and followed by two games scheduled per Sunday. We are all welcome to come and cheer for our players. Thank you very much and God bless you!
2. The Saturday class of Knowing Level has already started yesterday and the Sunday class will start later 10:30am at Room 304. If you would like. If you would like to join and have not registered, please head to room 304 after the service.

## Closing Song - #136 - "Jesus Bids Us Shine"

## “耶穌叫咱人”

Jesus bids us shine  
With a pure, clear light,  
Like a little candle  
Burning in the night.  
In this world of darkness  
So let us shine,  
You in your small corner,  
And I in mine.

Jesus bids us shine,  
First of all for Him;  
Well He sees and knows it,  
If our light grows dim.  
He looks down from Heaven  
To see us shine  
You in your small corner,  
And I in mine.

Jesus bids us shine,  
Then, for all around;  
Many kinds of darkness  
In the world are found.  
Sin and want and sorrow;  
So we must shine  
You in your small corner,  
And I in mine. Amen.

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| 1 耶穌叫咱人，<br>做真光的燈，<br>親像一枝燭火<br>夜間照光明，<br>這世間是黑暗<br>宛親像黑墨，<br>咱當照他光，<br>一人一隅。 | 3 耶穌叫咱人，<br>各處當做燈，<br>人有罪惡憂悶，<br>很多心無明，<br>看世間都黑暗，<br>宛親像黑墨，<br>咱當照他光，<br>一人一隅。阿們。 |
| 2 耶穌叫咱人，<br>歸榮光給祂，<br>咱的光不明顯<br>祂就不歡喜，<br>祂俯下看世間<br>暗親像黑墨，<br>咱當照他光，<br>一人一隅。 |  |

## Dismissal

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

## Postlude