

The Holy Eucharist

2nd Sunday in Lent

March 5, 2023

Prelude

Opening Rites

A blessed Lord's Day to everyone, and welcome to St. Stephen's Parish. We are now in the 2nd Sunday of Lent, a period of reflective repentance for the whole Christian church. We are reminded in Daniel 9:9-10 that "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." As we prepare our hearts for worship, let us rise and sing our opening song:

Opening Hymn:

#63 – "All Hail The Power Of Jesus Name"

All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown Him, crown Him, crown Him,
crown Him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
the wormwood and the gall,
go spread your trophies at His feet,
and crown Him, crown Him, crown Him,
crown Him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe
on this terrestrial ball,
to Him all majesty ascribe,
and crown Him, crown Him, crown Him,
crown Him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng,
we at His feet may fall!
Join in the everlasting song,
and crown Him, crown Him, crown Him,
crown Him Lord of all. Amen.

“讚美耶穌尊名聖德”

- 1 讚美耶穌尊名聖德，
天使跪拜謙虛，
恭奉冕旒為主登極，
來頌讚頌讚頌讚，主萬主之主。
- 2 咱當紀念救主愛疼，
為咱放棄身軀，
當報救人贖罪的功，
來頌讚頌讚頌讚，主萬主之主。
- 3 天下萬國萬族萬宗，
無論老幼男女，
應該尊敬至大君王，
來頌讚頌讚頌讚，主萬主之主。
- 4 後來將與天上聖徒，
跪下敬拜救主，
永遠吟詩在快樂所，
來頌讚頌讚頌讚，主萬主之主。
阿們。

Greeting (Let us continue our worship with the following responses)

All standing

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

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray our collect TOGETHER.

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.

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
First Reading (Lesson) from Exodus 3:1-10,18-22.

After each Reading, the Reader may say

Reader The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Second Reading (Lesson) from Hebrews 3:12-19.

After each Reading, the Reader may say

Reader 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 3:1-17.

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

In response, let us all **STAND** and declare what we believe as Christians, using 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

Celebrant As today is the first Sunday of the month, let us be reminded of our Mission and Vision as a church.

Celebrant First our Mission – 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.

Celebrant Next our Vision – Church, 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.

Celebrant Let us KNEEL and pray for the Prayers of the People.

The Prayers of the People

We come before you O Lord, seeking your blessing and favor upon your church and your people, especially during this season of Lent, as we are reminded true salvation is only found in You.

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.

May we live our lives every day with the constant awareness and appreciation of your power, goodness, and faithfulness. Therefore,

V. Day by day we bless you;

R. We praise your name for ever.

May your Spirit go before us and fill us completely, that the overflow of your love will empower us to consciously hate sin and love you more in return.

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

R. Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.

Lord, we pray for our church St. Stephen's Parish, our country the Philippines, and the rest of the world, that despite the challenges we are facing now, we would learn to put our trust in You, our loving and merciful God. Indeed,

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

R. For we put our trust in you.

We renounce the things and temptations of this world that distracts us from you. Because...

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

Moment of silence, as we...

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

Silence

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

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 using the Prayer of Confession.

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.

Let us all **STAND** 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

Revelation 4:11 declares, “O Lord our God, You are worthy to receive glory and honor and power; because You have created all things, and by Your will they were created and have their being.” Let us therefore with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord. During the offertory, please take time to sign the attendance booklets found on your pews, and also we will be singing Hymn #210 “All The Way My Saviour Leads Me”

#210 - "All The Way My Saviour Leads Me"

All the way my Saviour leads me;
What have I to ask beside?
Can I doubt His tender mercy,
Who thru life has been my Guide?
Heav'nly peace, divinest comfort,
Here by faith in Him to dwell!
[For I know, whate'er befall me,
Jesus doeth all things well.] 2x

All the way my Saviour leads me,
Cheers each winding path I tread;
Gives me grace for every trial,
Feeds me with the living Bread.
Though my weary steps may falter,
And my soul athirst may be,
[Gushing from the Rock before me,
Lo! A spring of joy I see.] 2x

All the way my Saviour leads me,
O the fullness of His love!
Perfect rest to me is promised
In my Father's house above.
When my spirit clothed immortal,
Wings its flight to realms of day,
[This my song thru endless ages –
Jesus lead me all the way.] 2x Amen.

“我救主祂一路引導”

- 1 我救主祂一路引導，
祂的愛極其豐滿，
時刻得主看顧保護，
豈可訝疑祂導路；
主賜我平安的福氣，
靠信心跟祂不離，
[我深信無論何事情，
主的確引導排比。] 2x
- 2 我救主祂一路引導，
只有祂我可依倚，
雖有試煉主恩充滿，
永活米糧養飼我；
我脚步雖然會搖撼，
心中口乾愛止渴，
[我的主堅固的石磐，
流出喜樂的活泉。] 2x
- 3 我救主祂一路引導，
我孤單祂來做伴，
主應許完全的安息，
到那日就會得着；
我靈魂被主接上天，
到天堂光明無比，
[在彼處吟詩永無息，
我救主一路引導。] 2x 阿們。

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. 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

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.

The threefold amen follows.

Announcements

1. Church Camp orientation meeting on March 19 immediately after the worship service. We have requested our fellowship and Sunday School to start at 10:30 on that Sunday so everyone can join our orientation.

Closing Song

I hope that our Lord was pleased with our worship today. As we go out and face the world, may we go ahead with the blessing of our Lord to shine His light live for His glory. Let us stand and sing our Closing Song, Hymn #294, “With Thy Blessing, Lord, Dismiss Us”.

#294 – “With Thy Blessing, Lord, Dismiss Us”

With Thy blessing now dismiss us,
With Thy joy our hearts embrace;
Bound in love and aspiration,
In glad paths Thy steps we trace.
In Thy footsteps, in Thy footsteps
Through the desert Thou wilt guide,
In Thy footsteps, in Thy footsteps
Through the desert Thou wilt guide.

To Thy name be pow’r and glory,
Make us bold Thy truth to preach;
May the harvest be abundant,
Every place Thy love to reach.
Witnessing for Christ our Saviour
Shedding light upon life’s way
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Shedding light upon life’s way.

With Thy spirit Lord refresh us,
Through us may Thy church revive;
May our faith in Thee increasing,
Daily by Thy grace to live.
Grace unfailing overflowing
God outpours the whole world o’er
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God outpours the whole world o’er.
Amen.

“今將散會求主賜福”

- 1 今將散會求主賜福，
使我心中常快樂，
大家結聯親愛扶助，
歡喜跟隨主足步，
跟主足步跟主足步，
經過曠野主領路，
跟主足步跟主足步，
經過曠野主領路。
- 2 榮光權柄歸主聖名，
壯我心志免驚惶，
真理傳播百倍收成，
四處為主做見證，
做主見證做主見證，
無論何往做光燈，
做主見證做主見證，
無論何往做光燈。
- 3 教會奮興由我做起，
所受靈恩愈加添，
我的信心求主幫助，
愈久愈知恩無限，
主恩無限主恩無限，
久長充滿全世界，
主恩無限主恩無限，
久長充滿全世界。阿們。

Postlude