

# The Holy Eucharist

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

May 15, 2022

## Prelude

## Opening Rites

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

*Colossians 3:1*

### Opening Song

#### “O Bless The Lord, My Soul”

Come let us praise the Lord,  
The Godhead infinite  
With boundless love and tenderness,  
He guides all things aright.

Praise Jesus' precious name,  
God's own begotten Son  
He paid redemption's costly price,  
For man's sin to atone.

The Holy Spirit praise,  
Whose power inspires mankind,  
From heav'n come down to dwell with men,  
That they renewal find.

Praise to the Trinity,  
The Godhead Three in One  
The Lord Jehovah's name extol  
Till endless days are done. Amen.

#### “同心讚美天父”

- 1 同心讚美天父，  
自然永活上帝，  
愛疼憐憫無窮無盡，  
照顧天上地下。
- 2 讚美耶穌尊名，  
上帝獨生的子，  
功勞極大贖人罪過，  
替咱捨棄性命。
- 3 讚美上帝聖神，  
權能感化萬民，  
自天降臨住人的心，  
使咱改舊換新。
- 4 讚美三位一體，  
父子聖神上帝，  
至尊至大主耶和華，  
讚美到萬萬世。阿們。

## **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. 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.

V. Alleluia. Christ is risen.

R. The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

*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.*

## **Song of Praise**

*When appointed, the following hymn or some other song of praise is sung or said, all standing*

*Gloria S280*

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to His people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship You, we give You thanks,  
we praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
You take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father:

receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One,  
You alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### **Collect of the Day**

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of Your people: Grant that when we hear His voice we may know Him who calls us each by name, and follow where He leads; who, with You and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*The Celebrant says the Collect.*

*People* Amen.

## The Liturgy of the Word

### **The Lessons**

*The people sit.*

*1 Kings 19:9-18*

<sup>9</sup>And there he went into a cave, and spent the night in that place; and behold, the word of the LORD *came* to him, and He said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” <sup>10</sup>So he said, “I have been very zealous for the LORD God of hosts; for the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword. I alone am left; and they seek to take my life.” <sup>11</sup>Then He said, “Go out, and stand on the mountain before the LORD.” And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore into the mountains and broke the rocks in pieces before the LORD, *but* the LORD *was* not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, *but* the LORD *was* not in the earthquake; <sup>12</sup>and after the earthquake a fire, *but* the LORD *was* not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice. <sup>13</sup>So it was, when Elijah heard *it*, that he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood in the entrance of the cave. And suddenly a voice *came* to him, and said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” <sup>14</sup>So he said, “I have been very zealous for the LORD God of hosts; because the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars, and

killed Your prophets with the sword. I alone am left; and they seek to take my life.”<sup>15</sup> Then the LORD said to him: “Go, return on your way to the Wilderness of Damascus; and when you arrive, anoint Hazael *as* king over Syria.<sup>16</sup> Also you shall anoint Jehu the son of Nimshi *as* king over Israel. And Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel Meholah you shall anoint *as* prophet in your place.<sup>17</sup> It shall be *that* whoever escapes the sword of Hazael, Jehu will kill; and whoever escapes the sword of Jehu, Elisha will kill.<sup>18</sup> Yet I have reserved seven thousand in Israel, all whose knees have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

*After each Reading, the Reader may say*

The word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*1 Peter 2:18-25*

<sup>18</sup> Servants, *be* submissive to *your* masters with all fear, not only to the good and gentle, but also to the harsh.<sup>19</sup> For this *is* commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully.<sup>20</sup> For what credit *is it* if, when you are beaten for your faults, you take it patiently? But when you do good and suffer for it, if you take it patiently, this *is* commendable before God.<sup>21</sup> For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps:

<sup>22</sup> “Who committed no sin,  
Nor was guile found in His mouth”;

<sup>23</sup> who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed *Himself* to Him who judges righteously; <sup>24</sup> who *Himself* bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed.<sup>25</sup> For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

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The word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## **Anthem**

### **"I Will Serve the Lord"**

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There marches through the centuries  
The martyrs of the cross  
All those who choose to follow Christ  
To suffer any loss

And though their journey led them  
Through the shadow lands of death  
The song of their commitment  
They rehearsed with every breath

I will serve the Lord  
I will serve the Lord, my God  
And if God should choose, and my life I lose  
Though my foe may slay me, I will serve the  
Lord

The honor and the privilege ours  
With wounds we suffer by His side  
And to the glory of the Lord  
Those sacred scars  
We bear with pride

Uncertain days now echo back  
That strong and urgent strain  
To count the cost, take up the cross  
And join in the refrain  
For should our journey lead us  
Through the shadow lands of death  
May this be our hearts resolve  
As long as we have breath

Though my foe may slay me  
I will serve the Lord

### **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 21:33-46.

*People* Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

The Parable of the Wicked Vinedressers

<sup>33</sup>“Hear another parable: There was a certain landowner who planted a vineyard and set a hedge around it, dug a winepress in it and built a tower. And he leased it to vinedressers and went into a far country. <sup>34</sup>Now when vintage-time drew near, he sent his servants to the vinedressers, that they might receive its fruit. <sup>35</sup>And the vinedressers took his servants, beat one, killed one, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup>Again he sent other servants, more than the first, and they did likewise to them. <sup>37</sup>Then last of all he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ <sup>38</sup>But when the vinedressers saw the son, they said among themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.’ <sup>39</sup>And they caught him, and cast *him* out of the vineyard, and killed *him*. <sup>40</sup>“Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vinedressers?” <sup>41</sup>They said to Him, “He will destroy those wicked men miserably, and lease *his* vineyard to other vinedressers who will render to him the fruits in their seasons.” <sup>42</sup>Jesus said to them, “Did you never read in the Scriptures:

‘The stone which the builders rejected  
Has become the chief cornerstone.  
This was the LORD’s doing,  
And it is marvelous in our eyes?’

<sup>43</sup>“Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a nation bearing the fruits of it. <sup>44</sup>And whoever falls on this stone will be broken; but on whomever it falls, it will

grind him to powder.”<sup>45</sup> Now when the chief priests and Pharisees heard His parables, they perceived that He was speaking of them. <sup>46</sup> But when they sought to lay hands on Him, they feared the multitudes, because they took Him for a prophet.

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

**The Sermon** by Bro. Dan Cura

### **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**

- 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*

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of Your people; in the multitude of Your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to You for help; for You are gracious, O lover of souls, and to You we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for 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*

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**

I appeal to you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. *Romans 12:1*

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

### **Offertory Hymn**

## “Be Still, My Soul”

Be still, my soul; the Lord is on thy side;  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;  
Leave to thy God to order and provide;  
In every change He faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul; thy best, thy heavenly, Friend  
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul; thy God doth undertake  
To guide the future as He has the past.  
Thy hope, thy confidence, let nothing shake;  
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know  
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

Be still, my soul; the hour is hastening on  
When we shall be forever with the Lord,  
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,  
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.  
Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,  
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.  
Amen.

*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.

## “我心恬靜”

- 1 我心恬靜，安穩住主翼下，  
甘願背起悲傷痛苦十架，  
照主所愛聽祂命令安排，  
世事變遷，主信實永存在。  
我心恬靜，經過荆棘路程，  
有主引導我心會得安寧。
- 2 我心恬靜，上帝引導保證，  
過去供應將來也會帶領，  
心存盼望堅固不可搖動，  
一切奧秘，時到就會看明。  
我心恬靜，雖然有大風浪，  
聽主命令一切都會平靜。
- 3 我心恬靜，日子快快過去，  
使命完成與主在天相見，  
憂傷失志到尾都要過去，  
無再傷悲，滿心快樂得意。  
我心恬靜，無再啼哭分離，  
快樂歡喜永遠與主居住。  
阿們。

*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.*

## Closing Song

### “Lord Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing”

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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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  
Grace unfailing overflowing  
God outpours the whole world o'er.  
Amen.

## Postlude

### “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。