

5th Sunday of Easter – The Holy Eucharist (May 18, 2025)

Prelude

Opening Rites

A blessed Sunday, and welcome to St. Stephen's Parish. We continue to remember and celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ in this Eastertide, or the Easter season. May the fact that our God is alive, inspire us to come before Him with confidence and faith in genuine worship. Colossians 3:1 reminds us, "If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God."

Let our hearts proclaim praises to Christ, as we sing our opening song, hymn #12 - "My Heart Doth Praise The Lord" vv. 1,2,3,5,6. Let us all **STAND**.

Opening Song #12: "My Heart Doth Praise The Lord" vv. 1,2,3,5,6

Verse 1

My soul repeat His praise,
Whose mercies great I know;
He saved me from destruction dread,
My heart its praise would show.

Verse 2

His mercy bountiful
Forgives my ev'ry sin;
Crowned with His loving kindness sweet,
Our ills are healed by Him.

Verse 3

As east from west apart
My guilt the Lord removes;
As high as heav'n above the earth
His love to us so proves.

Verse 5

Our days like flow'rs soon fade,
In wind and rain they die,
But God's compassion e'er endures,
He reigns in power on high.

Verse 6

My soul, repeat His praise,
With angel voices raise,
May earth and heav'n in one glad sound
Extol the Lord always. Amen.

“我心實在讚美”

- 1 我心實在讚美，
因為上帝大恩；
救我性命免致滅亡，
誠心實意敬尊。
- 2 上帝大大慈悲，
赦我都無罪過；
又且日日照顧養飼，
我病祂會醫好。
- 3 上帝除我罪惡，
如東離西的遠；
帶念耶穌賜我大福，
永遠在那天堂。
- 5 咱人性命如花，
大風來吹就謝；
獨獨上帝永遠不廢，
久長在天上居。
- 6 我心讚美上帝，
天使相與頌讚；
天上地下合為一個，
大家心正所願。阿們。

Greeting

All standing, the 1st and 5th 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

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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.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know Your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow His steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Please be **SEATED** for the reading of the lessons.

The Lessons

The people sit. One or two Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying

The First and Second Reading from Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-15 & Philippians 2:1-11.

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 (Ptr. Jonathan Banzuelo)

Please **STAND** as we recite the Nicene Creed.

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.

Let us **KNEEL** and PRAY.

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, *including St. Stephen's Parish*, 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.

Moment of 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.

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 **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

Celebrant

Please be **SEATED**. We will proceed to our offertory. Psalm 96:8 reminds us to, “Ascribe to the Lord the honor due His Name; bring offering and come into His courts.” During this time, do write your names on the attendance booklet found on your pews. And we will also sing **Hymn #174 "I Need Thee Every Hour."**

Offertory Hymn – Hymn #174 "I Need Thee Every Hour." # 174 – “I Need Thee Every Hour”

Verse 1

I need Thee every hour,
most gracious Lord;
no tender voice like Thine
can peace afford.

Chorus

I need Thee, O I need Thee,
every hour I need Thee.
O bless me now, my Savior;
I come to Thee.

Verse 2

I need Thee every hour;
stay Thou nearby;
temptations lose their power
when Thou art nigh.

Verse 3

I need Thee every hour,
in joy or pain;
come quickly and abide,
or life is vain.

Verse 4

I need Thee every hour;
teach me Thy will;
and Thy rich promises
in me fulfill.

After the offerings are collected, the people sing

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

“時刻我欠用主”

- 1 時刻我欠用主，
極大慈悲，
是祢溫柔的聲，
使我歡喜。

和：我欠用祢主耶穌，
時刻我欠用祢，
願主此時賜福我，
我來就祢。
- 2 時刻我欠用主，
祢若近倚，
試誘就無氣力，
請與我住。
- 3 時刻我欠用主，
無論禍福，
求祢與我無離，
才有安樂。
- 4 時刻我欠用主，
教示我行，
願祢寶貴應允，
於我完成。

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 indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give You thanks, almighty and eternal Father, and on this night of our redemption to celebrate with joyful hearts the memory of Your wonderful works.

For by the mystery of His passion Jesus Christ, Your risen Son, has conquered the powers of death and hell and restored in men and women the image of Your glory. He has placed them once more in paradise and opened to them the gate of life eternal.

And so, in the joy of this Passover, earth and heaven resound with gladness. We join 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 and everliving God, we thank You for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of Your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of Your Son, and heirs of Your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work You have given us to do, to love and serve You as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To Him, to You, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. 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.

Announcements

1. First announcement is regarding our **F2F Prayer Meeting this Wednesday** May 21 at 8PM. We will be praying for upcoming Junior Summer Camp, so instead of our usual online prayer meeting, please come face to face and let us pray together. This will be this Wednesday May 21, 8pm at the Yutiam Hall.
2. Additional **JSC Prayer Initiatives**:
 - Prayer Rally: May 19-24 7am-8am at the Yutiam Hall.
 - Prayer Meeting: May 25 at the sanctuary immediately after the worship service. ALL ARE WELCOME!
3. **Volleyball Fellowship** announcement c/o Sis. Angel Peña.
4. **YSC adjusted deadline**

We hope the Lord was pleased with our worship this morning. Let us go forth into the world as we follow the leading of our Risen Lord, knowing that whatever may befall us, Jesus will do all things well. Let us all **STAND** and sing our closing song, hymn #210 - "All The Way My Saviour Leads Me."

Closing Song

#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

“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；
我腳步雖然會搖撼，
心中口乾愛止渴，
[我的主堅固的石磐，
流出喜樂的活泉。] 2x

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.

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude

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。