

The Holy Eucharist

Day of Pentecost (May 19, 2024)

Prelude

Opening Rites

The officiant may start with the following verses

A blessed Pentecost Sunday to everyone! Today we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to empower the early church to bring the Gospel to the world. As the Spirit fired up the witness of the believers then, we pray that the Spirit will set our hearts ablaze to worship God too this morning.

As Psalm 43:3 says, "Send out Your light and Your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to Your holy hill and to Your dwelling."

Let us all rise for the opening song.

Opening Song

#198 - "Come, Thou Almighty King"

Verse 1

Come, Thou Almighty King,
Help us Thy name to sing;
Help us to praise.
Father, all glorious,
O'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days!

Verse 2

Come, Thou Incarnate Word,
Gird on Thy mighty Sword;
Our prayer attend.
Come, and Thy people bless,
And give Thy word success,
Spirit of holiness, on us descend!

Verse 3

Come, holy Comforter,
Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour.
Thou who almighty art,
Now rule in every heart,
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r! Amen.

“懇求聖父降臨”

- 1 懇求聖父降臨，
助阮讚美你名，
恭敬稱謝。
天父無限榮光，
得勝掌管四方，
亙古常存在的神， 掌管萬民。
- 2 懇求聖子降臨，
你的權柄顯露，
聽阮祈禱；
施恩給衆子民，
願你聖道永恒；
懇求聖潔的靈， 降臨奮興。
- 3 懇求聖靈降臨，
顯出神聖見證，
賞賜安寧，
你是全能主宰，
管理各人心懷，
永遠住在裡面， 大能的神。阿們。

Greeting

Celebrant Praise be to God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And praise be to His kingdom now and forever.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Celebrant may say the following prayer or any other appropriate prayer

O Almighty God, who pours out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and of supplication: Deliver us, when we draw near to You, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship You in spirit and in truth; through Jesus 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.

The Celebrant says the Collect.

Almighty God, on this day You opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of Your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of 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 Psalm 104:24-35 & Romans 8:1-4.*

After each Reading, the Reader may say

The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Anthem – “Everytime I Feel the Spirit”

Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

O ev'ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

Upon the mountain, my Lord spoke, out of His mouth came fire and smoke.

Down in the valley, on my knees, asked my Lord have mercy please.

Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

O ev'ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

Joradan river, is chilly and cold, it chills the body not the soul.

All around me looked so fine, asked my Lord if all was mine.

Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

O ev'ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

Ain't but one train on this track, runs to heaven and right back.

My Lord is waiting at the gate, said 'Come on sinner, don't be late.

Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.
O ev'ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart,
in my heart, in my heart, I will pray, I will pray.

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 16:7-15.

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

Introduction to the Speaker

In line with our observance of Pentecost Sunday, it is also appropriate that we are observing Theological Education Sunday. Just as the Spirit enabled the believers to preach God's word, we acknowledge how theological education equips us to preach God's word accurately and clearly.

And so, we are honored to have Dr. Joel Williams, representing the Biblical Seminary of the Philippines, to share God's word with us. Dr. Williams has been teaching New Testament and theology classes at BSOP for the past 6 years. His wife Dr. Rebecca Williams teaches English at BSOP to the international students. Together, they have three adult children (a daughter and 2 sons) and two cute grandsons.

Let us now hear God's message for us through Dr. Williams.

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

Celebrant

Lord, hear the prayers of *Thy* people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of *Thy* Name; through 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.

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

One of the following, or some other appropriate sentence of Scripture, may be used

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*

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

Offertory Hymn

#182 – “Open My Eyes That I May See”

Verse 1

Open my eyes, that I may see
Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;
Place in my hands the wonderful key
That shall unclasp and set me free.

Chorus

Silently now I wait for Thee,
Ready my God, Thy will to see,
Open my ¹eyes/²ears/³heart, illumine me,
Spirit divine! Spirit divine!

Verse 2

Open my ears, that I may hear
Voices of truth Thou sendest clear;
And while the wave notes fall on my ear,
Everything false will disappear.

Verse 3

Open my mouth, and let me bear,
Gladly the warm truth everywhere;
Open my heart and let me prepare
Love with Thy children thus to share

“開我的目才會看明”

- 1 開我的目才會看明，
奧妙真道寶貝聖經，
使我眼睛會得氣力，
主的聖旨會得通遠，
和：今我恬靜在等候祢，
我心便便愛祢指示，
開我的目¹/耳²/口³使它銳利，
聖神上帝准我所愛。
- 2 開我的耳才會曉聽，
祢所報傳福音真聲，
真理的聲在我心裏，
衆項異端不會再害，
- 3 開我的口才會傳報，
天下衆人的救真道，
開我的心才會顯明，
祢的榮光祢的愛情，

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

Celebrant 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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of His true promise, the Holy Spirit came down on this day from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to Your Church the power to serve You as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

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.

We give thanks to You, O God, for the goodness and love which You have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be Your people; in Your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, Your Son. For in these last days You sent Him to be incarnate from the virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Him, You have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before You. In Him, You have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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 before He died for us, 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, according to His command, O Father, we declare to all the world the mystery of the faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to You, O Lord of all; presenting to You, from Your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray You, gracious God, to send Your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and His Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to Your Son in His sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through Him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under Your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all Your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of Your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Him, and with Him, and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is Yours, Almighty Father, now and for 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

To Him who by means of his power working in us is able to do so much more than we can ever ask for or even think of: to God be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus for all time, 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. We would like to welcome again Dr. Joel Williams and Dr. Rebecca Williams. As mentioned, since it is Theological Education Sunday, BSOP has prepared the following video to showcase their ministry. Let us watch the clip.
2. Today will be the last two games of our inter-color basketball fellowship. We're inviting everyone to watch and support the battle for 3rd at 12:30 and the championship game at 1:45pm. The games will be at the SSHS Elementary Gym.

Closing Hymn

#72 – “Holy Spirit, Descend Upon Our Hearts” vv. 1-4

O Spirit now descend
And dwell within each heart,
Omnipotent, O blessed Light,
Thy boundless grace impart.

O Spirit teach us now,
That we Thy truth confess,
Our sin to know, repenting come,
To trust His righteousness.

O Spirit now reprove
And help us to submit,
Hating our sins following His will,
Our lives to God submit.

O Spirit now protect,
That we each day progress,
In every word and every deed,
To follow in His steps. Amen.

“懇求聖靈住在我心”

- 1 懇求聖神降臨，
在阮各人的心，
無所不能至光至明，
賞賜恩典極深。
- 2 懇求聖神教示，
使阮會信道理，
醒悟知罪憂悶反悔，
來靠耶穌的義。
- 3 懇求聖神責督，
幫助阮心降服，
常常歡喜上帝聖旨，
怨恨攏總罪惡。
- 4 懇求聖神照顧，
使阮日日進步，
所說言語所行的事，
各項照主法度。阿們。

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude