

The Holy Eucharist

6th Sunday of Easter

May 22, 2022

Prelude

Opening Rites

Christ has entered, not into a sanctuary made with hands, a copy of the true one, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.

Hebrews 9:24

Opening Song

#80 - "Rejoice The Lord Is King"

Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing,
And triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart! Lift up your voice!
Rejoice! Again I say, rejoice!

Jesus, the Savior, reigns,
The God of truth and love:
When He had purged our stains,
He took His seat above.
Lift up your heart! Lift up your voice!
Rejoice! Again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail,
He rules o'er earth and heaven;
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus given.
Lift up your heart! Lift up your voice!
Rejoice! Again I say, rejoice! Amen.

“歡喜救主做王”

- 1 歡喜救主做王，
大家當來尊崇，
人人感恩吟詩，
救主已經勝利；
滿心歡喜，出聲讚美
快樂吟詩榮耀歸祂。
- 2 真理仁愛的主，
在天掌管萬有，
洗咱罪惡清潔，
今坐榮光座位；
滿心歡喜，出聲讚美
快樂吟詩榮耀歸祂。
- 3 祂坐上帝右旁，
直到對敵歸誠，
順服救主命令，
跪落在主腳前；
滿心歡喜，出聲讚美
快樂吟詩榮耀歸祂。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

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.

O God, You have prepared for those who love You such good things as surpass our understanding; Pour into our hearts such love towards You, that we, loving You in all things and above all things, may obtain Your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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.

Joel 2:21-27 (p.790 of Pew Bibles)

²¹ Fear not, O land;

Be glad and rejoice,

For the LORD has done marvelous things!

²² Do not be afraid, you beasts of the field;

For the open pastures are springing up,

And the tree bears its fruit;

The fig tree and the vine yield their strength.

²³ Be glad then, you children of Zion,

And rejoice in the LORD your God;

For He has given you the former rain faithfully,

And He will cause the rain to come down for you—

The former rain,
And the latter rain in the first *month*.

²⁴The threshing floors shall be full of wheat,
And the vats shall overflow with new wine and oil.

²⁵“So I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten,
The crawling locust,
The consuming locust,
And the chewing locust,
My great army which I sent among you.

²⁶You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,
And praise the name of the LORD your God,
Who has dealt wondrously with you;
And My people shall never be put to shame.

²⁷Then you shall know that I *am* in the midst of Israel,
And that I *am* the LORD your God
And there is no other.
My people shall never be put to shame.

After each Reading, the Reader may say

The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Galatians 6:1-10 (p.1011 of Pew Bibles)

¹ Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who *are* spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. ² Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. ³ For if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. ⁴ But let each one examine his own work, and then he will have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. ⁵ For each one shall bear his own load. ⁶ Let him who is taught the word share in all good things with him who teaches. ⁷ Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. ⁸ For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. ⁹ And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. ¹⁰ Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

After each Reading, the Reader may say

The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Virtual Anthem

"The Lord is My Light"

Hank Beebe

Chorus 1:

The Lord is my light, (*echo*)
The light of my life, (*echo*)
And my salvation (*echo*)
(My light and my salvation)
The Lord is my strength, (*echo*)
The strength of my life, (*echo*)
And my salvation
(My strength and my salvation)

Of whom shall I be afraid?
In time of trouble, He
is there to comfort me,
Of whom shall I be afraid?
When all my hopes are dead,
He lifts my head

One thing have I desired, (*echo*)
To behold the beauty of the Lord (*echo*)
I will offer gifts of joy,
And with Thy grace, seek Thy face

Lord, hide not Thy face far from me,
Leave me not,
You're my salvation
(My light and my salvation)

Chorus 2:

For You are my rock, (*echo*)
The rock of life, (*echo*)
And my salvation
(My rock and my salvation)

Of whom shall I be afraid?
When I'm disheartened, You
are there to see me through,
Of whom shall I be afraid?
When I can no longer stand,
You take my hand

Finale:

The Lord is my light, (*echo*)
The light of my life, (*echo*)
The Lord is my strength, (*echo*)
The strength of my life,
The Lord is my light and my strength and
salvation!
The Lord is my strength, the Lord is my rock,
the Lord is my light!

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 13:24-30; 36-43.

People Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

Matthew 13:24-30; 36-43 (p.845 of Pew Bibles)

The Parable of the Wheat and the Tares

²⁴ Another parable He put forth to them, saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵ but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way. ²⁶ But when the grain had sprouted and produced a crop, then the tares also appeared.

²⁷ So the servants of the owner came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field?

How then does it have tares?’²⁸ He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The servants said to him, ‘Do you want us then to go and gather them up?’²⁹ But he said, ‘No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them.’³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, “First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn.”’³¹

The Parable of the Tares Explained

³⁶Then Jesus sent the multitude away and went into the house. And His disciples came to Him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the tares of the field.”³⁷ He answered and said to them: “He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man.³⁸ The field is the world, the good seeds are the sons of the kingdom, but the tares are the sons of the wicked *one*.³⁹ The enemy who sowed them is the devil, the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels.⁴⁰ Therefore as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of this age.⁴¹ The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness,⁴² and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth.⁴³ Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

The Sermon by Ptr. Aileen Fung (<https://youtu.be/0wN-vY2i4A0>)

The Nicene Creed (*p.4 of Blue Prayer Book*)

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

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Prime Bishop, Brent; our Diocesan Bishop, Rex; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of Him. Pray that they may find and be found by Him.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

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 (*p.7 of Blue Prayer Book*)

The Celebrant may read one of the following sentences

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4:14,16

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 (*p.9 of Blue Prayer Book*)

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 (*pp.9-14 of Blue Prayer Book*)

Offertory

Celebrant

Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge His Name as well as the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Offertory Song

#339 - "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

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Precious Lord, take my hand,
Lead me on, help me stand
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night,
Lead me on to the light,
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear,
Precious Lord, linger near
When my life is almost gone;
Hear my cry, hear my call,
Hold my hand lest I fall
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

“寶貝主，牽我手”

- 1 寶貝主，牽我手，
助我站，導我行！
我疲倦，我憂煩，我軟弱；
經風暴，過黑夜，
導我行，進光明；
寶貝主，牽我手，到天庭。
- 2 我道路，漸淒涼，
主臨近，慰憂傷！
我生命，在主手，掌握中；
我呼求，我祈禱，
扶持我，免跌倒；
寶貝主，牽我手，常引導。

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. Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.

R. Let us rejoice and exult and give the glory to the Lord.

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.

The threefold amen follows.

Announcements

1. As you may have seen from our announcements in social media, we will be changing our

2. Sunday Worship Service schedule from 9AM to 8:30AM starting June 5. You may remember that this is one of our original worship service schedules before the pandemic. Part of the reason for the movement is to allow for our Sunday fellowships to resume much-needed face-to-face gatherings very soon as we see cases going down even further and also for our Children's Service teachers to have ample time to prepare for their online classes. We shall start on June 5, so everyone can be better adjusted to the new timeslot once fellowships resume their face-to-face gatherings.
3. We'd like to remind everyone to call up our church office if you wish to join our Knowing Level Classes starting June 5 via Zoom. This is for people who wish to be baptized or confirmed in our Parish or if you just want a refresher of our basic faith and practice in this church.

Closing Song

#203 - "Close To Thee"

Thou my everlasting portion,
 More than friend or life to me,
 All along my pilgrim journey,
 Saviour, let me walk with Thee.
 Close to Thee, close to Thee,
 Close to Thee, close to Thee,
 All along my pilgrim journey,
 Saviour, let me walk with Thee.

Not for ease or worldly pleasure,
 Nor for fame my pray'r shall be;
 Gladly will I toil and suffer,
 Only let me walk with Thee.
 Close to Thee, close to Thee,
 Close to Thee, close to Thee,
 Gladly will I toil and suffer,
 Only let me walk with Thee.

“親近祢”

- 1 主是我永遠的產業，
 勝過世間萬項物，
 在我一生所行的路，
 救主引導又扶持。
 親近祢 親近祢，
 親近祢，親近祢。
 在我一生所行的路，
 救主引導又扶持。
- 2 我不求世上的安樂，
 地位錢財與名聲，
 雖然受苦歡喜順服，
 只要有主與我行。
 親近祢，親近祢，
 親近祢，親近祢。
 雖然受苦歡喜順服，
 只要有主與我行。

Lead me through the vale of shadows,
Bear me o'er life's fitful sea;
Then the gate of life eternal
May I enter, Lord with Thee.
Close to Thee, close to Thee,
Close to Thee, close to Thee,
Then the gate of life eternal
May I enter, Lord, with Thee. Amen.

3 領我經過死蔭山谷，
有主同在我免驚，
祢的聖手引導保護，
一直到天上聖城。
親近祢，親近祢，
親近祢，親近祢。
祢的聖手引導保護，
一直到天上聖城。阿們。

Postlude