

The Holy Eucharist (Mother's Day)

4th Sunday of Easter

May 8, 2022

Prelude

Opening Rites

¹² For thus says the LORD:

“Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river,
And the glory of the Gentiles like a flowing stream.
Then you shall feed;
On *her* sides shall you be carried,
And be dandled on *her* knees.

¹³ As one whom his mother comforts,
So I will comfort you;
And you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.”

Isaiah 66:12-13

Opening Song

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Chorus:

Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided,
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

“祢的信實極大”

1 上帝我的天父，祢這實極大，
於祢 裡面都無黑暗驚惶，
祢永不改變又有慈愛滿滿，
古昔現今將來永遠無息。

和：祢的信實極大，祢的信實極大
各日早晨看見祢的慈愛；
我所欠用一切祢親手安排，
祢的信實極大，何等慈愛。

2 春夏秋冬各時，栽種與收成，
日月星辰時刻運行無停，
宇宙萬物一齊為主作見證，
傳報天父極大信實恩情。

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside.

3 主赦免我罪過，賜平安永活，
親身看顧保護奇妙引導，
各日賜下氣力堅固不搖撼，
賜我百般恩典福氣滿滿。

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.

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 Celebrant says the Collect.

People Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

The Lessons

The people sit.

Isaiah 9:1-7

¹ Nevertheless the gloom *will* not *be* upon her who *is* distressed,

As when at first He lightly esteemed

The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,

And afterward more heavily oppressed *her*,

By the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan,

In Galilee of the Gentiles.

²The people who walked in darkness
Have seen a great light;
Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death,
Upon them a light has shined.

³You have multiplied the nation
And increased its joy;
They rejoice before You
According to the joy of harvest,
As *men* rejoice when they divide the spoil.

⁴For You have broken the yoke of his burden
And the staff of his shoulder,
The rod of his oppressor,
As in the day of Midian.

⁵For every warrior's sandal from the noisy battle,
And garments rolled in blood,
Will be used for burning *and* fuel of fire.

⁶For unto us a Child is born,
Unto us a Son is given;
And the government will be upon His shoulder.
And His name will be called
Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷Of the increase of *His* government and peace
There will be no end,
Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom,
To order it and establish it with judgment and justice
From that time forward, even forever.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

After each Reading, the Reader may say

The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Acts 17:24-28

²⁴God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. ²⁵Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things. ²⁶And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their habitation, ²⁷so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; ²⁸for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also His offspring.'

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People Thanks be to God.

Anthem

It Was Your Life

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Before I took a breath,
Before I took a step,
Unnumbered pray'rs were spoken,
Spoken just for me
And as I rested peacefully,
There in your loving arms,
You dreamed of what tomorrow would bring,
And what my future could be

You watched me
As each tiny step grew stronger,
You guided me
Through choices I could make
And though I didn't know
The road that I would walk,
Your prayers would always
Light the path I'd take

Chorus:
Your hands reached down
To lift me when I'd fallen
Your arms would hold me
When I felt afraid
Your eyes could see right through
The dark and stormy clouds
And point me to a brighter day
Your steps would set a path
That I could follow,
Your words of hope
My broken dreams could mend
Your heart of love,
Would always show me Jesus
But it was your life
That lead me to Him

My childhood days are gone
And time keeps moving on
It seems as though the months, the years
Quickly slip away
The life of faith you offered,
Examples of God's love
Is the life I long to share
With my children today

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 Luke 1:46-55.
People Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

The Song of Mary

⁴⁶ And Mary said:

“My soul magnifies the Lord,

⁴⁷ And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.

⁴⁸ For He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant;

For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed.

⁴⁹ For He who is mighty has done great things for me,

And holy *is* His name.

⁵⁰ And His mercy *is* on those who fear Him

From generation to generation.

⁵¹ He has shown strength with His arm;

He has scattered *the* proud in the imagination of their hearts.

⁵² He has put down the mighty from *their* thrones,

And exalted *the* lowly.

⁵³ He has filled *the* hungry with good things,

And *the* rich He has sent away empty.

⁵⁴ He has helped His servant Israel,

In remembrance of *His* mercy,

⁵⁵ As He spoke to our fathers,

To Abraham and to his seed forever.”

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

The Sermon by Bro. Michael Kwong (<https://youtu.be/cu51loa9Ors>)

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

Mission:

Celebrant 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.

Vision:

Celebrant What do we aim to be?

People SSP envisions to impact its community through members who are diligent in making disciples wherever they are, rooted in the word, reverent in worship, and fervent in prayer.

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

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with Your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Confession

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

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

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave Himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 5:2

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

Offertory Hymn

"We Plough The Fields And Scatter"

We plow the fields, and scatter
The good seed on the land,
But it is fed and watered
By God's almighty hand;
He sends the snow in winter,
The warmth to swell the grain,
The breezes and the sunshine,
And soft refreshing rain.

Chorus:

All good gifts around us are sent from heav'n above,
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord
For all His wondrous love.

"祢的信實極大"

- 1 農夫犁田撒種子，
盼望後來收成，
總是萌芽與長大，
是由上帝權能，
及時雨水祂賞賜，
霜雪甘露潤澤，
春夏秋冬好風日，
五穀漸漸成熟。

和：四方各項好物，是由天上賞賜，
當感謝主來感謝主，
因為祂大恩慈。

He only is the maker
Of all things near and far;
He paints the wayside flower,
He lights the evening star;
The winds and waves obey Him.
By Him the birds are fed:
Much more to us, His children.
He gives our daily bread.

We thank Thee, then, O Father,
All things are bright and good;
The seed time and the harvest,
Our life, our health, our food;
Accept the gifts we offer,
For all Thy love imparts,
And, what Thou most desirest,
Our humble, thankful hearts.

2 萬物不論在遠近，
都是上帝造成，
海波風浪順服主，
夜間星辰光明，
路旁花草主裝飾，
飛鳥是主養飼，
何況我是祂子兒，
米糧穩當預備。

3 天父我今讚美祢，
感謝祢大恩典，
賞賜各樣的福氣，
生活快樂康健，
主大仁愛及慈悲，
我無物可報答，
謙卑感恩獻身心，
救主歡喜鑒納。

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

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. Since it is Mother's Day, we would like to take this time to honor the mothers in our congregation today. May we ask them to stand? On behalf of the church, we would like to thank you for all your hard work and sacrifice in rearing your children. Know that we see all that you've done and that you are loved and appreciated in this church. As a token to our mothers, we have prepared a simple gift for you to be distributed by members of our choir.

May we also ask you to come forward for picture taking and allow us to pray for you afterwards.

Closing Song

“God Will Take Care Of You”

Be not dismayed whate'er betide,
God will take care of you;
Beneath His wings of love abide,
God will take care of you.

Chorus:

God will take care of you,
Through every day, o'er all the way;
He will take care of you,
God will take care of you.

Through days of toil when heart doth fail,
God will take care of you;
When dangers fierce your path assail,
God will take care of you.

All you may need He will provide,
God will take care of you;
Nothing you ask will be denied,
God will take care of you.

Postlude

“上帝在照顧你”

1 好壞境遇都免驚惶，
上帝在照顧你，
站主翼下實在安定，
上帝在照顧你。

和：上帝在照顧你，
夜日看顧，夜日導路，
上帝在照顧你，
上帝在照顧你。

2 為主做工不須失志，
上帝在照顧你，
路途崎嶇危險那時，
上帝在照顧你。

3 凡有所欠不須罣慮，
上帝在照顧你，
因為天父極大富有，
上帝在照顧你。