

Daily Morning Prayer with Eucharist 14th Sunday after Pentecost – August 25, 2024

Prelude

Preparatory Prayer

Officiant invites the people to a moment of silent prayer to prepare for the day's service.

A blessed Lord's Day to everyone, and welcome to St. Stephen's Parish! We welcome everyone in our sanctuary as we gather together to worship the Lord this 14th Sunday after Pentecost. As we prepare ourselves, may we echo the words of David from Psalm 19:14 "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer."

Opening Hymn

#88 – "God's Spirit Now Revealed"

Verse 1

God reveals His presence;
Let us now adore Him.
And with awe appear before Him;
God is in His temple:
All within keep silence.
Prostrate lie with deepest reverence.
Him alone God we own.
Him our God and Saviour:
Praise His name forever.

Verse 2

God reveals His presence;
Hear the harps resounding,
See the crowds the throne surrounding;
Holy, holy, holy.
Hear the hymn ascending.
Angels, saints, their voices blending.
Bow Thine ear, to us here;
Hearken, O Lord Jesus,
To our meaner praises.

Verse 3

O Thou Fount of blessing,
Purify my spirit,
Trusting only in Thy merit:
Like the holy angels,
Who behold Thy glory,
May I ceaselessly adore Thee.
Let Thy will ever still,
Rule Thy Church terrestrial,
As the host celestial.

“上帝親身顯明”

- 1 上帝親身顯明，
會中眾人拜敬，
謙虛心來倚祂座前；
讚美上帝至聖，
殿裏恭敬肅靜，
一齊來吟專心虔誠。
阮承認，獨一真，
救主上帝至聖，
讚美永遠不停。
- 2 上帝親身顯明，
樂器聲音響應，
請看天民圍倚座前；
至聖至聖至聖，
讚美聲音不停，
天使聖徒一齊拜敬。
阮的聲，請主聽，
願主歡喜俯下，
鑒納罪人讚美。
- 3 主啊活水源本，
來洗清阮神魂，
阮只靠祢贖罪深恩；
親像天上天軍，
得着與主親近，
敬拜真神獨一至尊。
願聖旨，永治理，
使祢聖會得成，
親像天上聖城。

Verse 4

Now in this world dwelling,
May God live within me,
Make my heart a temple for Thee:
Send Thy holy angels,
Lead us to Thy glory.
With the heav'nly host to serve Thee.
Hope retain, hearts aflame,
Evermore unceasing,
On our Saviour looking. Amen.

4 現在尚住世界，
願主使我心裏，
做祢聖所照祢所愛；
求祢差遣聖使，
領到光明所在，
就與天民永遠服事。
懷希望，心勇壯，
直至長長久久，
注目向我救主。阿們。

Officiant: As today is the fourth Sunday of the month, we will use the morning prayer liturgy format with Holy Eucharist. Let us continue with our worship by praying the Confession of Sin. Let us **KNEEL** and pray.

Confession of Sin

Officiant: With contrite and humble hearts, let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Officiant and People together

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, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your name. Amen.

The Officiant 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.*

Invitatory

Officiant Let us all **STAND** for the invitatory and Psalm.

Officiant O Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim Your praise.

Officiant Let us all sing the Jubilate.

Jubilate (Psalm 100)

Sing to the Lord, all the world! Worship the Lord with joy!
Come before Him with happy songs! Enter the temple with thanksgiving.
Go into its courts with praise! Give thanks to Him and praise Him!"
The Lord is good; His love is eternal and His faithfulness lasts for ever!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Responsorial Psalm

Officiant Let us open our Bibles to **Psalm 119:41-48**. We will read it responsively.

⁴¹ Let Your mercies come also to me, O LORD—
Your salvation according to Your word.
⁴² So shall I have an answer for him who reproaches me,
For I trust in Your word.
⁴³ And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth,
For I have hoped in Your ordinances.
⁴⁴ So shall I keep Your law continually,
Forever and ever.
⁴⁵ And I will walk at liberty,
For I seek Your precepts.
⁴⁶ I will speak of Your testimonies also before kings,
And will not be ashamed.
⁴⁷ And I will delight myself in Your commandments,
Which I love.
⁴⁸ My hands also I will lift up to Your commandments,
Which I love,
And I will meditate on Your statutes.

All sing the GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Lesson

Officiant Please **BE SEATED** for the lessons.

Reader The Old Testament lesson is taken from 2 Kings 5:1-5, 9-14.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Reader The New Testament lesson is taken from 1 Peter 3:13-17.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Officiant As our choir render to anthem, may it encourage us to truly seek the Lord and desire to shine His light around us. Let us listen to the anthem entitled “Shine Down.”

Anthem - “Shine Down”

Chorus

Shine down your light on me, let the people see that in Your presence darkness flees.

Father of light, shine down on me.

Shine down your light on me, let the people see that in Your presence darkness flees.

Father of light, shine down on me.

Father of light, shine down on me.

Verse 1

You have sent us Your glory in the life of Your only Son,

And in Your Holy Spirit shines the light of the Everlasting One,

A light that keeps reaching to the people of every land,

A love that keeps longing to fill the heart of every man.

Chorus

Shine down your light on me, let the people see that in Your presence darkness flees.
Father of light, shine down on me.
Shine down your light on me, let the people see that in Your presence darkness flees.
Father of light, shine down on me.
Father of light, shine down on me.

Verse 2

Bring us into Your presence where Your love is the only light,
The lamp of salvation, the hope that is always shining bright.
It scatters the darkness, swept away by Your mighty hand.
Now all the nations can worship, sing the song of the glorious Lamb!

Bridge

Alle, Alleluia! Glory to the Lamb!
Praise and honor, strength and power be unto You, the great "I Am",
be unto You, the great "I Am"

Chorus

Shine down your light on me, let the people see that in Your presence darkness flees.
Father of light, shine down on me.
Shine down your light on me, let the people see that in Your presence darkness flees.
Father of light, shine down on___
Father of light, shine down on___
Father of light, Who shatters the night,
Shine down on me!

The Sermon (*Rev. Justin Fung*)

The Creed

Officiant Please stand for the Apostle's Creed.

All stand to declare

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God
the Father Almighty.
From there He will come again
to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Officiant Let us **KNEEL** and pray.

Suffrages

V. Save Your people, Lord, and bless Your inheritance;
R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.

V. Day by day we bless You;
R. We praise Your name for ever.

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;
R. Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.

V. Lord, show us Your love and mercy;
R. For we put our trust in You.

V. In You, Lord, is our hope;
R. And we shall never hope in vain.

V. Let us now pray for our own needs and those of others.

Moment of Silence

Officiant 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.*

Collect of the Day

Grant, O merciful God, that Your Church, being gathered together in unity by Your Holy Spirit, may show forth Your power among all peoples, to the glory of Your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. 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*

Celebrant 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

We now proceed to the Offertory. Let us remember to heed to words of Psalm 50:14, and “offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.” During the Offertory, kindly remember to sign the attendance booklets found on your pews, or scan the QR code on the screen. We will also be singing **Hymn #108 - Amazing Grace**.

Offertory Hymn #108 – “Amazing Grace”

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be,
As long as life endures.

“奇異恩典”

- 1 奇妙恩典何等甘甜，
我罪得着赦免，
前我失迷今已轉回，
瞎眼今得看見。
- 2 這樣恩典實在寶貴，
我心可得安慰，
初信的時就蒙恩惠，
今我誠心敬畏。
- 3 經過許多試煉羅網，
安然得着釋放，
靠主恩典引導我行，
有祢我全無驚。
- 4 將來被主接納上天，
居住在主身邊，
喜樂頌讚主恩齊備，
讚美到萬萬年。

After the offerings are collected, the people sing the Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer

The people remain standing.

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.

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 sing the Sanctus

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

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 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, 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.

The Celebrant continues

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. 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.

(Communion Music)

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.*]

Prayer for Missions

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us kneel and pray.

All together

God, You have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent Your blessed Son to die and rise for those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after You and find You; bring the nations into Your fold; pour out Your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of Your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Closing Prayer

Any of the following prayers may be used to end

General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all blessings, we sincerely thank You for all Your goodness and lovingkindness to us and to all men. We praise You for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but, above all, for the immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of Your mercies, that, with truly thankful hearts, we may show forth Your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to Your service, and by walking in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with You and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. *Amen.*

Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, You have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to You; and You have promised through Your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name You will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of Your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. 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. Amen. (Eph. 3:20-21)

The threefold amen is sung.

Announcements

The Officiant may say a few words to greet the people at this point

1. Next month is September so refer to **NEW FLIER INSERT** in your programs.
2. Mention the PRAYER POINTS for September and invite to attend Prayer Meetings.
3. Our Called Together Marriage Preparation Classes starts this September. This is open to all couples in a relationship, planning to get married, and engaged. If you're interested in joining, please contact our church office for the registration.

May the Lord be pleased with our worship today, and we are glad that you have come to worship together, and hope to see you all next week. May we take the challenge we heard today and share the Good News of Jesus Christ to those around us, knowing our Lord is our living hope and our mighty fortress. So to end, let us RISE and sing our closing song, **Hymn #75 - A Mighty Fortress is My God.**

Closing Hymn #75 – A Mighty Fortress is My God vv. 1-3

Verse 1

A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing;
our helper He amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great,
and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

Verse 2

Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing,
were not the right Man on our side,
the Man of God's own choosing.

“上帝做咱堅固營寨”

- 1 上帝做咱堅固營寨，
做咱盾牌到萬世，
雖有危險艱苦阻礙，
咱免驚惶不受害，
咱的君王興起，靠祂奇妙計智，
魔鬼雖然兇猛，我主有大權能，
咱的上帝永得勝。
- 2 咱若倚靠自己能力，
就沒氣力勝對敵，
全能的主發出號令，
與惡交戰穩得勝，

Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is He;
Lord Sabaoth, His name,
from age to age the same,
and He must win the battle.

Verse 3

And though this world, with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim,
we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure,
for lo, his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him. Amen.

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

君王什麼名字，耶穌基督就是，
祂是獨一無二，上帝獨生的子，
靠祂交戰穩當贏。

3 世界充滿魔鬼計謀，
主會保護眾信徒，
咱不免驚仇敵陷害，
主的真理永同在，
魔鬼恐嚇的聲，我心全然無驚，
只要主出一聲，對敵驚惶四散，
罪惡權勢不害我。阿們。