

# Daily Morning Prayer – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter (April 27, 2025)

## Prelude

### Greeting

*Officiant* Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

*Officiant says one of the following*

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. *Colossians 3:1*

## Opening Song

Good morning and welcome to St. Stephen's Parish. As we start worshipping our risen Lord, let us all STAND as we sing Hymn #77 O Bless The Lord, My Soul

### #77 – “O Bless The Lord, My Soul”

Come let us praise the Lord,  
The Godhead infinite  
With boundless love and tenderness,  
He guides all things aright.

Praise Jesus' precious name,  
God's own begotten Son  
He paid redemption's costly price,  
For man's sin to atone.

The Holy Spirit praise,  
Whose power inspires mankind,  
From heav'n come down to dwell with men,  
That they renewal find.

Praise to the Trinity,  
The Godhead Three in One  
The Lord Jehovah's name extol  
Till endless days are done. Amen.

### “同心讚美天父”

- 1 同心讚美天父，  
自然永活上帝，  
愛疼憐憫無窮無盡，  
照顧天上地下。
- 2 讚美耶穌尊名，  
上帝獨生的子，  
功勞極大贖人罪過，  
替咱捨棄性命。
- 3 讚美上帝聖神，  
權能感化萬民，  
自天降臨住人的心，  
使咱改舊換新。
- 4 讚美三位一體，  
父子聖神上帝，  
至尊至大主耶和華，  
讚美到萬萬世。阿們。

## Confession of Sin

*The Officiant says*

Once again, good morning and welcome to St. Stephen's Parish. At this moment we will be having our Confession of Sin.

Let us kneel and 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 stand for the invitatory and Psalm.

*Officiant* O Lord, open our lips.

*People* And our mouth shall proclaim Your praise.

Let us 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 111*. We will read it responsively.

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD!

I will praise the LORD with *my* whole heart,

In the assembly of the upright and *in* the congregation.

<sup>2</sup> The works of the LORD *are* great,

Studied by all who have pleasure in them.

<sup>3</sup> His work *is* honorable and glorious,

And His righteousness endures forever.  
<sup>4</sup> He has made His wonderful works to be remembered;  
The LORD *is* gracious and full of compassion.

<sup>5</sup> He has given food to those who fear Him;  
He will ever be mindful of His covenant.  
<sup>6</sup> He has declared to His people the power of His works,  
In giving them the heritage of the nations.

<sup>7</sup> The works of His hands *are* verity and justice;  
All His precepts *are* sure.

<sup>8</sup> They stand fast forever and ever,  
*And are* done in truth and uprightness.

<sup>9</sup> He has sent redemption to His people;  
He has commanded His covenant forever:  
Holy and awesome *is* His name.

<sup>10</sup> The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of wisdom;  
A good understanding have all those who do *His commandments*.  
His praise endures forever.

### ***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 sit for the lessons.

*Reader* The Old Testament lesson is taken from Job 42:7-11.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*All* Thanks be to God.

*Reader* The New Testament lesson is taken from Romans 12:9-16.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*All* Thanks be to God.

### **Anthem**

As we worship our risen Lord Jesus, we know that His presence is here with us as He has promised. As such, we are actually in a sacred place, on holy ground. Let us listen to the choir as they render the anthem, entitled Holy Ground.

### **“Holy Ground”**

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*Verse 1*

As I walked through the door, I sensed His presence,  
And I knew this was the place, where love abounds,  
For this is a temple, Jehovah God abides here.  
We are standing in His presence on holy ground.

*Chorus 1*

We are standing on holy ground,  
And I know that there are angels all around.  
Let us praise Jesus now.  
We are standing in His presence on holy ground.

*Verse 2*

In His presence, there is joy beyond measure.  
And at His feet, peace of mind can still be found.  
If you have a need I know He has the answer.  
Reach out and claim it, child, you're standing on holy ground!

*Chorus 2*

We are standing on holy ground,  
And I know that there are angels all around.  
Let us praise Jesus now.  
We are standing in His presence on holy ground.

*Chorus last*

We are standing on holy ground,  
And I know that there are angels all around.  
Let us praise Jesus now.  
We are standing in His presence,  
We are standing in His presence,  
We are standing in His presence, on holy ground.

**The Sermon**

We are pleased to have Rev. Stewart Young to deliver the Lord's message.

**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 & pray.

### **Suffrages**

*Feel free to include specific prayers before saying the versicle (V) or take this time to pray spontaneously for the church, the world, and everything that comes to mind.*

#### *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 closes with the following collect*

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.*

### **Collect of the Day**

Let us now pray together the collect

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; 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**

As we approach the Holy Communion, let us pray together the 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**

Let us all stand

*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.*

Let us greet each other with the peace of the Lord.

## **The Liturgy of the Eucharist**

### **Offertory**

Please be seated.

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

*Celebrant*

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

As we have our Offertory, we will be singing Hymn #113, Breathe On Me, Breath of God.

*Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.*

## Offertory Hymn

### #113 - "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Fill me with life anew,  
That I may love what Thou dost love,  
And do what Thou shouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Until my heart is pure,  
Until with Thee I will one will,  
To do or to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Till I am wholly Thine,  
Till all this earthly part of me  
Glows with Thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
So shall I never die,  
But live with Thee the perfect life  
Of Thine eternity. Amen.

## “上帝所賜生活”

- 1 上帝所賜活命，  
使我身心勇健，  
使我能可愛祢所愛，  
能行祢所愛行。
- 2 上帝所賜活命，  
使我的心清潔，  
使我聽趁祢的指示，  
所行照祢旨意。
- 3 上帝所賜活命，  
滿足我的心內，  
使我照祢所愛去行，  
心靈安然自在。
- 4 上帝所賜活命，  
使我能得永活，  
久長居住在祢聖城，  
讚美祢名無息。阿們。

### *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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise You for the glorious resurrection of Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for He is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By His death, He has destroyed death, and, by His rising to life again, He has won for us everlasting life.

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*

Lord Jesus Christ, You stretched out Your arms of love on the cross that everyone might come within the reach of Your saving embrace: Grant that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know You to the knowledge and love of You; for the honor of Your Name.

*Amen.*

### **Closing Prayer**

*Any of the following prayers may be used to end*

*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 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*

For our announcements:

1. Our intercolor basketball fellowship will have its finals game this afternoon at the SSSH Elementary Gym. If you are available let us support and watch them.
2. Next Sunday will be a baptism Sunday in our worship service. It is also a time for us to renew our vows to the Lord.

### **Closing Hymn**

Let us now all stand as we sing our closing hymn, hymn # 116 – Showers of Blessing

#### **#116 - "Showers Of Blessing"**

##### *Verse 1*

There shall be showers of blessing;  
This is the promise of love;  
There shall be seasons refreshing,  
Sent from the Savior above

##### *Chorus*

Showers of blessing,  
Showers of blessing we need:  
Mercy drops round us are falling,  
But for the showers we plead

##### *Verse 2*

There shall be showers of blessing,  
Precious reviving again;  
Over the hills and the valleys,  
Sound of abundance of rain.

#### **“求主降靈雨”**

1 主賜聖靈好像下雨，  
灌沃心靈的田埔，  
當先認罪求主赦免，  
才會得着這恩典。

和： 求主降靈雨，  
我心欣慕大靈雨，  
雖曾領受這恩賜，  
現在欲得更豐富。

2 主賜聖靈好像下雨，  
心田乾燥大欣慕，  
若將身心全獻給主，  
就能得着大恩賜。

*Verse 3*

There shall be showers of blessing;  
Send them upon us, O Lord;  
Grant to us now a refreshing,  
Come, and now honor Thy Word.

**Dismissal**

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

**Postlude**

3 主賜聖靈好像下雨，  
將心田托主看顧，  
切願靈雨滋潤土地，  
能結果子百倍多。