

The Holy Eucharist

Sundays after Pentecost

Prelude

Opening Rites

The officiant may start with the following verses

Happy thanksgiving Sunday!

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 says, “Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”

Whatever you are going through right now, are you here with a heart of thanksgiving?

Let us begin our praise and thanks by singing our opening song. Let us rise.

Opening Song

#71 – “Now Thank We All Our God”

Now thank we all our God,
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mother’s arms
hath blest us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in His grace,
and guide us when perplexed;
and free us from all ills,
in this world and the next.

“咱來感謝上帝”

- 1 咱來感謝上帝，
同心同聲讚美祂，
主行奇妙權能，
萬國萬民當歡喜，
咱從母胎出世，
祂就賜福齊備，
用祂無限慈愛，
一切給咱安排。
- 2 懇求上帝施恩，
使阮與祢相親近，
賜阮喜樂的心，
也賜平安與穩順，
用祢恩惠保守，
危險得着拯救，
使阮脫離災害，
無再痛苦悲哀。

All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given;
the Son, and Him who reigns
with them in highest heaven;
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heav'n adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore. Amen.

Greeting

V: Oh come, let us sing to the Lord!
R: Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation.

V: Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving;
R: Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms.

V: For the Lord is the great God,
R: And the great King above all gods.

V: In His hand are the deep places of the earth;
R: The heights of the hills are His also.

V: The sea is His, for He made it;
R: And His hands formed the dry land.

V: Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
R: Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

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

Almighty God, to You our thankful 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.

3 讚美感謝的祭，
一切歸給父上帝，
也歸聖子聖神，
掌管治理永無替，
三位一體上帝，
天上地下敬拜，
過去現在將來，
讚美至萬世代。阿們。

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.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which You have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; 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. One or two Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying

The First and Second Reading from Isaiah 12:1-6 & Romans 8:1-4.

After each Reading, the Reader may say

The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Anthem – “Empower Me”

Verse 1

Nobody knows, how weak I am better than You;
Nobody sees all of my needs better than You,
And nobody has the power to change me to what I was born to be.
Jesus, be strong in my weakness; empower me!

Chorus

Empower me! Like a rushing river flowing to the sea,
Send Your Holy Spirit flowing now through me.
Till I'm living as Your child victorious and free.
Send the power of Your love; Empower me!

Verse 2

Nobody's eyes see through my soul better than Yours,
And nobody's love can make me whole, no love but Yours.
And nobody has the power to lift me to reach to eternity.
Jesus, break through all my defenses; empower me!

Chorus

Empower me! Like a rushing river flowing to the sea,
Lord, send Your Holy Spirit flowing now through me.
Till I'm living as Your child victorious and free.
Send the power of Your love; Empower me! Empower me!

Chorus

Empower me! Like a rushing river flowing to the sea,
Lord, send Your Holy Spirit flowing now through me.
Till I'm living as Your child victorious and free.
Send the power of Your love; Empower me!
Send the power of Your love; Empower, empower me!
Send Your love, and Lord, empower me!

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 3:16-21.

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 by Bro. Danny Tio

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

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to God our Father for all God's gifts so freely bestowed upon us.

For the beauty and wonder of Your creation, in earth and sky and sea.
We thank You, Lord.

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,
We thank You, Lord.

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,
We thank You, Lord.

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,
We thank You, Lord.

For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,
We thank You, Lord.

For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,
We thank You, Lord.

For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,
We thank You, Lord.

For the communion of saints, in all times and places,
We thank You, Lord.

Above all, we give You thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord;
To Him be praise and glory, with You, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

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

Silence

Celebrant

Almighty God, You sent Your Son Jesus Christ to reconcile the world to Yourself: We praise and bless You for those whom You have sent in the power of the Spirit to preach the Gospel to all nations. We thank You that in all parts of the earth a community of love has been gathered together by their prayers and labors, and that in every place Your servants call upon Your Name; for the kingdom and the power and the glory are Yours forever. 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

Celebrant

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is Yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, and You are exalted as head over all.

1 Chronicles 29:11

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

#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.

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.

“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。

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。

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 truly right to glorify You, Father, and to give You thanks; for You alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, You made all things and fill them with Your blessing; You created them to rejoice in the splendor of Your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before You to serve You night and day; and, beholding the glory of Your presence, they offer You unceasing praise. Joining our voices with angels and archangels and with every creature in and under heaven, we forever 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.

People kneel

Celebrant continues

We acclaim You, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal Your wisdom and love. You formed us in Your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to You, our Creator, we might rule and serve all Your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from You, You did not abandon us to the power of death. In Your mercy You came to our help, so that in seeking You we might find You. Again and again, You called us into covenant with You, and through the prophets You taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, You loved the world so much that in the fullness of time You sent Your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, He lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor He proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy.

To fulfill Your purpose He gave Himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for Him who died and rose for us, He sent the Holy Spirit, His own first gift for those who believe, to complete His work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification 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.

When the hour had come for Him to be glorified by You, His heavenly Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end; at supper with them He 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and His descent among the dead, proclaiming His resurrection and ascension to Your right hand, awaiting His coming in glory; and offering to You, from the gifts You have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise You and we bless You as we reveal to the world and declare together the mystery of the faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died

Christ is risen

Christ will come again

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in Your goodness and mercy Your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for Your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of Your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of Your Name. Remember, Lord, Your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of Your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace. And grant that we may find our inheritance with all the saints who have found favor with You in ages past. We praise You in union with them and give You glory through Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are Yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and 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

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

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; 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. Here are the Candidates for Vestry Election on December 3, 2023.

- ANG, ERICA 洪億佳
- CHUNG, DIANNE 蔡淑愉
- CONTRERAS, SYLVIA 關靄玲
- GO, SUSANA 吳鈺琳
- LIM, ERWIN 陳一偉
- ONG, LEONARDO 陳維雄
- SY, GINA 施淑培
- TACUBOY, SYDNEY 許文龍
- TE, ROGER 戴禹順
- TING, CAROLINE 陳菲華
- TY, CRISTINA 鄭靖靖
- YU, JOSHUA 楊朝臣
- YU, SHERRYL 吳茜莉

Please do note also that our worship service on December 3 will start at 8:00 AM to give ample time for our vestry elections and annual meeting.

2. Reminding everyone that tonight, 6:00PM is our Revival Night entitled “Refire.” Do be here at our Sanctuary to sing praise songs together and listen to stories of God’s faithfulness and be revived. This is open to everyone and no ticket is required.
3. (c/o Dcn. Harold) Our Christmas Outreach will be on December 16 & 17 while the repacking of gifts for the families there will be on December 9 at 9:00 AM. If you are interested in helping for any of these dates, please contact our church office.
4. For those included in the first batch who have not yet claimed their orders of the Our Daily Bread and other devotionals, please proceed to the church entrance to claim your orders or drop by our church office over the week except Tuesdays since it is the staff’s day off.

Closing Song

#85 – “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Thomas Obediah Chisholm | William Marion Runyan
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Verse 1

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!

Verse 2

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.

Verse 3

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.

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

People Thanks be to God!

Postlude

“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。
- 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。