

# The Holy Eucharist

17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost / Mission's Sunday

October 2, 2022

## Prelude

## Opening Rites

A blessed Lord's Day to everyone. Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship as we listen to these words from Isaiah 57:15 that says "Thus says the high and lofty One who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy, 'I dwell in the high and holy place and also with the one who has a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble and to revive the heart of the contrite.'" Let us begin our worship with a song of praise to our Lord using Hymn #4, Let us Now with Gladsome Minds. Let us all stand.

### Opening Song

#### #4 - "Let Us Now With Gladsome Minds"

Let us with a gladsome mind,  
Praise the Lord for He is kind:  
For His mercies shall endure,  
Ever faithful, ever sure.

Let us sound His name abroad,  
For of gods He is the God:  
For His mercies shall endure,  
Ever faithful, ever sure.

He, with all commanding might,  
Filled the new-made world with light:  
For His mercies shall endure,  
Ever faithful, ever sure.

All things living He doth feed,  
His full hand supplies their need:  
For His mercies shall endure,  
Ever faithful, ever sure.

He His chosen race did bless,  
In the wasteful wilderness;  
For His mercies shall endure,  
Ever faithful, ever sure. Amen.

### “咱大家讚美上帝”

- 1 咱大家讚美上帝，  
祂施恩直到萬世，  
祂慈愛各時發現，  
到永遠不會改變。
- 2 讚美上帝大主宰，  
傳祂尊名至四海，  
祂慈愛各時發現，  
到永遠不會改變。
- 3 大主宰無所不會，  
榮光遍滿新天地，  
祂慈愛各時發現，  
到永遠不會改變。
- 4 大主宰各項足額，  
給萬人有可飲食，  
祂慈愛各時發現，  
到永遠不會改變。
- 5 咱住世間如曠野，  
得着主恩就足額，  
祂慈愛各時發現，  
到永遠不會改變。阿們。

## Greeting

Again we welcome everyone to our worship service today, to those with us in our sanctuary, and to those who are watching online. Today is the 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, and also Mission's Sunday, as we celebrate Missions Month this October. Let us continue our worship following the order for holy communion from page 1 of our blue prayer book. You may also follow us through the slides on the screen.

*All standing, the 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

*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.*

*Celebrant*                      *Let us sing Gloria in Excelsis.*

*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*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray this Collect together.

*The Celebrant says the Collect.*

“Almighty and everlasting God, You are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of Your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen”

*Celebrant* Please be **SEATED** for the reading of the lessons.

## The Liturgy of the Word

### The Lessons

The First Reading (Lesson) from Genesis 6:9-22 (*page 5 of pew Bibles*)

<sup>9</sup>This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God. <sup>10</sup>And Noah begot three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth. <sup>11</sup>The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. <sup>12</sup>So God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth. <sup>13</sup>And God said to Noah, “The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence through them; and behold, I will destroy them with the earth. <sup>14</sup>Make yourself an ark of gopherwood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and outside with pitch. <sup>15</sup>And this is how you shall make it: The length of the ark *shall be* three hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits. <sup>16</sup>You shall make a window for the ark, and you shall finish it to a cubit from above; and set the door of the ark in its side. You shall make it *with* lower, second, and third *decks*. <sup>17</sup>And behold, I Myself am bringing floodwaters on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which *is* the breath of life; and everything that *is* on the earth shall die. <sup>18</sup>But I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall go into the ark—you, your sons, your wife, and your sons’ wives with you. <sup>19</sup>And of every living thing of all flesh you shall bring two of every *sort* into the ark, to keep *them* alive with you; they shall be male and female. <sup>20</sup>Of the birds after their kind, of animals after their kind, and of every creeping thing of the earth after its kind, two of every *kind* will come to you to keep *them* alive. <sup>21</sup>And you shall take for yourself of all food that is eaten, and you shall gather *it* to yourself; and it shall be food for you and for them.” <sup>22</sup>Thus Noah did; according to all that God commanded him, so he did.

The word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

The Second Reading (Lesson) from Acts 8:9-25 (*page 950 of pew Bibles*)

<sup>9</sup> But there was a certain man called Simon, who previously practiced sorcery in the city and astonished the people of Samaria, claiming that he was someone great, <sup>10</sup> to whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, "This man is the great power of God." <sup>11</sup> And they heeded him because he had astonished them with his sorceries for a long time. <sup>12</sup> But when they believed Philip as he preached the things concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, both men and women were baptized. <sup>13</sup> Then Simon himself also believed; and when he was baptized he continued with Philip, and was amazed, seeing the miracles and signs which were done. <sup>14</sup> Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, <sup>15</sup> who, when they had come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>16</sup> For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. <sup>17</sup> Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. <sup>18</sup> And when Simon saw that through the laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Spirit was given, he offered them money, <sup>19</sup> saying, "Give me this power also, that anyone on whom I lay hands may receive the Holy Spirit." <sup>20</sup> But Peter said to him, "Your money perish with you, because you thought that the gift of God could be purchased with money! <sup>21</sup> You have neither part nor portion in this matter, for your heart is not right in the sight of God. <sup>22</sup> Repent therefore of this your wickedness, and pray God if perhaps the thought of your heart may be forgiven you. <sup>23</sup> For I see that you are poisoned by bitterness and bound by iniquity." <sup>24</sup> Then Simon answered and said, "Pray to the Lord for me, that none of the things which you have spoken may come upon me." <sup>25</sup> So when they had testified and preached the word of the Lord, they returned to Jerusalem, preaching the gospel in many villages of the Samaritans.

The word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*Celebrant* In remembrance of our calling to be witnesses for Jesus Christ, let us listen to the choir will be singing the anthem aptly entitled, Witness.]

## **The Anthem**

**"Witness"** *arranged by Jack Halloran*

Who'll be a witness for my Lord? (4x)

Oh, I'll be a witness for my Lord. (4x)

There was a man of the Pharisees,  
his name was Nicodemus and he didn't believe.  
The same came to Christ by night,  
wanted to be taught out of human sight.  
Nicodemus was a man who desired to know  
how a man can be born when he is old.  
Christ told Nicodemus as a friend,  
"Man, you must be born again".  
He said, "Marvel not, if you want to be wise,  
repent, believe and be baptized."

Then you'll be a witness for my Lord, (3x)

soul is a witness for my Lord.

You read about Samson, from his birth  
he was the strongest man that ever lived on  
earth.  
Way back yonder in the ancient times  
he killed ten thousand of the Philistines.  
Then old Samson went a wandering about.  
Samson's strength was never found out.  
"Til his wife sat up on his knee.  
She said, "Tell me where your strength lies, if you  
please".

Well, old Samson's wife, she talked so fair  
Samson said, "Cut off a my hair! ("Cut it off!")  
Shave my head just as clean as your hand, and my  
strength will come like a natural man."

Samson was a witness for my Lord, (3x)  
soul is a witness for my Lord.

There's another witness (4x) for my Lord!  
My soul is a witness for my Lord!

## 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 20:24-29.

*People* Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

John 20:24-29 (*page 941 of pew Bibles*)

<sup>24</sup> But Thomas, called Didymus, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe."

<sup>26</sup> And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!" <sup>27</sup> Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand *here*, and put *it* into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing."

<sup>28</sup> And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed *are* those who have not seen and *yet* have believed."

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

**The Sermon** by Ptr. Harold Uy ( <https://youtu.be/SKJ3dFFKUB0> )

*Celebrant* In response to the challenge of being Christ's witnesses, let us **STAND** as we proclaim what we believe in, using the Nicene Creed.

## 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**

*Celebrant* As today is the first Sunday of the month, let us also declare our Mission and Vision together.

*Celebrant* **First our Mission – 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.

*Celebrant* **Next our Vision – Church, what do we aim to be?**

*People* To be a church that impacts our community through members who are diligent in making disciples wherever they are, rooted in the word, reverent in worship, and fervent in prayer.

*Celebrant* Let us **KNEEL** and pray. We will pray using a different version of the Prayers of the People taken from the Book of Common Prayer. We will be praying responsively, please follow along the presentation slides.

### **The Prayers of the People**

We remember our family and friends who have yet to hear the Gospel – by our obedience to our mission allow them to hear the Word and receive your grace and salvation.

V. In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

R. For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

We pray for our church family St. Stephen's Parish, our country the Philippines, and other nations in the world, that your glory and truth would shine forth in all corners of the world.

V. For this community, the nation, and the world;

R. For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Amidst the effects of global warming, pollution, and injustices, everywhere, we remember your all of your Creation.

V. For the just and proper use of your creation;

R. For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

We remember our fellow countrymen who are still suffering the terrible effects of the recent typhoon. May you bring them immediate relief, comfort, and provision for their needs.

V. For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

R. For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

V. For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

R. For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

We pray for Brent our prime bishop, Rex our diocesan bishop, Reverend Justin, Pastors Aileen, Harold, and myself.

V. For all bishops and other ministers;

R. For all who serve God in his Church.

We will now spend a moment of silent prayer. Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

Hasten, O Father, the coming of thy kingdom; and grant that we thy servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold thy Son at His coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

## **Confession**

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." Mark 12:29-31

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor using the Prayer of Confession.

*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 (p8)**

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.

*Celebrant*                    Let us all **STAND** for the peace.

### **The Peace**

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

Following the words of our Lord Jesus Christ from John 14:27 where He 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.

*Celebrant*                    Let us exchange the peace of the Lord with one another.

And to those who are watching us online, we also extend the peace of the Lord to you all.

*The people exchange the peace of the Lord.*

## The Liturgy of the Eucharist

### **Offertory**

We will now proceed to our Offertory. Let us remember the words of Psalm 96:8 "Ascribe to the Lord the honor due His Name; bring offering and come into His courts." During the Offertory, we will be singing Hymn #310 We've A Story To Tell.

### **#310 - "We've A Story To Tell"**

*Verse 1*

We've a story to tell to the nations,  
that shall turn their hearts to the right,  
a story of truth and mercy,  
a story of peace and light,  
a story of peace and light.

*Chorus*

For the darkness shall turn to dawning,  
and the dawning to noonday bright;  
and Christ's great kingdom shall come to earth,  
the kingdom of love and light.

### **“咱有一個故事傳給萬邦”**

1 咱有一個故事傳給萬邦，  
能使人心轉回歸正，  
就是真理慈愛故事，  
這故事平安光明， 這故事平安光明。

和:因黑暗將要變成黎明，  
黎明變成中午光明。  
基督國度會降臨地上，  
這國度仁愛顯榮。

*Verse 2*

We've a song to be sung to the nations,  
that shall lift their hearts to the Lord,  
a song that shall conquer evil  
and shatter the spear and sword,  
and shatter the spear and sword.

*Verse 3*

We've a message to give to the nations,  
that the Lord who reigneth above  
hath sent us His Son to save us,  
and show us that God is love,  
and show us that God is love.

*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.

- 2 咱有一首詩歌唱給萬邦，  
能使人心歸主得救，  
這詩歌能勝過罪惡，  
能克服利劍刀槍， 能克服利劍刀槍。
- 3 咱有一個信息傳給萬邦，  
就是天上掌權主宰，  
差遣獨生聖子降世，  
來表明上帝是愛， 來表明上帝是愛。

*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. 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*

Eternal God, heavenly Father, You have graciously accepted us as living members of Your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and You have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of His Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve You with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. 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.

### **Announcements**

- Reminders for the candidates for confirmation, we'll have rehearsal after this worship service. Please look for Pastor Harold near the front after this service.

### **Closing Song**

I hope that our Lord was pleased with our worship today. Let us be inspired with courage and wisdom by the Spirit as we go forth and shine for Jesus Christ, our eternal King. So let us all stand and sing our closing song, Hymn #62, Lead On, O King Eternal.

### **#62 - "Lead On, O King Eternal"**

Lead on, O King eternal,  
the day of march has come;  
henceforth in fields of conquest  
Thy tents shall be our home.  
Through days of preparation  
Thy grace has made us strong,  
and now, O King eternal,  
we lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal,  
to lands of deepest night;  
we follow where Thou leadest  
as heralds of the light.  
May we to souls immortal,  
Thy Word of life convey,  
and open heaven's portal  
through Christ, the truth, the way.

### **“永生君王來引導”**

- 1 永生君王來引導，  
交戰日子臨到，  
征服惡魔的戰場，  
祢帳棚作阮兜；  
通日準備攏妥當，  
靠主心得勇壯，  
向永遠活大君王，  
唱得勝歌敬奉。
- 2 永生君王來引導，  
這個罪惡世界，  
同聲報揚祢聖潔，  
甜蜜平安仁愛；  
無靠刀劍來拚命，  
無靠鑼鼓大聲，  
靠慈悲仁愛所行，  
在地宛在天城。

Lead on, O King eternal;  
we follow, not with fears,  
for gladness breaks like morning  
where'er Thy face appears.  
Thy cross is lifted o'er us,  
we journey in its light;  
the crown awaits the conquest;  
lead on, O God of might. Amen.

Postlude

3 永生君王來引導，  
阮要一生隨祢，  
祢的笑容若出現，  
親像光明早晨；  
祢的十架當舉高，  
祢的聖手導我，  
至終得勝得冕旒，  
至大上帝引導。阿們。