

The Holy Eucharist – 15th Sunday after Pentecost (September 1, 2024)

Prelude

Opening Rites

The officiant may start with the following verses

Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it. *Proverbs 22:6*

Good morning and welcome to St. Stephen's Parish.

Today is Children's Sunday and as we worship our God together, let us all STAND as we sing our opening song Hymn #67 – "Praise Him! Praise Him!"

Opening Song

#67 – "Praise Him! Praise Him!"

Verse 1

Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!
Sing, O earth, His wonderful love proclaim!
Hail Him! Hail Him! Highest archangels in glory;
Strength and honor give to His holy name!
Like a shepherd, Jesus will guard His children,
In His arms He carries them all day long.

Chorus

Praise Him! Praise Him! Tell of His excellent greatness;
Praise Him! Praise Him! Ever in joyful song!

Verse 2

Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!
For our sins He suffered and bled and died.
He our Rock, our hope of eternal salvation,
Hail Him! Hail Him! Jesus the Crucified.
Sound His praises, Jesus who bore our sorrows,
Love unbounded, wonderful, deep and strong.

“讚美祂”

1 讚美，讚美！耶穌贖回咱的救主，
地上吟詩傳祂仁愛罕有。
讚美耶穌至高天使榮光歸祂，
權能尊貴都歸至聖名字。
主如牧者常常照顧祂百姓，
用祂右手每日扶持無離。

和：讚美耶穌稱祂權能至大無比，
讚美祂名常常吟快樂詩。

2 讚美，讚美！耶穌贖回咱的救主，
為咱重罪受苦流血慘死。
堅固石磐靠祂得救直到萬世，
讚美耶穌替咱釘十字架。
讚美耶穌有替咱擔當憂悶，
仁愛無限奇異深沉溫純。

Verse 3

Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!
Heav'nly portals loud with hosannas ring!
Jesus, Saviour, reigneth forever and ever;
Crown Him! Crown Him! Prophet, and Priest, and King!
Christ is coming, over the world victorious,
Pow'r and glory unto the Lord belong.

3 讚美，讚美！耶穌贖回咱的救主，
天門應聲讚美萬福永久。
救主耶穌坐位掌權久長至尊，
慶賀祂是先知祭司國君。
救主要來克勝天下的對敵，
權能榮光尊貴威嚴無極。

As we start, let us greet each other with a good morning first before we proceed.

Let us now proceed with the Greetings

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.

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

Let us pray this together

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

Let us now praise our God together as we 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

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

TOGETHER

The Celebrant says the Collect.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of Your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

People Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Please take a SEAT as we hear the Lessons

The Lessons

The people sit. One or two Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying

The First and Second Reading from Deuteronomy 4:5-9 & 1 Corinthians 9:19-23.

After each Reading, the Reader may say

The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

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 Matthew 18:1-5.

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.

Please be SEATED.

The Sermon by Dcn. Harold Uy

Let us all STAND and declare 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 (1st Sunday only)

Celebrant

As today is the 1st Sunday of the month, together, let us also declare our 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

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.

Let us all KNEEL as we have our Prayers for the People

Since today is Children's Sunday, our Prayers of the People will be led by our Children's Service.

The Prayers of the People – CHILDREN'S FOR THE CHURCH

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the blessing of being Your children. Thank You for this family, the church, that we are part of. Help us to love You more than anything else. Help us to love and help each other so we can show the world that there is a God who loved us first. Amen.

FOR THE MINISTERS

O God, our Shepherd, please take care of our church leaders who guide, guard, and feed us. Help them to always do what is right. Please make them strong when they feel weak; give them joy when they feel tired; and make them know that You are always there to see them through. Amen.

FOR OUR WORLD LEADERS

Our great King, You are the one who put our government leaders in their place. You bless them when they do what is right and discipline them when they do wrong. Make the leaders of the world, especially our country, the Philippines, fear You and do what is just and right. Give our world peace by knowing who You are and make the world know that we can only hope in You. Amen.

FOR PARENTS

Caring God, we are happy because, even though our families are not perfect, You have given them to us to care for us and to teach us. We pray that fathers and mothers everywhere may know You and guide their children in Your ways. Inspire them and bless them to be an inspiration and a blessing to children everywhere; so that they can grow to love and fear You. Amen.

FOR CHILDREN

God, our Creator, You told us in Your word that You knit us together in our mother's womb. Even before we were formed, we were already in Your mind. You are writing our story for Your purpose and glory. Guide young people everywhere to love and serve You all our days and to be Your light in this dark world. Amen.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SUFFERING

Our Healer and our Redeemer, You see all the suffering and pain that we are going through. We may not understand why You allowed them, but we know that You have a plan and that You are loving, good, and just. Help those who are suffering to trust in You and to overcome so that people everywhere will see Jesus in and through them. In the Name of Jesus Christ, our Savior, we pray. Amen.

At this moment, let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

Heavenly Father, You have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of Your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as You know and love us in Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Confession

The Celebrant may read one of the following sentences

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:8,9

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

As we approach the Lord's table, let us now together pray the Prayer of Humble Access. Altogether,

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 RISE for 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.

Let us greet each other with the peace of the Lord

The people exchange the peace of the Lord.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Please be SEATED for the offertory

Offertory

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

Celebrant

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due His Name; bring offering and come into His courts. *Psalm 96:8*

As we have our offertory, please SIGN the attendance booklet found in your pews or you can use the QR code as shown in our screen.

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

Today, the Children's Praise Club will render us a song entitled "Light of the World"

"LIGHT OF THE WORLD"

The world is searching for an answer
A ray of hope in a hopeless world
Who can we turn to?
Where is our rescue?
There is someone, He's the answer
He's the light and He'll light the way
His name is Jesus
And He came to save us

Chorus

He is the light, light, light
Light of the world
And He shine, shine, shines
All over the earth
Shining bright, bright, bright
He is the light of the world

Repeat Chorus

The world is searching for an answer
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Chorus

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Repeat Chorus twice

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 (Pre-Consecrated Elements)

When a priest is absent

The people remain standing after the offertory.

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Officiant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of Your Name:

Officiant 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.

Officiant Let us kneel and pray.

Celebrant

Holy and gracious Father: in Your infinite love You made us in Your image; and when we fell into sin and became 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.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving and we offer You these gifts, which have been sanctified beforehand, recalling His death, resurrection, and ascension.

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 server distributes the bread and wine.

Upon receiving, the ministers partake of the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

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 Celebrant may close with the following Scripture

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

- Did any of you notice the Absence of our Rector Justin , Deacon Aileen & Deacon Jere during today's Worship Service ?
Well, they are in Singapore attending the INTENTIONAL DISCIPLINESHIP MAKING Conference or IDMC. THE 2-DAY Conference started last Friday. REV. TONY Yeo, our guest speaker last year encouraged our team to join them at COVENANT EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH for today's Worship Service.
May they be fully blessed & inspired during the conference. Let's pray for their safe trip back later this evening. Thank you !
- We'd like to acknowledge the children who served in our worship service today, whether it be as offertory monitors, prayers leaders, ushers or in the Praise Club. We pray that you will continue to love our Lord Jesus as you grow up. Right now, we'll be playing a short video made by Children's Service in celebration of their 73rd Anniversary.
- Our Called Together Marriage Preparation Classes starts this month. 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.

We hope that the Lord Jesus has been pleased with our worship and let us...

Let us all rise to sing our closing song hymn # 114 - "I Love To Tell The Story" vv.1,2,4

Closing Song

#114 - "I Love To Tell The Story" vv. 1,2,4

Verse 1

I love to tell the story
of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His glory,
of Jesus and His love;
I love to tell the story,
Because I know 'tis true,
It satisfies my longings
As nothing else can do.

Chorus

I love to tell the story,
'Twill be my theme in glory,
To tell the old, old story
Of Jesus and His love.

Verse 2

I love to tell the story,
more wonderful it seems
Than all the golden fancies
of all our golden dreams.
I love to tell the story,
it did so much for me,
And that is just the reason
I tell it now to thee.

Verse 4

I love to tell the story,
for those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting
to hear it like the rest;
And when in scenes of glory
I sing the new, new song,
'Twill be the old, old story
that I have loved so long.

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!
People Thanks be to God!

Postlude

“我真愛講這故事”

- 1 我真愛講這故事，
天上奧妙的事，
論主極大的榮光，
以及祂的仁愛，
我真愛講這故事，
因為我知是實，
使我心安兼知足，
勝過香花甜蜜。
- 和： 我真愛講這故事，
升天也講這故事，
永遠新新的故事，
是主愛疼無比。
- 2 我真愛講這故事，
愈想愈有滋味，
世間各項所盼望，
攏總與這無比，
我真愛講這故事，
由這受大感激，
所以報我所經過，
望你來得利益。
- 4 我真愛講這故事，
雖然聽到熟熟，
猶原如饑如口渴，
欣慕愛聽至極，
到了榮光的所在，
在吟天上的詩，
也是記念這故事，
救主愛疼無比。