

The Holy Eucharist

17th Sunday after Pentecost – September 24, 2023

Prelude

Opening Rites

Celebrant

It's a great day to worship the Lord! Whether you've had a great week or it's been full of challenges, we have this precious hour to pause and be reminded that God is over all.

As Habakkuk 2:20 says, "The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him."

May I now invite everyone to rise as we sing our opening song.

Opening Song

#1 - "God Created Heaven and Earth"

God created heav'n and earth,
Every thing He brought to birth;
Boundless is His wondrous might,
Let us praise Him day and night,
Bright the sun as each day dawns,
Silv'ry moon the dark adorns,
Sun and moon and stars of light,
God is mighty in our sight.

Golden grain grows in the field,
Flow'r and tree their foliage yield,
Fish that swim in stream and sea,
All are made by God's decree,
And the bird on high that flies,
Food and drink our God supplies,
E'en the creeping insect small,
God's great care surrounds them all.

God provides for all mankind,
To all peoples He is kind,
Food and clothes and dwelling place,
All are blessings of His grace,

“上帝創造天及地”

- 1 上帝創造天及地，
生成萬物各項會，
功勞極大又極闊，
咱當稱呼永不息。
日頭出現光滿天，
日落月出照暗夜，
日月星辰都顯明，
上帝主宰大權能。
- 2 土地所生的五穀，
花園青翠的樹木，
水內所有的魚鼈，
都是上帝造的物。
天中所飛的鳥隻，
上帝給祂食足額，
以及至細的蟲(虫道)，
無出上帝心以外。
- 3 上帝照顧世間人，
不論中國與外邦，
給咱各日的米糧，
兼有屋宅及衣裳。

God's good gifts are numerous,
His own Son He sent for us,
Let us now with heart and soul,
Thank our God, His name extol. Amen.

上帝的恩講不盡，
差遣耶穌救萬民，
大家當用真實心，
向祂感謝詩來吟。阿們。

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. O come, let us sing to the Lord;

R. Let us shout for joy to the Almighty Savior.

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

O Lord, You know our ways and ordain our paths. Make our minds, hearts, and mouths ready to offer You worship that is worthy of Your Name for You deserve our endless devotion; through Christ, Your Son, we pray. Amen.

Song of Praise

When appointed, the following hymn or some other song of praise is sung or said, all standing

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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.

The Celebrant says the Collect.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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

The Lessons

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

A Reading (Lesson) from Exodus 3:13-15 & 1 John 1:1-7.

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 John 8:48-59.

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 Dcn. Jeremiah Kwok

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

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 pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of Your people, and strengthen us to do Your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Confession

The Celebrant may read one of the following sentences

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4:14,16

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

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

Hebrews 13:14-15 says, "But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God." As we offer to God the fruits of our labor today, may we not neglect the equally pleasing offering to God which is our love for one another.

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

Offertory Hymn

#55-1 - "O How He Loves"

Jesus in His love excelling,
Loves me indeed.
Deeper than a brother's caring,
Loves me indeed.
Worldly friends sometimes will leave me,
they may trust me, they may doubt me,
This friend never will forsake me,
Loves me indeed.

Knowing Him is life eternal,
His love is great.
I will render thanks continual,
His love is great.
Sacrificing to redeem me,
His own blood the price to save me,
Ever helps and e'er defend me,
His love is great.

“救主耶穌愛疼無比”

- 1 救主耶穌愛疼無比，
 愛我至極！
 祂的愛我勝過兄弟，
 愛我至極！
 世上朋友有時離我，
 今日相信後日疑我；
 此位朋友無放棄我，
 愛我至極！
- 2 識祂就是得着永活，
 愛我至極！
 我當思念感恩不息，
 愛我至極！
 放棄自己為我贖回，
 用祂寶血做價來買；
 扶持保護永遠栽培，
 愛我至極！

Jesus calls me to be near Him,
His love is great.
All my life I lay before Him,
His love is great.
E'en in sin and tribulation,
E'en in death and deep affliction,
Christ all pow'rful gives direction,
His love is great.

Jesus with His great forgiveness,
Loves me indeed.
Giving joy sincere and endless,
Loves me indeed.
Over foes He gives the vict'ry,
In all things He will enrich me,
At the last He glorifies me,
Loves me indeed. Amen.

3 救主耶穌愛我親近，
愛我至極！
我當純全降服歸須，
愛我至極！
雖有罪惡苦痛煩惱，
雖有死失患難災禍；
全能救主導路看顧，
愛我至極！

4 救主赦免攏總罪惡，
愛我至極！
使我得着永遠真福，
愛我至極！
使我戰勝攏總對敵，
萬項事情做我利益；
至終賞賜榮光顯赫，
愛我至極！ 阿們。

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.

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. 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.

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

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

1. We'd like to remind everyone that next week is our special celebration service and our church family picture taking. Come wearing your anniversary shirts and, if you don't have one, wear a shirt with similar color (dark blue). Also, this is for everyone who is worshipping with us and not just members. So, even if you are not baptized and Confirmed yet, we would love for you to join us too.
2. Tickets to our Thanksgiving Lunch on November 8 are still being sold. For the subsidized price of P800, we will be having lauriat food at the Stephenian Hall.
3. We also praise God for the Community Fair last week. Let's watch this video recapping the event.

4. Business as Mission (BAM) Philippines is inviting everyone to their event on October 20-21 at Shangri-La The Fort with special speakers including Rev. Edmund Chan and various Christian CEOs. You may register at businessasmission.ph.

Closing Song

#131 – “There Is Power In The Blood”

Verse 1

Would you be free from the burden of sin?
There's power in the blood, power in the blood;
Would you o'er evil a victory win?
There's wonderful power in the blood.

Chorus

There is power, power, wonder working power
In the blood of the Lamb;
There is power, power, wonder working power
In the precious blood of the Lamb.

Verse 2

Would you be free from your passion and pride?
There's power in the blood, power in the blood;
Come for a cleansing to Calvary's tide;
There's wonderful power in the blood.

Verse 3

Would you be whiter, much whiter than snow?
There's power in the blood, power in the blood;
Sin stains are lost in its life giving flow.
There's wonderful power in the blood.

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

People Thanks be to God!

Postlude

“主的寶血有能力”

1 你要脫離罪惡的痛苦嗎?
救主寶血內有這能力,
罪惡極重尚且不免絕望,
因為主的血有能力。

和: 主的寶血有極奇妙的大能力大能力;
主的寶血有極奇妙的大能力, 極大的能力。

2 你要得勝肉體的情慾嗎?
救主寶血內有這能力,
今可歡喜誇耀你的軟弱,
因為主的血有能力。

3 你要追求聖潔的生活嗎?
救主寶血內有這能力,
可對魔鬼大聲唱得勝歌,
因為主的血有能力。