

# The Holy Eucharist - 10th Sunday after Pentecost (*August 17, 2025*)

## Prelude

## Opening Rites

A blessed Lord's Day dear brothers and sisters in Christ, and welcome to St. Stephen's Parish, on this 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost. I hope you and your family are doing well and ready to worship the Lord. Let us prepare our hearts and minds to offer to Him the acceptable offering that He deserves. Our Lord reminds us in John 4:23, "The hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth, for such the Father seeks to worship Him." Let us bring our worship as we sing **Hymn # 12 - My Heart Doth Praise the Lord vv.1, 2, 3, 4, 6.**

## Opening Hymn and Procession

# 12 - "My Heart Doth Praise The Lord" vv. 1,2,3,4,6

### *Verse 1*

My soul repeat His praise,  
Whose mercies great I know;  
He saved me from destruction dread,  
My heart its praise would show.

### *Verse 2*

His mercy bountiful  
Forgives my ev'ry sin;  
Crowned with His loving kindness sweet,  
Our ills are healed by Him.

### *Verse 3*

As east from west apart  
My guilt the Lord removes;  
As high as heav'n above the earth  
His love to us so proves.

### *Verse 4*

The pity of the Lord  
to those that fear His name,  
Is such as tender parents feel;  
He knows our feeble frame.

### *Verse 6*

My soul, repeat His praise,  
With angel voices raise,  
May earth and heav'n in one glad sound  
Extol the Lord always. Amen.

## “我心實在讚美”

- 1 我心實在讚美，  
因為上帝大恩；  
救我性命免致滅亡，  
誠心實意敬尊。
- 2 上帝大大慈悲，  
赦我都無罪過；  
又且日日照顧養飼，  
我病祂會醫好。
- 3 上帝除我罪惡，  
如東離西的遠；  
帶念耶穌賜我大福，  
永遠在那天堂。
- 4 親像父母愛疼，  
祂生孤單的子；  
上帝也愛敬祂的人，  
勝過父母的愛。
- 6 我心讚美上帝，  
天使相與頌讚；  
天上地下合為一個，  
大家心正所願。阿們。

## Greeting

*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.*

## 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.

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 Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says the Collect.*

Almighty God, You have given Your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of His redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of His most holy life; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

## The Liturgy of the Word

Celebrant: “**PLEASE BE SEATED** For The Reading Of 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 Proverbs 16:18-23, 27-30 & Acts 11:1-18.

*After each Reading, the Reader may say*

The word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## Anthem – “The Church God Meant Us to Be”

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### *Verse 1*

Founded on the rock of faith  
Blessed throughout the years,  
Focused on our Christ Himself  
With a mission clear;  
We will be the salt and light  
Hold the kingdom keys.  
As tomorrow stands unknown,  
This shall be our theme:

### *Chorus*

To be the church God meant us to be,  
His royal priesthood, His earthly family:  
To worship Him well, learn from His Word,  
Care for each other, make Jesus Lord.  
Follow His teaching, serve in His Name,  
Share Him with others, carry His flame!  
To be the church God meant us to be.

### *Verse 2*

Thankful for our history  
For the days before,  
We accept the challenge to  
Be the open door.  
We will move on hand in hand  
As the Spirit leads,  
Boldly seek our Father's will,  
Meet our brother's needs.

### *Chorus*

To be the church God meant us to be,  
His royal priesthood, His earthly family:  
To worship Him well, learn from His Word,  
Care for each other, make Jesus Lord.  
Follow His teaching, serve in His Name,  
Share Him with others, carry His flame!  
To be the church God meant us to be.

*Verse 3*

Grant to us a greater day  
Than we've seen before;  
Come with Your refining fire  
Burn us to our core.

Let us feel a fresh new wind,  
Open blinded eyes,  
Soften hearts, enlightened minds,  
Lift our vision high.

*Chorus*

To be the church God meant us to be,  
His royal priesthood, His earthly family:  
To worship Him well, learn from His Word,

Care for each other, make Jesus Lord.  
Follow His teaching, serve in His Name,  
Share Him with others, carry His flame!  
To be the church God meant us to be.

*Chorus*

To be the church God meant us to be,  
His royal priesthood, His earthly family:  
To worship Him well, learn from His Word,  
Care for each other, make Jesus Lord.  
Follow His teaching, serve in His Name,  
Share Him with others, carry His flame!  
To be the church, the living church,  
God meant us to be!

**The Gospel**

Celebrant: "Let us **ALL RISE** for the Reading of 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 12:33-37**.

*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.

Celebrant: "**PLEASE BE SEATED** for the Sermon."

**The Sermon** (*Pastor Jonathan Banzuelo*)

Celebrant: "Let us **ALL RISE** as we declare our faith 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.

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

Celebrant: "Let us **KNEEL** and **PRAY**."

*Lord, we thank You for the privilege of making us part of Your Body, and surrounding us with brothers and sisters in the faith whom we can love and can love us back. Help us to continue becoming Your effective witnesses to the world as we grow in our love for each other.*

V. Father, we pray for Your holy catholic Church;  
R. That we may be one.

V. Grant that every member of the Church (*including St. Stephen's Parish*) may truly and humbly serve You;  
R. That Your Name may be glorified by all people.

*We continue to pray for our prime bishop Nestor, our diocesan bishop James, our Rector Justin, Deacons Aileen and myself, Pastor Jefferson, and other clergy and leaders in all our churches. May your leaders lead with renewed strength and empowered spirits, that we can help Your church grow in love and maturity.*

V. We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
R. That they may be faithful ministers of Your Word and Sacraments.

*Heavenly Father we continue to pray for our country and the rest of the world – for those affected by the recent storms, earthquake, and tsunami, and those suffering from poverty, wars, injustice, and the effects of government corruption. Grant them comfort, provision for their needs, and justice for their suffering. May people everywhere learn to put their hope in You.*

V. We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
R. That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

*In everything You have instructed us to do, according to Your will,*

V. Give us grace to do Your will in all that we undertake;

R. That our works may find favor in Your sight.

*We remember our family and friends who are suffering from various kinds of illnesses. May they experience Your comfort and grace in their times of need, knowing You are our greatest Healer and Comforter.*

V. Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

R. That they may be delivered from their distress.

V. We praise You for Your saints who have entered into joy;

R. May we also come to share in Your heavenly kingdom.

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

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of Your people; in the multitude of Your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to You for help; for You are gracious, O lover of souls, and to You we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. *Amen.*

### **Confession**

Mark 12:29-31 – 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."

*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**

Celebrant: "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.  
*The people exchange the peace of the Lord.*

## The Liturgy of the Eucharist

### Offertory

Please be **SEATED**. We will now proceed with the Offertory. Let us apply what the Bible says in Psalm 96:8 to “Ascribe to the Lord the honor due His Name; bring offering and come into His courts.” During the offertory let us not forget to sign the attendance booklet found on the pews. During this time we shall also be singing **Hymn # 182 – Open My Eyes That I May See**

*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 # 182 – “Open My Eyes That I May See”

#### Verse 1

Open my eyes, that I may see  
Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;  
Place in my hands the wonderful key  
That shall unclasp and set me free.

#### Chorus

Silently now I wait for Thee,  
Ready my God, Thy will to see,  
Open my eyes/<sup>1</sup>ears/<sup>2</sup>heart/<sup>3</sup>, illumine me,  
Spirit divine! Spirit divine!

#### Verse 2

Open my ears, that I may hear  
Voices of truth Thou sendest clear;  
And while the wave notes fall on my ear,  
Everything false will disappear.

#### Verse 3

Open my mouth, and let me bear,  
Gladly the warm truth everywhere;  
Open my heart and let me prepare  
Love with Thy children thus to share

*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*

### “開我的目才會看明”

- 1 開我的目才會看明，  
奧妙真道寶貝聖經，  
使我眼睛會得氣力，  
主的聖旨會得通遠，  
  
和：今我恬靜在等候祢，  
我心便便愛祢指示，  

1      2      3

  
開我的目/耳/口使它銳利，  
聖神上帝准我所愛。
- 2 開我的耳才會曉聽，  
祢所報傳福音真聲，  
真理的聲在我心裏，  
衆項異端不會再害，
- 3 開我的口才會傳報，  
天下衆人的救真道，  
開我的心才會顯明，  
祢的榮光祢的愛情，

*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. 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*

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. F2F Prayer Meeting on August 27

I hope that our Lord was pleased with our worship this morning. As we are dismissed, may we be encouraged to continue living for Jesus, for He is our strong foundation, and we can tell Him anything. Let us **ALL STAND** and sing our closing song Hymn #157 – Tell it To Jesus.

**Closing Song: Hymn #157 – Tell it To Jesus**

*Verse 1*

Are you weary, are you heavy hearted?  
Tell it to Jesus, tell it to Jesus.  
Are you grieving over joys departed?  
Tell it to Jesus alone.

*Chorus*

Tell it to Jesus, tell it to Jesus,  
He is a Friend that's well known.  
You've no other such a friend or brother,  
Tell it to Jesus alone.

*Verse 2*

Do the tears flow down your cheeks unbidden?  
Tell it to Jesus, tell it to Jesus.  
Have you sins that to men's eyes are hidden?  
Tell it to Jesus alone.

**Dismissal**

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

*People* Thanks be to God!

**Postlude**

**“當給主耶穌講”**

- 1 心裡若有憂悶艱苦的事，  
當給主耶穌講，當給主耶穌講，  
心裡若有驚惶迷亂的事，  
趕緊對主耶穌講。
- 和： 當給主耶穌講，主是至好朋友，  
趕緊給主耶穌講，  
不可掛慮將所有各項事，  
趕緊對主耶穌講。
- 2 心裡若有隱藏怨恨惡毒，  
當給主耶穌講，當給主耶穌講，  
心裡若有隱藏污穢邪惡，  
趕緊對主耶穌講。