

Holy Eucharist

21st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 17, 2021

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

The presiding celebrant greets the community. After words of welcome and introduction, including announcements, there is a short silence for us to become aware once more of God's presence.

Opening Hymn

Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise

Common Praise 393

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**

**Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.**

**To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but nought changeth thee.**

**Great source of all glory and wisdom and light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.**

Collect

Opening Prayers (1997)

Celebrant, Most glorious God,
All

**in Jesus you call your people
to true humility and servanthood.
Grant to us the boldness
to desire a place in your kingdom,
the courage to drink the cup of suffering,
and the grace to find in service
the glory you promise;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Gloria

To the tune of "Tell Out My Soul" (Common Praise 362):

**Glory to God!
we give you thanks and praise.
Of heav'nly joy and earthly peace, we sing.
We worship you;
To you our hearts we raise,
Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King.**

**Lord Jesus Christ,
the Father's only Son,
you bore for us the load of this world's sin.
O Lamb of God,
your glorious vict'ry won!
Receive our pray'r; grant us your peace within.**

**Alone O Christ,
you only are the Lord
at God's right hand in majesty most high!
Who, with the Spirit,
worshipped and adored
with all the heav'nly host we glorify!**

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THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

A Reading from the Book of Job

Penny Collett

The limit of our wisdom...

Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

JOB 38:1-7

May we who have ears to hear
listen what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand for the Gospel.

Gradual:

Common Praise 714



THE HOLY GOSPEL

Michael Berton

Reader The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Many who are first will be last, and the last will be first...

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

MARK 10:35-45

At the conclusion of the Gospel, the reader says,

The Gospel of Christ.

People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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Sermon

The Venerable Stephanie Shepard

This is followed by a short period of silence for reflection.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deb Rollins

We sit or kneel to pray.

CONFESSION AND WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Celebrant Happy are those whose sins are forgiven,
 whose wrongs are pardoned.
 I will confess my sins to the Lord,
 I will not conceal my wrongdoings.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant God forgives and heals us.
All **We need your healing, merciful God:
 give us true repentance.
 Some sins are plain to us,
 some escape us,
 some we cannot face.**

**Forgive us;
set us free to hear your word to us;
set us free to serve you.**

Celebrant God the Creator brings you new life,
forgives and redeems you.
Take hold of this forgiveness
and live your life in the Spirit of Jesus. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The Peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

We are invited to offer one another a contact-less sign of peace.

Offertory

Sister Let Me be Your Servant

CP 500

**Sister, let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.**

**We are pilgrims on a journey,
fellow travellers on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.**

**I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.**

**I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.**

**When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.**

**Brother, let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.**

The gifts of bread and wine are brought forward to represent the love of God for us; the offering plate is brought forward representing our love for God. If you currently contribute to St. Francis via Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD), please place into the offering plate one of the cards in the pews; cash, credit and cheques accepted – please use one of the envelopes in the pews if you would like a tax receipt (contributions greater than \$25). Thank you!

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer before Communion

Celebrant Eternal God,
All **your word inspires our faith.
May we who offer you our praise
trust you in all things.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer 3

Celebrant The Lord is here.
People **The Spirit of God is with us.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; you are the source of light and life for all your creation, you made us in your own image, and call us to new life in Jesus Christ our Saviour. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, 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 for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."
Therefore, Father, according to his command,

All **we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray for the coming of God's kingdom:
All **Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins,
 as we forgive those who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial,
 and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours, now and for ever.
 Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
All **We, being many, are one body,
 for we all share in one bread.**

We sing: **Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
 have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
 have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
 grant us peace.**

Communion

The celebrant invites the people to share in communion and says,
 The gifts of God for the People of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The choir receives communion and then everyone else is invited to come forward for communion or a blessing. Please note, because of Covid restrictions, only the bread wafers will be offered to everyone except the priest, who will drink the consecrated wine on behalf of us all.

During Communion these hymns and songs may be sung:

Soften My Heart

**Soften my heart, Lord, soften my heart;
from all indifference set me apart.
To feel your compassion, to weep with your tears;
come soften my heart, O Lord, soften my heart.**

Be Still for the Presence of the Lord

**Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.
Come, bow before Him now, with reverence and fear.
In Him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.**

**Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire, with splendour He is crowned.
How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.**

**Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place,
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister His grace.
No work too hard for Him, in faith receive from Him;
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.**

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Prayers after Communion

Standing, the community prays in silence.

Celebrant God of peace,

All **you have nourished us in this sacrament
with the body and blood of Christ.
May we who have taken holy things
keep faith in our hearts and lives,
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant Glory to God,

All **whose power working in us, can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from
generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ
Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Yours the Hand that Made Creation

CP 256

**Yours the hand that made creation,
womb of every constellation,
every species, every nation:
glory to the Three-in-One.**

**Jesus from the first descending,
by your birth the broken mending,
Word of God the never ending:
glory to the Three-in-One.**

**Holy Wisdom, ever near us,
tongue of fire to teach all hearers,
sanctify and guard and cheers us:
glory to the Three-in-One.**

Blessing & Dismissal

The priest says words of blessing and dismissal, and the people respond:

Thanks be to God.