



Morning Prayer and Holy Eucharist at the Church of St. Paul, Cambria

• The 6th Sunday of Easter • May 5, 2024 •

Opening Hymn 427

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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.**

Cleanse and restore us, O God, and heal us continually from the sinfulness that divides us and from the prejudice and discrimination by which we degrade ourselves and dishonor your image in others. Help us to stretch out our hands in love to those whom we meet on our life's journey. As we prepare to take part in your work of redemption, let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

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.

Lord, open our lips

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Venite: Psalm 95:1-7

Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout
for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above
all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, and the
heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have
molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and
kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God, and we are the people of his
pasture and the sheep of his hand.

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Psalm 98

1 Sing to the LORD a new song, * for he has done
marvelous things.

2 With his right hand and his holy arm * has he
won for himself the victory.

3 The LORD has made known his victory; * his
righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of
the nations.

4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the
house of Israel, * and all the ends of the earth have
seen the victory of our God.

5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; * lift
up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, * with the harp
and the voice of song.

7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.

8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.

9 Let the rivers clap their hands, * and let the hills
ring out with joy before the LORD, when he comes
to judge the earth.

10 In righteousness shall he judge the world * and
the peoples with equity.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Collect-

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such
good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our
hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all
things and above all things, may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus
Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The **first lesson** is from the Acts of the Apostles
(10:44-48)

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell
upon all who heard the word. The circumcised
believers who had come with Peter were
astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been
poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard
them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then
Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for
baptizing these people who have received the Holy
Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be

baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

Thanks be to God.

Canticle 12: The Song of Creation

Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord, * praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, * praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Let the earth glorify the Lord, * praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O mountains and hills, and all that grows upon the earth, * praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O springs of water, seas, and streams, * O whales and all that move in the waters.

All birds of the air, glorify the Lord, * praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O beasts of the wild, * and all you flocks and herds.

O men and women everywhere, glorify the Lord, * praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: * as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. **Amen**

The **second lesson** is from the First Letter of John (5:1-6)

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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Canticle 11: The Third Song of Isaiah

Arise, shine, for your light has come, * and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.

For behold, darkness covers the land; * deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.

But over you the Lord will rise, * and his glory will appear upon you.

Nations will stream to your light, * and kings to the brightness of your dawning.

Your gates will always be open; * by day or night they will never be shut.

They will call you, The City of the Lord, * The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

Violence will no more be heard in your land, * ruin or destruction within your borders.

You will call your walls, Salvation, * and all your portals, Praise.

The sun will no more be your light by day; * by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.

The Lord will be your everlasting light, * and your God will be your glory.

Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: * as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever will be. Amen.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John (15:9-17)

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Sermon Music

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

**Though he was divine,
he did not cling to equality with God,**

**but made himself nothing.
Taking the form of a slave,
he was born in human likeness.
He humbled himself
and was obedient to death,
even the death of the cross.
Therefore, God has raised him on high,
and given him the name above every name:
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.
cf Philippians 2.6-11**

The Prayers of the People

God gives what is good. Let us pray that this goodness of God flow through us into all the world, saying: O God, giver of love, hear our prayer.

O God, your love is in motion. We praise the strength of your love. Where there is hunger, raise up your love. Where there is hurt and persecution, empower your love. Where there are false prophets, proclaim your love. Where there are lies, speak your love. O God, giver of love, **hear our prayer.**

Where nations are angry and plot harm against one another, bring your love. Where governments lie and deceive, bring your love. Where powers cripple and destroy what you have made, bring your love. O God, giver of love, **hear our prayer.**

Where the churches alienate one another, bring your love. Where our fears keep us from offering Christ to all the needy peoples, bring your love. When this assembly is marked by division and jealousy, bring your love. O God, giver of love, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, increase our affection. Increase our compassion. Increase our joy. Show us those we do not see. Magnify our love. O God, giver of love, **hear our prayer.**

O God, pour out your love on those who are victims of evil or war, especially the people of Ukraine and Gaza. O God, giver of love, **hear our prayer.**

May all those who serve our nation in the military, especially those who are far from home and in

mortal danger, come home safe and sound. O God, giver of love, **hear our prayer.**

God's love calls us to an intimate relationship with him. May Christians, Jews, Muslims, and all people of faith through their prayers and deeds grow close to the heart of the Most High. O God, giver of love, **hear our prayer.**

(Here other intercessions may be offered.)

Celebrant concludes

O God, we thank you for the power of divine love and for the presence of your love in one another. Guide us all finally into that greatest love who is Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Offertory: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. Ephesians 5:2

Offertory Hymn 482

Prayer over the gifts: God of glory, accept all we offer you this day, and bring us to that eternal city of love and light, where Christ is King. We ask this in his name. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving (EP B)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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.

Through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. After his glorious resurrection he openly appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory.

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:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

We give thanks to you, O God,

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

Because in Christ we have received the Spirit of adoption, as sons and daughters of God, we dare to pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day 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 forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, is risen, alleluia! and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving. Blessed are those who are called to the banquet of the Lamb.

Communion of the People

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. May we who are partakers of his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save.

Let us pray. **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.**

Knowing that all of our community cannot share the Eucharist in person, we affirm that the true mystical communion of Christ and His Church is a bond of spirit and heart, grounded in faith. Therefore, we commit ourselves to this deep bond of the Spirit in union with Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing:

The God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, and the blessing of God almighty, Father,

Son and Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Greet one another in the Lord's name.

Announcements

Thanksgiving Prayer: We give you thanks, O God, for your many blessings: for our days of celebration, for the love that surrounds us, for your healing presence in our lives. Keep us in your care, we pray, and help us to live as truly thankful people. Amen.

Closing Hymn 810 WLP

Dismissal:

Alleluia, alleluia! Go forth and bear witness to Christ, who is gloriously risen from the dead!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!