

Morning Prayer and Holy Eucharist at the Church of St. Paul, Cambria •Proper 24 C • October 16, 2022 • 19 Pentecost

Opening Hymn 405

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.

Amen.

You hear, O God, the prayer of those whose faith becomes thanksgiving. Give us humility of heart to see the healing that you offer us in body and spirit, that we may continually return to you to give thanks for the gifts you have given us. May we always turn from asking to grateful praise. May we humbly confess our sins against you and our neighbor. **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 for ever. Amen.

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: **O come, let us adore him.**

Jubilate: Psalm 100

- 1 Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands;* serve the LORD with gladness and come before his presence with a song.
- 2 Know this: The LORD himself is God;* he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
- 3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving: go into his courts with praise;* give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
- 4 For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting;* and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Psalm 119:97-104

97 Oh, how I love your law!

*all the day long it is in my mind.

98 Your commandment has made me wiser than my enemies, *and it is always with me.

99 I have more understanding than all my teachers,

*for your decrees are my study.

100 I am wiser than the elders,

*because I observe your commandments.

101 I restrain my feet from every evil way,

*that I may keep your word.

102 I do not shrink from your judgments,

*because you yourself have taught me.

103 How sweet are your words to my taste!

*they are sweeter than honey to my mouth.

104 Through your commandments I gain understanding; *therefore I hate every lying way.

First Lesson Jeremiah 31:27-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the Lord. In those days they shall no longer say:

"The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge."
But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt-- a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days. says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more. The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Canticle Q: A Song of Christ's Goodness

Anselm of Canterbury

Jesus, as a mother you gather your people to you; * you are gentle with us as a mother with her children.

Often you weep over our sins and our pride, * tenderly you draw us from hatred and judgment.

You comfort us in sorrow and bind up our wounds, * in sickness you nurse us and with pure milk you feed us.

Jesus, by your dying, we are born to new life; * by your anguish and labor we come forth in joy.

Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness; * through your gentleness, we find comfort in fear

Your warmth gives life to the dead, * your touch makes sinners righteous.

Lord Jesus, in your mercy, heal us; * in your love and tenderness, remake us.

In your compassion, bring grace and forgiveness, * for the beauty of heaven, may your love prepare us. **Amen.**

The Second Lesson/ Epistle 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully. Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

A reading from the **Gospel** according to **Luke 18:1-8**

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet

because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming." And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Brother Dennis Gibbs

Sermon Music

Here follows 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 and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of 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

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

The Prayers of the People

Let us bow before almighty God, offering our thanksgiving and making known our requests for the whole human family and for all the world, saying, Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. (As you feel called, please take turns reading one or more of the petitions. Please observe a short silence at the indicated times.)

O God of morning and evening, noonday's brightest sun and midnight's darkest hour, hear us as we offer you our praise and dare to sing your new song. For confidence to believe that your gift of life requires our most willing effort, and that accepting that gift we never forget to offer our thanks: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. For the land in which we live, that we see it as your gift, and that all its peoples work together with all our strength to conform it to your holy will: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For courage and commitment, that we wait upon those in need, and that they may see in us your loving care for them: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For all in any need, for those in pain and in sorrow, that your gift of hope will strengthen them on their way to wholeness: We offer prayers for Ed V and Jennifer D. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

That all who serve our nation in the military, those who are far from home, and those in harm's way, may be protected by your almighty hand. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

(Here other intercessions may be offered.)

For the ties that bind us to those who have gone before, and that with all our loved ones and all the blessed saints we keep in view the joyous feast that is to come: especially Jim F, Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Hear these words, O Lord, as you hear and understand the unspoken thoughts of our hearts and minds, and grant their fulfillment through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Exchange of Peace

(please stand)

Officiant -

Jesus is our Peace. Let us do all we can to be Peace in our world. The peace of the Lord be always with you

People - And also with you.

The Community greets one another in the peace of Christ

Offertory: Walk in love as Christ loved us and offered himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. (Ephesians)

Offertory Hymn 325

Prayer over the gifts

God of constant love, in this eucharist you renew the covenant made once with us in baptism. As you are faithful in all things may we, in our offering, be faithful to our calling. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving (EP A)

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 God 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 Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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 (Repeat) Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest (Repeat) Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest (Repeat).

Officiant

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen 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, to reconcile us to you, Creator of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, the perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

Silence is held, then...

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we receive these gifts. We know them to be sanctified by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body of your Son, the Holy food of new and never ending 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. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. Amen.

Officiant And now, we pray...

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 forever.
Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Bread is broken.

Officiant

Alleluia, Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

People

Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia

The Officiant presents the bread with the following or similar words.

These are the holy gifts of God for us, the holy people of God.

So come, those who have been here often and those who have not been for not been here long: those who have much faith, and those who wish to have more: those who have tried to follow Christ, who, like me, have failed. Come, for it is Jesus who is inviting you.

Communion of the People

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Faithful God, in baptism and eucharist we are made one with you. May we who have shared in holy things always bear witness to your covenant.

Let us pray. 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.

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 Officiant asks for God's blessing saying this or something similar.)

May God give us Grace never to sell ourselves short; grace to risk something big for something good; and Grace to remember that the world is too dangerous for anything but truth, and too small for anything love.

William Sloane Coffin

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 812 WLP

<u>Dismissal:</u> Sinners and servants who have been cleansed, healed and forgiven, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God