



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

•THE HOLY NAME • January 1, 2023 •

Opening Hymn 83 "O Come All Ye Faithful"

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
**And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.
Amen.**

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.**

What love you have bestowed upon us, O good and gracious God, in letting us be called your children and in giving us your Son, Jesus to live as a child among us. Let all who seek the face of Christ find him, not only here, in the house of prayer, but in the households, large and small where your love is revealed. Help us to reveal your love in us as we confess our sins to you and to each other.

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 for ever. Amen.

Alleluia. To us a child is born: **Come let us adore him. Alleluia.**

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 8

1 O Lord our Governor, *

how exalted is your Name in all the world!

2 Out of the mouths of infants and children * your majesty is praised above the heavens.

3 You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, *

to quell the enemy and the avenger.

4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, *

the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

5 What is man that you should be mindful of him? *the son of man that you should seek him out?

6 You have made him but little lower than the angels; *you adorn him with glory and honor;

7 You give him mastery over the works of your hands; *you put all things under his feet:

8 All sheep and oxen, * even the wild beasts of the field,

9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, * and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

10 O Lord our Governor, * how exalted is your Name in all the world!

Lessons Numbers 6:22-27

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them,

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;

the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle D: **A Song of the Wilderness**

Isaiah 35:1-7,10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, * the desert shall rejoice and blossom;

It shall blossom abundantly, * and rejoice with joy and singing.

They shall see the glory of the Lord, * the majesty of our God.
 Strengthen the weary hands, * and make firm the feeble knees.
 Say to the anxious, "Be strong, do not fear! * Here is your God, coming with judgment to save you."
 Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened, * and the ears of the deaf be unstopped.
 Then shall the lame leap like a deer, * and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
 For waters shall break forth in the wilderness * and streams in the desert;
 The burning sand shall become a pool * and the thirsty ground, springs of water.
 The ransomed of God shall return with singing, * with everlasting joy upon their heads.
 Joy and gladness shall be theirs, * and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

The Second Lesson Galatians 4:4-7

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.
 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle J: A Song of Judith 16:13-16

I will sing a new song to my God, * for you are great and glorious, wonderful in strength, invincible.
 Let the whole creation serve you, * for you spoke and all things came into being.
 You sent your breath and it formed them, * no one is able to resist your voice.
 Mountains and seas are stirred to their depths, * rocks melt like wax at your presence.
 But to those who fear you, * you continue to show mercy.
 No sacrifice, however fragrant, can please you, * but whoever fears the Lord shall stand in your sight for ever.

A reading from the **Gospel** according to **Luke 2:15-21**

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When

they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.
 Here ends the Gospel reading.

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.

Collect of the Day

Eternal Father, you gave to your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be the sign of our salvation: Plant in every heart, we pray, the love of him who is the Savior of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the Peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you

and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

The Sermon

Canon Mark Hall

Sermon Music

The Prayers of the People

God has clothed all things with mercy and prepared the earth as for a wedding by taking on our flesh in Christ. Trusting in that mercy, let our prayers join the festival, saying: O God, mighty God, merciful God, hear our prayer.

(As the Spirit moves you, please take turns reading one or more of the petitions. Please observe a short silence at the indicated times.)

For the churches, that this community and all communities may be cradles for the word of Christ, filled with harmony and witnessing with thanksgiving, **O God, mighty God, merciful God, hear our prayer.**

For the bishops and all the leaders of the church, that in word and deed they may show forth the love and pity with which you clothe creation and all its peoples, **O God, mighty God, merciful God, hear our prayer.**

For refugees and for those who experience a pitiless world, that you may bring them to places of safety they may call home, **O God, mighty God, merciful God, hear our prayer.**

For all families, that their common life may be marked by mutual honor, respect, and forgiveness, and that homes may become places of hospitality to the stranger, **O God, mighty God, merciful God, hear our prayer.**

For the victims of family violence, that you quickly bring relief, justice, and healing, **O God, mighty God, merciful God, hear our prayer.**

For the earth which you honored in the incarnation of your Son, and for us creatures, that a spirit of joy in its goodness and care for its future may be poured out upon us all, **O God, mighty God, merciful God, hear our prayer.**

That the young and innocent who are thrust into the calamity of battle and strife be kept whole in their spirits and not lose their faith in your goodness. **O God, mighty God, merciful God, hear our prayer.**

We offer prayers for Jennifer, Susie, & Julian. **O God, mighty God, merciful God, hear our prayer.**

(Here other intercessions may be offered.)

Rejoicing with all the saints, with Mary and Joseph, with Stephen, John, and all the Holy Innocents, we commend these prayers and all our life to you, O God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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

Offertory Hymn 82 "Of The Father's Love Begotten"

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 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 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.

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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).*

(The People stand or kneel.)

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of 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 Savior 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 before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,
Celebrant and People

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all;

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.**

And now as our Savior taught us, we are bold to pray (sung):

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

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

They will come from east and west and from north and south to sit at table in the kingdom of God: Blessed are those who are called to the banquet of the Lord.

Communion of the People

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Source of truth and joy, may we who have received the gift of divine life always follow the way of your Son. 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.

When he came to us as man, the Son of God scattered the darkness of this world, and filled the world with his glory. May the God of infinite goodness scatter the darkness of sin and brighten your hearts with holiness. And the blessing of God

almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you 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 peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you forever. **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—100 "Joy to the World"

Dismissal:

Rejoicing in Emmanuel, God-is-with-us, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.