



The Church of St. Paul, Cambria

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Opening Hymn 400

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.**

To us, in all our weakness and fear, O God, you have entrusted the prophetic mission of proclaiming your word to a world often unable and unwilling to hear. Strengthen us with your Spirit so that we not be ashamed of our faith. As we confess our sins and weaknesses, help us to confess your name before others:

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.

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 86:1-10,16-17

1 Bow down your ear, O LORD, and answer me, * for I am poor and in misery.

2 Keep watch over my life, for I am faithful; * save your servant who puts his trust in you.

3 Be merciful to me, O LORD, for you are my God; * I call upon you all the day long.

4 Gladden the soul of your servant, * for to you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

5 For you, O LORD, are good and forgiving, * and great is your love toward all who call upon you.

6 Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer, * and attend to the voice of my supplications.

7 In the time of my trouble I will call upon you, * for you will answer me.

8 Among the gods there is none like you, O LORD, * nor anything like your works.

9 All nations you have made will come and worship you, O LORD, * and glorify your Name.

10 For you are great; you do wondrous things; * and you alone are God.

16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me; * give your strength to your servant; and save the child of your handmaid.

17 Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; * because you, O LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Lesson

The first lesson is from Genesis (21:8-21)

The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with

my son Isaac.” The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, “Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring.” So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba. When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, “Do not let me look on the death of the child.” And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, “What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him.” Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink. God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
Thanks be to God.

Canticle A: A Song of Wisdom 10:15-19,20b-21

Wisdom freed from a nation of oppressors * a holy people and a blameless race.

She entered the soul of a servant of the Lord, *
withstood dread rulers with wonders and signs.
To the saints she gave the reward of their labors, *
and led them by a marvelous way;

She was their shelter by day * and a blaze of stars
by night.

She brought them across the Red Sea, * she led
them through mighty waters;

But their enemies she swallowed in the waves *
and spewed them out from the depths of the
abyss.

And then, Lord, the righteous sang hymns to your
Name, * and praised with one voice your
protecting hand;

For Wisdom opened the mouths of the mute, * and
gave speech to the tongues of a new-born
people. **Amen**

Second lesson Letter of Paul to the Romans (6:1b-11)
Should we continue in sin in order that grace may
abound? By no means! How can we who died to

sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us
who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were
baptized into his death? Therefore we have been
buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just
as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of
the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.
For if we have been united with him in a death like
his, we will certainly be united with him in a
resurrection like his. We know that our old self was
crucified with him so that the body of sin might be
destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to
sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if
we have died with Christ, we believe that we will
also live with him. We know that Christ, being
raised from the dead, will never die again; death no
longer has dominion over him. The death he died,
he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he
lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves
dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.
obedience the many will be made righteous.

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Canticle H: A Song of Hosea Hosea 6:1-3

Come, let us return to our God, * who has torn us
and will heal us.

God has struck us and will bind up our wounds, *
after two days revive us,

On the third day restore us, * that in God’s
presence we may live.

Let us humble ourselves, let us strive to know the
Lord, * whose justice dawns like morning light,
its dawning as sure as the sunrise.

God’s justice will come to us like a shower, * like
spring rains that water the earth.

Amen.

Alleluia:

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according
to St. Matthew (10:24-39)

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “A disciple is not above the teacher,
nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the
disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like
the master. If they have called the master of the
house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign
those of his household! “So have no fear of them;
for nothing is covered up that will not be
uncovered, and nothing secret that will not
become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell
in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim
from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the
body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who
can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not
two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of
them will fall to the ground apart from your Father.
And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So
do not be afraid; you are of more value than many
sparrows. “Everyone therefore who acknowledges

me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's foes will be members of one's own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Sermon Music 594

Here follows the Nicene Creed, all standing

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 of the People

Our God, the almighty one, counts the hairs of our head. Let us come before God in confidence, praying for all the world, saying: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

(As the Spirit moves you, please take turns reading one or more of the petitions.)

We thank you this day for the value you have placed upon us by giving us Christ our Savior. Empower us to acknowledge this gift in lives of service. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We thank you, God in Christ Jesus, that you have answered our fears with love. Give to us the faith to go where others dare not to proclaim the vastness of your love. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We thank you, God in Christ Jesus, that you are concerned with the frailty of our living. You know our addictions, our divorcings, our doubtings, our escapes. Grant us the wholeness we seek. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We thank you, God in Christ Jesus, that you aid those who work for justice and peace by giving them courage, vision, and strength. Enlist all people in the struggle for human dignity. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We thank you, O God, that you favor the poor, the meek, the oppressed, the homeless, and the hungry. Make your compassion contagious that the rich might share with the poor, the strong befriend the weak. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We thank you, O God, that you know the dangers that lurk among us. We pray for those whom you have called to guard and protect your entire creation, those who work the land, who police the streets, who defend the nations. Strengthen them for their difficult tasks. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We thank you, O God, that you refresh us with times of leisure and recreation. Renew us that we might further appreciate you, each other, and all that you have made. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We Pray for Bill, Karen and Jennifer. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

(Here other intercessions may be offered.)

We thank you, God in Christ Jesus, that you are always more willing to listen than we are to pray. Hear the petitions of this congregation; hear the prayers spoken in our hearts; for we pray through your Son, Jesus Christ. **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 707

Prayer over the gifts: God of reconciliation and forgiveness, the saving work of Christ has made our peace with you. May that work grow toward its perfection in all we offer you this day. 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

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.**

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

Then may be sung or said

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation or other suitable words.

Behold the gifts prepared by the Teacher who ate with sinners: draw near to the banquet of mercy, partake of the feast of forgiveness.

Communion of the People

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Almighty God, guide and protect your people who share in this sacred mystery, and keep us always in your love.

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 God of all grace who called you to eternal glory in Christ Jesus, restore establish and strengthen you in the faith, 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.

Announcements

Anniversary/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 690

Children of God, joint heirs with Christ and led by the Spirit, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.