The Holy Eucharist with Prayers for the Nation

November 5, 2020

Blessed be God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

*And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen*.

Holy God,

Holy and Mighty,

Holy Immortal one,

*Have mercy upon us*.

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

Let us pray.

O God, you have bound us together in a common life. Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth, to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

**A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy**

Moses said to Israel: For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, who executes justice for the orphan and widow, and who loves the stranger, providing them food and clothing. You also shall love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. You shall fear the Lord your God; him alone you shall worship; to him you shall hold fast, and by his name you shall swear. He is your praise; he is your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things that your own eyes have seen.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God*.

**A Litany For The Nation**

Lord, let us be a people who truly provide liberty and justice for all.  
***Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.***

May we value every citizen.  
***Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.***

Help us strive to be a people who agree on basic human values.  
***Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.***

Lord, let us stand tall in the world without arrogance.  
***Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer*.**

Help us be a people who provide for the poor, the weak, and the hungry.  
***Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.***

Make us a people who condemn white supremacy and who speak out against domestic terrorism.  
***Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer*.**

Help us heal our divisions, seek unity, and have civil and productive discourse about our differences.  
***Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.***

We pray for strong, intelligent, honest, and steadfast leaders.  
***Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.***

Let us be a people who seek and promote peace among all peoples.  
***Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.***

O God, you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and peace: Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you,

opposing your will in our lives.

We have denied your goodness in each other,

in ourselves, and in the world you have created.

We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done,

and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,

that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. 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*.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*And also with you*.

**The Great Thanksgiving**

All things come from you, O Lord, and of your own have we given you.

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you*.

Lift up your hearts.

*We lift them up unto the Lord*.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*It is right to give God thanks and praise*.

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your constant love: you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining our voices with angels and archangels, and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we say:

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.*

*heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.*

*Hosanna in the highest*.

Blessed are you, gracious God,

creator of the universe and giver of life.

You formed us in your own image

and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care

that we might be your faithful stewards

and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image

in one another and ourselves;

we would not see your goodness in the world around us;

and so we violated your creation,

abused one another,

and rejected your love.

Yet you never ceased to care for us,

and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah

you called us into covenant with you.

You delivered us from slavery,

sustained us in the wilderness,

and raised up prophets

to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time,

you sent your eternal Word,

made mortal flesh in Jesus.

Born into the human family,

and dwelling among us,

he revealed your glory.

Giving himself freely to death on the cross,

he triumphed over evil,

opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us,

our Savior Jesus Christ took bread,

and when he had given thanks to you,

he broke it, and gave it to his friends and said:

"Take, eat:

This is my Body which is given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all

for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it,

do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Christ has died.*

*Christ has risen.*

*Christ will come again*.

Remembering his death and resurrection,

we now present to you from your creation

this bread and this wine.

By your Holy Spirit may they be for us

the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that we who share these gifts

may be filled with the Holy Spirit

and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage

of your daughters and sons,

that with all your saints,

past, present, and yet to come,

we may praise your name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

to you be honor, glory, and praise,

for ever and ever. *AMEN*.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now 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.

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia!*

Faithful God,

in the wonder of your wisdom and love

you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels,

and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life.

Though we are not consuming these gifts of bread and wine,

we thank you that we have received the sacrament of Christ's presence,

the forgiveness of sins, and all other benefits of Christ's passion.

By the power of the Holy Spirit,

may we embody your desire

and be renewed for your service,

through Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen*.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Prayer after Communion**

In this week in which we cast our ballots, let us also cast our hope. May God grant us the courage to dream of our country not as it is -- marred by violence and hatred and division -- but of what it yet may be. May the arc of the moral universe bend, visibly, toward justice in our time. No matter the election's outcome, hard roads stretch before us. Let us join hands and walk together, one in heart, into the future. Amen.

**The Blessing**

Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you like a mother. Go with courage and in peace to follow the good road, and may God's blessing be with you always. *Amen*.

Let us bless the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*