



St John's Cathedral 聖公會聖約翰座堂

Anglican Diocese of Hong Kong Island
Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

Christian Unity Sunday
(The Third Sunday of Epiphany)

23rd January 2022

9.00am Sung Eucharist



Celebrant:
The Revd Canon Peter Koon
Cathedral Chaplain

Preacher:
The Revd Joseph Tan SVD
Parish Priest, St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church

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Gathering

All STAND to sing the INTROIT HYMN. During the hymn the clergy process in.

Introit Hymn (NEH 205, omit v.2)

- 1. Christ is made the sure foundation,
And the precious corner-stone,
Who, the two walls underlying,
Bound in each, binds both in one,
Holy Sion's help for ever,
And her confidence alone.**
- 3. To this temple, where we call thee,
Come, O Lord of hosts, today;
With thy wonted loving-kindness,
Hear thy people as they pray;
And thy fullest benediction
Shed within its walls for ay.**
- 4. Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
Gifts of grace by prayer to gain;
Here to have and hold for ever,
Those good things their prayers obtain,
And hereafter, in thy glory,
With thy blessed ones to reign.**
- 5. Laud and honour to the Father,
Laud and honour to the Son,
Laud and honour to the Spirit,
Ever Three and ever One,
One in love, and One in splendour,
While unending ages run. Amen.**

*Tune: WESTMINSTER ABBEY Adapted from Purcell's 'O God, Thou art my God'
Words: Latin c. 7th century; tr. J. M. Neale 1818-66*

The celebrant then greets the people.

In the name of the ☩ Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you

All **and also with you.**

All REMAIN STANDING and say

Collect for Purity

All **Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
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.**

Confession

In the presence of the God and Father of us all,
we meet together to give thanks for the spiritual unity
which is already ours as members of the Body of Christ.
Let us acknowledge our sin,
that this unity may, by God's grace, become a visible unity,
so that his Church in every place may demonstrate
the healing power of the gospel,
and be an instrument of his peace
in the life of the world.

All SIT.

Lord Jesus, you came to reconcile us
to one another and to the Father:

Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of sin and division:

Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you intercede for us with your Father:

Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Absolution

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon ☩ and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

All STAND.

Gloria in Excelsis

Broken for You (Margaret Rizza)

All **Glory to God in the highest,
glory to God on high;
and peace, peace to his people,
peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
We worship you, we give you thanks,
We praise you for your glory.
Glory to God in the highest
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy, have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father,
receive our prayer, receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the holy one,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
you alone are the Lord,
Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory, the glory, the glory of the Father
Amen, amen, amen, amen.**

Collect

All REMAIN STANDING.

Let us pray:

Silence is kept.

Heavenly Father,
you have called us in the Body of your Son Jesus Christ
to continue his work of reconciliation
and reveal you to the world.
Forgive us the sins which tear us apart;
give us the courage to overcome our fears
and to seek that unity which is your gift and your will;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Liturgy of the Word

All SIT.

First Reading

Eph. 4. 1-6 (NRSV)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians.

I, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

All STAND.

During the Gradual Hymn, the Gospel book is carried to the lectern. All turn to face the Gospel.

Gradual Hymn (NEH 480, T.161)

1. **In Christ there is no East or West,
In him no South or North,
But one great fellowship of love
Throughout the whole wide earth.**
2. **Join hands, then, brothers of the faith,
Whate'er your race may be;
Who serves my Father as a son
Is surely kin to me.**
3. **In Christ now meet both East and West,
In him meet South and North,
All Christlike souls are one in him,
Throughout the whole wide earth.**

Tune: KILMARNOCK Neil Dougall 1776-1862

Words: John Oxenham 1852-1941

Gospel Reading
John 17. 11b-23 (NRSV)

All Alleluia.

Choir *Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
to which indeed you were called in the one body.*

All Alleluia.

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

All Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed: 'Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

'I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.'

All This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

All SIT.

Sermon

*The Revd Joseph Tan SVD
Parish Priest, St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church*

All STAND.

Creed

**All 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,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who 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.

Prayers of Intercession

The celebrant introduces the prayers by saying

In faith let us pray to God our Father,
his Son Jesus Christ,
and the Holy Spirit.

All SIT. The intercessor continues:

For the Church of God throughout the world,
let us invoke the Spirit.

All **Kyrie eleison.**

For the leaders of the nations,
that they may establish and defend justice and peace,
let us pray for the wisdom of God.

All **Kyrie eleison.**

For those who suffer oppression or violence,
let us invoke the power of the Deliverer.

All **Kyrie eleison.**

That the churches may discover again their visible unity
in the one baptism which incorporates them in Christ,
let us pray for the love of Christ.

All **Kyrie eleison.**

That the churches may attain communion
in the Eucharist around one table,
let us pray for the strength of Christ.

All **Kyrie eleison.**

That the churches may recognize each other's ministries
in the service of their one Lord,
let us pray for the peace of Christ.

All **Kyrie eleison.**

The celebrant concludes the prayers by saying

Into your hands, O Lord,
we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Liturgy of the Sacrament

Peace

All STAND and the celebrant introduces the Peace:

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles,
'Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you.'
Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church,
and grant it that peace and unity which is according to your will.

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

The celebrant may say

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

The Offertory Taking of the Bread and Wine

All REMAIN STANDING.

The altar is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

Offertory Hymn (NEH 302)

1. **O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray
That all thy Church might be for ever one,
Grant us at every Eucharist to say
With longing heart and soul, 'Thy will be done.'
Oh, may we all one Bread, one Body be,
One through this Sacrament of unity.**
2. **For all thy Church, O Lord, we intercede;
Make thou our sad divisions soon to cease;
Draw us the nearer each to each, we plead,
By drawing all to thee, O Prince of Peace:
Thus may we all one Bread, one Body be,
One through this Sacrament of unity.**
3. **We pray thee too for wanderers from thy fold;
O bring them back, good Shepherd of the sheep,
Back to the faith which saints believed of old,
Back to the Church which still that faith doth keep:
Soon may we all one Bread, one Body be,
One through this Sacrament of unity.**
4. **So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease,
May we be one with all thy Church above,
One with thy saints in one unbroken peace,
One with thy saints in one unbounded love:
More blessed still, in peace and love to be
One with the Trinity in Unity.**

Tune: SONG 1 Orlando Gibbons 1583-1625

Words: William Turton 1856-1938

The celebrant says the prayer at the preparation of the altar.

God of power and love,
by your Holy Spirit,
draw the scattered flock of Christ into a visible unity
and make your Church a sign of hope to our divided world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

All REMAIN STANDING.

Eucharistic Prayer E

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

All Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

All Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

By him, your only Son,
who restored to us peace through the blood of his cross,
you willed to reconcile all creatures.
In him you have led us to the knowledge of your truth,
that bound together by one faith and one baptism
we might become his body.
Through him you have given your Holy Spirit to all peoples
to work marvels by innumerable gifts
and an abundant variety of graces.
Gathering us together in unity,
your Spirit dwells in the hearts of all your children,
filling the whole Church with his presence
and guiding it with wisdom from above.

And so, with steadfast love,
we proclaim your glory
and join with hosts of angels
in their triumphant hymn of praise:

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of pow'r and God of might;
heaven and earth are full of your glory,
are full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest;
hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest,
hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed, blessed, blessed is he,
he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Blessed is he who comes in the name,
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest;
hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest,
hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.

He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.

Again he praised you, 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.

Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died: Christ is risen:
Christ has died: Christ is risen:
Christ, Christ will come again.**

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary,
blessed Joseph, her Spouse,
St John the Evangelist, St Stephen, and all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever.

All **Amen, amen.**

All SIT.

Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All **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.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

The celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
All **Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Agnus Dei

Broken for You (Margaret Rizza)

All **Jesus, Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

Giving of Communion

The celebrant says the invitation to communion.

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

The celebrant and people receive communion.

During the distribution, the Choir sings

Communion Anthem

Es ist erschienen die heilsame Gnade Gottes SWV 371 (Heinrich Schütz)

Es ist erschienen die heilsame Gnade Gottes allen Menschen und züchtigt uns, dass wir sollen verleugnen das ungöttliche Wesen und die weltlichen Lüste, und züchtig, gerecht und gottselig leben in dieser Welt, und warten auf die selige Hoffnung und Erscheinung der Herrlichkeit des großen Gottes und unsers Heilands Jesu Christi, der sich selbst für uns gegeben hat, auf dass er uns erlösete von aller Ungerechtigkeit, und reiniget ihm selbst ein Volk zum Eigentum, das fleißig wäre zu guten Werken.

For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

An act of spiritual communion for anyone unable to receive the sacrament

Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most holy sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you, body and blood, soul and divinity. Since I cannot at this time receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you or from the community of your church, and lead me with all your holy people to your banquet in heaven. Amen.

Prayer after Communion

The celebrant says

Let us pray:

Silence is kept. All STAND.

Eternal God and Father
whose Son at supper prayed that his disciples might be one,
as he is one with you:
draw us closer to him,
that in common love and obedience to you
we may be united to one another
in the fellowship of the one Spirit,
that the world may believe that he is Lord,
to your eternal glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

A Prayer of Thanksgiving is then said.

All **Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out
in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

Dismissal

All REMAIN STANDING.

Blessing

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

The Lord Jesus Christ,
Son of the living God,
teach you to walk in his way more trustfully,
to accept his truth more faithfully,
and to share his life more lovingly;
that by the power of the Holy Spirit
you may come as one family to the kingdom of the Father.
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, ☩ the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Dismissal

After which, the celebrant says

One in heart and one in mind,
and empowered by the Spirit,
go in the peace of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The ministers and people depart.

Recessional Hymn (NEH 485)

**1. Thy hand, O God, has guided
Thy flock, from age to age;
The wondrous tale is written,
Full clear, on every page;
Our fathers owned thy goodness,
And we their deeds record;
And both of this bear witness,
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.**

**2. Thy heralds brought glad tidings
To greatest, as to least;
They bade men rise, and hasten
To share the great King's feast;
And this was all their teaching,
In every deed and word,
To all alike proclaiming
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.**

**3. Thro' many a day of darkness,
Thro' many a scene of strife,
The faithful few fought bravely
To guard the nation's life.
Their gospel of redemption,
Sin pardoned, man restored,
Was all in this enfolded,
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.**

**4. And we, shall we be faithless?
Shall hearts fail, hands hang down?
Shall we evade the conflict,
And cast away our crown?
Not so: in God's deep counsels
Some better thing is stored;
We will maintain, unflinching,
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.**

**5. Thy mercy will not fail us,
Nor leave thy work undone;
With thy right hand to help us,
The victory shall be won;
And then, by men and angels,
Thy name shall be adored,
And this shall be their anthem,
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.**

*Tune: THORNBURY Basil Harwood 1859-1949
Words: Edward Plumptre 1821-91*

Organ Voluntary

Ciacona in E minor, BuxWV 160 (Dieterich Buxtehude)

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