

LITURGY OF HOLY EUCHARIST

The Feast of St. Joseph, the Worker and Guardian of Jesus

March 20, 2023

C – Celebrant D - Deacon A - Assistant L – Lector R – Response

We are a community of the Triune God, nourished by Word and Sacrament, sent forth by the Holy Spirit into the Grantville community and beyond to share the life-changing news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed.

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE

*GATHERING HYMN

"Faith of Our Fathers"

Hymn #812

*INVOCATION

We make the sign of the cross in remembrance of our Baptism.

C: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, † and of the Holy Spirit.

R: Amen.

*APOSTOLIC GREETING

C: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

R: And also with you.

*PENITENTIAL RITE

C: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

C: Most merciful God,

R: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

C: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

R: Amen.

***LORD, HAVE MERCY**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

C: Let us pray. O God, from the family of your servant David you raised up Joseph to be the guardian of your incarnate Son and the husband of his blessed mother. Give us grace to imitate his uprightness of life and his obedience to your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

R: Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING

2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16

L: A reading from Second Samuel.

The Lord spoke to Nathan and said: "Go, tell my servant David, 'When your time comes and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your heir after you, sprung from your loins, and I will make his kingdom firm. It is he who shall build a house for my name. And I will make his royal throne firm forever. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me; your throne shall stand firm forever.'"

This is the Word of the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 89:1-4, 26-29 (*sung responsively*)

Your love, O Lord, forever | will I sing;*

from age to age my mouth will pro- | claim your faithfulness.

For I am persuaded that your love is estab- | lished forever;*

you have set your faithfulness firmly | in the heavens.

"I have made a covenant with my | chosen one;*

I have sworn an oath to Da- | vid my servant:

'I will establish your | line forever;*

and preserve your throne for all | generations.'"

He will say to me, 'You | are my Father,*

my God, and the rock of | my salvation.'

I will make | him my firstborn*

and higher than the kings | of the earth.

I will keep my love for | him forever;*

and my covenant will stand | firm for him.

I will establish his | line forever*

and his throne as the | days of heaven.

SECOND READING

Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22

L: A reading from Romans.

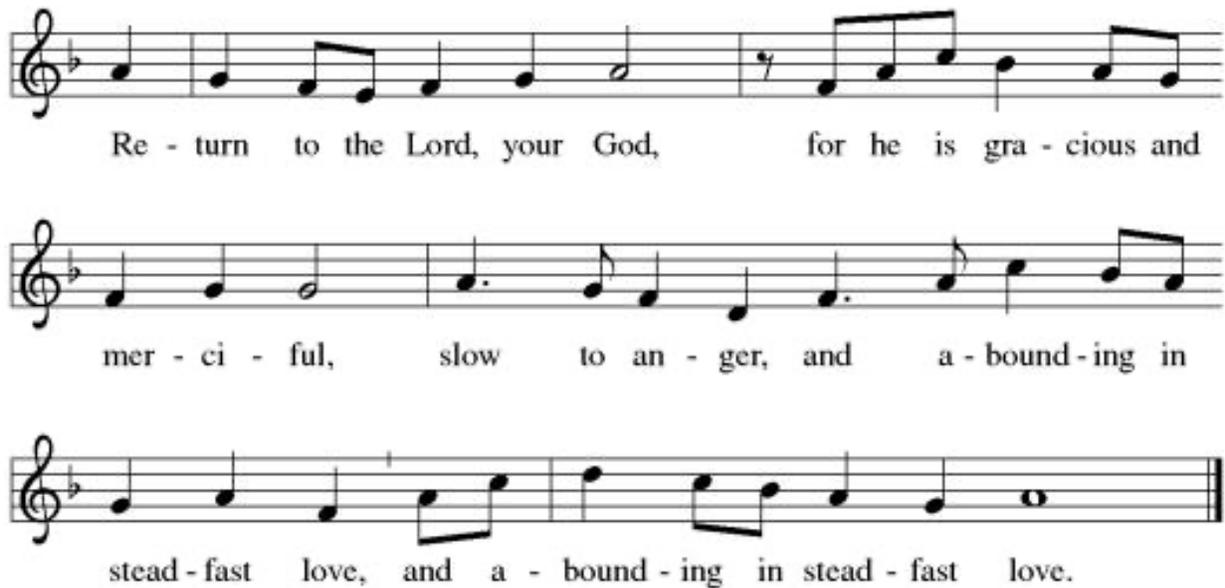
Brothers and sisters: It was not through the law that the promise was made to Abraham and his descendants that he would inherit the world, but through the righteousness that comes from faith. For this reason, it depends on faith, so that it may be a gift, and the promise may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not to those who only adhere to the law but to those who follow the faith of Abraham, who is the father of all of us, as it is written, I have made you father of many nations. He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into being what does not exist. He believed, hoping against hope, that he would become the father of many nations, according to what was said, Thus shall your descendants be. That is why it was credited to him as righteousness.

This is the Word of the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.

Please stand in honor of the Gospel.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

C: The Lord be with you.

R: And also with you.

C: A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

R: Glory to you, O Lord.

We make the sign of the cross with our right thumb on our forehead, lips, and heart to symbolize the gospel being present in our minds, on our lips, and in our hearts.

***GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a

A Jacob was the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary. Of her was born Jesus who is called the Christ. Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the Holy Spirit. Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

R: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

HOMILY

Please stand as you are able.

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

"By All Your Saints"

Hymn #420
Verses 1, 9, last

***BLESSING OF TRADE WORKERS**

C: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

R: The maker of heaven and earth.

C: The Lord be with you.

R: And also with you.

C: God our Father, Creator and Ruler of the universe, in every age you call us to use and develop our gifts for the good of others. We give you thanks for those who serve as trade workers in our community and beyond. Bless those here who have served others through their vocation and trade. Help us all to do the work you have asked and come to the rewards you have promised. Please grant this through Christ our Lord.

R: Amen.

***NICENE CREED**

**I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation
came down from heaven**

We bow our heads in honor of the mystery of the Incarnation.

**and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit
of the Virgin Mary and was made man;**

Our heads are raised.

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

**And the third day he rose again
according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.**

**And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and Giver of Life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.**

Amen

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

C: In union with Saint Joseph, the man of honor and great faith, let us make our prayers together, as God’s family, to the true Father of all.

Silence for reflection

A: For the universal Church, that her mission of salvation may be advanced in every place, let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

A: For labor relations in every land, that Christians will promote justice and integrity in trade unions and associations, let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

A: For all workers, that they will be able to use their skills and gifts to earn their living, let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

A: For the dying, that the Lord may console them in their last months, let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

A: For those who have gone before us in faith, that they may enjoy light, refreshment and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

C: Father, grant the prayers of your Church, and at the intercession of Saint Joseph, protect the people you have made your own. Through Christ our Lord.

R: Amen.

Please be seated while the bread and wine are brought forward for consecration and the offering is collected for the ministry of Christ’s Church.

MEAL

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

Please stand as you are able.

***PRESENTATION HYMN**

“God Loved the World”

Hymn #323

***OFFERING PRAYER**

C: Pray brothers and sisters that my sacrifice of praise and yours may be acceptable to God the almighty Father.

R: May the Lord accept our sacrifice of praise for the glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.

C: Father, with unselfish love Joseph cared for your Son, born of the Virgin Mary. May we also serve you at your altar with pure hearts. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

R: Amen.

***DIALOGUE**

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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 our thanks and praise.



***PREFACE**

It is indeed right and sal - u - tary that we should at all times and in all
plac - es of - fer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through
Christ our Lord. In the blessedness of your saints you have given us a
glorious pledge of the hope of our call - ing; that, moved by their witness
and supported by their fellowship, we may run with perseverance the race
that is set before us and with them receive the unfading crown of glo - ry.
And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heav - en, we praise
your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

***EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

C: Father, we acknowledge your greatness;
all your actions show forth your wisdom and love.
You formed humankind in your own likeness and set us over the whole world
to serve you, our creator, and to rule over all creatures.
Even when we disobeyed you and lost your friendship you did not abandon us to the
power of death, but helped all to seek and find you.
Again and again you offered a covenant to us, and through the prophets taught us to hope
for salvation.
Father, you so loved the world that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be
our Savior.
He was conceived through the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary,
a man like us in all things but sin.
To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation,
to prisoners, freedom, and to those in sorrow, joy.
In fulfillment of your will he gave himself up to death;
but by rising from the dead, he destroyed death and restored life.
And that we might live no longer for ourselves but for him,
he sent the Holy Spirit from you, Father, as his first gift to those who believe,
to complete his work on earth and bring us the fullness of grace.

Father, may this Holy Spirit sanctify these offerings.

Let them become the body and blood of Jesus Christ our Lord as we celebrate the great mystery which he left us as an everlasting covenant.

He always loved those who were his own in the world.

When the time came for him to be glorified by you,
his heavenly Father, he showed the depth of his love.

While they were at supper, he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, saying: Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which will be given up for you.

In the same way, he took the cup, filled with wine. He gave you thanks and giving the cup to his disciples, said: Take this, all of you, and drink from it: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for many so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.



C: Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

We recall Christ's death, his descent among the dead,
his resurrection and his ascension to your right hand;
and, we look forward to his coming in glory,
which brings salvation to the whole world.

Look with favor upon your Church;

and by your Holy Spirit, gather all share this bread and
wine into the one body of Christ,
a living sacrifice of praise.

Lord, remember those for whom we pray,

especially Elizabeth our Presiding Bishop,
James our Bishop, and the bishops and clergy
everywhere.

Remember those who take part in this worship,

those here present and all your people,
and all who seek you with a sincere heart.

Remember those who have died in the peace of Christ

especially, Rachel, Janet, Steve, Martha, Herb, Mark, Alfred, Henry, Rodger,
and all the dead whose faith is known to you alone.

Father, in your mercy grant also to us, your children,
to enter into our heavenly inheritance
in the company of the Virgin Mary, the Mother of God,
and your apostles and saints.

Then, in your kingdom, freed from the corruption of
sin and death, we shall sing your glory with every creature through Christ our
Lord, through whom you give us everything that is good.

Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours,
almighty Father, forever and ever.



***LORD'S PRAYER**

C: Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Savior gave us.

**R: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

***PEACE**

C: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R: And also with you.

C: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

Please remain standing after sharing the Peace.

*LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

*INVITATION

C: This the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

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

Please be seated.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER *(for those viewing via live-stream)*

A: My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now 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. Amen.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*All baptized Christians who acknowledge the Real Presence of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Bread and Wine are welcome to receive the Sacrament. If you would prefer a blessing come forward and cross your arms over your chest. Beginning with the front pews, form one line and make your way down the center aisle. Please pick up a communion glass from the tray on your right. Receive our Lord Jesus' Body from the Celebrant and, according to where you are seated, receive his Precious Blood from the Assistant and consume both elements. Upon receiving our Lord's Body and Blood, respond **Amen**. Please place your used communion glass in the tray on the table and return to your seat by the side aisle. Taste and see that the Lord is good!*

COMMUNION HYMNS

“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

Hymn #461

“Our Father, by Whose Name”

Hymn #540

Please stand at the direction of the Celebrant.

***POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**

“On My Heart Imprint Your Image”

Hymn #811

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

C: Let us pray. Lord, today you nourish us at this altar as we celebrate the feast of Joseph. Protect your Church always, and in your love watch over the gifts you have given us. Grant this through Christ our Lord.

R: Amen.

SENDING

***BLESSING**

C: The Lord be with you.

R: And also with you.

We make the sign of the cross as God blesses us this day.

C: May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, † and the Holy Spirit.

R: Amen.

***SENDING HYMN**

“O Living Bread from Heaven”

Hymn #542

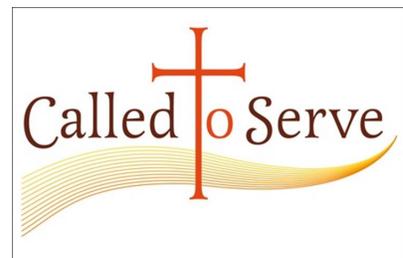
***DISMISSAL**

C: The Worship is ended, go in peace.

R: Thanks be to God.

***POSTLUDE**

We are still in need of children/youth to sign up to serve as acolytes for Sunday and weekday liturgies as well as lectors, prayers/intercessors, and greeters/ushers on Children in Worship Sundays (First Sunday of the Month). Please check your calendars and sign up ASAP! Here is the direct link to the page for you to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094ea5a82da6f8c70-church#/> If you would prefer to have the Church Office schedule your child/youth as we have in the past, please reach out and we can continue that practice using this format as well as the Newsletter to notify you.



THOSE SERVING TONIGHT

Celebrant/Homilist	The Rev. W. L. Barnes, III, <i>STS</i>
Assistant	Karen Gussler
Lector	Raelene Smith
Communion Assistant	Karlene Jaggan
Greeters/Ushers	Joe & Diana Budd
Organist	Barbara Dupler

STEWARDSHIP/GIVING (*February 28, 2023*)

2023 Approved Budget \$272, 500

Income: \$36,167.35

Expenses: \$41,155.57

Love of Family Contributions: \$20

Local Food Pantry Contributions: \$772.90

Capital Improvement Contributions: \$1085

Abiding Memorial Fund: \$450

With thanksgiving, we remember the lives of those who have gone before us in the faith.

This month we remember *Rachel Dodson, Janet Espenshade, Steve Plouse, Martha Reed, Herb Shaull, Mark Zerby, Rev. Alfred M Strang, Henry Turns Jr, Rodger Beck* .

The 2023 Altar Flower sign up sheet is available in the narthex. The following dates are still available: April 23, July 30, October 29, December 31. **Please remember to fill out a purple form for the dedication.**

Race Track Project: The Adult Sunday School class will be collecting shave cream and razors for the months of March & April . Thank you all for you kind support of this cause.

The Girl Scouts are continuing their sneaker collection for the next few months. We are collecting any size or condition of sneakers. There is a box in the Narthex. Thank you, Anna and Nora

Fridays in Lent (Shells) - Private Confession and Forgiveness from the Lutheran Book of Worship **6-7pm** followed by **Stations of the Cross at 7pm**. No appointment is needed for Confession - simply come to the church and wait your turn in the back pews. There will be a chair up front facing the altar for the penitent to sit in.

National Drug Take Back Day is Saturday April 22 from 10-2 at the following locations: Penn State Health main campus-Academic Support Building, Penn State Health - 121 Nyes Road Office, Penn State Health - 941 Park Drive, Palmyra office, We take any medications or needles. Any questions, please see Kathy Espenshade.

We will celebrate the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord at St. John on March 25 at 7pm. Yes, that means nine months till Christmas!!!

This week at Shells:

March 20 at 7pm - Liturgy of Holy Eucharist

The Feast of St. Joseph

Blessing of the Tradespeople

March 21 at 6:30pm - VBS Meeting

March 22 - Midweek Lenten Worship @ Faith UCC

5:30-6:45pm - Soup Supper

March 22-24 Food Pantry

March 23 at 6pm - Scouts

March 23 at 7pm – Choir Rehearsal

March 24 from 6-7pm - Private Confessions

March 24 at 7pm - Stations of the Cross

March 26 at 9am - Liturgy of Holy Eucharist

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

9am Children/Youth Sunday School and Confirmation

Fellowship and Coffee Hour after Worship

10:45am Adult Forum

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