

Episcopal Diocese of Central New York Holy Eucharist at CNY Pride

June 10, 2023

Celebrant Blessed be God, who loves all creation!
Alleluia!

People **God's love has no exceptions, Alleluia!**

All say together: **Canticle N**

A Song of God's Love (1 John 4:7-11)

**Beloved, let us love one another,
for love is of God.**

**Whoever does not love does not know God,
for God is Love.**

**In this the love of God was revealed among us,
that God sent his only Son into the world,
so that we might live through Jesus Christ.**

**In this is love, not that we loved God but that
God loved us
and sent his Son that sins might be
forgiven.**

**Beloved, since God loved us so much,
we ought also to love one another.**

**For if we love one another, God abides in us,
and God's love will be perfected in us.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Creator God, you have filled the world with beauty: Open our eyes to behold your gracious hand in all your works; that, rejoicing in your whole creation, we may learn to serve you with gladness; for the sake of the one through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Lesson

Galatians 3:23-29

Reader A reading from the Letter to the Galatians: Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Reader Here ends the reading.

Hymn *Praise the Source of all Creation**
(sung to Hymn 375, Joyful, Joyful)

Praise the Source of all creation,
 giving life throughout the Earth,
blessing every love relation,
 filling all with sacred worth.
Celebrate all forms and colors,
 varied beauty everywhere,
streams of goodness overflowing,
 wondrous gifts for all to share.

Many genders, many races,
 all reflect Divinity;
many gifts and many graces
 help us be all we can be.
Partners on this path of freedom,
 taking down each stifling wall,
we will open doors of welcome,
 bringing hope and joy to all.

Long have many been excluded,
 judged and scorned by custom's norms;
everyone will be included
 as we work to bring reforms.
Let us end abuse and violence,
 bringing justice everywhere,
joining Holy Wisdom's mission,
 helping all be free and fair.

Equal marriage, healing, freeing,
nurtures body, mind and soul,
reaffirming every being,
all created good and whole.
Come, rejoice and sing together,
celebrating life and love;
praise the great Creative Spirit,
living in us and above.

** Genesis 1:1-27, 31; Proverbs 3:13-18; Words © 2012 Jann Aldredge-Clanton
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Gospel

Matthew 22:37-40

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew.

Jesus said, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.” This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.’

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Homily

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Prayers of the People*

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God, you breathed life into the world and called your creation good. You stretched out the rainbow as a sign of your blessing and protection, especially after times of trial. **God of creation, hear us.**

We pray for ourselves, for all the times we forgot you or our neighbors. Forgive us for the times we have hurt others, through our own deeds or through actions done on our behalf. **God of mercy, forgive us.**

We pray for all whose lives are damaged or destroyed by discrimination, fear, and hateful violence. Open our hearts to your expansive love for all your people, and teach us to stand up and speak up for those in harm's way. **God of love, deliver us.**

We pray that you send your blessing upon us. Save us from the tendency to think we can do everything on our own. Direct us to others who can guide, support, and protect us—and help us to do the same for others. **God of joy, bless us.**

We pray for the strength to pursue your will for the world you love. Help us to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with you.

God of justice, send us.

Celebrant Lord, hear the prayers of your people, and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Holy Eucharist Enriching our Worship, Prayer 1

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **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 blessing and fed us 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 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 in 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 and Hagar 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 is 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 children, 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.**

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

Communion Hymn *One Bread, One Body* John B Foley

One bread, one body, one Lord of all
One cup of blessing which we bless
And we, though many, throughout the Earth
We are one body in this one Lord

Gentile or Jew
Servant or free
Woman or man
No more

One bread, one body, one Lord of all
One cup of blessing which we bless
And we, though many, throughout the Earth
We are one body in this one Lord

Many the gifts, many the works
One in the Lord
Of all

One bread, one body, one Lord of all
One cup of blessing which we bless
And we, though many, throughout the Earth
We are one body in this one Lord
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Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

Sending Hymn *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* Hymn 657

Love divine all loves excelling,
 joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
 all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
 pure unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
 enter every trembling heart.

Come almighty to deliver,
 let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
 nevermore thy temple leave.

Thee we would be always blessing,
 serve thee as thy host above;
Pray and praise thee without ceasing,
 glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation;
 pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation
 perfectly restored in thee:
Changed from glory into glory
 till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
 lost in wonder, love and praise.

Dismissal