

Prince of Peace Episcopal Church  
2008 Children's Sabbath



Sunday, October 19, 2008

# The Holy Eucharist

The Prelude

## The Word of God

Opening Hymn— *Praise to the living God!* Hymnal 372

### Call to Worship (*The people stand*)

We come to this place from a world where children suffer harm, to glimpse the vision of the Prince of Peace. We come to this place from a world where children suffer hate, to discover anew the love of God for each one of us and all God's beloved children. We come to this place from a world where children suffer need, to be energized by the Holy Spirit who moves us to seek justice. Come, let us worship God, Source of peace, love, and justice!

God our Father, you see your children growing up in an unsteady and confusing world: Show them that your ways give more life than the ways of the world, and that following you is better than chasing after selfish goals. Help them to take failure, not as a measure of their worth, but as a chance for a new start. Give them strength to hold their faith in you, and to keep alive their joy in your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### Glory to God (*The following hymn is sung, all standing*)

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## **The Collect of the Day**

*The Celebrant says to the people* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Help us hear your word to us this day, O God. By your Spirit, unstop our ears to hear your call to justice; open our eyes to see your love for all; ease our fears to hear your message of peace. *Amen.*

## **A Reading from Let All the Little Children Come by Marian Wright Edelman**

Let the little children come unto me and forbid them not, for such is the kingdom of Heaven, Jesus said.

He did not say let all my children or your children or our friends' children or those in our families and neighborhoods and who look and act like us come.

He did not say let only the well-behaved nice children come or those who conform to society's norms.

He did not say let a few, a third, half, or three-fourths come—but all.

Jesus said let the little children come and forbid them not, for such is the kingdom of heaven.

## **Gradual Hymn—Christ for the world we sing! Hymnal 537**

### **THE GOSPEL—Mark 10:13-16** (*The people Stand*)

*Priest:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

And they were bringing children to him, that he might touch them; and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it he was indignant, and said to them, "Let the children come to me, do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands upon them.

*After the Gospel, the Reader says* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### **The Sermon** (*The people sit*)

### **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 and Confession of Sin** *(Please kneel as you are able)*

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, listen to your children praying.”

For the Church, that we live out our calling to be the body of Christ who came as the Prince of Peace, preaching good news to the poor, and welcoming all the children in his loving embrace, we pray to the Lord: ***Lord, listen to your children praying.***

For our nation, that we keep all children safe from poverty, harm, and hate, and that our leaders have the courage to champion the cause of justice and peace, we pray to the Lord:

***Lord, listen to your children praying.***

For our world, that we free the children who bear scars seen and unseen from warfare, crushing poverty, and discrimination to live joyful lives of justice, safety, and love, we pray to the Lord: ***Lord, listen to your children praying.***

For the children in our lives—source of joy, sign of hope, embodiment of love, we pray to the Lord: ***Lord, listen to your children praying.***

For the children who know the sorrow of violence, the hopelessness of poverty, and the hurt of racism, we pray to the Lord: ***Lord, listen to your children praying.***

For all who have died, especially the children whose lives of promise were cut short by the effects of poverty, violence, and hatred, we pray to the Lord: ***Lord, listen to your children praying.***

For all of those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit especially Therese, Heather, James, Jack, Henry, Sarah, Shane, Sandy, Jackie, George, Patti, Debbie, Hennie, Andrea, Brian and with special intention for SPF Sean Cappellini-Boyle serving in Iraq, we pray to the Lord: ***Lord, listen to your children praying.***

**Leader and People:**

**God of all mercy,**

**We confess that we have failed to live our lives as ones made in your image,**

**We have not loved each other as sisters and brothers,**

**We have not welcomed all children and so welcomed you,**

**We have left stumbling blocks in the way of too many children.**

**Forgive us our sins,**

**As a woman searching for a cherished coin,**

**As a father welcoming a beloved child home,**

**And uphold us by your Spirit**

**That we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you,**

**Through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*The Priest stands alone, and says:* 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** *(All stand.)*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

***And also with you.***

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **The Holy Communion**

**The Offertory**

*He's the got the whole world in His hand* — Church School

**The Presentation Of Offerings: Doxology    Hymnal 380 verse 3**

## Eucharistic Prayer for Children's Sabbath

*(Youth of all ages are invited to gather at the communion rail for the Eucharistic prayer)*

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

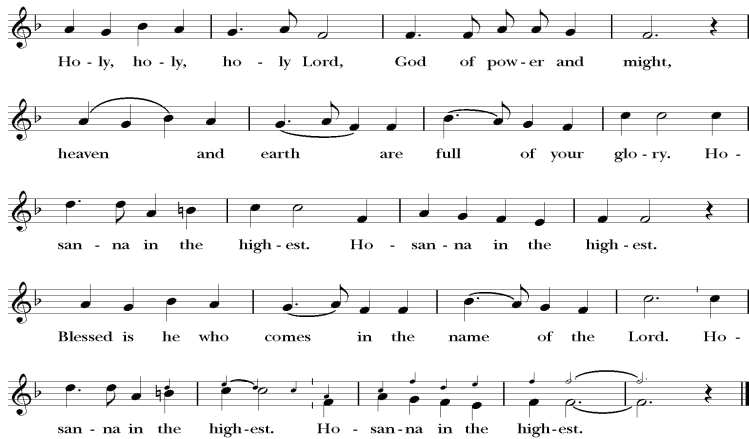
*People:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks and praise, amazing God, who made heaven and earth and sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever, who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry; You watch over the strangers, uphold the children and most vulnerable parents, and have triumphed over sin and evil. *(from Psalm 146)*

On this Children's Sabbath day, we give you thanks, O God, especially for children, for the blessing they are and the blessing we may be to them, as we seek to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. And so we join the saints and angels in proclaiming your glory, as we sing,



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### The Celebrant continues:

We praise you, O God, for sending your beloved child Jesus born as a baby nurtured by his family, and protected by strangers, who grew as a child who was taught in his temple, surrounded by his community, and guided by his parents, who became an adult who loved and blessed the children, who cared for those who were sick, poor, and left out, who taught that God loves us like a parent, and who called us his friends. This one who was born a baby needing us died our Savior whom we all need, triumphant even over death, freeing us to live as your beloved children.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at the table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. As you do this, remember me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks, 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, remember me."

Around your table, as your children, O God, we remember Jesus Christ, Who came in love, lived in love, and died in love, Who was and is and is to come. We offer to you our gifts of bread and wine,

And we offer to you our lives. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ, that they strengthen us to welcome the children, to show your love, to work for your justice. 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.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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,  
for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### The Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

#### The Fraction Anthem: *Christ our Passover*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
there - fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### The Invitation to Communion

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

**All baptized Christians of any age or denomination are welcome to receive Holy Communion.**

### The Distribution of Communion

The Post Communion Hymn: *“Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace”* verses 1,2, refrain, 3

### The Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### A Franciscan Benediction

May God bless you with DISCOMFORT...

At easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships

So that you may live deep within your heart.

May God bless you with ANGER...

At injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people,  
So that you may work for justice, freedom, and peace.

May God bless you with TEARS...

To shed for those who suffer pain, rejection, starvation, and war  
So that you may reach out your hand to comfort them  
And to turn their pain into JOY.

And may God bless you with enough FOOLISHNESS...

To believe that you can make a difference in the world,  
So that you can DO what others claim cannot be done.

**Amen.**

**Closing Hymn— God the Omnipotent! King, who ordainest Hymnal #569**

The Postlude

## The Announcements

### **WELCOME VISITORS**

Welcome to all of those who are joining us today, we are pleased you have come to worship with us. Information about our service is located on the back of your service leaflet.

### **CHILDREN'S SABBATH**

This morning we are observing the National Children's Sabbath, a day set aside to focus on the needs of children around the world.

### **YOUTH AT THE EUCHARIST**

All youth are invited and encouraged to gather at the Communion Rail for the Eucharistic Prayer and to receive Communion first this morning.

### **PENN STATE WINNER**

Congratulations to Jack Monnick who is the winner of the Penn State basket. Thank you to everyone who bought tickets or helped in any way with this fundraiser.

### **ARTSY TEA**

An exhibit of local artists will be held here on Saturday, October 25 from 1–5 pm. The art will be for sale and a percentage of the sale will benefit Prince of Peace. Tickets for the exhibit are \$7.50 and include sandwiches, tea, coffee and cake. For more information please see or contact Liz Plashinski (696-1510).

### **CHALICE BEARERS**

We will be training and licensing new Chalice Bearers (Eucharistic Ministers). Anyone who is interested see or contact Chris Sutton.

### **CHOIR**

Do you like to sing? Why not join the choir? Adult and young adults are welcome to robe and sing with the choir each Sunday. If you are interested or have any questions see or contact any Choir Member.

### **CHORAL EVENSONG**

A Choral Evensong will be held here on Saturday November 8 at 7:00 pm. Watch for more information in the November Visitor.

### **CAN YOU HELP?**

The Church Office is in need of basic curtains. We will supply the fabric. If you can help, please see or contact Jennifer.

### **ALL SAINT'S DAY**

We will be remembering the deceased on Sunday, November 2 in honor of All Saint's Day. If you would like to submit the name of a deceased family member or friend please sign their name in the book at the back of the church by Thursday, October 30.

### **VETERAN'S DAY RECEPTION**

On Sunday, November 9 we will honor Veteran's with a reception following the 10:00 am service.

### **SEEKING INFORMATION ON VETERANS**

The Parish Life Commission is seeking information on Veterans from our parish. Please submit the following to the office: Name, Rank, War or Conflict Served, Years served, duties/training, any special memories you would like to share.

### **GIVING IN GRATITUDE**

This year's Stewardship Drive is underway, you should have received a pledge card with in the mail or in church last Sunday. This year's Drive is based on the Christian foundation of 'Giving in Gratitude'. If you have not received any information please see or contact Bonnie Hiscox or the Church Office.

### **CONSECRATION SUNDAY**

The Stewardship Campaign will wrap up next Sunday, October 26. If you have not already returned your Commitment Card for 2009, please do so as soon as possible. The cards can be mailed

### **EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN**

The ECW meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 10:30 am for a business meeting and then go out to lunch. All women of the church are invited. For more information on the ECW please see Edna Yatsko.

### **QUESTIONNAIRE**

A questionnaire from father Stevenson was included in the October Visitor. Please take the time to fill yours out and return it to the office as soon as possible.

### **UNBINDING THE GOSPEL**

We are looking for 10 motivated people willing to spend one hour per week reading and discussing a booklet Chris Sutton brought back from Convention, entitled *Unbinding the Gospel*. Father is excited to use this tool in an effort to grow the Parish. If interested contact the Parish Office.

### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The Church Office is open Tuesdays & Wednesdays from 9 am–2 pm and Fridays from 10am–2 pm. (Other times by appointment.) Father Stevenson is in the office on Tuesdays and/or Fridays. Calling ahead to verify his availability is recommended. NOTE: The Office will be opening at approximately 10:30 am on Wednesday, October 22.

### PHANTOM OF THE OPERA ON HALLOWEEN

St Stephen's Episcopal Church in Wilkes-Barre will be showing the silent version of Phantom of the Opera, starring Lon Chaney. British virtuoso organist David Briggs will serve as the guest theater organist. For more information contact St Stephen's Church Office at 825-6653.

### TRUNK OR TREAT

Shavertown United Methodist Church will be sponsoring "Trunk or Treat" on Sunday October 26 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Different groups and individuals will be decorating the trunks of their cars for Halloween and giving out treats. All children are invited to come trick or treating in costume. (One of our Sunday School classes will be sponsoring a trunk).

HELPERS ARE NEEDED TO MOVE THE FURNITURE OUT OF THE PARISH HALL THIS MORNING AFTER CHURCH, IN PREPARATION FOR THE FLOORS TO BE CLEANED AND WAXED.

## WELCOME TO PRINCE OF PEACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

we are glad you have chosen to worship with us.

Here are a few items to assist you with the service.

- You will find most of our service printed in this *Service Leaflet*.
- The *Red Book of Common Prayer* and *Blue Hymnal* are in the pew rack.
- Our supplemental Hymnal, *Lift Every Voice & Sing* (LEVAS or LEV) is on the pew.
- The Post Communion Hymn "*Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace*" is also located in the pew rack.
- All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion at Prince of Peace.

Please speak to an usher if have any further questions or need assistance.