

TRINITY NEWS

WEEK 22
May 29, 2022

Thoughts on the Sacraments 4 The Eucharist (part 2)

The Eucharist consists of several parts, readings, intercession, confession, etc. but the heart of the rite is what our Prayer Book calls, The Great Thanksgiving (also referred to as the Canon or the Eucharistic Prayer.) There are four different Eucharistic Prayers in the US Prayer Book, (six, if you include Rite I) and five in the Filipino book; the Prayer I'll be drawing examples from below is *Eucharistic Prayer A* on page 351 of the Prayer Books in your pews.

There are three elements of the Eucharistic Prayer that are present in most and have been since very early on. The first is *The Words of Institution* (...This is my Body ...this is my Blood of the new Covenant...[p. 362-3]); the second, the *epiclesis*, the calling of the Holy Spirit to transform the Bread and the Wine, ("Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit...[p. 363) and the third, the *anamnesis* or the memorial ("... recalling his death, resurrection and ascension, we offer you these gifts [p. 363].)

In the Western Church, the Words of

Institution came to be regarded as the 'moment' when it all happened; hence the lifting up of the host and the cup, the bells and genuflections at that point. In the East however, the 'moment' was the epiclesis, the invocation of the Holy Spirit. For many Protestants, the anamnesis, the remembrance, summed up the whole point of the rite.

To overemphasize any element of the prayer is, in my opinion, to distort it. The Words of Institution in particular have, for example, become in many circles more of a Hogwartian spell that effect an almost magical change in the Bread and Wine, rather than a prayer to the Holy Spirit to make the mystery present to us: indeed, our word 'hocus pocus' derives from the Latin words, Hoc est corpus... i.e. This is my Body!

Today, then, the consensus is that it is the prayer in its entirety, offer up by the people through their appointed representative, the priest, that God hears and accepts. And that is why at the end of it, the people, all of you gathered here today, should utter a loud and heart-felt "Amen!"

May 29. Easter 7C . Psalm 47

Response: *I am with you always, to the close of the age*

CLAP your hands together, all ye peoples: * O sing unto God with the voice of melody. For the LORD is high, and to be feared; * he is the great King upon all the earth.

Response: *I am with you always, to the close of the age*

He shall subdue the peoples under us, * and the nations under our feet. He shall choose out an heritage for us, * even the excellency of Jacob, whom he loved.

Response: *I am with you always, to the close of the age*

God is gone up with a merry noise, * and the LORD with the sound of the trump. O sing praises, sing praises unto our God; * O sing praises, sing praises unto our King. For God is the King of all the earth: * sing ye praises with understanding.

Response: *I am with you always, to the close of the age*

God reigneth over the nations; * God sitteth upon his holy seat. The princes of the peoples are joined unto the people of the God of Abraham; * for God, which is very high exalted, doth defend the earth, as it were with a shield.

Response: *I am with you always, to the close of the age*



One of our parishioners received a wonderful letter from his son who lived in Manila from 1971 to 1976 and we have permission to share with you the following extract about his son's planned next visit to the Philippines.

"I will try to plan for something when the visitation becomes more tourist friendly.

I am easy to entertain as I don't need to go on adventures and explore. **The only thing I want to do is go to the Church of the Holy Trinity. That place really puts me at peace.** In 2015 when we went it was like going back in time 39 years from when we lived there and we used to go every Sunday. The people and the service and the atmosphere had not changed. There was no extremism and full acceptance of everyone. Everything looked the same as well which all was very comforting. I'm not very religious at all anymore, but I really like going there and to those services. I like that community."

SAINTS:

Apolo Kivebulaya, Evangelist in Central Africa, 30 May.

Apolo Kivebulaya's first contact with Christian teaching was in 1884 and he was baptised the following year, becoming a teacher in the Church of Uganda. He went as an evangelist and catechist to Boga in the Belgian Congo and was ordained priest in 1903. He built many churches and prepared countless catechumens for baptism. He spent the rest of his life at Boga, training teachers, supervising the school and evangelising the people of the forest. After his death on this day in 1933, the Church Missionary Society sent British missionaries to carry on his work.

The Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth,

31 May. The church today recalls the visit of Elizabeth to her cousin Mary, as recorded in Luke's gospel. The celebration of the feast first occurred at a Franciscan Order General Chapter in 1263 but quickly spread throughout Europe. Since it is a celebration clearly described in the gospel, the churches of the Reformation were less inclined to proscribe it as they were other Marian feasts, particularly as it was the occasion for Mary to sing her great hymn of praise in honour of her Lord and God. Just as Luke sees John the Baptist as the last of the prophets of the old covenant, he uses John's leaping in Elizabeth's womb as the first time John bears witness to Christ as the promised Messiah. Thereby he links the old covenant with the new. He seems to be saying that just as the old covenant clearly points to Jesus, so does its last prophet, yet to be born.

NOTICE:

♦ **TO ALL PARISHIONERS, FRIENDS & COLUMBARIUM / CHAPEL USERS:**

The interior works will start by June 10. May we request that all flowers and adornments of the niches be removed before June 10th. Work will be carried out Monday to Friday and during this time, no access will be provided. Access will be provided on Saturday and Sunday only. Thank you.

♦ Please be informed: French service moved to June 5th.

May 22	Actual Week	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Full Year 2022 Budget
Pledge	P13,200.00	P1,467,600.00	P1,508,871.43	P4,500,000.00
Loose Plate	P17,150.00	P208,647.60	P222,000.00	P625,000.00

May we also humbly request for your continued support to our ministries by sending your pledges, donations, and offering to our account at Bank of the Philippine Islands as follows:

Account Name: Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity

Branch: BPI Forbes Park Branch. Account No.: 0291 0401 52

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e. Contact Glenda at (632) 8817-9440 for a cheque pickup from your residence or office.

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