

**Celebration of the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
of the Ecumenical Catholic Communion  
Wednesday Evening, September 19, 2018**

(everyone joins in with the text in **BOLD**)

Judith 9:1, 9b, 10b-13a, 14; Romans 8:28-39; Matthew 4:18 – 22

***Nothing can separate us from our mission***



**ECC Mission Statement**

We are People of God baptized in Christ and professing our faith in a living Catholic tradition. We are men and women, lay and ordained, joining together as a “communion of communities” in response to the messianic call of the Spirit to preach the Gospel of liberation and justice; to offer a refuge in Christ for those who suffer prejudice; to stand open to dialogue with others so called and, to conform our lives to the life and teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS in the Fellowship Hall where **ALL** will gather to process in... **everyone** except the musicians and choir!

Liturgical Dancer with incense

Cross Bearer

Ecumenical Guests

The Assembly

Delegates of the HOL

Lay Leaders

Book Bearer

ECC Deacons

ECC Priests

ECC Bishops

MC

Bishop Francis

**Processional Song: Neither Death nor Life - Haugen**

Refrain: **Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor trials in the present, nor any trial to come; neither height nor depth, nor all of creation can ever separate us from the love of God poured out in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

1. Dwell in the One who raised Christ from the dead;  
though your body shall die, in Christ you shall rise  
through the Spirit who brings you to life.
2. All who are led by the Spirit shall live as children of God,  
and heirs with Christ Jesus,  
God's adopted and chosen and loved.
3. All of the suff'ring we now must endure  
is nothing to the glory so soon to be revealed  
when creation itself is set free.
4. All of creation awaits the new birth,  
the fullness of redemption, through labor pains of love;  
and so we wait in patience and hope.
5. All things work for good for the ones who love God,  
and if God is for us, then who can be against us?  
God's justified cannot be condemned.
6. Who can separate us from the love of Christ?  
Will hardship or distress, persecution or famine,  
or nakedness or peril or sword?

**Gathering Song: Bring Many Names – Wren & Young**

**1 Bring many names, beautiful and good,  
celebrate, in parable and story,  
holiness in glory, living, loving God.  
Hail and Hosanna! bring many names!**

**2 Strong mother God, working night and day,  
planning all the wonders of creation,  
setting each equation genius at play:  
Hail and Hosanna, strong mother God!**

**3 Warm father God, hugging every child,  
feeling all the strains of human living,  
caring and forgiving till we're reconciled:  
Hail and Hosanna, warm father God!**

**4 Old, aching God, gray with endless care,  
calmly piercing evil's new disguises,  
glad of good surprises, wiser than despair:  
Hail and Hosanna, old, aching God!**

**5 Young, growing God, eager, on the move,  
saying no to falsehood and unkindness,  
crying out for justice, giving all you have:  
Hail and Hosanna, young, growing God!**

**6 Great, living God, never fully known,  
joyful darkness far beyond our seeing,  
closer yet than breathing, everlasting home:  
Hail and Hosanna, great, living God!**

GREETING + In the name of God: + Creator, Redeemer and  
Giver of Life. **AMEN**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the unity of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you!**

PENITENTIAL INVITATION

Deacon: To God all hearts are open, all desires are  
known, and from God no secrets are hidden. Let us  
therefore ask the Holy Spirit to cleanse the thoughts of  
our hearts that we may perfectly love God and one another.  
Lord Jesus, you are living bread from heaven:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sin and  
bring us to everlasting Life.

**GLORY/GLORIA**

Refrain: **Glory! Glory to God! Glory to God in the highest!  
Gloria! Gloria a Dios! Gloria a Dios en el cielo!**

**Women: And peace to God's people on earth**

**Men: Paz en la tierra (repeat)**

**Lord God, Heavenly King, Almighty God and Father  
Lord Jesus Christ, Lamb of God only Son of the Father,**  
Refrain

**You take away the sins of the world,  
You are seated at the Father's right hand,  
receive our prayer.** Refrain

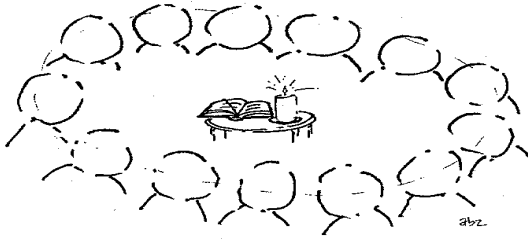
**You alone are the Holy One.  
You alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, in the glory of God the Father.** Refrain

### OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray... You who whisper to our hearts, lift our burdens,  
and beckon us to stand erect,  
You unite us in relationship making us tender and strong.

Let the communion we celebrate here tonight  
be a foretaste of the joy-filled community at the end of time  
and may it set us ablaze to go fearlessly into the world  
true to the call you have given us.

We pray through our Jesus Christ who sends us and the  
Holy Spirit who unites us, who live and reign with you forever  
and ever. **AMEN**



### LITURGY OF THE WORD

1st Reading: Therese Gabriel

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.  
A Reading from the book of Judith

Judith, destined to liberate her people, prostrated herself,  
scattered ashes on her head, and undressed as far as  
the sackcloth she was wearing. Just as the evening incense was  
being offered in the temple of God in Jerusalem,  
Judith prayed:

“God of my ancestors,  
Give me, a widow, a strong hand to execute my plan.

Crush the arrogance of our enemies by the hand of a woman.  
Your strength, O God, is not in numbers,  
nor does Your might depend upon the powerful.  
You are God of the humble, the lowly,  
Helper of the oppressed, those of little account,  
Supporter of the weak,  
Refuge of the forsaken,  
Hope for those in despair, Hope for the hopeless.  
Please, Please, God, my God,  
God of my ancestors,  
God of our heritage,  
You who stir and move the waters,  
Creator of all that is, Creator of the Cosmos,  
Hear my prayer.

Let my words wound and bruise  
those who plan dire things against the oppressed.  
Let Your whole universe and all peoples of Earth  
know and understand that You are God,  
the God who empowers the powerless,  
the God whose might is with the meek,  
and that it is You alone who shield Your people.

The Word of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**If today you hear the voice of God,  
if today you hear God's own voice,  
harden not your heart, harden not your heart,  
harden not your heart today.**

2nd Reading: Tom Wilding

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

A Reading from the second letter of Paul to the Romans (8:28-39)

<sup>28</sup> We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. <sup>29</sup>For those whom God foreknew God also predestined to be conformed to the image of the Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. <sup>30</sup>And those whom God predestined God also called; and those whom God called were also justified; and those whom God justified God also glorified.

<sup>31</sup> What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? <sup>32</sup>God who did not withhold God's own Son, but

gave him up for all of us, will God not with him also give us everything else? <sup>33</sup>Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. <sup>35</sup>Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

<sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through God who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (sung)

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Give the glory and the honor to the Lord!**

Deacon: The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

**Glory to you, Lord.**

Matthew 4:18–22

18 As Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup>And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' <sup>20</sup>Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup>As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. <sup>22</sup>Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

The Good News of Salvation

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**Homily – Bishop Francis**



## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Bishop - Let us offer prayers for the Church and the world.

Shannon Dunn: \*Our response is, "Hear our prayer."

We pray for our beloved Communion. May the gospel become ever more alive in us. God of life...**Hear our prayer.**

\*We pray for our ecumenical partners and all churches. May we recognize the face of Christ in these sisters and brothers and bless their work in the Spirit. God of unity...**Hear our prayer.**

\*We pray for people of all faiths and all of humanity where beauty and truth manifest in many forms. God of love...

**Hear our prayer.**

\*We pray for the marginalized and oppressed, the blessed ones that lead us closer to Your heart. God of justice...

**Hear our prayer.**

Bishop: Let us pray...

Holy One, we offer you the mystery of our precious lives lived in relationship. In moments of joy and heart ache, we trust we are not alone and that you empower us to seek your Sacred Presence. Listen to our prayers, for we pray all these things in the hope of Christ's resurrection. **AMEN**

### SIGN OF PEACE

Let Christ's peace reign in your hearts, since, as members of one body you were called to that peace. **AMEN**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you!**

Deacon: Let us offer each other a sign of peace and reconciliation.

### **Preparation: Pescador de Hombres/Lord, You Have Come – Gabaráin**

**Lord, you have come to the seashore,  
neither searching for the rich nor the wise,  
desiring only that I should follow.**

Refrain: **Señor, me has mirado a los ojos  
Sonriendo, has dicho mi nombre  
En la arena, he dejado mi barca  
Junto a ti, buscaré otro mar**

**Lord, see my goods, my possessions;  
in my boat you find no power, no wealth.  
Will you accept, then, my nets and labor?** Refrain

**Lord, take my hands and direct them.  
Help me spend myself in seeking the lost,  
returning love for the love you gave me.** Refrain

**Lord, as I drift on the waters,  
be the resting place of my restless heart,  
my life's companion, my friend and refuge.** Refrain



## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

*(Presider lifts paten with bread into hands and says:)*

Blessed are you Lord, God of all Creation, through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made, it will become for us the bread of life.

**Blessed be God forever!**

*(Presider takes chalice and says:)*

Blessed are you Lord, God of all Creation, through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

**Blessed be God forever!**

Pray, brothers and sisters,  
that our gifts be acceptable to God, the Almighty.

**May the Lord accept these gifts  
for the praise and glory of God's name,  
for our good, and the good of all the Church.**





## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Let us pray....Spirit of Invitation, you set a table before us without expectation or condition.

Here we can place whatever we carry on this altar of gratitude and experience it transformed into spiritual food for our journeys.

May we be united with your community throughout time in the dance of coming and going that fortifies generations for the work of Christ.

In gratitude we pray this through Christ, our Lord. **AMEN**

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and good to thank you,  
Hope beyond all Hope, You create us in love,  
save us from the nightmare of isolation,  
and draw us into your Life in communion.

We stand in awe of Your dancing Mystery,  
God in Community, Holy in One.

We praise you with all of creation,  
joining the praise of your angels and saints singing without end:

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of power, God of might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

Eternal Vision,

we come to you trapped in fortresses of our own design.

But you created us for a greater dignity, for you have always lived in the depth of our hearts. You sent us Jesus, our example, to show us that divinity could again illuminate the darkness.

Made strong in our vulnerability, our stony walls crumble and we celebrate your creation made new, the unfading city, the temple of your Spirit in which everything that lives praises you. And so we gather around this table offering ourselves as living Sacraments.

*(Presider extends hand over bread and wine and says:)*

And we ask that You send your life-giving Spirit upon these gifts.  
In the bread which we eat and in the wine which we drink,  
may She make us one with your Son, Jesus Christ,  
in + body and blood given for the life of the world.

*(Presider takes bread and says:)*

On the night in which he was betrayed, Jesus took bread,  
gave you thanks, 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.**

*(Presider takes chalice and says:)*

In the same way after supper he took the cup,  
again gave you thanks, gave the cup to his friends, saying,

**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 all so that sins  
may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.**

Therefore, Divine Love,  
we celebrate the memory of your Son.  
People put him to death but you did not abandon him.  
He is alive and reigns in your incomparable glory.

Deacon: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith. (sung)

**When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,  
we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.**

Christ, the stone whom the builders rejected,  
became the foundation of a new future  
not abandoned to decay.

He lives among us in his word.

He lives among us in the signs of hope and salvation  
that grace our lives.

He lives among us in our communion with one another –  
wherever love, care and affection shine light in dark places.

Build up your Church, Holy One, in the image of Christ.  
Let your Light shine through the brightly coloured windows  
of the saints before us and beside us.

Draw us into the temple of your heart, that holy of holies  
that contains all and excludes none  
until we are united in the Communion that knows no end.

*(Bread and wine are held up as WE sing...)*

**Through Christ, with Christ and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honour is yours, almighty God,  
now and for ever.**

**Amen, amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen.**

We are called sisters and brothers in God and indeed we are. Therefore we pray in confidence:

**Our Abba, who are in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as it is 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 yours is the kingdom and the power, and the glory  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

#### BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

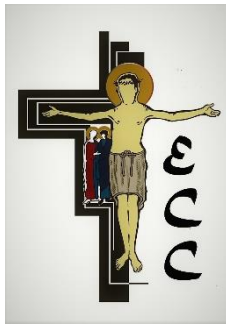
This is the bread of life and the cup of salvation. If you will, repeat after me these words of the ancient church:

**We, though many, are one body, for we all share  
in the one bread and in the one cup.**

Distribution of the Holy Meal, the Eucharist

The Body of Christ, (the bread of life). **Amen**

The Blood of Christ, (the cup of salvation). **Amen**



## Comm 1: Ven Al Banquete/Come To The Feast – Hurd

C F C Am

(Bilingual) Ven, ven al ban - que - te. Ven a la  
 (Español) Ven, ven al ban - que - te. Ven a la  
 (English) Come, come to the ban - quet. Come, \_\_\_\_\_

G F Em Asus4

fies - ta de Dios. \_\_\_\_\_ Here the hun - gry find plen -  
 fies - ta de Dios. \_\_\_\_\_ Los que tie - nen ham -  
 come to the feast. \_\_\_\_\_ Here the hun - gry find plen -

A Dm Dm/C Gsus4 G E7

ty, & here the thirst - y shall drink. \_\_\_\_\_ Ven a la  
 bre y sed se - rán sa - cia - dos. Ven a la  
 ty, & here the thirst - y shall drink, \_\_\_\_\_ here at the

Am F C G

1-6  
C a las Estrofas/to Verses

ce - na de Cris - to, come \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ the feast. \_\_\_\_\_  
 ce - na de Cris - to, ven a la fies - ta de Dios. \_\_\_\_\_  
 sup - per of Je - sus, come \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ the feast. \_\_\_\_\_

Final

Am F C G rit. C Fine

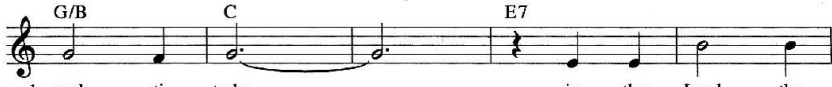
feast, \_\_\_\_\_ come \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ the feast. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dios, \_\_\_\_\_ ven a la fies - ta de Dios. \_\_\_\_\_  
 feast, \_\_\_\_\_ come \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ the feast. \_\_\_\_\_



1. Like the child whose fish - es and loaves fed the  
*¿Quién la pue - de dar a co - mer a la*

2. 'Til the seed is giv - en to earth, it is  
*Hay que dar - se a mo - rir pa - ra*

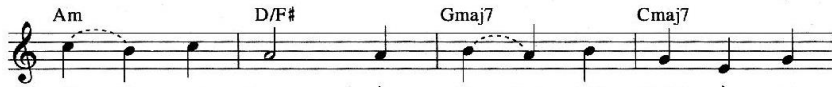
3. In the stran - ger by our side, in the  
*Los des - am - pa - ra - dos ven - drán a par -*



1. mul - ti - tude, in the Lord the  
*mul - ti - tud? Con Je - sús, al*

2. just one grain; but once sown its  
*co - se - char, las se - mi - llas*

3. least and last, in the thirst for  
*tir el pan y ve - rán su*



1. lit - tle we have, † bro - ken and shared, † be -  
*com par - tir lo po - co que hay, re - ci -*

2. death brings new birth, the har - vest is rich; † what's  
*de li - ber - tad y re - su - rrec - ción, la pro -*

3. jus - tice we share, † Christ is here in the  
*dig - ni - dad de nue - vo, en Je - sús, Sal - va -*



1. comes a - bun - dant food.  
*bi - mos ple - ni - tud.*

2. lost is raised a - gain.  
*me - sa de vi - vir.*

3. break - ing of the bread.  
*dor y Buen Pas - tor.*

**Comm 2: God Has Smiled on Me/Amazing Grace**

**Comm 3: If We Just Talk of Thoughts and Prayers**

(O WALY WALY - Carolyn Winfrey Gillette)

**If we just talk of thoughts and prayers  
 And don't live out a faith that dares,  
 And don't take on the ways of death,  
 Our thoughts and prayers are fleeting breath.**

**If we just dream of what could be  
 And do not build community,  
 And do not seek to change our ways,  
 Our dreams of change are false displays.**

**If we just sing of doing good  
And don't walk through our neighborhood  
To learn its hope, to ease its pain,  
Our talk of good is simply vain.**

**God, may our prayers and dreams and songs  
Lead to a faith that takes on wrongs —  
That works for peace and justice, too.  
Then will our prayers bring joy to you.**

**Comm 4: (Meditation) Take Me to the Alley - Porter**

Well, they guild their houses in preparation for the King  
And they line the sidewalks  
With every sort of shiny thing  
They will be surprised...When they hear him say

Take me to the alley. Take me to the afflicted ones.  
Take me to the lonely ones. That somehow lost their way.

Let them hear me say, I am your friend  
Come to my table. Rest here in my garden.  
You will have a pardon.

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You will have a pardon.

You will have a pardon  
Oh, take me to the alley (Take me to the alley)  
Take me to the afflicted ones (afflicted ones)  
Take me, take me, take me, take me, take me

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray...

Spirit of abundance, our hearts overflow with thanks for the ways you nourish us.

Commissioned by your holy word and guiding wind  
We live out of this fullness daring to enter our homes,  
our neighbourhoods, our churches,  
and the dark alleys of our hearts and our world  
to discover You there and to make communion.

We pray through the one who heralds life  
on the other side of death, Christ Jesus, our Saviour.

**AMEN**

## FINAL BLESSING and DISMISSAL

Blessed be the Name of God. **Now and forever more.**

Our help is in the name of God.

**Who made heaven and earth.**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in fellowship with Christ Jesus. **AMEN**

May the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the unity of the Holy Spirit fill you up  
and remain with you forever. **AMEN**

DISMISSAL: Deacon: Go in peace. **Thanks be to God.**

## **Sending Forth: Go Ye Out – Booth**

Refrain: **Go ye out and tell all the nations,  
tell all the nations of his love! Go ye out  
and tell all the nations, tell all the nation of his love!**

**Praise ye the Lord! Praise him, all your nations!  
Glorify him, all you peoples! Praise ye the Lord!  
You got to praise him, all you nations!  
Glorify him, all you people!** Refrain

**Steadfast is his love, his kindness lasts forever.  
His love is pure, lasting all our days!  
Steadfast is his love, his kindness lasts forever.  
His love is pure, lasting all our days.** Refrain

