

LOVE 1969-2015

An Agape Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving

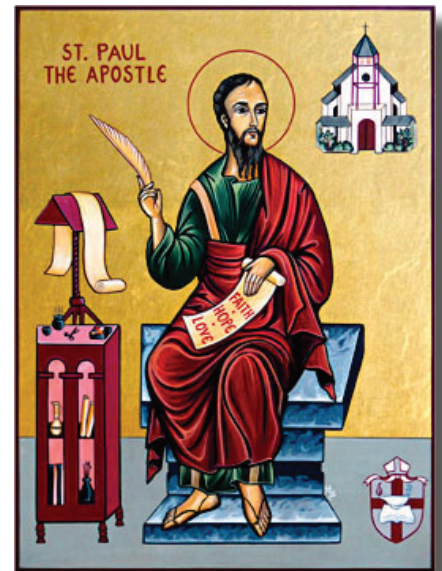
The Chapel of St. Peter and St. Paul

Saturday, May 30, 2015

The community gathers around the altar and the sculpture.
The responses in bold are said in unison.

The singing bowl sounds.

Come, Christ Jesus, be our guest,
stay with us all the day long.
With friends old and new,
be among us this day.
Come close to us
that we may come close to you.
Forgive us
that we may forgive one another.
Renew us
so that, where we have failed,
we may begin again. Amen.



The Gospel (John 15:12-17)

Jesus said, "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

Silence is kept for a time.

We are invited to share remembrances and thanksgivings.



I am the vine, you are the branches

In the same way he took wine,
and, having given thanks for it,
he poured it out
and gave the cup to his disciples, saying,

**'This cup is the new relationship with God,
sealed with my blood.
Take this and share it.
I shall drink wine with you next
in the coming kingdom of God.'**

So now, following Jesus' example,
we take this bread and this wine;
the ordinary things of the world
through which God will bless us.

**And, as Jesus offered thanks for the
gifts of the earth, let us also celebrate
God's goodness.**



Lord Jesus Christ, present with us now,
as we do in this place what you did in an upstairs room,
breathe your Spirit upon us
and upon this bread and this wine,
that they may be heaven's food and drink for us,
renewing, sustaining and making us whole,
and that we may be your body on earth,
loving and caring in the world.

**You are above us, O God,
You are beneath.
You are in air, you are in earth,
you are beside us, you are within.
O God, you are in the betrayed
and suffering people of our world,
just as you were in the broken body of Jesus.**

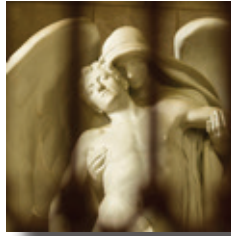


We pray now for all that concerns us
as we are at table together.
Let us offer our own prayers
both spoken and unspoken:

(A time for the offering of prayers either silently or aloud)

Let us say together the names of our friends who have died.

Mark Cameron
Robert Luther Edens
S. Gerald Hunt
Charles Christopher Karsten
Albert Simons Leonhardt
Ian Robin MacLaury
David James Madison
John Lasley O'Dell
Gerry McAnerney



Death and Youth

Father of all, we pray to you for these and for all those whom we love but see no longer.
Grant to them eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

**May their souls and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven
Give us today our daily bread
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

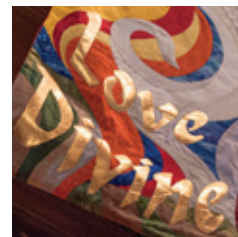


Fraction *The Bread is broken.*

We offer each other bread and wine.

*As we offer each other the bread, we say, "The Bread of Life";
As we offer each other the cup, we say, "The Wine of Peace."*

All are invited to sing the chant on the next page.



quite slow, legato

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor, u - bi ca - ri - tas De-us i - bi est.

Taize

The image shows a musical score for a Taize chant. It consists of two staves, a treble staff and a bass staff, both in G major (one sharp). The tempo/mood is 'quite slow, legato'. The lyrics are 'U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor, u - bi ca - ri - tas De-us i - bi est.' The melody is simple and repetitive, with a triplet of eighth notes at the end. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

Where true love and charity dwell, God indeed is there.

Blessing

May God bless you with restless discomfort at easy answers, half truths, and superficial relationships, so that you may live deep within your heart.

May God bless you with holy anger at injustice, oppression and exploitation of people, so that you may work for justice, freedom and peace.

May God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you can make a difference in this world, so that you can do what others claim cannot be done.

May God bless you with the gift of tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation and war, so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and turn their pain into joy.

And the blessing of God the Supreme Majesty and our Creator,
Jesus Christ the Incarnate Word who is our brother and Saviour,
and the Holy Spirit, our Advocate and Guide,
be with you and remain with you, this day and always.

Amen.

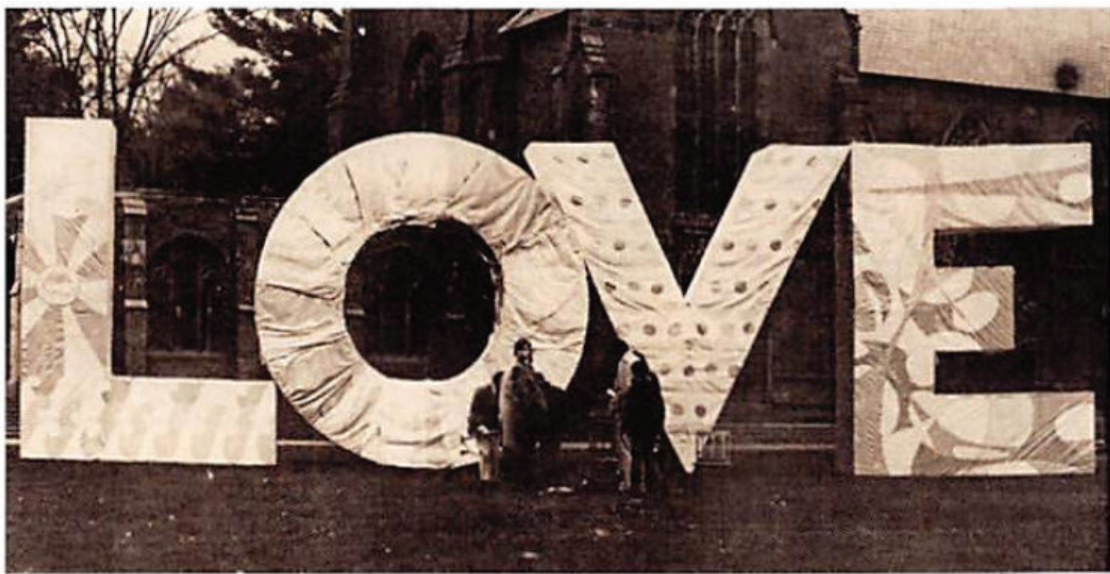
Dismissal

As we depart, let us say together the School Prayer.

Grant, O Lord, that in all the joys of life we may never forget to be kind. Help us to be unselfish in friendship, thoughtful of those less happy than ourselves, and eager to bear the burdens of others; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

[Reference: Chapel Services & Prayers 1988; first appeared in the 1934 edition; first called "The School Prayer" in the 1977 edition]

At the conclusion of this service, a light breakfast will be served on the porch of the Chapel of S.S. Peter and Paul. In the event of inclement weather, breakfast will be served in the cloisters.



LOVE sculpture unveiled October 31, 1969. "Iter facere, not much time left. / Iter amare, time for more LOVE. / Aging grace of wisdom. / See you soon." – Guy Nouri '70

