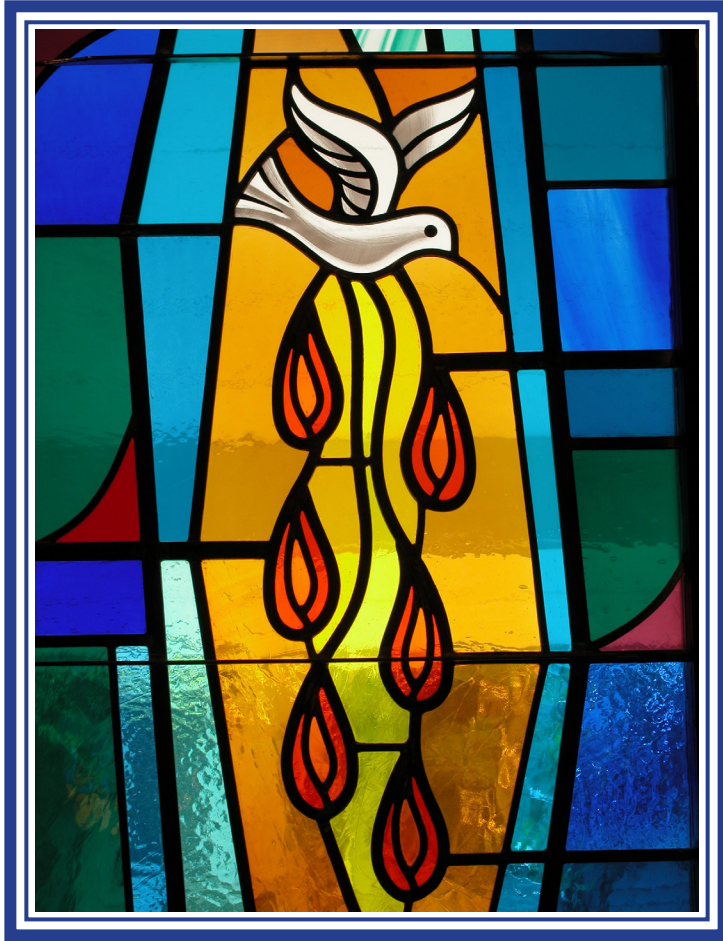


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A SERVICE OF

CONFIRMATION

SEPTEMBER 28, 2020 • 6:30 PM



WELCOME

To all who are spiritually weary *and seek rest,*
to all who mourn *and long for comfort,*
to all who struggle *and desire victory,*
to all who sin *and need a Savior,*
to all who are strangers *and want fellowship,*
to all who hunger *and thirst after righteousness,*
to all who have been blessed *and wish to give thanks,*
and to whoever will come—*this church opens wide her doors*
and offers her welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.



CONFIRMATION

Anglicanism requires a public and personal profession of the Faith from every adult believer in Jesus Christ. Confirmation or Reception by a bishop is its liturgical expression. Confirmation is clearly grounded in Scripture: the Apostles prayed for, and laid their hands on those who had already been baptized (2 Timothy 1:6-7; Acts 8:14-17, 19:6).

In Confirmation, God, through the bishop's prayer for daily increase in the Holy Spirit, strengthens the believer for Christian life in the service of Christ and his kingdom. Grace is God's gift, and we pray that he will pour out his Holy Spirit on those who have already been made his children by adoption and grace in Baptism.

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6:30 p.m.

THE PRELUDE

THE INTROIT

God Be In My Head

John Rutter (b. 1945)

God be in my head and in my understanding.
God be in mine eyes and in my looking.
God be in my mouth and in my speaking.
God be in mine heart and in my thinking.
God be at my end and in my departing.

Text: from the *Sarum Primer*

THE WORD OF GOD

All are invited to stand and sing

THE OPENING HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

Slane

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
All else be naught to me, save that thou art,
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father; thine own may I be;
Thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

High king of heaven, when victory is won,
May I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O ruler of all.

Words: Irish, ca. 700; versified Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880-1931); Trans. Eleanor H. Hull (1860-1935), alt.
Music: *Slane*, Irish ballad melody; adapt. *The Church Hymnary*, 1927

THE ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Bishop says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

Bishop There is one Body and one Spirit;

People ***There is one hope in God's call to us;***

Bishop One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People ***One God and Father of all.***

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Bishop Let us pray.

The people kneel.

O God, who declarest thy almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace, that we, running to obtain thy promises, may be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people sit for the reading of God's Word.

THE LESSON

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

¹ The word of the Lord came to me: ² "What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? ³ As I live, declares the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴ Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die. ²⁵ Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? ²⁶ When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. ²⁷ Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. ²⁸ Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ²⁹ Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? ³⁰ Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. ³¹ Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³² For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord God; so turn, and live."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All are invited to stand and sing the gradual hymn.

THE GRADUAL HYMN

Speak, O Lord

Keith Getty, Stuart Townend

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of Your holy word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us, shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory.
Teach us, Lord, full obedience, Holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail, let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds, help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity,
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises, and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built, and the earth is filled with Your glory.

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THE GOSPEL

Matthew 21:28-32

The people remain standing. The priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew.

People ***Glory be to thee, O Lord.***

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders,²⁸ “What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’²⁹ And he answered, ‘I will not,’ but afterward he changed his mind and went.³⁰ And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, ‘I go, sir,’ but did not go.³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you.³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him.”

After the Gospel, the priest says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People ***Praise be to thee, O Christ.***

THE SERMON

The Rt. Rev. Mark J. Lawrence

CHORAL OFFERING

O Holy Spirit, Lord of Grace

Christopher Tye (c. 1505-1572)

O Holy Spirit, Lord of grace, eternal source of love;
Inflame, we pray, our inmost hearts with fire from heav'n above.
As thou dost join with holiest bonds the Father and the Son,
So fill us all with mutual love and knit our hearts in one.

Words by Charles Coffin (1676-1749), translated by John Chandler. Music by Christopher Tye (d. 1572), edited by Gerald H. Knight. From *The New Church Anthem Book*; Oxford University Press

THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

The candidates stand.

Bishop The Candidates will now be presented.

Presenters I present these persons for Confirmation.

I present these persons to be received into this Communion.

Bishop Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidates I do.

Bishop Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidates I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

After all have been presented, the Bishop addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

*People **We will.***

The Bishop then says

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The people stand.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?

*People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.***

Bishop Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.***

Bishop Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.***

Bishop Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People **I will, with God's help.***

Bishop Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People **I will, with God's help.***

Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People **I will, with God's help.***

Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People **I will, with God's help.***

Bishop Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People **I will, with God's help.***

THE PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

The Bishop then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

A person appointed leads the following petitions

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

*People **Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill them with your holy and lifegiving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

A period of silence follows, and then the Bishop says

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you have made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated as the candidates come forward. The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says one of the prayers found on pages 418-419 of The Book of Common Prayer.

The Bishop concludes with the following prayer.

Almighty and everlasting God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The people stand and the Peace is then exchanged.

THE PEACE

Bishop The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

All are seated for the choral offering.

CHORAL OFFERING

Here Is Love, Vast as the Ocean

Arr. by Eric Wyse (b. 1959),
Chris Walchesky (b. 1989)

Here is love, vast as the ocean, living-kindness as the flood,
When the Prince of life, our ransom, shed for us His precious blood.
Who His love will not remember? Who can cease to sing His praise?
He can never be forgotten, throughout heaven's eternal days.
On the mount of crucifixion, fountains opened deep and wide;
Through the flood-gates of God's mercy flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Grace and love, like mighty rivers, poured incessant from above,

And heaven's peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world in love.
 Let me all Your love accepting love You ever all my days,
 Let me seek Your Kingdom only, all my life be to your praise.
 You alone shall be my glory, nothing in the world I see.
 You have cleansed and sanctified me, You alone have set me free.

Text: William Rees (1802-1883) Music: Robert Lowry (1826-1899). Arr. by Eric Wyse (b. 1959), Chris Walchesky (b. 1989)

All stand and sing the doxology.

THE DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise him, all creatures here below;
 Praise him above, ye heav'nly host:
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Music: *Old Hundredth*, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt.; harm after Louis Bourgeois (1510-1561).

THE BLESSING

THE CLOSING HYMN

In Christ Alone

Keith Getty, Stuart Townend

In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song:
 This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
 What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
 My Comforter, my All in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!
 This gift of love and righteousness scorned by the ones He came to save.
 'Til on the cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied.
 For ev'ry sin on Him was laid: Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the the world, by darkness slain;
 Then, bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!
 And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
 For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death; this is the pow'r of Christ in me;
 From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
 No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand;
 'Til He returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

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THE DISMISSAL

*The priest dismisses the people, and the people respond: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

POSTLUDE

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

John Carter (b. 1930)



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