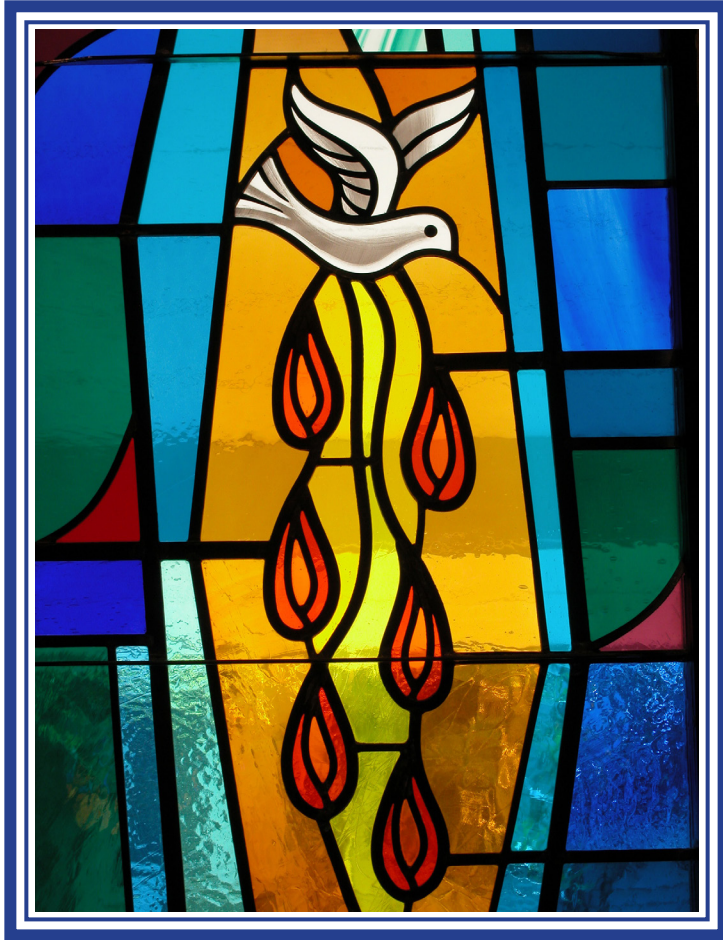


ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH

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A SERVICE OF

CONFIRMATION

SEPTEMBER 19, 2020 • 10:30 AM



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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10:30 a.m.

THE PRELUDE

Grand Chorus

Théodore Dubois (1837-1924)

THE INTROIT

The Spirit of the Lord

Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor;
He hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives
And recovering of sight to the blind, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord;
To give unto them that mourn a garland for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning,
The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness;
That they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord that He might be glorified.
For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth;
So the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all nations.

Words: Isaiah 61:1-3, 11

Music: Edward Elgar (1857-1934) CPDL.org

THE WORD OF GOD

All are invited to stand and sing

THE OPENING HYMN 551

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Ein' Feste Burg

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing:
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
Were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing:
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth his Name, from age to age the same, and he must win the battle.

And tho' this world with devils filled, should threaten to undo us;
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us:
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, for lo! His doom is sure, one little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth:
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still, His kingdom is forever.

Words: Martin Luther (1483-1546); tr. Frederick Henry Hedge (1805-1890); based upon Psalm 46

Music: *Ein feste Burg*, melody Martin Luther (1483-1546)

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.

Grant us, O Lord, not to mind earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to cleave to those that shall abide; 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

Jonah 3:10-4:11

¹⁰ When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it. ^{4:1} But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was angry. ² And he prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord, is not this what I said when I was yet in my country? That is why I made haste to flee to Tarshish; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from disaster. ³ Therefore now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." ⁴ And the Lord said, "Do you do well to be angry?" ⁵ Jonah went out of the city and sat to the east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, till he should see what would become of the city. ⁶ Now the Lord God appointed a plant and made it come up over Jonah, that it might be a shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort. So Jonah was exceedingly glad because of the plant. ⁷ But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the plant, so that it withered. ⁸ When the sun rose, God appointed a scorching east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint. And he asked that he might die and said, "It is better for me to die than to live." ⁹ But God said to Jonah, "Do you do well to be angry for the plant?" And he said, "Yes, I do well to be angry, angry enough to die." ¹⁰ And the Lord said, "You pity the plant, for which you did not labor, nor did you make it grow, which came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹ And should not I pity Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than 120,000 persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also much cattle?"

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

All are invited to stand and sing the gradual hymn.

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heav'n, to earth come down,
 Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
 Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
 Visit us with thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;
 Suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
 Thee we would be alway blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
 Pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be:
 Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:
 Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,
 Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder love and praise.

Music: Rowland Hugh Prichard c. 1830. UBP. Words: Charles Wesley, 1747

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 20:1-16

The people stand. 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, ¹“The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ ⁵So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ ⁸And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ ⁹And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹²saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius?’ ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first last.”

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

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 James Coffin, 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.

I present this person who desires to reaffirm her baptismal vows.

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 remain standing 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.

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

THE BLESSING

THE CLOSING HYMN 783

God of Grace and God of Glory

Cwm Rhondda

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
Crown thine ancient Church's story; bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.

Lo! The hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise:
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days.
For the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness, bend our pride to thy control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
Lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Set our feet on lofty places, gird our lives that they may be
Armored with all Christ-like graces in the fight to set men free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage that we fail not man nor thee,
That we fail not man nor thee.

Words: Harry Emerson Fosdick (1878-1969), alt. Music: *Cwm Rhondda*, John Hughes (1873-1932)

THE DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Psalm XIX

Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739)



CANDIDATES

For Confirmation

Keegan Stafford Beckwith

Mary Crawford Beckwith

Harry John Carr III

Judith Carole Carr

Henry Harrison Clarke

Hugh Nofal Gailey

Edward Potter Grant

Janice Dale Hinton Grant

Nicholas Burts Gudzan

Roseanne Pipkin Gudzan

Catherine Jean Hall

Thomas Arthur Hall

Carolyn Elaine Jarrett

Stephen McAllister Jarrett

Mary Jean Kane

Kevin Westney Kane

Karen Lowe Linthicum

Scott Clarke Linthicum

Donald L. McLaurin

Ronald David Meeks

Charles Harris Patterson

Leslie Chardkoff Scarlett

Matthew David Scarlett

Elizabeth Vocelle Bragg Strickland

Timothy Clark Strickland

Jorie Leigh Stryker

Elizabeth Clifton Elder Warder

Frank Reid Warder

For Reception

Kathleen Hay Hagood

Jason Hoar Stryker

For Reaffirmation

Neva Jean Carlton

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Preacher and Officiant

The Rt. Rev. Mark J. Lawrence

Clergy

The Rev. Jeffrey S. Miller

The Rev. Andrew R. O'Dell

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