

Order of Worship for the Rite of Confirmation
Childlike Faith in an Adult World
September 13, 2020

GATHERING SONG

“Glorious Day”

One day when Heaven was filled with His praises
One day when sin was as black as could be
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin
Dwelt among men, my example is He
Word became flesh and the light shined among us
His glory revealed

Living, He loved me
Dying, He saved me
Buried, He carried my sins far away
Rising, He justified freely forever
One day He's coming
Oh glorious day, oh glorious day

One day they led Him up Calvary's mountain
One day they nailed Him to die on a tree
Suffering anguish, despised and rejected
Bearing our sins, my Redeemer is He
Hands that healed nations, stretched out on a tree
And took the nails for me

Living, He loved me
Dying, He saved me
Buried, He carried my sins far away
Rising, He justified freely forever
One day He's coming
Oh glorious day, oh glorious day

One day the grave could conceal Him no longer
One day the stone rolled away from the door
Then He arose, over death He had conquered
Now is ascended, my Lord evermore
Death could not hold Him, the grave could not keep Him
From rising again

Living, He loved me
Dying, He saved me
Buried, He carried my sins far away
Rising, He justified freely forever
One day He's coming
Oh glorious day, oh glorious day

One day the trumpet will sound for His coming
One day the skies with His glories will shine
Wonderful day, my Beloved One bringing
My Savior Jesus is mine

Living, He loved me
Dying, He saved me
Buried, He carried my sins far away
Rising, He justified freely forever
One day He's coming
Oh glorious day, oh glorious day
Glorious day
Oh glorious day

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stand

LITANY OF PREPARATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: Amen

Pastor: We pray for those who are affirming their Baptism, and for all the baptized everywhere:

Assist: that they may be redeemed from all evil and rescued from the way of sin and death, Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Assist: That the Holy Spirit may open their hearts to your grace and truth, Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Assist: That they may be kept in the faith and communion of your holy Church, Lord, in your mercy

People: hear our prayer.

Assist: That they may be sent into the world in witness to your love, Lord in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Assist: That they may be brought to the fullness of your peace and glory, Lord in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord God, we praise you for the opportunity to worship you. Bless us with your presence. Guide our thoughts and move us toward a mature faith that calls on you to be involved in every aspect of our lives.

People: In Jesus' name. Amen.

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

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FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 6:4-15

"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your

hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

“And when the Lord your God brings you into the land that he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give you—with great and good cities that you did not build, and houses full of all good things that you did not fill, and cisterns that you did not dig, and vineyards and olive trees that you did not plant—and when you eat and are full, then take care lest you forget the Lord, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. It is the Lord your God you shall fear. Him you shall serve and by his name you shall swear. You shall not go after other gods, the gods of the peoples who are around you, for the Lord your God in your midst is a jealous God, lest the anger of the Lord your God be kindled against you, and he destroy you from off the face of the earth.”

SECOND READING

Acts 2:37-41

Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 18:15-17

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighteenth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Let the Children Come to Me

Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. But Jesus called them to him, saying, “Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.”

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Who You Say I Am”

Who am I that the highest King
Would welcome me?
I was lost but He brought me in
Oh His love for me
Oh His love for me

Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes I am

Free at last, He has ransomed me
His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin

Jesus died for me
Yes He died for me

Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes I am
In my Father's house
There's a place for me
I'm a child of God
Yes I am

I am chosen
Not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me
Not against me
I am who You say I am
(Repeat)

Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes I am
In my Father's house
There's a place for me
I'm a child of God
Yes I am

MESSAGE

"Childlike Faith in an Adult World"

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: We pray for all of God's people everywhere:

Assist: We pray for the children of our congregation, and for all children, that they would be faithful to their baptismal vows and remain in the covenant of the Christian faith. We pray for the parents in our congregations, and for all parents, that they be found faithful in the responsibility of training their children. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer

Assist: We pray for the young people confirmed this morning that their profession of faith in Christ, freely and publicly given, may continue to shape and influence their lives. Equip them with your Spirit. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer

Assist: We pray that you would give to each of us the continued blessing of your Holy Spirit, that we receive the truth from you. Make us bold so we may be an unhesitating witness to the faith you give us. Unite your people in all the world, that your Church may be of one voice in witnessing to you, the creator and redeemer of all. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer

Assist: We pray for all of us here who share in the meal of bread and wine, Christ's body and blood. Strengthen our faith and confirm our witness. Let us take the forgiveness we receive into all our world, that we may testify to the power of the gospel at work among us. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer

Pastor: All these prayers, and those within our hearts, we bring to you in the name of Jesus.

People: Amen

WE RECEIVE THE HOLY COMMUNION

We believe in the real presence of the body and blood of Christ in Holy Communion.

Here our Lord offers to us the forgiveness of all sins.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: We are all sinners. We have all fallen short of God's expectations of us. Many times we do not ask our Lord, by faith, to bless us with wise decisions but choose to make them on our own. However, our great God gives us the opportunity to confess our sins to him and receive his forgiveness.

People: **Our lack of faith often moves us to trust in ourselves rather than in you, Lord. We say that we want to lead lives that demonstrate our faith in you.**

Yet all too often we trust only in ourselves.

We say that we are Spirit-led people,

Making Spirit-led decisions.

In reality we often choose not to call on you.

Forgive us, Lord, for our lack of faith.

Help us to be renewed by the pure faith which you can and do provide for us.

Pastor: God assures us that he hears our sincere and humble confession. He has promised that he will listen. Now hear these words which God speaks to you through me. Your sins are forgiven because of what Christ has done for you. Go now and live your lives, relying on faith in our great God.

People: **On the night he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took bread and blessed it. He broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said,**

Pastor: "Take this and eat it. This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me."

People: **Then he took a cup and spoke a prayer of thanksgiving. He gave it to them and said,**

Pastor: "Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood, the blood of the covenant. It is poured out for many people so that sins are forgiven."

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg you, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat his body and drink his blood as he bids us do in his own testament. Hear us as we pray in his name and as he taught us:

People: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed by 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.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

"Who Am I" & "What A Beautiful Name"

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Assist: We thank you O God for you have indeed blessed us this day through your presence in our worship. Guide and strengthen us this week through your Spirit, even as you have strengthened us today through this Sacrament of our Lord's body and blood.

People: In the name of Jesus.

BLESSING

Pastor: Your gift of a mature faith is a great blessing to us, Lord God.

People: We praise you for this gift which allows us the confidence that you are continually by our side. Teach us and empower us to live lives which reflect great faith in you.

Pastor: Remembering God's grace to us, and having heard his Word in the Holy Scriptures, we now move forward in faith with God's blessing. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be yours forever.

People: Amen

SENDING SONG

"The Blessing"

The Lord bless you
And keep you
Make His face shine upon you
And be gracious to you
The Lord turn His
Face toward you
And give you peace

Amen, amen, amen
Amen, amen, amen

The Lord bless you
And keep you
Make His face shine upon you
And be gracious to you
The Lord turn His
Face toward you
And give you peace

Amen, amen, amen
Amen, amen, amen

May His favor be upon you
And a thousand generations
Your family and your children
And their children, and their children
May His favor be upon you
And a thousand generations
And your family and your children
And their children, and their children

May His favor be upon you
And a thousand generations
And your family and your children
And their children, and their children
Repeat

May His presence go before you
And behind you, and beside you
All around you, and within you
He is with you, He is with you

In the morning, in the evening
In your coming, and your going
In your weeping, and rejoicing
He is for you, He is for you
He is for you, He is for you
He is for you, He is for you
He is for you, He is for you

Amen, amen, amen
Amen, amen, amen