

Monday, August 24, 2020
Saint Bartholomew
Service of Confirmation
Christ Church Cathedral
Nashville, Tennessee



SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION, RECEPTION, AND REAFFIRMATION

Ministers process from the baptistry pausing to reverence the altar individually before entering the sanctuary

OPENING ACCLAMATION *[Bishop]*

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

And blessed be his kingdom now and for ever. Amen.

There is one Body and one Spirit;

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

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

One God and Father of all.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Bishop Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who gave to your apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach your Word: Grant that your Church may love what he believed and preach what he taught; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON – 1 Corinthians 4:9-15

[Mary McCarthy]

I think that God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, as though sentenced to death, because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to mortals. We are fools for the sake of Christ, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we are hungry and thirsty, we are poorly clothed and beaten and homeless, and we grow weary from the work of our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we speak kindly. We have become like the rubbish of the world, the dregs of all things, to this very day. I am not writing this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you might have ten thousand guardians in Christ, you do not have many fathers. Indeed, in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 21:1-4

[French Ball]

1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High,*
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.

2 He shall say to the Lord,
"You are my refuge and my stronghold, *
my God in whom I put my trust."

3 He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter *
and from the deadly pestilence.

4 He shall cover you with his pinions,
and you shall find refuge under his wings; *
his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.

THE GOSPEL LESSON – Luke 22:24-30

[The Reverend Lissa Smith]

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

A dispute arose among the disciples as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But Jesus said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. "You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON –The Right Reverend John Bauerschmit, Bishop of Tennessee

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

The Bishop says The Candidates will now be presented.

Adult confirmands stand (and remain standing) with their sponsors in the pew.

The Assistant to the Rector I present these adults for Confirmation.

Adults to be received into the Episcopal Church stand (and remain standing) with their sponsors in the pew.

The Assistant to the Rector I present these adults to be received into this Communion.

Adults seeking the reaffirmation of baptismal vows stand (and remain standing) with their sponsors in the pew.

The Assistant to the Rector I present these adults who desire to reaffirm their baptismal vows.

The Bishop asks the candidates

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidate **I do.**

Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

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

The congregation stands.

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

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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.**

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.

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 life-giving 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.**

The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Bishop says to the congregation

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

A period of silence follows.

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 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.*

For Confirmation

The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant N. with your Holy Spirit; empower him for your service; and sustain him all the days of his life. **Amen.**

or this

Defend, O Lord, your servant N. with your heavenly grace, that he may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more, until he comes to your everlasting kingdom. **Amen.**

For Reception

N., we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. **Amen.**

For Reaffirmation

N., may the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom. **Amen.**

The Bishop concludes with this prayer

Almighty and everliving 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.**

Bishop The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

[The Very Reverend Timothy E. Kimbrough]

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY



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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Bishop Lift up your hearts.

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

Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Bishop proceeds

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we say,

Bishop and People

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and 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.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Bishop is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Bishop and People

**We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

The Bishop continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, Presiding Bishop, for John, Bishop of Tennessee, and all who minister in your Church. Grant them all things necessary for their common life and bless them in their proclamation of the Good News of Jesus Christ through the ministry of your Holy Spirit.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for Kibondo, Tanzania, the Right Reverend Sospeter Ndenza; Kigali, Rwanda, the Right Reverend Nathan Amooti Rusengo; and Kigeme, Rwanda, the Right Reverend Assiel Musabyimana.

Remember the missions of this congregation in Bolivia, Iraq, and Haiti especially the residents of Kantuta House at Amistad Mission, Bolivia: Silvia, Marina, Delina, Neysa, Noemina, Santiago, Elsa, Gary, Jhoel, Pilar, Magaly, Brayan, Jorge, Raúl, and Mamá María.

Remember and give thanks for those being Received and Reaffirmed: Tate, Brook, Sally, Jennifer, Chad, Anne, Perry, Erin, Pam, Michael, Mary Beth, Ann, and Eric.

Remember, especially Susan, Geoffrey, Patti, Tom, Rachel, Al, Laura, John, Kadijah, Tallu, BJ, Jackie, Ed, Ben, Travis, Bobby, Liz, Jim, Shelley, Jerry, Lee, Corinio, and Kay.

Remember all teachers, students, and administrators and all places of learning.

Remember those affected by the wildfires in the west, for Michael and Janet and all those displaced from their homes.

Remember all who have died, especially David Graves, husband of Gloria; Benjamin Lane, friend of Jess Brown; Dr. Kyle Sterling Knight, son of Joanne Knight; and Judy Carson, aunt of Maglin Halsey.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with [the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in 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 thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Bishop breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Gifts of God for the People of God. † Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Sacrament is distributed.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

The Bishop and People

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

BLESSING

The blessing of God Almighty † the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

PERSONS CONFIRMED/RECEIVED/REAFFIRMED

Tate Ball (Reception)

Brook Heavener (Reception)

Sally Bradshaw (Reaffirmation)

Jennifer Cunningham (Reception)

Chad Cunningham (Reception)

Anne Gaither (Reaffirmation)

Perry MacDonald (Reaffirmation)

Erin Manning (Reaffirmation)

Pam Sheridan (Reception)

Michael Sheridan (Reception)

Mary Beth Stamps (Reaffirmation)

Ann West (Reaffirmation)

Eric Wiuff (Reception)

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