

THE CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATION & RECEPTION

Saturday, June 8, 2019

11:00 AM

The Right Reverend Lawrence C. Provenzano
Bishop of Long Island

THE CHURCH OF ST ANSELM OF CANTERBURY
Shoreham, New York

THE VOLUNTARY

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Bishop + Alleluia, Christ is risen!
People **The Lord is risen indeed, alleluia!**
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

Bishop The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Bishop Let us pray.
Grant, Almighty God, that we, who have been redeemed from the old life of sin by our baptism into the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, may be renewed in your Holy Spirit, and live in righteousness and true holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
People **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The congregation is invited to be seated.

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 61:1-9

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion — to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise

instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. Strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, foreigners shall till your land and dress your vines; but you shall be called priests of the Lord, you shall be named ministers of our God; you shall enjoy the wealth of the nations, and in their riches you shall glory. Because their shame was double, and dishonor was proclaimed as their lot, therefore they shall possess a double portion; everlasting joy shall be theirs. For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 104

St. Flavian

**O Lord, how manifold your works,
You wisely made them all;
The great, wide sea is filled with life
And creatures great and small.**

**But when you send your Spirit forth,
The whole earth is restored;
May all God's glory long endure;
May all things praise the Lord.**

**The whole earth trembles at God's touch;
The mountains smoke and blaze;
Yet while I live will I sing praise
To God through all my days.**

**May all these words of mine please God;
Rejoicing I will praise
The Holy One; O bless the Lord,
My soul sings out God's praise.**

Or

PSALM 139 1-9

**1 Lord, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
 you discern my thoughts from afar.**

**2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.**

**3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.**

4 You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.

5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

6 Where can I go then from your Spirit? *
where can I flee from your presence?

7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; *
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

8 If I take the wings of the morning *
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

9 Even there your hand will lead me *
and your right hand hold me fast.

THE EPISTLE

Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION OR GRADUAL HYMN

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 14:15-21

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my

commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

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THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF CANDIDATES

The congregation remains seated as the candidates and their presenters stand.

Bishop The Candidates will now be presented.
Sponsors **I present [redacted] for Confirmation and [redacted] for Reception into the Episcopal Church.**
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.**

The congregation is invited to stand.

Bishop Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?
People **We will.**

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Bishop Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own 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

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

Silence may be kept.

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.**

Bishop 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.

People **Amen.**

THE CONFIRMATION HYMN

The Candidates for Confirmation and Reception now come forward as directed. The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says:

For Confirmation

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

For Reception

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.**

After all have been confirmed and received, those who have been confirmed and received STAND and the Bishop concludes with this prayer.

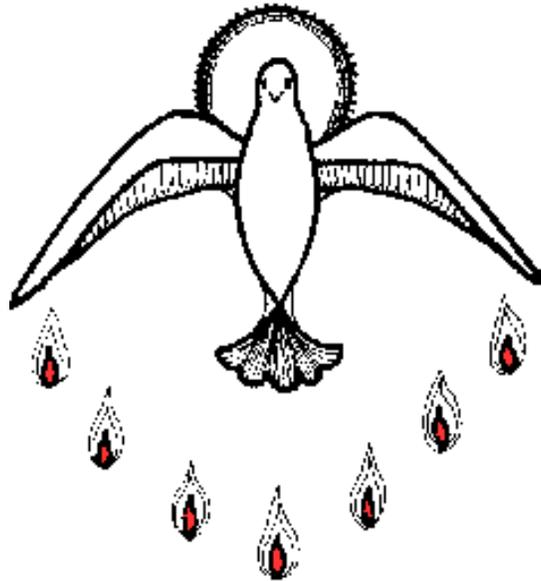
Bishop Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Bishop The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**



THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

THE OFFERTORY HYMN

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - A

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 our thanks and praise.**

Bishop It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is
he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The congregation may kneel or remain standing.

Bishop Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Bishop We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

People **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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Bishop Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People Therefore, let us keep the feast, Alleluia.

Bishop 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 thanksgiving.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

In the Episcopal Church, Baptized Christians from any denomination may receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. During this time of COVID-19 we ask that you come forward wearing your face mask, following the direction of the Ushers and keeping at a safe distance, approach the Minister of Communion, receive Eucharist in the palm of your hand, step to the left or the right, remove your face mask, consume the host, place your face mask back on and return to your seat.

THE COMMUNION MUSIC

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Bishop Let us pray
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.

THE BLESSING

Bishop Our help is in the Name of the Lord,
People **The maker of heaven and earth.**
Bishop Blessed be the Name of the Lord,
People **From this time forth for evermore.**
Bishop The blessing, mercy and grace of God Almighty: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you for ever.
People Amen.

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!
People Thanks be to God.

***Congratulations to all those who have been
Confirmed and Received at today's celebration.***