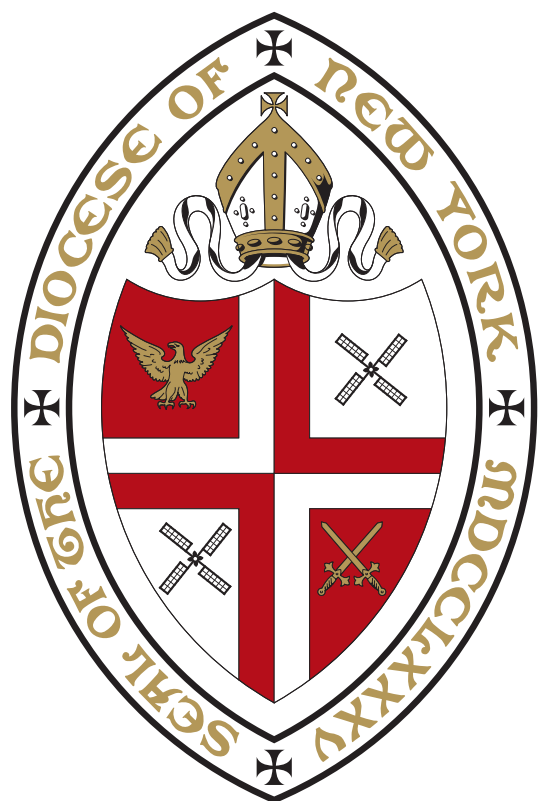


The Rites of Confirmation and Reception



Saturday, 10 June 2023

10:30 AM Holy Eucharist with Confirmations
and Receptions



The Cathedral
Church of **Saint John**
the **Divine**

The People stand, as able, as the Procession enters.

PRELUDE

Nun bitten wir den heiligen Geist, Dieterich Buxtehude
BuxWV 208

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The Bishop says

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

People And blessed be God's 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.

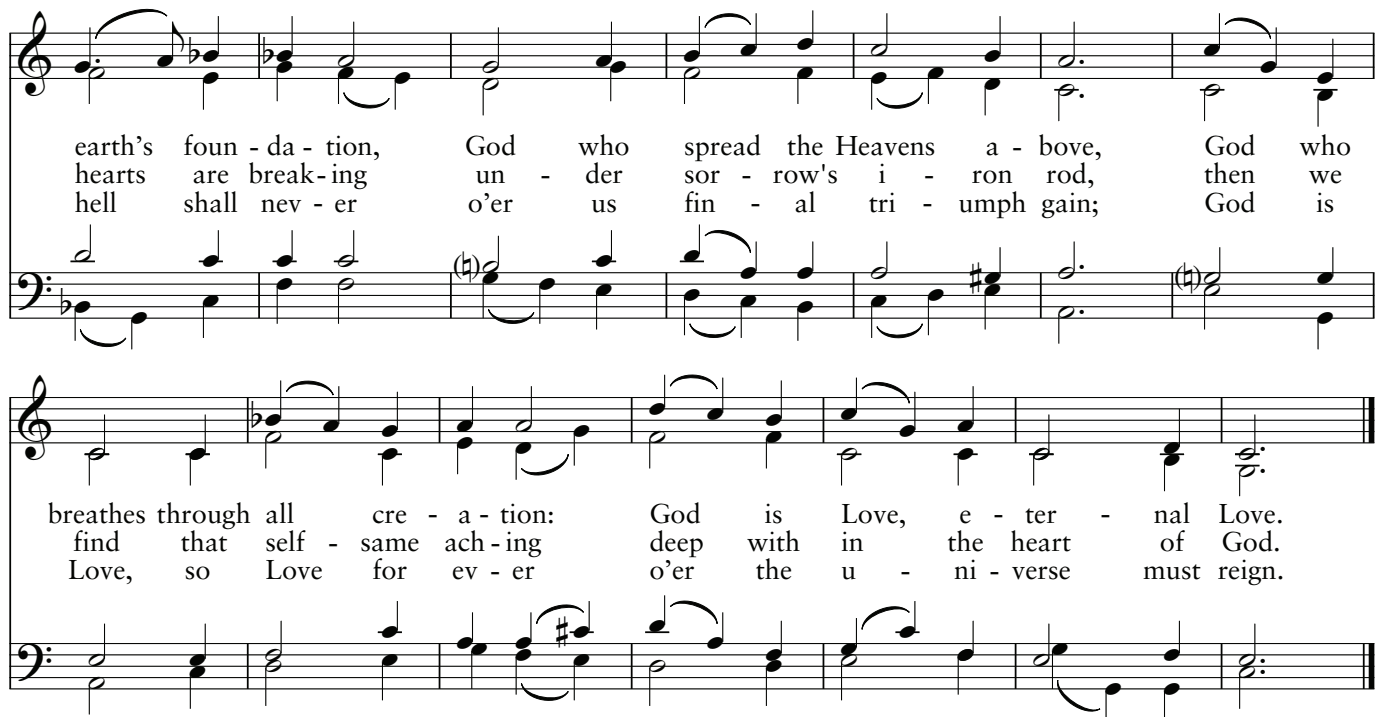
HYMN

All sing.

1 God is Love, let heaven a - dore him; God is Love, let
2 God is Love; and love en - folds us, all the world in
3 God is Love; and though with blind-ness sin af - flicts all

earth re - joice; let cre - a - tion sing be - fore him
one em - brace: with un - fail - ing grasp God holds us,
hu - man life, God's e - ter - nal lov - ing kind - ness

and ex - alt him with one voice. God who laid the
ev - ery child of ev - ery race. And when hu - man
guides us through our earth - ly strife. Sin and death and



earth's foun - da - tion, God who spread the Heavens a - bove, God who
 hearts are break - ing un - der sor - row's i - ron rod, then we
 hell shall nev - er o'er us fin - al tri - umph gain; God is
 breathes through all cre - a - tion: God is Love, e - ter - nal Love.
 find that self - same ach - ing deep with in the heart of God.
 Love, so Love for ev - er o'er the u - ni - verse must reign.

Words: Timothy Rees (1874-1939), alt.
 Music: *Abbot's Leigh*, Cyril Vincent Taylor (1907-1991)

THE COLLECT

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Bishop Let us pray.

GOD, your never-failing providence sets in order all things both in heaven and earth: Put away from us, we entreat you, all hurtful things, and give us those things which are profitable for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People Amen.

The Bishop and People sit.

**A READING FROM THE
BOOK OF THE PROPHET ISAIAH**

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. (61:1-9)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 1

Said by All.

Beatus vir qui non abiit

Lector Happy are they who have not walked
in the counsel of the wicked,

People nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

Lector Their delight is in the law of the Lord,
People and they meditate on his law day and night.

Lector They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season,
with leaves that do not wither;

People everything they do shall prosper.

Lector It is not so with the wicked;
People they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

Lector Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright
when judgment comes,

People nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

Lector For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
People but the way of the wicked is doomed.

**A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL
TO THE ROMANS**

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.

(12:1–8)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN

Sung by All, standing as able.

1 Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian In my heart, In my heart;_
 2 Lord, I want to be more lov-ing In my heart, In my heart;_
 3 Lord, I want to be more ho-ly In my heart, In my heart;_

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian In my heart, _____
 Lord, I want to be more lov-ing In my heart, _____
 Lord, I want to be more ho-ly In my heart, _____

In my heart, _____ In my heart, _____
 In my heart, _____ In my heart, _____

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian In my heart. _____
 Lord, I want to be more lov-ing In my heart. _____
 Lord, I want to be more ho-ly In my heart. _____

Words & Music: African-American spiritual

All stand, as able.

A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

WHEN he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” (4:16-22)

Officiant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

LECTURA DEL SANTO EVANGELIO

Diacono ✠ Santo Evangelio de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo según San Lucas.

Pueblo ¡Gloria a ti, Cristo Señor!

JESÚS fue a Nazaret, el pueblo donde se había criado. El sábado entró en la sinagoga, como era su costumbre, y se puso de pie para leer las Escrituras. Le dieron a leer el libro del profeta Isaías, y al abrirlo encontró el lugar donde estaba escrito:

« El Espíritu del Señor está sobre mí,
porque me ha consagrado
para llevar la buena noticia a los pobres;
me ha enviado a anunciar libertad a los presos
y dar vista a los ciegos;
a poner en libertad a los oprimidos;
a anunciar el año favorable del Señor. »

Luego Jesús cerró el libro, lo dio al ayudante de la sinagoga y se sentó. Todos los que estaban allí tenían la vista fija en él. Él comenzó a hablar, diciendo:

–Hoy mismo se ha cumplido la Escritura que ustedes acaban de oír.

Todos hablaban bien de Jesús y estaban admirados de las cosas tan bellas que decía. Se preguntaban:

–¿No es éste el hijo de José? (4:16-22)

Oficiante El Evangelio del Señor.

Pueblo Te alabamos, Cristo Señor.

THE HOMILY

The Reverend Deacon Evelyn Paige Werdal
Saint John's Church, Pleasantville

The People remain seated.

**PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION
OF THE CANDIDATES**

The Bishop says

The Candidates will now be presented.

Those to be confirmed and their Presenters stand.

The Presenters say

We present these persons for Confirmation.

Those to be received into this Communion and their Presenters stand.

The Presenters say

We present these persons to be received
into this Communion.

The Bishop asks the Candidates

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 BAPTISMAL COVENANT

All stand, as able. The Bishop then says

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.


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.

The Intercessor bids the following petitions

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

People 
Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

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

People Lord, hear our prayer.

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

People Lord, hear our prayer.

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

People Lord, hear our prayer.

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

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Silence is kept.

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.

People Amen.

THE CONFIRMATION AND RECEPTION

The Bishops lay hands upon each Candidate and say

For Confirmation

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

People 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.

People 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.

People Amen.

THE PEACE

Bishop The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

After exchanging greetings, the People are seated.

WELCOME

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Sung by the Choir.

Every Time I feel the Spirit

African American Spiritual,
arr. William L. Dawson (1899-1990)

A collection is taken. The People may place their offerings in the basket as it is passed or use the QR code.



EV'RY time I feel the Spirit,
moving in my heart, I will pray.
Yes, ev'ry time I feel the Spirit,
moving in my heart, I will pray.

Upon the mountain, my Lord spoke,
Out of his mouth came fire and smoke;
Looked all around me, it looked so fine,
Till I asked my Lord if all was mine.

Jordan river is chilly and cold,
It chills the body, but not the soul;
There ain't but one train upon this track,
It runs to heaven and right back.

Today's offering supports the Young Adult ministries of the Episcopal Diocese of New York.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The People remain standing.

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 God thanks and praise.

The Bishop proceeds

WE praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious
 God, source of life abundant.
 From before time you made ready the creation.

Your Spirit moved over the deep
 and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars;
 earth, winds, and waters;
 and every living thing.

You made us in your image,
 and taught us to walk in your ways.

But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet,
 as a mother cares for her children,
 you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us
 to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels
 in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity,
 lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

Sung by All.

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

Music: Richard Proulx (1937 - 2010)

The Bishop continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.
To deliver us from the power of sin and death
and to reveal the riches of your grace,
you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant,
that she might conceive and bear a son,
Jesus the holy child of God.
Living among us, Jesus loved us.
He broke bread with outcasts and sinners,
healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.
He yearned to draw all the world to himself
yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.
Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross
the sacrifice of his life,
and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us,
Jesus was at table with his friends.
He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it,
and gave it to them, and said:
“Take, eat:
This is my Body, which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”
As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine.
Again, he gave thanks to you,
gave it to them, and said:
“Drink this, all of you:
This is my Blood of the new Covenant,
which is poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation,
and remembering Christ, crucified and risen,
who was and is and is to come,
we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine,
and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.
Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth
and make us your new creation,
the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us,
with [_____ and] all your saints,
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
to feast at the banquet prepared
from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honor, glory, and praise,
for ever and ever.

Bishop and People


AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Bishop says

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

Bishop and People

 UR 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

The Bishop breaks the consecrated Bread. Silence is kept.

Sung by All.

Cantor
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

All
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Cantor
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.

All
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Bishop invites the People to Holy Communion saying

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

THE COMMUNION

The Holy Communion is distributed under the forms of both Bread and Wine. In the interest of public health, the Cathedral does not practice intinction, that is, the dipping of the Bread into the Wine. It is the faith of the Church that Jesus gives himself in the Sacrament whether it is received in only one kind or both. Gluten-free Wafers are available; please make your need known to the minister.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Sung by the Choir.

We shall walk through the valley in peace

Moses Hogan
(1957-2003)

WE shall walk in peace.
 We shall walk through the valley in peace,
 We shall walk through the valley in peace,
 For Jesus Himself will be our leader.
 We shall walk through the valley in peace.

We will meet our loved ones there,
 We will meet our loved ones there,
 For Jesus Himself will be our leader.
 We shall walk through the valley in peace.

There will be no trials there,
 There will be no trials there,
 For Jesus Himself will be our leader.
 We shall walk through the valley in peace.

We shall walk in peace.

POST COMMUNION HYMN

Sung by All, standing as able.

"Go make of__ all dis - ci - ples:" We hear the call, O Lord, That
 "Go make of__ all dis - ci - ples:" Bap - tiz - ing in the name Of
 "Go make of__ all dis - ci - ples:" We at__ your feet would stay Un -
 "Go make of__ all dis - ci - ples:" We wel - come your com - mand; "Lo,



comes from you, our Fa - ther, In your e - ter - nal Word. In -
 Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it— From age__ to age the same. We
 til each life's vo - ca - tion Ac - cents your ho - ly way. We
 I am__ with you al - ways:" We take your guid - ing hand. The



spire our ways of learn - ing Through earn - est, fer - vent prayer, And
 call each new dis - ci - ple To__ fol - low you, O Lord, Re -
 cul - ti - vate the na - ture God__ plants in ev - 'ry heart, Re -
 task looms large be - fore__ us— We__ fol - low with - out fear. In



let our__ dai - ly liv - ing Re - veal you ev - 'ry - where.
 deem - ing__ soul and bod - y By wa - ter and the Word.
 veal - ing__ in our wit - ness The Mas - ter Teach - er's art.
 heav'n and earth your pow - er Shall bring God's king - dom here.

Words: Leon M. Adkins (1955)

Music: *Ellacombe*, Gesangbuch der Herzogl. Hofkapelle, Württemberg, 1784

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Bishop Let us pray.

All say together

LTERNAL 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

THE DISMISSAL

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

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Chorale Variations Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)
on the Theme "Veni Creator," Op. 4

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