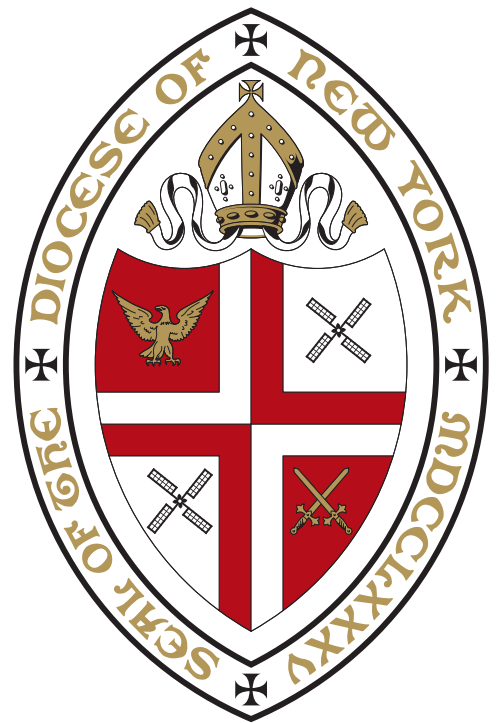


The Rites of Baptism, Confirmation, and Reception



Saturday, 1 June 2024

10:30 AM Holy Eucharist with Baptism,
Confirmations, and Receptions

The People stand as the Procession enters.

PRELUDE

“The Peace May Be Exchanged” Dan Locklair (b. 1949)
from *Rubrics*

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Bishop ✠ 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



1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace!
2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er by thy help, I've come;
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be!



Streams of mer - cy nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
Let thy good - ness, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove.
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering from the fold of God;
prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;



Praise the mount! Oh, fix me on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
here's my heart, oh, take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Words: Robert Robinson (1735–1790), alt.

Music: *Nettleton*, melody from *A Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813; harm. Gerre Hancock (b. 1934)

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 Bishop and People sit.

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET EZEKIEL

THE hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord God, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.'

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. (37:1-10)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 1

Sung by the Choir.

Beatus vir qui non abiit

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of
the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
Their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and they meditate on his law day and night.
They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season,
with leaves that do not wither;
everything they do shall prosper.
It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when
judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

Chant: Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

SEQUENCE HYMN

Sung by All, standing as able.

1 Take my life, and let it be con - se - cra - ted, Lord, to thee;
 2 Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;

take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.
 take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

Take my hands, and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
 Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no long - er mine.

take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.
 Take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

Words: Francis Ridley Havargal (1836-1879), alt.
 Music: *Hollingside*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)

All stand, as able.

A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

THEN Jesus told his disciples, ‘If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?’

‘For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. (16:24–27)

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

LECTURA DEL SANTO EVANGELIO

Diacono Santo Evangelio de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo según San Mateo.

Pueblo ¡Gloria a ti, Cristo Señor!

Luego Jesús dijo a sus discípulos:

—Si alguno quiere ser discípulo mío, olvídense de sí mismo, cargue con su cruz y sígame. Porque el que quiera salvar su vida, la perderá; pero el que pierda la vida por causa mía, la encontrará. ¿De qué le sirve al hombre ganar el mundo entero, si pierde la vida? ¿O cuánto podrá pagar el hombre por su vida? Porque el Hijo del hombre va a venir con la gloria de su Padre y con sus ángeles, y entonces recompensará a cada uno conforme a lo que haya hecho. (16:24–27)

Diacono El Evangelio del Señor.

Pueblo Te alabamos, Cristo Señor.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Dr. Meg Stapleton Smith

*Priest-in-Charge, Saint John’s Memorial Episcopal Church in Ellenville
and Priest-in-Charge, Saint John’s Episcopal Church in Monticello*

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION

Bishop The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

William Reed Linder Blachly

*The Candidate unable to answer for himself is presented by his
Parents and Godparents as follows*

I present N. to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Bishop addresses the Parents and Godparents, saying

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God’s help.

The Bishop then says

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God’s help.

Then the Bishop asks the following questions of the Parents and Godparents, who speak on behalf of the child.

Bishop Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Candidate I renounce them.

Bishop Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Candidate I renounce them.

Bishop Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Candidate I renounce them.

Bishop Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Candidate I do.

Bishop Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Candidate I do.

Bishop Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Candidate I do.

Bishop The other 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 says

LET us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth and for those who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

During the procession to the font is sung

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 Bishop 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.

People Amen.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The font is filled with water.

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Bishop continues, blessing the water, and the People respond, "Amen." The People are seated.

THE BAPTISM

The Candidate is presented by name to the Bishop, who then pours water upon the Candidate, saying

N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People Amen.

Then the Bishop places a hand on the Person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross with Chrism and says

N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.

People Amen.

When this action has been completed, the People stand, as able.

The Bishop then prays over the Neophyte, and the People respond, "Amen."

Bishop Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Bishop and People

We receive you into the household of God.
Confess the faith of Christ crucified,
proclaim his resurrection,
and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

THE CONFIRMATION AND RECEPTION

The Bishop prays for those to be confirmed or received and the People respond, "Amen."

The Bishop lays hands upon each one and the People respond, "Amen."

The action completed for all Candidates, the People stand, as able.

The Bishop then prays and the People respond, "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.

The People are seated as the Lord's Table is prepared.

As the Bishop stands and moves to the Altar, all stand.

Draw us in the Spirit's tether Harold Friedell (1905-1958)

DRAW us in the spirit's tether,
 For when humbly, in thy name
 Two or three are met together,
 Thou art in the midst of them;
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Touch we now thy garment's hem.

As the brethren used to gather
 In the name of Christ to sup,
 Then with thanks to God the Father
 Break the bread and bless the cup,
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 So knit thou our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living
 Make as sacraments of thee,
 That by caring, helping, giving,
 We may true disciples be.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 We will serve thee faithfully.

Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)

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 prays in the name of the assembly. In the course of the Eucharistic Prayer, these acclamations are sung or said.

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)

Bishop and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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. Then is sung

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

David Hurd (b. 1950)

The Bishop invites the People to Holy Communion. As the ministers receive the Sacrament, the People come forward.

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.

Lord, I want to be a Christian African-American Spiritual,
arr. Moses Hogan (1957-2003)

LORD, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
Lord, I want to be a Christian.

In my heart, in my heart.
Lord, I want to be like Jesus.
Lord, I want to be more holy.
Lord, I want to be a Christian.

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more holy.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Bishop Let us pray.

All say together

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

THE DISMISSAL

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

People Thanks be to God.

HYMN IN PROCESSION



"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.

Author: Leon M. Adkins (1955)

Music: *Ellacombe, Gesangbuch der Herzogl*, 1784

POSTLUDE

Improvisation

PARTICIPANTS`**The Celebrant**

The Right Reverend Matthew F. Heyd
XVII Bishop of New York

Participating Bishop

The Right Reverend Allen K. Shin
Bishop Suffragan of New York

The Preacher

The Reverend Dr. Meg Stapleton Smith
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The Reverend Deacon Pedro Rodriguez, Jr.
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Ms. Anike Wariebi, *Saint Thomas, Mamaroneck*

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Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine
Saint Mark's Church-in-the-Bowery, Manhattan
Saint Michael's Church, Manhattan

Ushers

Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine
Saint Mark's Church-in-the-Bowery, Manhattan

The Choir

The Diocesan Choir

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Dr. Bryan Zaros
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