



Service of CONFIRMATION
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ORDER of SERVICE

Prelude

Organist: Winnifred Hume

Hymn 423 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

The Lord will pour out his Spirit upon all flesh,

And your sons and daughters shall prophesy.

Your old men shall dream dreams,

And your young men shall see visions.

You shall know that the Lord is in the midst of his people,

That he is the Lord and there is none else.

And it shall come to pass

That everyone who calls on the Name of the Lord shall be saved.

JOEL 2:27-28, 32; ACTS 2:17, 21

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Let us pray.

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

O merciful Lord, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

Amos 6:1-7 Aidan MacKenzie

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 146 Sadie Broadhead

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Lauda, anima mea

Praise the LORD, O my soul; while I live I will praise the LORD.

Indeed, as long as I have my being,

I will sing praises unto my God.

- Put not your trust in princes, nor in any child of man, for there is no help in them.
- For when one breathes his last, he shall return again to the earth, and in that day all his thoughts perish.
- Blessed is the one who has the God of Jacob for his help and whose hope is in the LORD his God,
- Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is therein; who keeps his promise for ever;
- Who does right to those who suffer wrong; and who feeds the hungry.
- 8 The LORD sets prisoners free;

the LORD gives sight to the blind.

- The LORD helps those who have fallen;
 - the LORD loves the righteous.
- The LORD cares for the strangers in the land; he defends the fatherless and widow;

but the way of the ungodly he makes crooked.

The LORD shall be King for evermore, even your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Praise the LORD.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE GOSPEL READING

Stand

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Matthew 16:13-28 Rev. James Broadhead

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" 14 And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." 15 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" 16 Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." 17 And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. 18 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. 19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." 20 Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

21 From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. 22 And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." 23 But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

24 Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. 25 For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. 26 For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? 27 For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. 28 Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE NICENE CREED

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

When the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father [and the Son], who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE SERMON

Matthew 16:13-28 R.Rev. Mike Stewart

THE PRESENTATION, EXHORTATION AND EXAMINATION

Candidates for Confirmation:

Robert Dobie
Dawson Sawatzky
Kristin Schofield
Mark Schofield
Jakob Svahn

Presenters Reverend Father in God, we present these persons to

receive the laying on of hands.

Bishop Have they been adequately prepared?

Presenters They have.

Parely beloved, it is essential that those who wish to be Confirmed or Received in this Church publicly confess Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour; become his disciples; know and affirm the Nicene Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments; and have received instruction in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments and the Catechism of the Church. God's grace is imparted in Baptism, through which we are made God's children by adoption and given the Holy Spirit. By the power of the Spirit, manifested in gifts and fruit, we are enabled to be God's people for the sake of the world.

Now, these Candidates desire publicly to confess their faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour and their commitment to follow him as Lord. They also desire the strengthening of grace through the laying on of hands, that the Holy Spirit may fill them more and more for their ministry in the Church and in the world.

Do you, here in the presence of God and the Church, renew the solemn promises and vows made at your Baptism and commit to keep them?

I do.

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

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the empty promises and deadly deceits of this world that corrupt and destroy the creatures of God? I renounce them.

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

I renounce them.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and confess him as your Lord and Saviour?

I do.

Do you joyfully receive the Christian Faith, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

I do.

Will you obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in them all the days of your life?

I will, the Lord being my helper.

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?

We will.

PRAYER AND THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

Let us pray.

A lmighty and everliving God, we beseech you to strengthen these your servants for witness and ministry through the power of your Holy Spirit. Daily increase in them your manifold virtues of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and true godliness, and the spirit of holy fear, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FOR CONFIRMATION

Defend, O Lord, this your servant with your heavenly grace, that he / she may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more until he / she comes into the fullness of your everlasting kingdom. **Amen.**

CONCLUDING PRAYER AFTER THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

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

The Peace of the Lord be always with you. **And with your spirit.**

THE OFFERTORY

Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

MATTHEW 5:16

Hymn 508 Breathe on me, Breath of God

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the Kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O Lord,

And of your own have we given you.

1 CHRONICLES 29:11, 14

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HOLY COMMUNION

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN

All who truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and seek to live in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking in his holy ways: draw near with faith and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

Kneel or sit

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker and judge of us all: We acknowledge and lament our many sins and offences, which we have committed by thought, word, and deed against your divine majesty, provoking most justly your righteous anger against us. We are deeply sorry for these our transgressions; the burden of them is more than we can bear. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may evermore serve and please you in newness of life, to the honour and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

MATTHEW 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

JOHN 3:16

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

I TIMOTHY 1:15

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

I JOHN 2:1-2

THE SURSUM CORDA

Stand

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is your living Word from before time and for all ages: by him you created all things, and by him you make all things new.

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

Sung:

Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory. Glory be to Thee, O Lord most high.

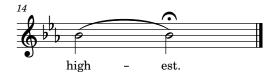
Placed in Heat cometh in the name of the Lord:

Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest









THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

Kneel or Sit

We are not worthy so much as to gather up
the crumbs under your table;
but you are the same Lord
whose character is always to have mercy.

Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,
and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

All praise and glory is yours, O God our heavenly Father, for in your tender mercy, you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption. He made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and he instituted, and in his Holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

So now, O merciful Father, in your great goodness, we ask you to bless and sanctify, with your Word and Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine, that we, receiving them according to your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

For on the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me." **Amen.**

THE AGNUS DEI

Sung:

- O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
- O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
- O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, Grant us Thy peace.







THE MINISTRATION of COMMUNION

Baptized Christians are invited to receive Communion, and all are welcome forward for a blessing and for prayer.

The chalice or personal cups are available for those receiving wine. Gluten-free bread is available by request.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

or 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 POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us, in these holy mysteries,
with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us, through this Sacrament, of your favour and
goodness towards us:
that we are true members of the mystical body of your Son,

that we are true members of the mystical body of your Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of your everlasting kingdom.

And we humbly ask you, heavenly Father, to assist us with your grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all the good works that you have prepared for us to walk in;

through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Stand

I lory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Hymn 690 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

THE BLESSING

o forth into the world in peace, be of good courage, and fight the good fight of faith, that you may finish your course with joy; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Postlude





