

St Andrew's, Chesterton
**Confirmation Service
and Holy Communion**
with Bishop Graham Kings, Hon Assistant
Bishop, Diocese of Ely

26 June 2022
Second Sunday after Trinity

We gather together

We sing

*Come now is the time to worship
Come now is the time to give your heart
Come just as you are to worship
Come just as you are before your God
Come*

One day every tongue
Will confess You are God
One day every knee will bow
Still the greatest treasure remains
For those who gladly choose You now

Come now is the time to worship...

Willingly we choose to surrender our lives
Willingly our knees will bow
With all our heart soul mind and strength
We gladly choose You now

Come come just as you are come come

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The Bishop greets the people

Blessed be God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
**Blessed be his kingdom,
now and for ever. Amen.**

There is one body and one spirit.
There is one hope to which we were called;
one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
one God and Father of all.

Peace be with you.
And also with you.

We say the prayer for the day

**Lord, you have taught us
that all our doings without love are nothing worth:**

**send your Holy Spirit
and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of
love,
the true bond of peace and of all virtues,
without which whoever lives is counted dead before
you.
Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

We listen to the Bible

Exodus 2:1-10, 15:19-21

² Now a man of the tribe of Levi married a Levite woman, ² and she became pregnant and gave birth to a son. When she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him for three months. ³ But when she could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket for him and coated it with tar and pitch. Then she placed the child in it and put it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile. ⁴ His sister stood at a distance to see what would happen to him.

⁵ Then Pharaoh's daughter went down to the Nile to bathe, and her attendants were walking along the riverbank. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her female slave to get it. ⁶ She opened it and saw the baby. He was crying, and she felt sorry for him. "This is one of the Hebrew babies," she said.

⁷ Then his sister asked Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?"

⁸ "Yes, go," she answered. So the girl went and got the baby's mother. ⁹ Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this baby and nurse him for me, and I will pay you." So the woman took the baby and nursed him. ¹⁰ When the child grew older, she took him to Pharaoh's daughter and he became her son. She named him Moses, saying, "I drew him out of the water."

15 ^{v19} When Pharaoh's horses, chariots and horsemen went into the sea, the LORD brought the waters of the sea back over them, but the Israelites walked through the sea on dry ground. ²⁰ Then Miriam the prophet, Aaron's sister, took a timbrel in her hand, and all the women followed her, with timbrels and dancing. ²¹ Miriam sang to them:

"Sing to the LORD,
for he is highly exalted.
Both horse and driver
he has hurled into the sea."

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We sing Psalm 23

1 The Lord's my Shepherd I'll not want
He makes me lie in pastures green
He leads me by the still still waters
His goodness restores my soul

*And I will trust in You alone
And I will trust in You alone
For Your endless mercy follows me
Your goodness will lead me home*

2 He guides my ways in righteousness
And He anoints my head with oil
And my cup it overflows with joy
I feast on His pure delights

3 And though I walk the darkest path
I will not fear the evil one
For You are with me
And Your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know

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We listen to the Gospel reading

John 16:7-15

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁷ But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸ When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹ about sin, because people do not believe in me; ¹⁰ about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; ¹¹ and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

¹² "I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. ¹³ But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. ¹⁵ All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

THE LITURGY OF INITIATION

Presentation of the Candidates

The candidates are introduced to the congregation.

The Bishop asks the candidates, Kitty Barker, Sarah Bick and Cayley Neufeld:

Have you been baptised in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit?

I have.

Are you ready with your own mouth and from your own heart to affirm your faith in Jesus Christ?

I am.

Testimony by the candidates may follow.

The Bishop then addresses the whole congregation.

Faith is the gift of God to his people.

In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling.

People of God, will you welcome these candidates and uphold them in their life in Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

THE DECISION

The Bishop addresses all the candidates.

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light.

To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.

Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

I renounce them.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth, and the life?

I come to Christ.

We affirm our faith by singing

1 Our Father everlasting
The all creating One
God Almighty
Through Your Holy Spirit
Conceiving Christ the Son
Jesus our Saviour

*I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in One
I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus*

2 Our judge and our defender
Suffered and crucified
Forgiveness is in You
Descended into darkness
You rose in glorious life
Forever seated high

*I believe in You
I believe You rose again
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord*

*I believe in life eternal
I believe in the virgin birth
I believe in the saints' communion
And in Your holy Church
I believe in the resurrection
When Jesus comes again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus*

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CONFIRMATION

The Bishop stands before those who are to be confirmed, and says

Our help is in the name of the Lord
who has made heaven and earth.
Blessed be the name of the Lord
now and for ever. Amen.

The Bishop extends his hands towards those to be confirmed and says

Almighty and ever-living God,
you have given these your servants new birth
in baptism by water and the Spirit,
and have forgiven them all their sins.

Let you Holy Spirit rest upon them:
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding;
the Spirit of counsel and inward strength;
the Spirit of knowledge and true godliness;
and let their delight be in the fear of the Lord.

Amen.

The Bishop addresses each candidate by name, and anoints them with the Oil of Chrism, saying

Sarah, Cayley, Kitty: God has called you by name and made you his own.

He then lays his hand on the head of each, saying

Confirm, O Lord, your servant with your Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Bishop invites the congregation to pray for all the candidates, saying

**Defend, O Lord, these your servants with your heavenly grace, that they may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more until they come to your everlasting kingdom.
Amen.**

COMMISSION TO BE GENEROUS AND VISIBLE PEOPLE OF GOD

The minister addresses the newly confirmed and all those who are disciples on the Way of faith

Jesus said, "I have come that you might have life, and life in all its fullness." We believe that we are called to be generous and visible people of Jesus Christ, fully alive in him, discovering together his transforming presence in our lives and in every community.

So in Jesus Christ we pray:

Inspire us to engage fully and courageously with the needs of our communities, locally and globally

Lord of our journey

Hear our prayer

Enable us to grow God's church by finding disciples and nurturing leaders

Lord of our journey

Hear our prayer

Encourage us to deepen our commitment to God through word, worship and prayer.

Lord of our journey

Hear our prayer

**We praise and thank you, God of the journey, For all your gifts to us in the past.
We look to you as fellow-traveller and faithful companion on the way ahead.**

**Shelter and protect us from all harm and anxiety;
Give us grace to let go of all that holds us back; And grant us courage to meet the new life you have promised us**

In Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

THE PEACE

The Bishop introduces the Peace in these or other suitable words
God has made us one in Christ.
He has set his seal upon us
and, as a pledge of what is to come,
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

We sing

*Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name*

1 The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul...

2 You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul...

3 And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul...

*Worship Your holy name
Lord I'll worship Your holy name*

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Bishop takes the bread and wine and says

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

The Bishop praises God for his mighty acts and all respond

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and God of might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest, hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he, blessed is he,

blessed is he who comes in the name,

he who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest, hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Christ is the bread of life:

When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we

proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,

until you come in glory.

*The Prayer continues and leads into the doxology, to which all respond boldly **Amen.***

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation

but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours

now and for ever.

Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Bishop breaks the consecrated bread.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

**Jesus, Lamb of God, Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
grant us your peace, grant us your peace.**

GIVING OF COMMUNION

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

The president will bring the bread to you; please stand if you would like to receive or receive a blessing. Visitors who are communicant members of their home churches are welcome to receive. If you have not been prepared for communion or would prefer to receive a blessing instead, please signify this by holding your order of service..

We sing

*Do not be afraid
For I have redeemed you
I have called you by your name
You are Mine*

- 1 When you walk through the waters I'll be with you
 You will never sink beneath the waves
- 2 When the fire is burning all around you
 You will never be consumed by the flames
- 3 When the fear of loneliness is looming
 Then remember I am at your side
- 4 When you dwell in the exile of the stranger
 Remember you are precious in My eyes
- 5 You are Mine O My child I am your Father
 And I love you with a perfect love

Prayer after Communion

God of mercy,
by whose grace alone we are accepted
and equipped for your service:
stir up in us the gifts of your Holy Spirit
and make us worthy of our calling;
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy
and peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

News and notices

THE SENDING OUT

The blessing

The Bishop says this or another suitable blessing:

The God of all grace,
who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, establish,
strengthen and settle you in the faith; and the blessing of God
almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

We sing

During this hymn the candidates are presented with a candle

1 My hope is built on nothing less
 Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
 I dare not trust the sweetest frame
 But wholly trust in Jesus' Name

*Christ alone cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm He is Lord
Lord of all*

2 When darkness seems to hide His face
 I rest on His unchanging grace
 In every high and stormy gale
 My anchor holds within the veil
 My anchor holds within the veil

Christ alone cornerstone...

3 When He shall come with trumpet sound
 Oh may I then in Him be found
 Dressed in His righteousness alone
 Faultless stand before the throne

Christ alone cornerstone...

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GIVING OF A CANDLE

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light.
You have received the light of Christ;
walk in this light all the days of your life.

**Shine as a light in the world
to the glory of God the Father.**

THE DISMISSAL

Go in the light and peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

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Please join us for refreshments (with cake!) in the Hall after the service, to celebrate those newly confirmed, and as a farewell to Jess and Tom Powell.