

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

2001 Windsor Drive
P.O. Box 342
Newton, Kansas 67114



Sunday, August 29, 2021

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows

Worship at 10:15 AM

Plate Offering is Designated for the Bishop's Discretionary Fund

Masks Required

Concerning the Service

Therefore, brothers and sisters, be all the more eager to confirm your call and election, for if you do this, you will never stumble. For in this way, entry into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be richly provided for you. II Peter 1:10-11

In their Christian development, those baptized at an early age are expected, when they are ready and have been duly prepared, to make a mature public affirmation of their faith and commitment to the responsibilities of their Baptism and to receive the laying on of hands by the bishop.

Those baptized as adults, unless baptized with laying on of hands by a bishop, are also expected to make a public affirmation of their faith and commitment to the responsibilities of their Baptism in the presence of a bishop and to receive the laying on of hands.

Prelude

Dakota Bennett

Processional

"Praise to the Living God!"

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Opening Acclamation

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

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. 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.**

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 forever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-9

Maggie Snow, Lector

A Reading from Isaiah

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed, and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!" And he said, "Go and say to this people: 'Keep listening, but do not comprehend; keep looking, but do not understand.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 1

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 sinner in the council of the righteous,

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

Second Reading: Romans 8:18-27

Elizabeth Hill, Lector

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope, we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise, the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Seq.

“O Master, let me Walk with Thee”

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Deacon Barbara Gibson, Gospeler

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel

John 14:15-21

“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 forever. 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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Seq. “O Master, let me Walk with Thee” Pg. 660, 3 & 4

The Sermon The Right Reverend Cathleen Bascom

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

Bishop: The Candidates will now be presented.

The candidates are presented by name

Congregation: We present Christopher, Sarah, Jenna, and Benjamin Teichler for Confirmation.

Bishop: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidates: I do.

Bishop: Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidate: 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

Bishop: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People: We will.

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

The Baptismal Covenant

Bishop: Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Bishop: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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?

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?

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?

I will, with God's help.

Bishop: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

I will, with God's help.

Bishop: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

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?

I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidates

Bishop: Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ. Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

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

Lord, hear our prayer.

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

Lord, hear our prayer.

Send them into the world in witness to your love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

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. *Amen.*

The bishop lays hands upon each one and says

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant (N). with your Holy Spirit; empower him or her for service; and sustain him or her of his or her life. **Amen.**

or

Defend, O Lord, your servant (N.) 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.**

The bishop concludes with this prayer

Almighty and ever living 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. **Amen.**

The Peace

All stand.

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Instrumental Music

Dakota Bennett, Organ
Chris Teichler, Trumpet

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Celebrant: All things come from Thee, O Lord.

People: And of Thine own have we given thee.

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer A

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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:

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

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:

Celebrant and People

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

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 forever. *AMEN.* +++

The Lord's Prayer

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

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, forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed upon him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Come as you are!

All are welcome to receive from God's banquet table

all the provisions of His Son, our Savior's, life, death, and resurrection.

Hymn

"Take my Life, and Let it be"

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The Post-Communion Prayer

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 Peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Recessional

"Rejoice, ye Pure in Heart"

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The Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Dakota Bennett

Ministers for this Service

The Right Reverend Cathleen Bascom, *Preacher & Celebrant*

The Venerable Archdeacon Anne Flynn, *Bishop's Chaplain*

The Reverend Barbara Gibson, *Deacon*

The Reverend Les Jackson, *Assisting Clergy*

Maggie Snow, *Lector*

Elizabeth Hill, *Lector*

Katrina Southern, *Acolyte*

Dakota Bennett, *Organist*

Chris Teichler, *Trumpet*

Chris Simonds, *Hospitality*

Altar Guild: Karen Wall, Kala & George Whiteside, Beth Penner

Please Join in Welcoming the Newly Confirmed:

Robert Christopher Teichler

Sara Beth Teichler

Jenna Renee Teichler

Benjamin Christopher Teichler

*Altar Flowers given by
Rich Stinnett and Charlie Robinson
for blessing received.*

