SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
CONFIRMATION AND HOLY EUCHARIST (RITE II)
THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 5, 2017 - 10:00 AM

Hearing-assistance devices are available — simply request one from an usher.
The opening music offers a time for prayer and meditation. Please silence all devices.

GATHERING MUSIC    Allegro, Andante and Allegro from 'Album Leaves'
                     Hans Sitt

Please stand, if able, at the sound of the chimes. The clergy and choirs process.

ACCLAMATION

Bishop    Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People    His mercy endures for ever.
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.

HYMNAL #142    Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days
               ST. FLAVIAN

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Bishop    The Lord be with you.
People    And also with you.
Bishop    Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan:
Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you
know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save;
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.

Please be seated after the Collect.

FIRST READING    Genesis 2: 15-17; 3: 1-7
(pew Bible, page 2)

Reader    The Word of the Lord.
People    Thanks be to God.
Cantor
1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
   and whose sin is put away!

All
2 Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, * (pause at *)
   and in whose spirit there is no guile!

3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
   because of my groaning all day long.
4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *
   my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
   and did not conceal my guilt.
6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." *
   Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; *
   when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
8 You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; *
   you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; *
   I will guide you with my eye.
10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; *
   who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."

11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *
   but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.
12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; *
   shout for joy, all who are true of heart. (slow at end)
O holy Jesus, merciful Redeemer, friend and brother, gentle, loving Savior, may we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, follow you more nearly: day by day.  (Richard of Chichester)

SECOND READING Romans 5: 12-19 (pew Bible, page 1029)

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please stand, if able, for the sequence verse and Gospel procession.
The antiphon is sung first by the cantor, then repeated by all before and after the verse:

You shall call, and the Lord will / hear you; * you shall cry for help, and he will say, / "Hère I am."

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

GOSPEL Matthew 4: 1-11 (pew Bible, page 881)

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

A period of silence is observed following the sermon.
CONFIRMATION

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES FOR CONFIRMATION AND RECEPTION

Bishop The Candidates will now be presented.

Presenters I present _______ for Confirmation.

Ailsa Grace Marie Schmidt  Madeline J.
Helen Louise Baxter  Matthew Michael Brooks
Inge Claudine Ione Bischof  Samantha Warren Rosendale
Jonah William Spencer  Tessa Maclaren Johnson
Laura Dale Clopton Bischof  Theodora Jean Bischof
Linnea Cooper Krall  Vivian Illeane Scheel
Logan Orville Finkel  William Ferguson Rinkoff

Bishop 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.

Bishop 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

Bishop 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  
(Book of Common Prayer, Pages 305-306)

Bishop: Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment  
to Christ.  

Please kneel, if able.

People: (after each petition) Lord, hear our prayer.  

A period of silence is observed before the closing collect.
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.

Please be seated.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

You are invited to share a sign of God’s peace with those around you.

Please be seated.

All are invited to share at the Lord’s Table. At the altar railing you may stand or kneel to receive the bread and the wine. You may drink from the cup or touch the bread to the wine. If you prefer to receive a blessing, you may indicate so by crossing your arms. The common loaf is gluten-free.

The loose plate offering from this morning’s worship will go to the Bishop’s discretionary fund.

Ev’ry Time I Feel the Spirit

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.
Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.  
Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love;  
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A**

_The prayer may be followed in its entirety on page 361 of the Book of Common Prayer._

_Bishop_  The Lord be with you.  
_People_  And also with you.

_Bishop_  Lift up your hearts.  
_People_  We lift them up to the Lord.

_Bishop_  Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.  
_People_  It is right to give God thanks and praise.

_Bishop_  It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.  
Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into truth.  
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:

**SANCTUS ET BENEDICTUS**

David Hurd

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Please remain standing or kneel, according to your custom.
The Bishop continues:

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; …

… Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All

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

Bishop

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. …

… 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 for ever.

People

AMEN.

Lord’s Prayer

Bishop

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

All

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Bishop

Christ Our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People

Therefore let us keep the feast.

Bishop

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Distribution
**HYMN**

**O For a Closer Walk With God**

1. O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heavenly frame,
2. Where is the blessedness I knew when first I saw the Lord?
3. Return, O holy Dove, return, sweet messenger of rest;
4. The dearest idol I have known, what e'er that idol be,
5. So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame;

**COMMUNION MUSIC (sung by all)**

**AGNUS DEI**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

**BEATITUDO**

1. A light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb!
2. Where is the soul-refreshing view of Jesus and his word?
3. I hate the sins that made thee mourn, and drove thee from my breast.
4. Help me to tear it from thy throne, and worship only thee.
5. So purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.
I Want To Walk as a Child of the Light

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
2 I want to see the brightness of God.
3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.

I want to follow Jesus.
I want to look at Jesus.
I want to be with Jesus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and when we have run with patience the race, we...

star of my life is Jesus.
show me the way to theFather.
shall know the joy of Jesus.
In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

Text: Kathleen Thomerson (b. 1934)
Music: Kathleen Thomerson
The verses are sung by the choir. Please join in singing the refrain, found below.

1. To the God who cannot die: I say “Yes,” my Lord.
   To the One who hears me cry: I say “Yes,” my Lord.
   To the God of the oppressed: I say “Yes,” my Lord.
   To the God of all justice: I say “Yes,” my Lord.

   Refrain

2. For the dream I have today, I say “Yes,” my Lord.
   To be a healer of all pain: I say “Yes,” my Lord.
   To come to love my enemies: I say “Yes,” my Lord.
   For your peace in all the world: I say “Yes,” my Lord.

   Refrain

3. Like that of Job, unceasingly: I say “Yes,” my Lord.
   Like that of Maria whole-heartedly: I say “Yes,” my Lord.
   Like that of David in a song: I say “Yes,” my Lord.
   Like Israel, for you I long: I say “Yes,” my Lord.

   Refrain

1. Lord, I want to be a Christian In my heart. In my heart:—
2. Lord, I want to be more loving In my heart. In my heart:—
3. Lord, I want to be more holy In my heart. In my heart:—

Text: Traditional spiritual
Music: Traditional spiritual
SENDING FORTH OUR EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Celebrant  In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ’s body and blood.

People  We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER  said by all, standing or kneeling

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.

BLESSING

The Rt. Rev. Brian N. Prior

Please stand, as able, for the closing hymn.

HYMN

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim

till all the world adore his sacred Name.

Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
Each new-born servant of the Crucified
O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
So shall our song of triumph ever be:

the hosts of God in conquering ranks combine.
bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee.

Please stand, as able, for the closing hymn.

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as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee.
DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY Fantasy on CRUCIFER Jayson R. Engquist

REPLANTING THE ALLELUIA

You are invited to join the procession to the garden on Holly Avenue, at the north end of the building. Here the children from Godly Play will symbolically set aside “Alleluia” for the season of Lent.

Leader: It’s time to replant the alleluia, to let it rest for a while, so that it will return to us at Easter with renewed energy and growth. During this time of renewal, we are reminded that we are all loved and nurtured as children of God.

All: God, our creator, as we replant this sign of heaven’s song, help us to live a Lent full of insight as we move closer to you through Jesus Christ. Help us to embrace those things that turn us toward your light and love—and to turn away from those things that only serve to separate us from you.

Leader: You are now invited to replant in your heart and in this garden the Alleluia, as we look forward to these weeks of Lenten rest and reflection.

All: Creator, we are celebrating this word of praise to you during Lent, not by speaking it aloud, but by allowing it and us to rest as we enter this time of contemplation and renewal. Help us to use this time wisely and to prepare ourselves to more fully celebrate your love, peace, and joy with the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter. Amen.

You are invited to greet the confirmands and their families at a festive coffee hour in the gym, located on the lower level at the north end of the building.

To reach the gym from the church, go down the stairs on both sides of the main church entrance and go through the undercroft to the other end of the building.

The elevator is near the office: go up the ramp on the right of the church, follow the hall to the office, and go through the double doors. The elevator is on the left.
TODAY WE PRAY WITH
Max, Gillian, Jim, Ginny, Nancy, Lorne, Chase, Mitch, Mae, Kathleen, Joan, Patricia, Amy, Irene, Ben, Kirby, Christopher, Ginny and Jack, Camille, Susan, Christopher, Sydney, Sara, Sandy, Norma, Ann, and those you would add.

LENTEN GREENS
In thanksgiving for the lives of Theodore & Genevieve Pilacinski; Marlene Woelfel; Elizabeth & Frank Ward.

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE
CELEBRANT AND PREACHER The Right Reverend Brian N. Prior
DEACON The Reverend Margaret Thor
ASSISTING PRIESTS Jered Weber-Johnson, Rector
Kate Bradtmiller, Associate Rector
ALTAR GUILD Terri Fishel, Caroline Krall, Nan Lightner, Phyllis Merrill, Elaine Sutton, Jill Thompson
ST. JOHN’S CHILDREN’S CHOIR Heather Hunt, Director
ST. JOHN’S ADULT CHOIR Jayson R. Engquist, Director of Music & Organist
SOLOIST Walter Cogswell, Viola
ACOLYTES Charlie Docherty, Madeline Jacobs, Roan Weinkauf
READERS Alden Drew, Sarah Lightner
VERGER Bill Sherfey
USHERS Bob Baumann, Cammie Beattie, Diane Power
GREETERS Cindy Bertheau, Gabrielle Lawrence & Don Postema
COFFEE HOUR Godly Play & Confirmation families

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