



ST. PAUL'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE SIXTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER

Sunday, May 5, 2024
8:45 am & 11:00 am

Confirmation &
Holy Eucharist: Rite II

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God's infinite grace, acceptance, and love.*

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The *Book of Common Prayer* (BCP) is the red book.

The *Hymnal 1982* (H) is the blue book.

The service starts on page 413 in the *Book of Common Prayer*.

PRELUDE

THE WORD OF GOD

Please stand at the tolling of the bell.

HYMN: EARTH AND ALL STARS

HYMN 412

Please remain standing.

BCP 413

Bishop Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**
There is one Body and one Spirit;
There is one hope in God's call to us;
One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
One God and Father of all.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Bishop Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON: ACTS 10:44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, “Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

The lector closes the reading, saying

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence and stillness

THE PSALM: PSALM 98

Spoken at 8:45 and sung at 11:00



- 1 Sing to the | LORD a new | song, *
for the | LORD has done | marve- lous | things.
- 2 The right hand and the holy | arm of the | LORD *
— | have se- | cured the | victory.
- 3 The LORD has made | known this | victory *
and has openly shown righteousness | in the | sight of the | nations.
- 4 The LORD remembers mercy and faithfulness to the | house of | Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the | victor- y | of our | God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the | LORD, all you | lands; *
lift up your | voice, re- | joice, and | sing.
- 6 Sing to the | LORD with the | harp, *
with the | harp and the | voice of | song.
- 7 With trumpets and the | sound of the | horn *
shout with joy be- | fore the | Sovereign, the | LORD.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and | all that is | in it, *
the lands and | those who | dwell there- | in.
- 9 Let the rivers | clap their | hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
who is | coming to | judge the | earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall the | LORD judge the | world *
and the | peoples | with | equity.

THE SECOND LESSON: 1 JOHN 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

The lector closes the reading, saying

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence and stillness

Children in second grade and below are invited to follow the cross and process to Children's Chapel. They will return in time for Baptisms to be with their families.

HYMN: ROCK OF AGES, CLEFT FOR ME

H 685

11:00 service only

THE HOLY GOSPEL: JOHN 15:9-17

Please stand.

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON *The Rt. Rev. John Harmon*

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES BCP 415

Bishop The Candidate(s) will now be presented.

Presenters I present *these persons* for Confirmation.

or I present *these persons* to be received into this Communion.

or I present *these persons* who desire to reaffirm their baptismal vows.

The Bishop asks the candidates

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidate I do.

Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

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 Bishop then says these or similar words

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

BCP 417

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

A Person appointed leads the following petitions

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.

A period of silence follows.

The Bishop says

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.**

FOR CONFIRMATION

BCP 309

The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant [*Name*] with your Holy Spirit; empower *them* for your service; and sustain *them* all the days of *their* life. **Amen.**

or this

Defend, O Lord, your servant [*Name*] with your heavenly grace, that *they* may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more, until *they* comes to your everlasting kingdom. **Amen.**

FOR RECEPTION

[*Name*], we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. **Amen.**

FOR REAFFIRMATION

[*Name*], may the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom. **Amen.**

The Bishop concludes with this prayer

Almighty and everliving 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

BCP 360

Please stand.

Bishop The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Weekly announcements can be found online at www.stpaulsfay.org/s/epistle.pdf

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

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8:45 ANTHEM: WE WILL SING FOR JOY

ARR. LOWE

11:00 ANTHEM: ALLELUIA

HAGENBERG

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING
EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

BCP 361

Please stand.

Spoken at 8:45; sung at 11:00.

The image shows four lines of musical notation for the Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A. Each line consists of a staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first line is for the Celebrant and the People, with the lyrics: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you." The second line is for the Celebrant and the People, with the lyrics: "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." The third line is for the Celebrant, with the lyrics: "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." The fourth line is for the People, with the lyrics: "It is right to give him thanks and praise." The musical notation includes various note values, rests, and dynamic markings such as accents and hairpins.

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. 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.

The Bishop continues

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

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Bishop 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: HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD

H S-128

Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Setting: William Mathias (b. 1934)

The Bishop continues

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

...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Bishop and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Bishop continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father...

...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.

Bishop and People



Bishop

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

Bishop and People

Our Father, who art in heaven, BCP 364
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 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.

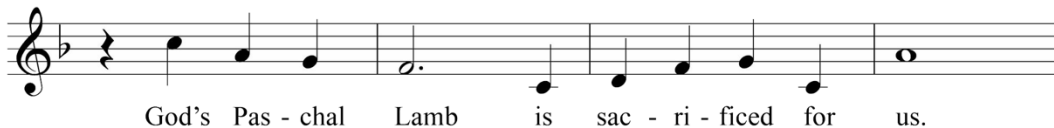
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

BCP 364

The Bishop breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

FRACTION ANTHEM: GOD'S PASCHAL LAMB



Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944)

Music: Sine Nomine, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Facing the people, the Bishop says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

and may add

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*Whoever you are and wherever you are in your pilgrimage of faith,
you are welcome in this place; you are welcome at God's table.*

To receive Communion, come forward down the center aisle. Hand sanitizer is available. You may come up the chancel steps to the altar rail or receive at the floor station in front of the pulpit. If you need the clergy to bring Communion to your pew, please let an usher know. To receive the bread, extend your open palm to the minister. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. To receive the wine, guide the base of the chalice with your hand so that you can sip from the cup. You may also intinct/dip the bread into the wine if you prefer. If you prefer not to receive in either or both kinds, cross your arms over your chest to indicate your intention. Return to your pew by the side aisles.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

For those joining us at home

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beg you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

COMMISSIONING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Minister In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that *[names of recipients]* may share with us the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People **We who are many are one Body, because we all share one Bread, one Cup.**

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand or kneel.

Bishop and People

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

After the dismissal sentence

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

POSTLUDE

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