

THE EUCHARIST

with

Confirmation



Principal celebrant:

The Rt Revd Dr David Hamid,
The Suffragan Bishop in Europe

Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity
10th October 2021, 10.00 a.m.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Please join in singing THE HYMNS and other songs, and in the text given in **bold**.

INTROIT

I Give You a New Commandment by John Sheppard (c. 1515-1558)

I give you a new commandment:
that ye love one another e'en as I have loved you.
By this all men shall know that ye are my disciples.

THE PREPARATION

All sing THE HYMN, during which the bishop and other ministers enter the church.

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:
All ye who hear, brothers and sisters draw near,
Praise him in glad adoration.**

**Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth:
Hast thou not seen how thy entreaties have been
Granted in what he ordaineth?**

**Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee:
Ponder anew all the Almighty can do,
If with his love he befriend thee.**

**Praise to the Lord, who, when tempests their warfare are waging,
Who, when the elements madly around thee are raging,
Biddeth them cease, turneth their fury to peace,
Whirlwinds and waters assuaging.**

**Praise to the Lord, who, when darkness of sin is abounding,
Who, when the godless do triumph, all virtue confounding,
Sheddeth his light, chaseth the horrors of night,
Saints with His mercy surrounding.**

**Praise to the Lord! O, let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen sound from his people again:
Gladly for aye we adore him.**

The bishop says THE GREETING:

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.**

The bishop introduces the service.

All sing GLORIA IN EXCELSIS:

Gloria



Glo - ry to God in the
high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God,
heav'n - ly King, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy

on us; you are seat - ed at the right_ hand_ of the

Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One,

you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus

Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther_

A - - - men.

All remain standing. The bishop introduces a period of silent corporate prayer.

The bishop says THE COLLECT.

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you;
 mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts;
 through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
 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

All sit for THE FIRST READING: AMOS 5.6-7,10-15

A reading from the book of the prophet Amos

Seek the LORD and live,
or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.
Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,
and bring righteousness to the ground!
They hate the one who reproves in the gate,
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.
Therefore, because you trample on the poor
and take from them levies of grain,
you have built houses of hewn stone,
but you shall not live in them;
you have planted pleasant vineyards,
but you shall not drink their wine.
For I know how many are your transgressions,
and how great are your sins –
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,
and push aside the needy in the gate.
Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;
for it is an evil time.
Seek good and not evil,
that you may live;
and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you,
just as you have said.
Hate evil and love good,
and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

At the end the reader says: This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

All remain seated for THE PSALM: PSALM 90.13-17 *sung by the Choir*

All remain seated for THE SECOND READING: HEBREWS 4.12-16

A reading from the epistle to the Hebrews

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

At the end the reader says: This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

All stand to sing THE GRADUAL HYMN:

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible, hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**

**Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might,
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.**

**To all, life thou givest, to both great and small.
In all life thou livest, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but nought changeth thee.**

**Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All laud we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.**

All remain standing for THE GOSPEL READING.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark
Glory to you, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL: MARK 10.17-31

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, ‘Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?’ Jesus said to him, ‘Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: “You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother.”’ He said to Jesus, ‘Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.’ Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, ‘You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.’ When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, ‘How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!’ And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, ‘Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.’ They were greatly astounded and said to one another, ‘Then who can be saved?’ Jesus looked at them and said, ‘For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.’

Peter began to say to him, ‘Look, we have left everything and followed you.’ Jesus said, ‘Truly I tell you there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age – houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields – but with persecutions – and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Liturgy of Initiation

THE PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES

All stand. Each of the candidates is presented by one of the ministers to the bishop.

The bishop asks the candidates:

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

I have.

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

I am.

The bishop addresses the whole Congregation:

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

A large candle may be lit. 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.*

The bishop says:

May God who has given you the desire to follow Christ give you strength to continue in the Way. **Amen.**

All sing THE HYMN, during which the bishop, other ministers and all the candidates move to the font.

**Come, Holy Ghost, our hearts inspire,
let us thine influence prove;
source of the old prophetic fire,
fountain of life and love.**

**Come, Holy Ghost (for moved by thee
the prophets wrote and spoke),
unlock the truth, thyself the key,
unseal the sacred book.**

**Expand thy wings, celestial Dove,
brood o'er our nature's night;
on our disordered spirits move,
and let there now be light.**

**God, through the Spirit we shall know
if thou within us shine,
and sound, with all thy saints below,
the depths of love divine.**

THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess together with these candidates the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

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

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe and trust in 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. Amen.

The candidates are invited to approach the font and sign themselves with water. The bishop sprinkles the Congregation with water from the font as a reminder of our own baptism.

Almighty God, we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith with all who have been baptised into your name. Keep us faithful to our baptism, and so make us ready for that day when the whole creation shall be made perfect in your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The bishop, ministers and candidates, move to the place of confirmation.

THE CONFIRMATION

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, extending his hands towards those to be confirmed, 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 your 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 says to each candidate:

N., God has called you by name and made you his own.

and, with the laying-on of hands and anointing with the oils of holy chrism, says:

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

The bishop invites the congregation to pray for the candidates.

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.

THE COMMISSION

The bishop, addressing the newly confirmed, says:

Christ's faithful are called to worship and serve God.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all people, loving your neighbour as yourself?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you acknowledge Christ's authority over human society, by prayer for the world and its leaders, by defending the weak, and by seeking peace and justice?

With the help of God, I will.

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith, that you may be rooted and grounded in love and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit. **Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The prayers may be led in part by the newly confirmed. This response may be used:

Your kingdom come. **Your will be done.**

The bishop says the concluding prayer:

Grant, almighty Father, that we who celebrate the sacraments of your new covenant, may be built by your Spirit into a living temple made without hands, even the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Please wave or use a 'Namaste' greeting.

All sing THE OFFERTORY HYMN, Today's collection is taken in aid of the Ordination Candidates Fund, we have a contactless payment option or offerings can be made in the basket provided at the back of Church. Thank you!

Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken

**Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;**

**He, whose word cannot be broken,
formed thee for His own abode.**

**On the Rock of Ages founded,
what can shake thy sure repose?**

**With salvation's walls surrounded,
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.**

**See, the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters,
and all fear of want remove.**

**Who can faint while such a river
ever does their thirst assuage?
Grace which like the Lord, the giver,
never fails from age to age.**

**Round each habitation hovering,
see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a covering,
showing that the Lord is near.**

**Thus deriving from their banner
light by night and shade by day,
safe they feed upon the manna
which God gives them on their way.**

Saviour, if of Zion's city
 I, through grace, a member am,
 let the world deride or pity,
 I will glory in thy name.
 Fading is the worldling's pleasure,
 all its boasted pomp and show:
 solid joys and lasting treasure
 none but Zion's children know.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

The bread and wine are placed on the altar, and one or more prayers may be said. The bishop takes the bread and cup into his hands and replaces them on the altar.

All remain standing throughout THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER. The bishop says:

The Lord be with you.



All

And al - so with you.

Bishop

Lift up your hearts.



All

We lift _____ them to _____ the Lord.

Bishop

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



All

It is right _____ to give thanks _____ and praise _____

The bishop says the Preface:

... for ever praising you and saying:

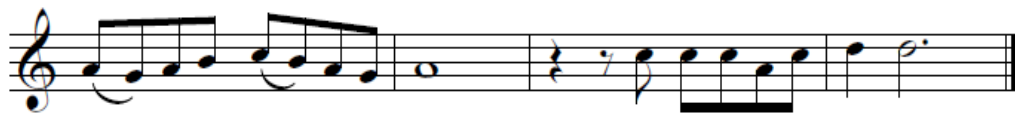




Heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est.



Bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

The bishop continues the Eucharistic Prayer.

Great is the mystery of faith.

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

The bishop continues the Eucharistic Prayer. All respond Amen.

The bishop introduces THE LORD'S PRAYER and all 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. 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, the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF BREAD

The bishop, breaking the consecrated bread, says:

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.

Agnus Dei

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have
mer - cy on us. Je - sus bear-er of our sins: have
mer - cy on us. Je - sus, re-deem-er of the
world: grant us your peace.

Before the distribution of Communion the bishop says:

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

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

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Then the members of the Congregation are invited to approach the Bishop to receive Communion as directed by the stewards.

The Church of England invites to Holy Communion all baptised persons who are communicant members of other Churches which subscribe to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity. Those who do not wish to receive Communion are invited to come for a (hands-free) blessing. Holy Communion is given in one kind only.

After Communion the bishop says: Let us pray.

All stand. The bishop says THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy and blessed God,
you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son
and filled us with your Holy Spirit:

may we honour you,
not only with our lips
but in lives dedicated to the service
of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE SENDING OUT

The bishop says THE 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 upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE GIVING OF A LIGHTED CANDLE

The bishop gives those newly confirmed a candle lit from the Paschal Candle.

When all have received a candle the bishop says:

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.

Go in the light and peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

All sing THE HYMN *during which the bishop leads the newly confirmed through the church*

**Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,
raise the glad strain: Alleluia!
Cry out, dominions, principedoms, powers,
virtues, archangels, angels' choirs:**

Refrain:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**O higher than the cherubim,
more glorious than the seraphim,
lead their praises: Alleluia!
Thou bearer of the eternal Word,
most gracious, magnify the Lord: [Refrain]**

**Respond, ye souls in endless rest,
forebears in faith and prophets blest,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong,
all saints triumphant, raise the song: [Refrain]**

**O friends, in gladness let us sing,
supernal anthems echoing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three-in-One: [Refrain]**

The ministers and people depart.

Please join us after the service
for a celebratory 'Pot-Luck' Lunch in the Crypt!



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