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**BISHOP'S VISITATION TO THE PARISH
CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

THE RIGHT REVEREND PETER EATON,
Bishop

THE REVEREND ALBERT R. CUTIÉ,
Rector

THE REVEREND DEBRA MCLAUGHLIN,
Deacon



WELCOME IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!

CONFIRMATION: THE SACRAMENTAL RITE IN WHICH THE CANDIDATES "EXPRESS A MATURE COMMITMENT TO CHRIST AND RECEIVE STRENGTH FROM THE HOLY SPIRIT THROUGH PRAYER AND THE LAYING ON OF HANDS BY A BISHOP" (BCP, P. 860). THOSE WHO WERE BAPTIZED AT AN EARLY AGE AND THOSE BAPTIZED AS ADULTS WITHOUT LAYING ON OF HANDS BY A BISHOP ARE EXPECTED TO MAKE A MATURE PUBLIC AFFIRMATION OF THEIR FAITH, RECOMMIT THEMSELVES TO THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THEIR BAPTISM, AND RECEIVE LAYING ON OF HANDS BY A BISHOP (BCP, P. 412). ADULTS BAPTIZED WITH THE LAYING ON OF HANDS BY A BISHOP ARE CONSIDERED TO BE CONFIRMED.

RECEPTION: THE PRAYER BOOK RITE FOR CONFIRMATION INCLUDES FORMS FOR RECEPTION AND THE REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL VOWS. IN SOME DIOCESES, THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY MADE A MATURE CHRISTIAN COMMITMENT IN ANOTHER DENOMINATION ARE RECOGNIZED AS MEMBERS OF THE ONE HOLY CATHOLIC AND APOSTOLIC CHURCH, AND RECEIVED INTO THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH AND THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION. MORE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE IN THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER (BCP, PP. 416-417) OUTLINE OF THE FAITH – ALSO KNOWN AS THE *CATECHISM* (BCP, PP. 845-862).

REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL VOWS: THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER REFERS TO THOSE PERSONS ALREADY BAPTIZED WHO ARE PRESENTED TO THE BISHOP IN THE CONTEXT OF A SERVICE OF BAPTISM OR CONFIRMATION TO REAFFIRM THEIR BAPTISMAL VOWS. THESE MIGHT BE PERSONS RETURNING TO THE CHURCH AFTER A PERIOD OF UNBELIEF OR THOSE WHO HAVE ENTERED A NEW LEVEL OF SPIRITUAL LIFE. THE BCP DOES NOT SPECIFY WHO THESE PERSONS ARE, AND A VARIETY OF INTERPRETATION EXISTS. THE BCP PROVIDES A FORM TO BE USED FOR REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL VOWS INSTEAD OF THE CONFIRMATION FORMULA (BCP, P. 419). THE WORD "RENEWAL" RATHER THAN "REAFFIRMATION" IS USED TO DESCRIBE THE REAFFIRMING OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT BY THE ENTIRE CONGREGATION AT BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION, OR THE EASTER VIGIL (BCP, P. 292).

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST

PRELUDE: “All Creatures of our God and King”

Hymnal 400

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

Hymnal 362

THE WORD OF GOD

The people standing, the Bishop says

Bishop Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
People **And blessed be his Kingdom, now and for ever. 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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF GENESIS

Genesis: 1:1-2:4a

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. And God said, “Let the waters bring

forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.” So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM 8 *Domine, Dominus noster*

- 1 O LORD our Governor, *
how exalted is your Name in all the world!
- 2 Out of the mouths of infants and children *
your majesty is praised above the heavens.
- 3 You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, *
to quell the enemy and the avenger.
- 4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, *
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
- 5 What is man that you should be mindful of him? *
the son of man that you should seek him out?
- 6 You have made him but little lower than the angels; *
you adorn him with glory and honor;
- 7 You give him mastery over the works of your hands; *
you put all things under his feet:
- 8 All sheep and oxen, *
even the wild beasts of the field,
- 9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, *
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.
- 10 O LORD our Governor, *
how exalted is your Name in all the world!

A READING FROM THE SECOND LETTER OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS **2 Corinthians 13:11-13**

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN: “**Come, Thou Almighty King!**”

Hymnal 365, verses 1, 2, 3

+ THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

Matthew 28:16-20

People: **Glory to You, Lord Christ.**

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

The Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

POST GOSPEL RESPONSE: “**Come, Thou Almighty King!**”

Hymnal 365, verse 4

THE SERMON / HOMILY

The Right Reverend Peter Eaton

THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

Bishop The Candidates will now be presented.

Presenters **I present these persons for confirmation.**

I present these persons to be received into this Communion.

The Bishop asks the candidates

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.**

After all have been presented, the Bishop addresses the congregation, saying

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 Bishop then says

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?

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

The Bishop then says to the congregation

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

Priest Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

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

People Lord, hear our prayer.

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

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Then 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

The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant *N.* with your Holy Spirit; empower *him* for your service; and sustain *him* all the days of *his* life. **Amen.**

FOR RECEPTION

N., 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.**

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE RECTOR

THE OFFERTORY

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM: **"I AM!"**

Chancel Choir: **G. Shepherd, arr.**

DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below: Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen!

HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

BCP 361

Bishop The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Bishop Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him 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. 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. 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, God of hosts
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.

Then the Bishop continues

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."

Bishop

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Bishop continues

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 the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Benedict, and 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.**

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.**

Bishop Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Agnus Dei Lamb of God (sung)

Bishop The gifts of God for the people of God.

ALL ARE WELCOME

All Baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion. If you do not wish to receive Holy Communion and wish to receive a blessing, please cross your arms across your chest to indicate that you would like a blessing.

COMMUNION HYMN: **“In Remembrance of Me”**

LEVAS 149

MEDITATION AFTER COMMUNION: **“Father I Adore You”**

1. Father, I adore You;
Lay my life before You.
How I love You!

2. Jesus, I adore You...
3. Spirit, I adore You...

A special offering will now be taken for The Bishop’s Special Assistance Fund.

Bishop Let us pray.
All **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

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

People Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Hymnal 423, verses 1, 2, 4

POSTLUDE

Immediately after the service, the Bishop will take photographs with the candidates and their families. All are welcome to a special reception and Coffee Hour following the service in the Parish Hall.

Congratulations to all our confirmands, those received into our Communion at this celebration.

May God continue to bless you as you seek to follow Jesus each day!

