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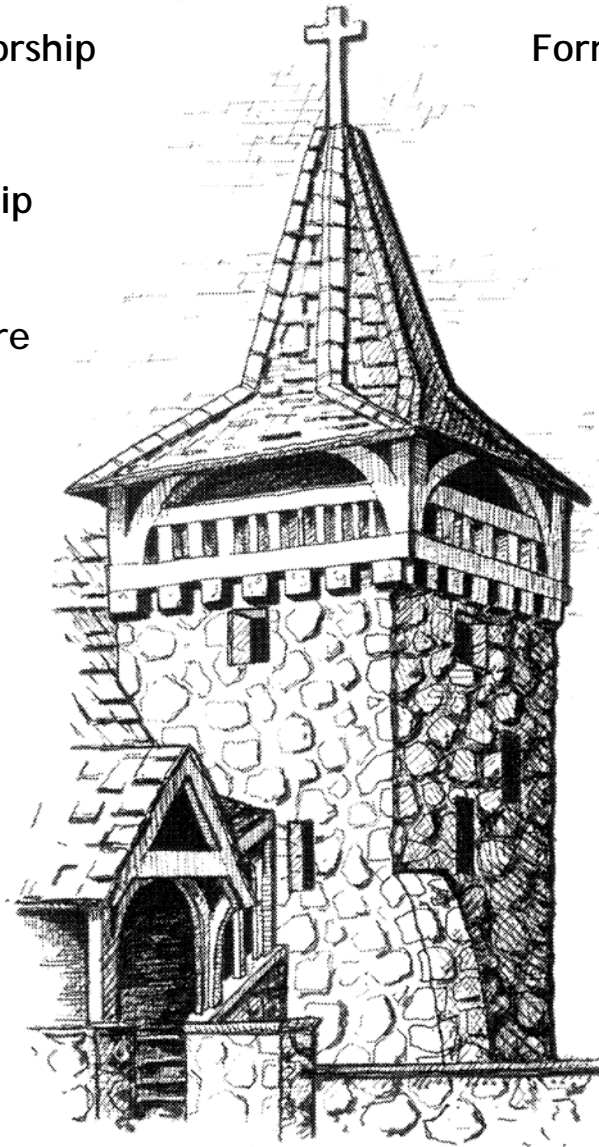
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for those who will come to know and serve Christ tomorrow.*

# The Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 9, 2024

NINE-THIRTY IN THE MORNING

## Confirmation and the Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

*Prayer Book page numbers refer to the red Book of Common Prayer. Complete music for the hymns and service music are found in the blue Hymnal or the green softbound volume, "Wonder, Love and Praise."*

*We welcome as our celebrant and preacher today the Right Reverend Katharine Jefferts Schorri – Assisting Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles.*

Voluntary: Prelude

Henry Coleman

*The Great Bell "Bethlehem" sounds, calling the community to prayer. The people stand at the sound of small bell and sing*

The Processional Hymn # 594

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The Word of God

Prayer Book page 413

*The people standing, the Bishop says* Blessed be God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be his (God's) kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*The Bishop then continues* 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.**

*The hymn is sung, all standing* The Gloria in Excelsis Deo (*Music is found in the Hymnal at "S-280"*)

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,**

**we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,**

**you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;**

**you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,**

**you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,**

**with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Prayer Book page # 229

*The Celebrant says to the people* The Lord be with you. *People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

Prayer Book page # 357

*The people sit. Two Lessons, as appointed, are read. After each Reading, the Reader may say*

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

## A Reading from the Book of Genesis (3:8-15)

The Gradual Psalm 130 De profundis

Prayer Book page # 784

The congregation will sing the psalm using simplified Anglican chant.



1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my **voice**; \*  
let your ears consider well the voice of my suppli-**ca-tion**.

2 If you, Lord, were to note what is done a-**miss**, \* O Lord, who could **stand**?

3 For there is forgiveness with **you**; \* therefore you shall be **feared**.

4 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for **him**; \* in his word is my **hope**.

5 My soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen for the **morning**, \*  
more than watchmen for the **morning**.

6 O Israel, wait for the **Lord**, \* for with the Lord there is **mercy**;

7 With him there is plenteous re-**demption**, \* and he shall redeem Israel from all their **sins**.

## A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians (4:13 - 5:1)

The People stand and sing

The Sequence Hymn No. 691

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Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (3:20-35)**

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

After the Gospel, the Reader says The Gospel of the Lord. People **Praise to you, Lord Christ**.

## The Sermon

The Right Rev'd Katharine Jefferts Schorri

## The Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

Prayer Book page 415

The Bishop says -The Candidates will now be presented.

Presenters We present *these persons* for Confirmation.

The Bishop asks the candidates Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidate 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.

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.

## The Baptismal Covenant

Prayer Book page 304

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.**

## **The Prayers for the Candidates**

**Prayer Book page 305**

*The Bishop then says to the congregation*

Let us now pray for these persons who 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.**

*Silence may be kept. 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 the following or similar words*

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.*

*or this*

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

*Then the Bishop says this or a similar 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

**Prayer Book page # 360**

## The Holy Communion

**Prayer Book page # 361**

*The Celebrant begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture. During the Offertory, the following will be sung:*  
Swing Low, Sweet Chariot *setting: Jay Althouse*

*Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the Altar. The people stand while the offerings are presented and sing the following*

### The Offertory Hymn No. 380 (verse 3)

OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

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

## The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer A

**Prayer Book page # 361**

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says*

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.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. (*Here a proper preface is said.*) 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* *(Music is found in the Hymnal at "S-125")*

**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 remain standing, or kneel. Then the Celebrant 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

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

*The Celebrant 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 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 for ever. **AMEN.**

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

*People and Celebrant*

*(Music is found in the Hymnal at “S-119”)*

**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**

**Prayer Book page # 364**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then may be said*

[Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; **Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]**

*The following Fraction Anthem will be sung* (Music is found in the Hymnal at “S-157”)

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, **have mercy on us.**  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, **have mercy on us.**  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, **grant us thy peace.**

*Facing the people, the Celebrant 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.

*All are welcome to come forward and receive of this sacrament of Christ’s Presence or receive a blessing. If you wish to receive a blessing or not receive from the Cup, please indicate by crossing your arms before you. Gluten-free hosts are available – please inform the priest distributing communion if you would prefer to receive in this kind. Ascension has returned to receiving Communion in both kinds. Our parishioners have choices. One option is to continue to receive in one kind. A second option is to receive from the common cup. A third option will be for individuals and households to receive in a small chalice, which will have a small amount of consecrated wine poured into it from the common cruet. Folks may choose to bring from home a glass or cup that holds special significance or to use a small glass which we have available. Please note – the practice of Intinction (where a parishioner dips the bread in the wine) is not permitted under diocesan guidelines.*

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [*Amen.*] The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [*Amen.*]

*For those viewing on Facebook Live, here is the prayer for spiritual Communion –*

**Lord Jesus Christ, you have instituted for us a great sacrament in your promise of life and love, which we remember now as we hear your words again: “This is my body; this is my blood — given for you.” Feed us in our hearts with faith and trust, draw us closer to you and to each other, and strengthen us for service to our neighbor. We come before you now, with hearts you have fed all our lives with the promise that you have given yourself for us. Keep us strong in that faith until we can meet at your table again. Amen.**  
(From ELCA Bishop Ray Erwin)

*After Communion, the people stand and sing*

**Hymn No. 209**

ST. BOTOLPH

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

**Prayer Book page # 365**

Let us pray.

*Celebrant 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 people then stand and sing*

**The Final Hymn No. 347**

LITTON

*The Celebrant may bless the people. The People are dismissed with these or similar words.*

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. *People* **Thanks be to God.**

The Voluntary: Finale in D Minor

Eric Thiman

*Once the procession has retired from the church, the People are invited to remain for the Voluntary.*

*Following the Voluntary, the Angelus will be rung.*

### The Angelus

☩. An angel of the LORD spoke to Mary,     ℞. And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Greetings, gracious Mary; the LORD is with you: you are a favored woman, and favored is your son, Jesus.\* Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the time of our death.

☩. See the handmaid of the LORD.     ℞. May it be done to me according to your word.

Greetings, gracious Mary; ....

☩. And the Word was made flesh.     ℞. And dwelt among us.

Greetings, gracious Mary; .....

☩. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.     ℞. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

O LORD, you made known to us the incarnation of your Son, the Christ, by the message of an angel: pour your grace into our hearts, that we may be brought by his passion and cross to the glory of resurrection; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Please join us in the parish hall for coffee hour hosted by Lynne Holl.*

*The altar flowers this week are given by Jean Rowe in memory of her father Ray Hendrickson and by Robin Kassabian in Thanksgiving.*

# Announcements for the Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 9, 2024

**IF YOU ARE VISITING US TODAY**, we welcome you in the Name of Christ and invite all persons to share in the Sacrament of our Lord's Body and Blood. Holy Baptism is the way we acknowledge our fellowship and communion in Christ's Church. If you are interested in being baptized or wish to discuss your faith journey, please speak to the Rector, Canon Bamberger.

**ASCENSION WELCOMES CHILDREN** – There are toys in the “Prayground” towards the back of the church and in the side chapel for small children in need of distraction, and a rocking chair for those in need of consolation. And sometimes parents and kids need to feel free to step outside and take a breather! All children are welcome to come forward and receive communion or a blessing.

**THE TUESDAY NIGHT DINNER GROUP** will gather together at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at Corfu Restaurant, located at 48 West Sierra Madre Blvd., here in town. Please RSVP to Ray Smith at [ray@madre.net](mailto:ray@madre.net) or Ray's cell phone # 626-233-1035. All are welcome.

**BETWEEN THE MASSES** - The adult discussion group usually meets during the hour between the 8:00 am service and the 10:15 am service in the Parish Hall.

**WEEKLY SERVICES: HOLY EUCHARIST:** Sunday, 8:00 & 10:15a.m.; Thursday, 8:15a.m.

**CELEBRATING THE SAINTS FOR THE COMING WEEK** (taken from Lesser Feasts and Fasts 2022):  
**6/10 – Ephrem of Edessa** (*Deacon, 373*) **6/11 – St. Barnabas** **6/12 – Emmagahbowh** (*Priest and missionary, 1902*) **6/14 – Basil the Great** (*Bishop of Caesarea, 379*) **6/15 – Evelyn Underhill** (*Theologian, 1941*)

**LESSONS NEXT WEEK:** Ezekiel 17:22-24 Psalm 92:1-4, 11-14 2 Corinthians 5:6-17 Mark 4:26-34

**LEADERSHIP:** *Rector:* The Very Reverend Canon Michael A. Bamberger, M. Div.;

*Assisting the Rector:* The Reverend Canon Deacon Ed Sniecienski

*Parish Administrator:* Ms. Kim Lumino; *Director of Music and Organist:* Mr. Robert Williamson;  
*Administrative Coordinator:* Mrs. Jean Rowe; *Altar Guild Director:* Mrs. Lynne Holl; *Senior Warden:* Mr. Gordon Tomaske; *Junior Warden:* Mr. Cameron Cox; *Treasurer:* Mr. Eric Mulfinger;

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