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St Alban's Gossops Green & Bewbush

Holy Eucharist with Confirmation

President and Preacher
The Rt Revd Ruth Bushyager
Bishop of Horsham

5th June 2022
9.45



*Celebrating God's love in the
heart of the community*

We welcome especially the candidates for this Service of Confirmation, along with their families and friends. We rejoice with them at this significant moment on their journey of Christian faith and discipleship.

Confirmation marks the point in the Christian journey at which the participation in the life of God's people inaugurated at baptism is confirmed by the bishop by the laying on of hands, and in which those who have been baptised affirm for themselves the faith into which they have been baptised and their intention to live a life of responsible and committed discipleship. Through prayer and the laying on of hands by the confirming bishop, the Church also asks God to give them power through the Holy Spirit to enable them to live in this way.

Before the service begins, please take time to pray for the candidates and their life in Christ.

Emily Cook

Oliver Cook

ORDER OF SERVICE

*Members of the congregation are invited to join in texts printed in **bold**.*

Preparation

Stand as the Ministers and Bishop enter.

Hymn

**1 Come down, O love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.**

**2 O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let they glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.**

**3 Let holy charity
mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.**

**4 And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling,
for none can guess its grace,
till he become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.**

Bianco da Siena (d. 1434)

The Greeting

The Bishop greets the people (who remain standing):

In the name of the Father
and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

There is one body and one spirit.

There is one hope to which we are called;

one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
one God and Father of all.

Peace be with you
and also with you.

Invitation to confession

We have too often exchanged the worship of the living God for idols of our own imagining. As we gather to offer our praises to the holy and undivided Trinity, and to worship him in spirit and in truth, let us call to mind our sins.

Father, you come to meet us when we return to you:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus, you died on the cross for our sins:
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Spirit, you give us life and peace:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you † pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness
and keep you in life eternal. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria in excelsis

**Gloria, (clap) gloria, (clap) in excelsis Deo.
Gloria, (clap) gloria, (clap) in excelsis Deo.**

**1 Lord God, heavenly King, peace you bring to us;
we worship you, we give you thanks
we sing our song of praise.**

**2 Jesus, Saviour of all, Lord God, Lamb of God
you take away our sins, O Lord, have mercy on us all.**

**3 At the Father's right hand, Lord receive our prayer,
for you alone are the Holy One, and you alone are Lord.**

**4 Glory Father and Son, Glory Holy Spirit,
to you we raise our hands up high, we glorify your name.**

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The Collect

The Bishop says:

Let us pray.

All remain standing for a period of silent prayer.

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,
ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,
revive your Church with the breath of love,
and renew the face of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Sit

The Liturgy of the Word

New Testament reading

Acts 2.1-21

At the end the reader says:

This is the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

*We sing **Alleluia, alleluia; alleluia, alleluia.***

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

John 14.8–17

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

given by

The Bishop of Horsham, the Right Reverend Ruth Bushyager

Remain seated

The Liturgy of Initiation

Presentation of the Candidates

The congregation remains seated and the candidates stand.

The Bishop sits and asks the candidates for confirmation:

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

Candidates respond I have.

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

Candidates respond I am.

The congregation stands.

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

The Bishop addresses 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?

Candidates respond I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

Candidates respond I renounce them.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

Candidates respond I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

Candidates respond I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

Candidates respond I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

Candidates respond I come to Christ.

The Bishop says:

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

Profession of Faith

The Bishop addresses the congregation:

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.**

Then the Bishop says:

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 Confirmation

The Bishop stands before those who are to be confirmed, and says:

Our help is in the name of the Lord
who has made heaven and earth.

Blessed be the name of the Lord
now and forever. Amen.

The Bishop extends her hands towards those to be confirmed and 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.

Members of the congregation are asked to continue praying silently for the candidates as they are confirmed.

The Bishop addresses each candidate by name:

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

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

She then lays her hand on the head of each, saying:

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

The Bishop then anoints each candidate with the oil of Chrism.

The Bishop invites the congregation to pray for all those on whom hands have been laid:

**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**

Then they are then welcomed with applause.

Stand

The Peace

The Bishop says:

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.

The Bishop says:

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

The Preparation of the Table

Hymn

during which the bread and wine are placed on the altar

**I God's Spirit is in my heart.
He has called me and set me apart.
This is what I have to do,
what I have to do.**

***He sent me to give the Good News to the poor,
tell prisoners that they are prisoners no more,
tell blind people that they can see,
and set the downtrodden free.
And go tell everyone
the news that the Kingdom of God has come,
And go tell everyone
the news that God's Kingdom has come.***

**2 Just as the Father sent me,
so I'm sending you out to be
my witnesses throughout the world,
the whole of the world.**

He sent me...

**3 Don't carry a load in your pack,
you don't need two shirts on your back.
A workman can earn his own keep,
can earn his own keep.**

He sent me...

**4 Don't worry what you have to say,
don't worry because on that day
God's Spirit will speak in your heart,
will speak in your heart.**

He sent me...

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The Eucharistic Prayer

The Bishop says:

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, almighty and eternal Father, and in these days of Easter to celebrate with joyful hearts the memory of your wonderful works.

For by the mystery of his passion Jesus Christ, your risen Son, has conquered the powers of death and hell and restored in men and women the image of your glory. He has placed them once more in paradise and opened to them the gate of life eternal.

And so, in the joy of this Passover, earth and heaven resound with gladness, while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

**Holy, holy, holy, holy
Lord of power, Lord of might.
Heav'n and earth are filled with glory.
Sing hosanna evermore.**

**Blest and holy, blest and holy,
He who comes from God on high
Raise your voices, sing his glory,
Praise his name for evermore.**

Israeli Mass, Anthony Hamson

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:

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.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

The Bishop says:

Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Alban
and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Remain standing as silence is kept.

The Lord's Prayer

The Bishop introduces the prayer and all respond:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and for ever.
Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

The Bishop 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.**

The Agnus Dei is sung.

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin, the sin of all the world.
Give us mercy, give us mercy,
give us mercy Lamb of God. (repeat)**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin, the sin of all the world.
Grant us peace Lord, grant us peace Lord,
grant us peace, O Lamb of God.**

Israeli Mass, Anthony Hamson

Giving of Communion

The Bishop invites the people to receive the Holy Communion, saying:

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

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

We receive communion standing in a semi-circle in front of the altar.

All baptised Christians who receive communion in their own churches are welcome to receive communion.

Any member of the congregation may come to receive a blessing; if you come forward for a blessing, please keep your head bowed.

During Communion, a hymn is sung.

Hymn

***Spirit of God, unseen as the wind,
gentle as is the dove,
give us your joy and give us your peace,
show to us Jesus' love.***

**1 You inspired men, long, long ago,
they then proclaimed your word;
we see their lives serving mankind:
through them your voice is heard.**

Spirit of God...

**2 Without your help, we fail our Lord,
we cannot live His way.
we need your power, we need your strength,
following Christ each day.**

Spirit of God...

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Silence is kept after communion.

Prayer after Communion

The Bishop says:

Let us pray.

Stand

Faithful God,
who fulfilled the promises of Easter
by sending us your Holy Spirit
and opening to every race and nation
the way of life eternal:
open our lips by your Spirit,
that every tongue may tell of your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Blessing

The Bishop says

The Lord be with you.
And also with you

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who has made heaven and earth.

Blessed be the name of the Lord,
now and forever. Amen.

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 Vicar says:

Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Hymn

during which the Choir, Ministers and Bishop leave.

**1 The Spirit lives to set us free,
walk, walk in the light.
He binds us all in unity,
walk, walk in the light.**

***Walk in the light, walk in the light,
Walk in the light, walk in the light of the Lord.***

**2 Jesus promised life to all,
walk, walk in the light.
The dead were wakened by his call,
walk, walk in the light.**

Walk in the light...

**3 He died in pain on Calvary,
walk, walk in the light.
To save the lost like you and me,
walk, walk in the light.**

Walk in the light...

**4 We know his death was not the end,
walk, walk in the light.
He gave his Spirit to be our friend,
walk, walk in the light.**

Walk in the light...

**5 By Jesus' love our wounds are healed,
walk, walk in the light.
The Father's kindness is revealed,
walk, walk in the light.**

Walk in the light...

**6 The Spirit lives in you and me,
walk, walk in the light.
His light will shine for all to see,
walk, walk in the light.**

Walk in the light...

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Following the service there will be an opportunity
for photographs and presentations
with the Bishop and newly confirmed.

The congregation are warmly invited
to stay for refreshments after the service.
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