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Opening Eucharist with Confirmations
Friday, October 20, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.
Hosted by St. Paul’s Cathedral – Des Moines, Iowa
with streaming available – www.iowaepiscopal.org

Organ Voluntary *Variations on ‘All Creatures of Our God and King’* Charles Callahan

Hymn *Tell Out My Soul* Hymn 437

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**
Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;
People **There is one hope in God’s call to us;**
Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People **One God and Father of all.**

GLORIA (in the front section of the Hymnal) S236

A Song of Praise *Benedictus es, Domine*
 Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;
 you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
 Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;
 we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
 Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;
 on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
 Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim;
 we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
 Glory to you, beholding the depths; in the high vault of heaven,
 Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
 we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever. Glory to you!

Celebrant God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Reading Ezekiel 37:1-10

Reader *A reading from the Book of Ezekiel*

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord God, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.'

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 139: 1-11, 22-23 *Domine, probasti*

Mode 3 **Refrain**

Lord, you have searched me out and known me.

from Gradual Psalms for the RCL, ed. Bruce E. Ford, Church Publishing Incorporated

LORD, you have searched me out and known me; *

you know my sitting down and my rising up;

you discern my thoughts from afar.

You trace my journeys and my resting-places *

and are acquainted with all my ways.

Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *

but you, O LORD, know it altogether.

REFRAIN

You press upon me behind and before *

and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *

it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

Where can I go then from your Spirit? *

where can I flee from your presence?

REFRAIN

If I climb up to heaven, you are there; *
 if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.
 If I take the wings of the morning *
 and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
 Even there your hand will lead me *
 and your right hand hold me fast. REFRAIN
 If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, *
 and the light around me turn to night,"
 Darkness is not dark to you;
 the night is as bright as the day; *
 darkness and light to you are both alike. REFRAIN
 Search me out, O God, and know my heart; *
 try me and know my restless thoughts.
 Look well whether there be any wickedness in me *
 and lead me in the way that is everlasting. REFRAIN

The Second Reading Ephesians 4:7,11-16

Reader A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians

But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn

O Christ, the Word Incarnate

Hymn 632

The Gospel *the people stand*

Luke 4: 16-21

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
 because he has anointed me
 to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to set free those who are oppressed,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

People The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rt. Rev. Betsey Monnot

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

The Bishop says

The Candidates will now be presented.

Presenters I present (N.) for Confirmation.

The Bishop asks the candidates:

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidate **I do.**

The 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.**

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.

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
People

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
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
People

Do you believe in God 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.

Bishop
People

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread,
and in the prayers?
I will, with God's help.

Bishop
People

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and
return to the Lord?
I will, with God's help.

Bishop
People

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
I will, with God's help.

Bishop
People

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
I will, with God's help.

Bishop
People

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of
every human being?
I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidates

The Bishop then says to the congregation

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

A Person appointed leads the following petitions

Leader
People

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

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 have 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 *them* for your service; and sustain *them* all the days of their life. **Amen.**

The Bishop concludes with this prayer

Almighty and everlasting 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 is then exchanged

Bishop The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Welcome and announcements

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The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence *Celebrant*

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*

Offertory Anthem

How Shall I Sing That Majesty

J.R. Daniels

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer

Enriching Our Worship, I

The people remain standing throughout, as able. The Celebrant, facing them, 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 our thanks and praise.

Then, the Celebrant continues:

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God,
source of life and fountain of mercy.

Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your children,
made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us in to all truth.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation,
we lift our voices with all creation as we say:

Sanctus

(in the front section of the Hymnal)

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Celebrant and People:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues:

Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of the universe and giver of life.

You formed us in your own image
and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care
that we might be your faithful stewards
and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image
in one another and in ourselves;
we would not see your goodness in the world around us;
and so we violated your creation,
abused one another,
and rejected your love.
Yet you never ceased to care for us,
and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah
you called us into covenant with you.
You delivered us from slavery,
sustained us in the wilderness,
and raised up prophets
to renew your promise of salvation.
Then, in the fullness of time,
you sent your eternal Word,
made mortal flesh in Jesus.
Born into the human family,
and dwelling among us,
he revealed your glory.

Giving himself freely to death on the cross,
he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.
On the night before he died for us,
Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said:
"Take, eat:
This is my Body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."
As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

Remembering his death and resurrection,
we now present to you from your creation
this bread and this wine.

By your Holy Spirit may they be for us
the Body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that we who share these gifts
may be filled with the Holy Spirit
and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage
of your daughters and sons,
that with all your saints,

past, present, and yet to come,
we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honor, glory, and praise,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The service continues with the Lord's Prayer

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

**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.**

**Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

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

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

**We who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.**

Fraction Anthem

(in the front section of the Hymnal)

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**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.**

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation
The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The ministers deliver the Sacrament to the people either at the altar rail or in place, as desired. The Bread and the Cup is 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]**

All who seek a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion by moving forward to the altar rail or by remaining in your place and indicating to an usher that you would like to receive. Wine is offered by sipping from the chalice or by dipping your host wafer into the intinction bowl. Alternatively, you are welcome to receive a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest. If you are not yet baptized and feel drawn to receive Holy Communion, please speak with a priest after the service about baptism. After the people receive Communion a period of silent reflection is kept.

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love You above all things, and long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Communion Music

Communion Anthem

I Shall See

Michael John Trotta

Communion Hymn

Thou, Who at Thy First Eucharist Didst Pray

Hymn 315

Post Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray.

**God of abundance,
you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us
with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth
in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The Blessing

The Bishop blesses the people, first saying

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

People

The maker of heaven and earth.

Bishop

Blessed be the Name of the Lord;

People

From this time forth for evermore.

Bishop

The blessing, mercy, and grace of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon
you, and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Hymn 594

God of Grace and God of Glory

Hymn 594

Sending

Deacon

Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord! Alleluia, alleluia!

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Organ Voluntary

Toccata on 'All Creatures of Our God and King'

Charles Callahan