



# THE CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATION

Saturday, October 12, 2024 at 11:00 AM

The Right Reverend R. William Franklin  
*Assisting Bishop of Long Island*

CATHEDRAL OF THE INCARNATION  
Garden City, New York

## VOLUNTARY

*The hymns are found either the blue Hymnal 1982 or the red & green hymnals Lift Every Voice and Sing, both of which are found under the seats. We encourage your strong participation in all the sung and spoken parts of this Liturgy.*

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN 657

*Hyfrydol*

## THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Bishop* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be God's 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.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Bishop* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Bishop* Let us pray.

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rant, Almighty God, that we, who have been redeemed from the old life of sin by our baptism into the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, may be renewed in your Holy Spirit, and live in righteousness and true holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*People* **Amen.**

*Please be seated for the readings.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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THE FIRST LESSON

*Isaiah 61:1-9*

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he spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion — to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. Strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, foreigners shall till your land and dress your vines; but you shall be called priests of the Lord, you shall be named ministers of our God; you shall enjoy the wealth of the nations, and in their riches you shall glory. Because their shame was double, and dishonor was proclaimed as their lot, therefore they shall possess a double portion; everlasting joy shall be theirs. For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 104

From "*A Portland Psalter*"

*The refrain is intoned by the Cantor, repeated by all, then sung as indicated in the text below*



O Lord, how manifold are your works! in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, creatures both small and great. **(refrain)**

All of them look to you to give them their food in due season. You give it to them; they gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled with good things. **(refrain)**

You hide your face, and they are terrified; you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust. You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth. **(refrain)**

THE EPISTLE

*Romans 12:1-8*

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appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN 516

*Down Ampney*

*Deacon*      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

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If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.

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

THE SERMON

The Right Reverend R. William Franklin,  
*Assisting Bishop*

THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF CANDIDATES

*The congregation remains seated as the candidates and their presenters stand.*

*Bishop* The Candidates will now be presented.

*Sponsors* **I present these persons for Confirmation.**

*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.**

*The congregation is invited to stand.*

*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 BAPTISMAL COVENANT

*Bishop* Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own 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.**

#### THE PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

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

*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.**

*Bishop* 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.

*People* **Amen.**

*The Candidates for Confirmation now come forward as directed. The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says:*

For Confirmation

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

*At the conclusion of Confirmation those who have been confirmed STAND and the Bishop concludes with this prayer.*

*Bishop* 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.

*People* **Amen.**

THE PEACE

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

*People* **And also with you.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

*The Offertory Hymn is found in the red, green and black Hymnals,  
Lift Every Voice and Sing*

THE OFFERTORY HYMN 189 IN LEVAS II

*Great is thy faithfulness*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

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*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 our thanks and praise.**

*The Bishop says the Preface, and at the conclusion ALL sing:*

THE SANCTUS, S 125

Richard Proulx

*Midway through the Eucharistic Prayer, the Bishop says:*

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

*People* **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

*Bishop* Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* **Therefore, let us keep the feast, Alleluia.**

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*In the Episcopal Church, all baptized Christians are welcome to come forward for Communion. Please follow the directions of the ushers to proceed to the altar.*

COMMUNION HYMN 490

*Houston*

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Bishop* Let us pray

*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 BLESSING

*Bishop* 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.

*People* **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN 473

*Crucifer*

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

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

*Congratulations to all those who have been  
Confirmed at today's celebration.*



**Bushwick Abbey**

*To be confirmed:* Mathieu Shifera, John Musgrove, Tiaryn Daniels, Michael Ashley

**St. Gabriel, Brooklyn**

*To be confirmed:* Malcolm Alexander Husband Arias, Emily Badea Brro,  
Imani Jiovani Christian, Xavier G. Christian, Malike Omari Timothy Cummings, Mikaylah  
Olinka Cummings, Travis Christopher Fredericks,  
Isabella Teresa Gallardo, Xen Veronica Charmaine Llewelyn,  
Madison Patricia Moise

**St. George, Brooklyn**

*To be confirmed:* Jenell M. Campbell, Chadae Woodberry, Nahla Taylor,  
Arianne Nalani Simone Nesbitt

**All Saints Great Neck**

*To be confirmed:* Wonjung Anthony Seo, Miyeon Anne Seo

**Church of the Transfiguration, Freeport**

*To be confirmed:* Ja'nai Doris, Milania Doris, Elijah Nobles, Peyton Thompson

**St. Paul, Roosevelt**

*To be confirmed:* Marguerita Jackman

