



May 5, 2024

Confirmation Sunday

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## Prelude

### Processional Hymn *Please Stand*

“This Is the Day”

♪ This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made.  
We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.  
This is the day that the Lord has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it.  
This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.

♪ This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made.  
We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.  
This is the day that the Lord has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it.  
This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.

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## Invocation

This is the day that the LORD has made;

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

*Psalm 118:24*

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

*Matthew 28:19b*

**Amen.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## Confession and Absolution

Let us confess our sins to God, our Father.

**Gracious God, in heartfelt repentance we admit and confess our sinfulness. We are sin-stained people by nature. Each day we have sinned and done things we ought not to have done and have not done that which we are to have been doing as Your servants. We have not seen people in the loving way that You see them. We have not always been ready to care and quick to help. We do indeed deserve Your punishment in this life and for eternity. Trusting in Your mercy, we come to You for forgiveness. Our trust is in the merits of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Abide with us and grant us forgiveness of all our sins. By the power of the Holy Spirit at work within our hearts and lives, lead us into ways that reflect Your goodness and love.**

**Amen.**

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## Prayer

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

**O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## Hymn of Praise *Please Be Seated*

“Glorify Your Name”

♪ Father, we love You, we worship and adore You,  
Glorify Your name in all the earth. Glorify Your name, Glorify Your name,  
Glorify Your name in all the earth.

♪ Jesus, we love You, we worship and adore You,  
Glorify Your name in all the earth. Glorify Your name, Glorify Your name,  
Glorify Your name in all the earth.

♪ Spirit, we love You, we worship and adore You,  
Glorify Your name in all the earth. Glorify Your name, Glorify Your name,  
Glorify Your name in all the earth.

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## First Reading

Acts 10:34–48

<sup>34</sup>So Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), <sup>37</sup>you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

<sup>44</sup>While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. <sup>46</sup>For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, <sup>47</sup>“Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” <sup>48</sup>And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## The Epistle

1 John 5:1–8

<sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. <sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup>For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. <sup>4</sup>For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

<sup>6</sup>This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. <sup>7</sup>For there are three that testify: <sup>8</sup>the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual Hymn

“Seek Ye First”

♪ Seek ye first the kingdom of God, And His righteousness.  
And all these things shall be added unto you! Allelu, alleluia!

♪ Ask and it shall be given unto you, Seek and ye shall find.  
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

♪ Man does not live by bread alone, But by ev’ry word  
That proceeds from the mouth of the Lord. Allelu, alleluia!

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## Holy Gospel *Please Stand*

John 15:9–17

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>9</sup>As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

<sup>12</sup>“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. <sup>17</sup>These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Confirmation Essays *Please Be Seated*

Holy Baptism  
Office of the Keys  
Apostles’ Creed

Alivia Ramon  
Case Carter  
Carson Bryant

## Children’s Message

## Handbell Choir

### The Hymn

“Thine Forever, God of Love”

- ♪ Thine forever, God of love! Hear us from Thy throne above;  
Thine forever may we be Here and in eternity!
- ♪ Thine forever! Oh, how blest They who find in Thee their rest!  
Savior, guardian, heavn’ly friend, O defend us to the end!
- ♪ Thine forever, Lord of life! Shield us through our earthly strife.  
Thou, the life, the truth, the way, Guide us to the realms of day.
- ♪ Thine forever! Shepherd, keep These Thy frail and trembling sheep;  
Safe alone beneath Thy care, Let us all Thy goodness share.
- ♪ Thine forever! Thou our guide, All our wants by Thee supplied,  
All our sins by Thee forgiv’n; Lead us, Lord, from earth to heav’n.

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### Proclamation of the Word

“Breaking the Beast of Burden”  
(From “I have to...” To “I get to...”)

1 John 5:1–8

### Offering and Musical Offering

### Rite of Confirmation

Alivia Ramon  
Case Carter  
Carson Bryant

### Admonition to Communicants *Please Stand*

### Lord’s Prayer

### Sanctus Hymn *Music: “Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name” Hymn 917* “Isaiah, Mighty Seer”

- ♪ Isaiah, mighty seer in days of old, The Lord of all in spirit did behold  
High on a lofty throne, in splendor bright,  
With robes that filled the temple courts with light.
- ♪ Above the throne were flaming seraphim; Six wings had they, these messengers of Him.  
With two they veiled their faces as was right,  
With two they humbly hid their feet from sight.
- ♪ And with the other two aloft they soared; One to the other called and praised the Lord:  
“Holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth!  
Holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth!
- ♪ Holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth! His glory fills the heavens and the earth!”  
The beams and lintels trembled at the cry.  
And clouds of smoke enwrapped the throne on high.

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## Words of Our Lord

### The Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

### Agnus Dei

Risen and living Lord, Jesus Christ,

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

Risen and living Lord, Jesus Christ,

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

Risen and living Lord, Jesus Christ,

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, grant us peace. Amen.**

### Distribution Hymn *Please Be Seated*

“Break Thou the Bread of Life”

♪ Break Thou the bread of life, Dear Lord, to me, As Thou didst break the loaves  
Beside the sea; Beyond the sacred page I seek Thee, Lord,  
My spirit pants for Thee, O living Word.

♪ Bless Thou the truth, dear Lord, To me, to me, As Thou didst bless the bread  
By Galilee; Then shall all bondage cease, All fetters fall;  
And I shall find my peace, My All in all.

♪ Thou art the bread of life, O Lord, to me, Thy holy Word the truth  
That saveth me; Give me to eat and live With Thee above;  
Teach me to love Thy truth, For Thou art love.

♪ O send Thy Spirit, Lord, Now unto me, That He may touch my eyes  
And make me see: Show me the truth concealed Within Thy Word,  
And in Thy book revealed I see the Lord.

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### Prayer of the Church *Please Stand*

*Each petition is concluded with the following:*

Lord, in Your mercy,

**Hear our prayer and fill us with Your joy!**

### Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on You with favor and + give You peace.

**Amen.**

*Numbers 6:24-26*

**Recessional Hymn** *Please Be Seated*

“Blest Be the Tie that Binds”

- ♪ Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds Is like to that above.
- ♪ Before our Father’s throne We pour our ardent prayers;  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our comforts and our cares.
- ♪ We share our mutual woes, Our mutual burdens bear,  
And often for each other flows The sympathizing tear.
- ♪ When here our pathways part, We suffer bitter pain;  
Yet, one in Christ and one in heart, We hope to meet again.
- ♪ From sorrow, toil, and pain, And sin we shall be free  
And perfect love and friendship reign Through all eternity.

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**Postlude**