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Confirmation and Holy Eucharist



Celebrant:

The Rt. Rev. John Harvey Taylor

Bishop Diocesan, Diocese of Los Angeles

Sunday, March 17, 2024 ~ 10:00 AM

The Rev. Susan L. Scranton, Rector

The Rev. James Seipel, Assisting

David Aldrete, Choirmaster ~ Thomas Mellan, Organist

Marilyn Scranton, Handbell Director

~ Confirmation and Holy Eucharist ~

Prelude

Thomas Mellan

Processional Hymn 370 (*Omit v. 4*)

St. Patrick's Breastplate

"I bind unto myself today"

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

Bishop: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;
People: His mercy endures for ever.
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.

Collect of the Day

Bishop: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Bishop: Let us pray.

Grant, 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. **AMEN.**

The Lessons

First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Bobbi Patterson

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the

least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Anthem "A Mighty Fortress" *Ein feste Burg*
Sounds of Grace Handbell Quartet arr. Kathleen Wissiger

Second Lesson: Hebrews 5:5-10 Laurel McKenzie

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

"You are my Son,
today I have begotten you";
as he says also in another place,

"You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek."

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 686 "Come, thou fount of every blessing" *Nettleton*

Gospel: John 12:20-33

Gospeler: The holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever

serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.”

“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say— ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

Sermon

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Confirmation Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

Bishop: The Candidates will now be presented.

Rector: I present Mitchell Hadley Patterson and Morgan Grace Patterson 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.

Bishop: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People: We will.

Bishop: 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: 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.

Prayers for the Candidates

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

Intercessor: We thank you, O Lord, for your servants Mitchell Hadley Patterson and Morgan Grace Patterson, who, having been redeemed from the old life of sin by baptism into the death and resurrection of your son Jesus Christ, may be renewed in your Holy Spirit and live in righteousness and holiness all their days, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Like Abraham, they may not always know the path they are being called to travel, but they know your love. May they always know your presence as they walk this journey of faith, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church, and when the obstacles seem large and the path confusing, make the mountains and hills low, the uneven ground level, and the rough places a plain, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Grant them discernment to know your will and the strength to resist the temptations that may lead them away from you, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Send them into the world to witness to your love with hands that bring healing and hope to a hurting world, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Empower them with your Holy Spirit to be servants of your love and ambassadors for Christ, seeking to bring reconciliation to the world, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Help them to be faithful examples and loving supporters of their brothers and sisters as they also walk the journey of faith, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Wherever they go, may they carry in their hearts the love of this community at Grace Church, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Give them enquiring and discerning hearts, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works, let us pray to the Lord.

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. **AMEN.**

Confirmation

The Bishop lays hands upon each confirmand and says:

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.**

The Bishop concludes with this 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

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

People: And also with you.

~ Welcome, Announcements and Special Blessings ~

Blessing (Said by all): Watch over thy child, O Lord, as his days increase, bless and guide him wherever he may be. Strengthen him when he stands; comfort him when discouraged or sorrowful; raise him up if he falls; and in his heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of his life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem "Show Me Thy Ways" Walter L. Pelz
Angela Wells, Oboe; Trevor Martinez, Guitar
Grace Parish Choir

Presentation Hymn 380 v. 3 *Old 100th*
"Praise God from whom all blessings flow"

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A)

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 him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

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:

Sanctus and Benedictus S114 Healey Willan

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

(Please kneel as able.)

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:

**Bishop and People: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Celebrant: 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.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

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

Fraction Anthem: S158 ~ Agnus Dei Healey Willan

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

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*We invite all baptized Christians, regardless of denomination, to receive communion.
If you have difficulty coming forward, please notify an usher,
and we will be happy to bring it to you.*

Communion Hymn 513 Bridegroom

“Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song”

Postcommunion Prayer

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.

Blessing from the Bishop

Recessional Hymn 473 Crucifer

“Lift High the Cross”

Dismissal

Rector: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Thomas Mellan



There will be a lunch reception in Baxter Hall after the service in honor of
The Rt. Rev. John Harvey Taylor
and in celebration of our confirmands,
Mitchell Hadley Patterson
and Morgan Grace Patterson.



Serving in Today's Worship

Celebrant: The Rt. Rev. John Harvey Taylor
Rector: The Rev. Susan L. Scranton
Bishop's Chaplain: Jared Anders
LEM: Jaren Anders
Lectors: Bobbi Patterson, Laurel McKenzie, Lynn Colley (Intercessor)
Acolytes: McKenna Parra, Karen Williamson, April Moore, Ethan Seielstad
Altar Guild: Janese Grady, Patricia Meyer, Dawn Mellon, Debbie Pullen,
Cathy St. Onge
Flower Guild: Denise Barcelo, Rosann Kindt, Amelie Palpant, Hannah Palpant,
Nancy Rice, Todd Rice, Liz Sandona, Marilyn Scranton, Susie Seielstad
Usher: Alex McKenzie, Carl Colley
GEC Streaming Team: Rick Sandona, Ethan Seielstad, Karen Williamson, Mizuki Williamson

Musicians

Choirmaster: David Aldrete
Organist: Thomas Mellon
Oboist: Angela Wells
Guitarist: Trevor Martinez
Grace Parish Choir: Janet Kawamoto, Laurel McKenzie, Bobbi Patterson, Nancy Rice,
Ruth Aldrete, Stacey Aldrete, Debbi England, Donna McAlmond,
Frank Boyd, Kim Boyd, Karen Huss, Patrick McAlmond,
Steven Patterson, Jon Sharp
Handbell Director: Marilyn Scranton
Handbell Quartet: Jared Anders, Crystal Hoffman, Jade Petteruto, Susan Scranton



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Rev. Susan L. Scranton,
David Aldrete - Senior Warden, Lucie Pelleriti - Junior Warden
Miles Bresee - Treasurer, Todd Rice - Buildings & Grounds,
Frank Boyd, Kathi Ferris, Janet Kawamoto, Heather Moore,
Jade Petteruto, Linda Rice, Cassy Shields

Prayer List

For healing and comfort: Dash, Jimmy, Michele Woods, Betty Eckstein, Kelli Grace Kurtz,
Doug Jones, Marilyn Scranton, Joe and Bea Martinez, Becki Potter, David & Dominick
Davila, Joe Goetz, Edie Noland, Tamara Collins, Michael, Michelle
For strength & guidance: Kayla St. Onge, Emmy, Marie, Chelsea, The Martinez Family,
The Davila Family, Audra Montoya
For those who have died: Judith Fox
For those who are in mourning: Vincent Lim & The Lim Family
For those serving in the military: Chad Donohoe ~ U.S. Navy, Nelson Acosta ~
U.S. Air Force, Sgt. Mitchell Bennett ~ Army, Adam Corona Jr. ~ U.S. Air Force