Holy Eucharist

at the

154th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Central New York

Trinity Church, Watertown
Saints Peter & John Church, Auburn
Christ Church, Binghamton Zion Church, Rome Zoom



Opening Hymn "The Church's One Foundation"



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.

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 Reading

Read aloud in Dinka by Garang Ajak, with English subtitles and English text provided

A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah.

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The Word of the Lord. *People* Thanks be to God.

Jeremiah 17:7-8

Please be seated

Psalm 16:5-11

O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; * it is you who uphold my lot.

My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; * indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; * my heart teaches me, night after night.

I have set the Lord always before me; * because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; * my body also shall rest in hope.

For you will not abandon me to the grave, * nor let your holy one see the Pit.

You will show me the path of life; * in your presence there is fullness of joy; and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Second Reading

Romans 6:3-11

Read aloud in Karen by Edwin Way with English subtitles and English text provided

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans:

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



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The Gospel Matthew 6:25-35

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the crowd, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today."

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

The Sermon

The Rt. Rev. Dr. DeDe Duncan-Probe

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.

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 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.**

Prayers of the People

Deacon Thus called and commissioned in faith, we join now to lift the concerns of our hearts and of the world to God, saying, Hear our prayer.

For this diocese, our bishop, our clergy and parishes, and for the church around the world: that we may grow in faith, in fearless love, and in the ability to embody Christ in a hurting world. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For this nation and all nations, for those who make decisions on behalf of others, for those who speak what many will hear, and for those who write what many will read: that wisdom and love may guide our common life, and that our leaders may guide us in paths of life abundant for all people. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer

For veterans of armed conflicts, for those who have lost loved ones, for those who returned home changed, and for their families who served also: that we may honor their service by providing them with abundant care, and by seeking peace in our world.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For those who are sick and suffering, for our healthcare workers, caregivers, and staff who care for them; for all those deemed essential and put at heightened risk during the current pandemic: that we may be mindful that so much of our common life depends upon another's toil, and that we may do our part to lighten their load.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For refugees, and those who have fled their homes, and for all those affected by civil unrest or strife: that our hearts may be moved to provide them with hospitality, welcome, and shelter, and that we may see in them the face of the Christ child fleeing to Egypt.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For the people of this land: that courage may triumph over fear, and love over hatred; that, in wrestling with the tragedies and complexities of our history, we may be brought to a renewed determination to honor the image of God in every person, especially those long neglected and marginalized; that we will resolve anew to build a just society for all God's people. Especially today, we give thanks for the Onondaga, the ancestral stewards of the land on which we stand, and the other tribes of the Haudenosaunee Confederation.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

The Peace

The Bishop then says to the congregation The peace of the Lord be always with you. People And also with you.

The Holy Communion

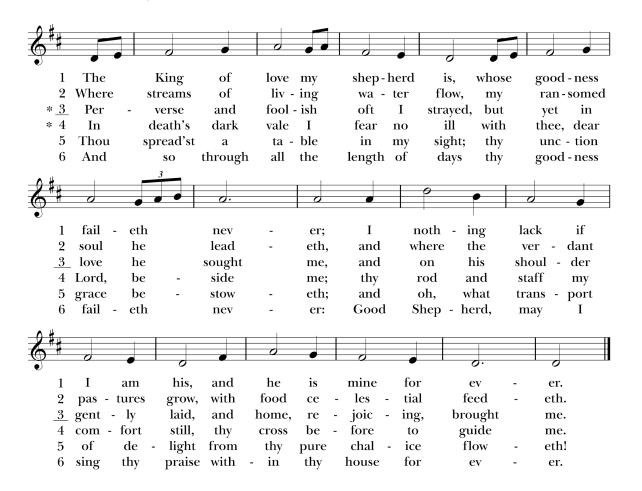
Offertory

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Presentation Hymn

The King of Love my Shepherd Is

Hymnal 1982 #645



Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877); para. Psalm 23. Music: St. Columba, Irish melody, harm. Hymnal 1982.

At this time, congregants in the hybrid sites will assemble around their local altars with their celebrants as worship continues. Those participating online will continue viewing the Watertown congregation. We will all come back together at the post-communion prayer.

The Great Thanksgiving

BishopThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.BishopLift up your hearts.PeopleWe lift them to the Lord.BishopLet us give thanks to the Lord our God.PeopleIt is right to give God 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 beloved children, 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:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might; Heaven and earth are full of your glory, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest; hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into 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 disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People: We remember Christ's death, We proclaim Christ's resurrection, We await Christ's coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN**.

And as Christ our Savior taught us, we now pray:

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. 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.

All Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia.

This altar is not ours, it is the Lord's. So come to this altar you who have much faith, and you who would like to have more. You who have been here often and you who have not been here for a long time. You who have tried to follow Jesus and you who have failed. Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

Adapted from The Iona Community, Iona Abbey Worship Book, (Glasgow, UK: Wild Goose Publications, 2001), 53.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

The bishop invites the following prayer to be said by all

In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you my soul and body with the earnest wish that I may always be united to you, and, since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself with you, and embrace you with all the love of my soul. Let nothing ever separate you from me. May I live in you, and may you live in me, both in this life and in the life to come. Amen. *(From the Anglican Order of Julian of Norwich)*

Songs During Communion Instrumental Hybrid sites rejoin and the bishop leads the final prayer.

Post Communion Prayer

Bishop Let us pray.

Bishop and 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.

- *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 forevermore.
- *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**



Recessional Hymn "All praise to thee, for Thou, O King Divine" Hymnal 1982 #477

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Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.*People* Thanks be to God.

Postlude Fanfare, from Four Extemporizations—Percy Whitlock

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