



CONFIRMATION
AND HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE TWO

The Church of St. John the Divine
9:00 am & 11:15 am — May 10, 2026

WELCOME



Welcome to St. John the Divine. We want to get to know you! Take your first step by completing a welcome card and placing it in the offering plate or scan this QR code to introduce yourself online.

Everything you need to join us in worship is found in this booklet. Hearing assistance is available. Please see an usher, who will be happy to help you!

FOR FAMILIES

Worshippers of all ages are encouraged to fully take part in all aspects of the service. Children's packets may be found in the narthex (lobby), children's Bibles are in the pews, and nursery care for children birth – age 2 is available next door in the administration building. Also available is a Church Family Room just off the narthex with comfortable furniture, toys, and a screen to view the service.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The church altar flowers are given to the glory of God in memory of Mary Bain Pearson by her children, Bain Pearson Pitts, Jim Pearson, and Gary Pearson III. To donate altar flowers in memory, thanksgiving, or honor of someone, visit sjd.org/flower-dedications or contact Hayden Coie at 713.354.2241 or hcoie@sjd.org.

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The Sixth Sunday of Easter – Year A

PRELUDE Adagio in E

Frank Bridge 1879-1941

INTROIT

Hans Leo Hassler 1564-1612

Cantate Domino canticum novum, cantate Domino omnis terra.

Cantate Domino, et benedicite nominiejus, Annuntiate de die in diem salutare ejus.

Annuntiate inter gentes gloriam ejus, in omnibus populis mirabilia ejus.

Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Sing to the Lord, and bless his name: announce his salvation from day to day.

Announce among the nations his glory, and his wonders to all peoples.

Text: Psalm 96:1-3

HYMN 400 Congregation stands.



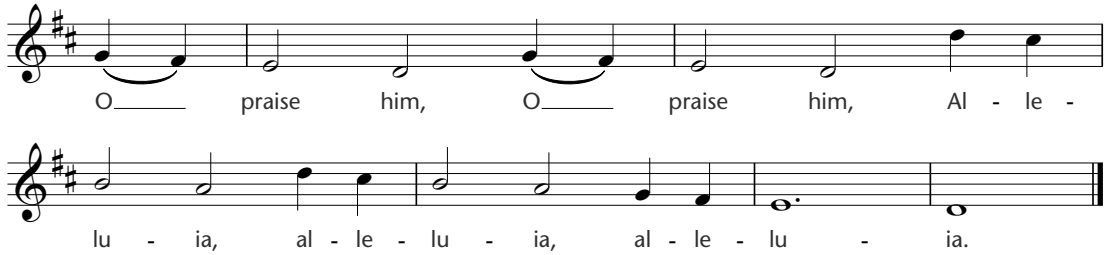
1 All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us sing: Al - le -
4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un fold your bless - ings on our way, O
5 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o thers, take your part, O
7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble - ness, O



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing sun with gold - en
praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and fruits that in you
sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that pain and sor - row
praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the Fa - ther, praise the



beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:
bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:
Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:



Words: Francis of Assisi (1182-1226); Music: *Lasst uns erfreuen*, from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng*, 1623.

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 413

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE LESSONS *Congregation sits.*

The First Lesson

Acts 17:22-31

²²So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. ²³For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live

in temples made by man, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. ²⁶And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, ²⁷that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, ²⁸for

“In him we live and move and have our being’;

as even some of your own poets have said,

“For we are indeed his offspring.’

²⁹Being then God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. ³⁰The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 66:7-18

setting by Ivor Algernon Atkins 1869-1953

(9:00 am read responsively by whole verse)

(11:15 am sung by the choir)

- 7 O praise our God, ye people,
and make the voice of his praise to be heard;
- 8 Who holdeth our soul in life;
and suffereth not our feet to slip.
- 9 For thou, O God, hast proved us;
thou also hast tried us, like as silver is tried.
- 10 Thou broughtest us into the snare;
and laidest trouble upon our loins.
- 11 Thou sufferedst men to ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water,
and thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place.
- 12 I will go into thine house with burnt-offerings,
and will pay thee my vows, which I promised with my lips,
and spake with my mouth, when I was in trouble.

13 I will offer unto thee fat burnt-sacrifices, with the incense of rams;
I will offer bullocks and goats.

14 O come hither, and hearken, all ye that fear God;
and I will tell you what he hath done for my soul.

15 I called unto him with my mouth,
and gave him praises with my tongue.

16 If I incline unto wickedness with mine heart,
the LORD will not hear me.

17 But God hath heard me;
and considered the voice of my prayer.

18 Praised be God, who hath not cast out my prayer,
nor turned his mercy from me.

*At this time in the 9 am service, students in 1st to 5th grade are invited to join
The Bridge Worship in the Nau Family room. Students will rejoin this service at the Peace.*

Hymn 292 Congregation stands.

1 O Je - sus, crowned with all re - nown, since thou the earth hast trod, thou
2 Lord, in their change, let frost and heat, and winds and dews be given; all
3 that we may feed the poor a - right, and, gath - ering round thy throne; here,
reign - est and by thee come down hence - forth the gifts of God. Thine
fos - tering power, all in - fluence sweet, breathe from the boun - teous heaven. At -
in the ho - ly an - gel's sight, re - pay thee of thine own; That
is the health and thine the wealth that in our halls a - bound, and
tem - per fair with gen - tle air the sun - shine and the rain, that
we may praise thee all our days, and with the Fa - ther's Name, and
thine the beau - ty and the joy with which the years are crowned.
kind - ly earth with time - ly birth may yield her fruits a - gain:
with the Ho - ly Spi - rit's gifts, the Sa - vior's love pro - claim.

Words: Edward White Benson (1829-1896); Music: *Kingsfold*, English melody, adapt. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).

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

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

¹⁵Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

¹⁸"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

THE SERMON

The Rt. Rev. Gary R. Lillibridge

THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

BCP 415

11:15 AM Service

Bishop: The Candidate(s) for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

The candidates who are able to answer for themselves are presented individually by their Sponsors:

Sponsor: I present N. to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Bishop asks each candidate when presented:

Bishop: Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate: I do.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the candidates who can speak for themselves.

Question: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Question: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Question: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Question: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer: I do.

Question: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer: I do.

Question: Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer: I do.

When there are others to be presented, the Bishop says

Bishop: The (other) Candidates will now be presented.

Presenters: I present these persons for Confirmation, those to be received into this Communion, and those who desire to reaffirm their baptismal vows.

The Bishop asks the candidates

Question: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Answer: I do.

Question: Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Answer: I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

After all have been presented, the congregation stands and the Bishop addresses the congregation, saying

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

People: We will.

Celebrant: Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant: 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.

Celebrant: 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.

Celebrant: 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.

Celebrant: 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.

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: 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

Celebrant: Let us now pray for *these persons* who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth and for *those* who have renewed *their* commitment to Christ.

A Person appointed leads the following petitions

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.

11:15 AM Service

The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. *Amen.*

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER *Congregation standing.*

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE BAPTISM *Congregation sits.*

The Celebrant pours water upon the candidate, saying

N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Then the Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying to her

N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. *Amen.*

Congregation stands.

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon *these your servants* the forgiveness of sin, and have raised *them* to the new life of grace. Sustain *them*, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give *them* an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen.*

Celebrant: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

AT CONFIRMATION, RECEPTION, OR REAFFIRMATION

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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.*

Congregation sits, and the Candidates move toward the Bishop.

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.*

FOR RECEPTION

N., we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. *Amen.*

FOR REAFFIRMATION

N., may the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom. *Amen.*

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. *Amen.*

THE PEACE *Congregation stands.*

BCP 360

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

People: And also with you.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Your financial offerings fuel ministries that Change Lives for God in Christ. You may make your Sunday offering in one of two ways:

- ✘ *By placing your offering in the plate during the Offertory or*
- ✘ *By scanning the QR code with your phone.*



The undesignated offering will be given to Bishop Lillibridge's Discretionary Fund, for use in his ministry in the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas and beyond.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

Anthem

Percy W. Whitlock 1903-1946

Be still, my soul, for God is near;
The Great High Priest is with thee now;
The Lord of Life Himself is here, before whose face the angels bow.

To make thy heart His lowly throne
Thy Saviour God in love draws nigh.
He gives Himself unto His own, for whom He once came down to die.

I come, O Lord, for Thou dost call
To blend my pleading prayer with Thine:
To Thee I give myself, my all and feed on Thee, and make Thee mine.
Amen.

Text: William D. Maclagan 1826-1910

PRESENTATION HYMN *Congregation stands.*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise him all creatures here below;
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia; Praise him above ye heavenly host,
Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

Music: *Lasst uns erfreuen*, By permission of Oxford University Press.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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 S 125

Richard Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Congregation kneels.

Celebrant: 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 the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, 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 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

Celebrant: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord 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 to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, 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 all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.*

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

People and Celebrant

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.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Christ_our Pass-o-ver is sac-ri-ficed for us; there-fore let us keep_ the feast.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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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.

- ✘ *All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion.*
- ✘ *If you are not baptized, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing.*
- ✘ *If you are not baptized and want to be, please contact one of the clergy.*
- ✘ *Please be guided by the ushers to the communion rail.*
- ✘ *You may drink from the common chalice or intinct from the intinction cup.*
- ✘ *Gluten-free wafers are available upon request at the altar rail.*
- ✘ *After receiving communion, Prayer Ministers are present in the East Bay for prayer.*

Hymn 405

Refrain

All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea - tures great and_ small,
all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them_ all.

1 Each lit - tle flower that_ o - pens, each lit - tle bird_ that sings,
2 The pur - ple - head - ed_ moun - tain, the riv - er run - ning by,
3 The cold wind in the_ win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,
4 He gave us eyes to_ see them, and lips_ that we_ might tell

Repeat Refrain

he_ made their glow - ing_ col - ors, he_ made their ti - ny_ wings.
the_ sun - set, and the_ morn - ing that_ bright - ens up the_ sky.
the_ ripe fruits in the_ gar - den, he_ made them ev - ery_ one.
how_ great is God Al - might - y, who_ has made all things well.

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895); Music: *Royal Oak*, from *The Dancing Master*, 1686, adapt. Martin Fallas Shaw (1875-1958).

Anthem

Healey Willan 1880-1968

Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away;
for lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone;
the flowers appear upon the earth,
the time of the singing of birds is come;
arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

Text: Song of Solomon

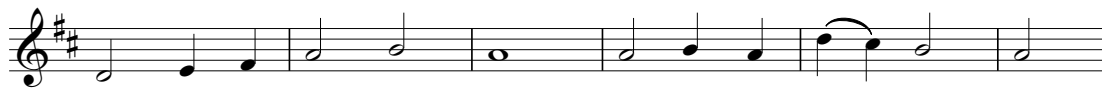
In the Lord I'll be ev-er thank-ful, in the Lord I will re-joice!

Look to God, do not be a-fraid, lift up your voic-es, the Lord is near.

lift up your voic-es, the Lord is near! In the

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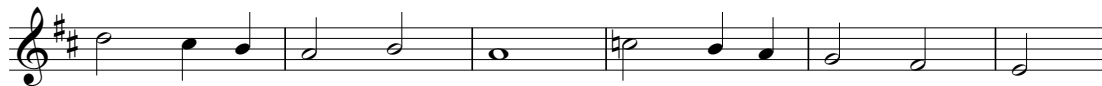
Hymn 516



1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine,
2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn
3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,



and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
shall far out - pass the power of hu - man_ tell - ing;



O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,
and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
for none can guess its grace, till Love cre - ate a place



and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
where - in the Ho - ly Spi - rit makes a dwell - ing.

Words: Bianco da Siena (d. 1434?), tr. Richard Frederick Littledale (1833-1890); Music: *Down Ampney*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *Congregation stands.*

BCP 366

Celebrant: Let us pray.

*People: Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

THE BLESSING

Book of Occasional Services 15

Celebrant: The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

HYMN 416



1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
2 For the beau - ty of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
4 For the joy of hu - man love, bro - ther, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
5 For the Church which ev - er - more lift - eth ho - ly hands a - bove,
6 For each per - fect gift of thine to the world so free - ly given,



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies,
hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light.
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight.
friends on earth and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild.
of - fering up on ev - ery shore thy pure sac - ri - fice of love.
faith and hope and love di - vine, peace on earth and joy in heaven.



Christ our God, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

Words: Folloit Sandford Pierpoint (1835-1917); Music: alt. tune, *Dix*, Conrad Kocher (1786-1898).

THE DISMISSAL

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE Poco vivace

Hermann Schroeder 1904-1984

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TODAY'S CANDIDATES FOR BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION, RECEPTION, AND REAFFIRMATION

We welcome the newly baptized, confirmed, received, and reaffirmed into the household of God and into our communal life at The Church of St. John the Divine.

9:00 am Service

Harris Adams	Wyatt Dickey	Ford Prescott
William Adams	Hudson Dudley	Emily Radhakrishnan
Jigs Albán	Thomas Dudley	Genevieve Rosson
Daisy Arribas	Jack Giuffre	Audrey Salisbury
Luciana Barnett	Henry Hamner	Mamie Sayers
William Breitbeil	Ems Hawkins	Grant Summers
Mae Bomar	Matt Megow	Jack Thompson
Lola Burgoyne	Shepherd Miller	Lilah Vaden
Scott Burrow	Elle Palmer	Lizzie Vaughan
Andrew David	Abbi Perry	Joey Watt
Simms Dickey	Alex Perry	Kate Zdeblick

11:15 am Service

Patricia Arrunategui	Elizabeth Chipman	Kyle Lanigan
Nick Baker	Johnny Chipman	Laura Lanigan*
Tannah Baker	Ella Classen	Sean Lu
Cloe Bickhart	Marc Danile	Katherine Murphy
Rob Bickhart	Elizabeth Dice	Ricardo Noe
Ed Burns	Nkiru Ebelechukwu Ike	Emily Randerson
Martha Samuelson Castillo	Nancy Godshall	Bendi Saindon
Sebastian Castillo	Carmelita Groff	David Saindon
Percy Castro	Leanne Gutiérrez	Harrison Seureau
Wu-Lin Charng	James Halbouty	David Vogel
Melissa Chicaiza	Hunter Hart	
Heather Chilivetis	Tim Hebert	

**Candidate for baptism and confirmation*

WELCOME THE RT. REV. GARY R. LILLIBRIDGE (RET.)

Today we welcome The Rt. Rev. Gary R. Lillibridge (Ret.) who will preach, celebrate, and officiate at the youth confirmations at the 9:00 a.m. church service and at the adult confirmations at the 11:15 a.m. church service.

This is a Welcome Back! Gary served as Interim Rector at St. John the Divine from January 2019 through May 2020. Bishop Andy Doyle asked Gary to come out of retirement and serve here. Catherine, his wife, was also very active in our congregation, participating in several ministries and serving as a leader in the ESL program. We were blessed to have them both with us at a significant time in our communal church life.

Gary was ordained an Episcopal priest in 1983; served in various parishes in Corpus Christi, Del Rio, Brownsville, and San Antonio until he was elected Coadjutor Bishop of the Diocese of West Texas 2004-2006 (over 90 churches spread over 69,000 miles in 60 counties in Texas); he served as Bishop of the Diocese of West Texas from 2006 until his retirement in 2017.

Welcome back, Gary and Catherine!

TODAY'S MUSICAL OFFERING

Keep in touch with SJD Music at our blog:
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Percy Whitlock, a student of Ralph Vaughan Williams, was an organist and post-romantic composer who combined the style and technique of his teacher with that of Edward Elgar, another British composer of the same period. Whitlock's lush harmonic language also has traces of Gershwin and other popular composers of the 1920's. At the Offertory, the SJD Chorale sings his anthem of supplication, "Be Still, My Soul," a setting of a text penned by William Maclagan, Archbishop of York (1891-1908). The final words of the prayer say it all:

"I come, O Lord, for thou dost call to blend my pleading prayer with Thine:
to Thee I give myself, my all and feed on Thee, and make Thee mine."

At the ministrations, we hear the motet "Rise up, my love" by Anglo-Canadian composer Healey Willan. His liturgical compositions hearken back to an old style showing his love of plainsong and renaissance music. We sing his service music (Gloria, Sanctus, and Agnus Dei) at our Rite 1 services. George Herbert (1593-1633) was an English poet, orator, and priest of the Church of England. Five of his texts are found in *The Hymnal 1982*. His poem "Rise up, my love, my fair one," is based on text from the Song of Solomon and is a metaphor for the relationship between God and man.



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