



The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany:

Holy Eucharist, Rite II with Confirmation, Reception and Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows

February 16, 2020 • 10:30 am

Saint George's Episcopal Church • Arlington, Virginia

The Liturgy of the Word

Prelude Passacaglia in D minor, BuxWV 161

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Rector's Greeting

Hymn 594 God of grace and God of glory

CWM Rhondda

SALUTATION

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

People: **And blessed be his 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.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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Bishop: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Bishop: Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

DEUTERONOMY 30:15-20

All are seated

Lector: A reading from Deuteronomy.

Moses said, "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Choir first, then all sing antiphon as indicated.



Hap - py are they who walk_ in the law of the Lord.

Antiphon

Happy are they whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord!
Happy are they who observe his decrees and seek him with all their hearts!
Who never do any wrong, but always walk in his ways.
You laid down your commandments, that we should fully keep them.
Oh, that my ways were made so direct that I might keep your statutes!
Then I should not be put to shame, when I regard all your commandments.
I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, when I have learned your righteous judgments.
I will keep your statutes; do not utterly forsake me.

Antiphon

THE SECOND LESSON

1 CORINTHIANS 3:1-9

Lector: A reading from the Paul’s First Letter to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, “I belong to Paul,” and another, “I belong to Apollos,” are you not merely human?

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God’s servants, working together; you are God’s field, God’s building.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 674

Forgive our sins as we forgive

Detroit

THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 5:21-37

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Jesus said, “You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you

are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE SERMON

THE RT. REV. EDWIN F. GULICK

A brief period of silence

CONFIRMATION, RECEPTION AND REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH

EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

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The Bishop says: The Candidates will now be presented.

Presenters for Confirmation, Reception and Reaffirmation: The Rev. Shearon Sykes Williams, The Rev. John Ellis Shellito.

Presenters: I present Bailey Lauren Noffsinger for Confirmation.

I present Mary Kathryn DeMott, Julianne Lindemann, Colleen Elizabeth Duffy, Mark Anthony Sebastiani, and Stephanie Marie Swierczek to be received into this Communion.

I present Melanie Jean Casey and Anne Wren Norloff who desire to reaffirm their baptismal vows.

The Bishop asks the candidates

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidate: I do.

Bishop: Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

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

The Celebrant after all have been presented, addresses the congregation saying

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

People **We will.**

The Bishop then says these or similar words

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.**

The Bishop then says to the congregation

Let us now pray 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.

AT CONFIRMATION, RECEPTION, OR REAFFIRMATION

A period of silence follows. 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 the 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 forever. ***Amen.***

FOR CONFIRMATION

Bailey Lauren Noffsinger

The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says

Defend, O Lord, your servant *Bailey* with your heavenly grace, that she may continue yours forever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more, until she comes to your everlasting kingdom. ***Amen.***

FOR RECEPTION

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Mary Kathryn DeMott, Julianne Lindemann, Colleen Elizabeth Duffy, Mark Anthony Sebastiani, Stephanie Marie Swierczek

Mary Kathryn, 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.**

Julianne, 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.**

Colleen, 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.**

Mark, 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.**

Stephanie, 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

Melanie Casey, Anne Wren Norloff

Melanie, 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.**

Anne, 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.**

Then the Bishop says

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

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you. *People:* **And also with you.**

Today's loose plate offering is designated for Bishop Gulick's Discretionary Fund. Please give generously.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Set me as a seal

Rene Claussen (b. 1953)

*Set me as a seal upon your heart,
As a seal upon your arm;
For love is as strong as death,
Many waters cannot quench love,
Nor can the floods drown it.
Set me as a seal upon your heart, As a seal upon your arm;
For love is as strong as death.*

Text: Song of Solomon.

PRESENTATION HYMN

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

The Great Thanksgiving (*Eucharistic Prayer B*)

(*Red Book of Common Prayer P 367*)

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so 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.

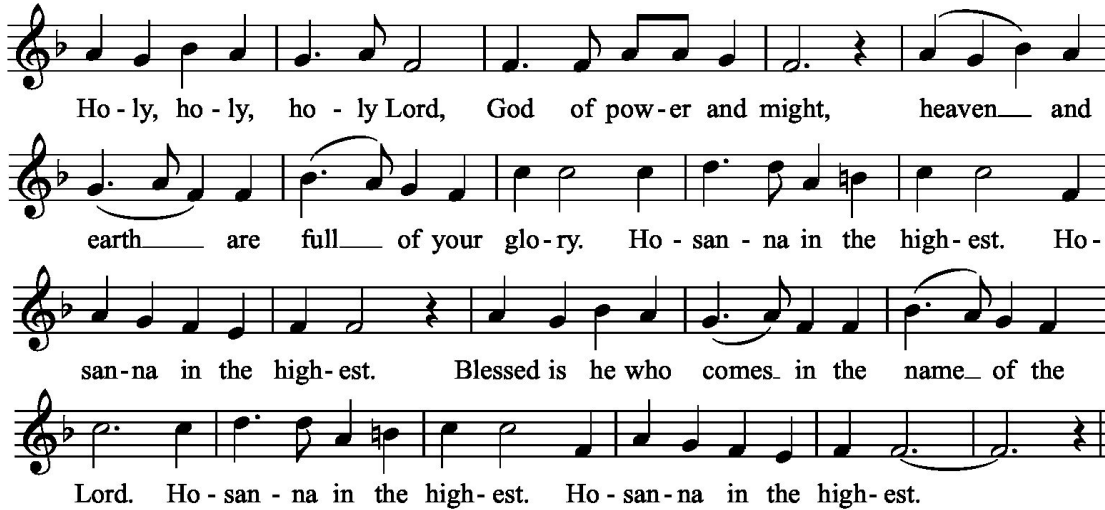
Then, facing the Altar, the Celebrant proceeds:

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.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People:



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.

The people stand or kneel.

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 continues

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 Saint George and 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.**

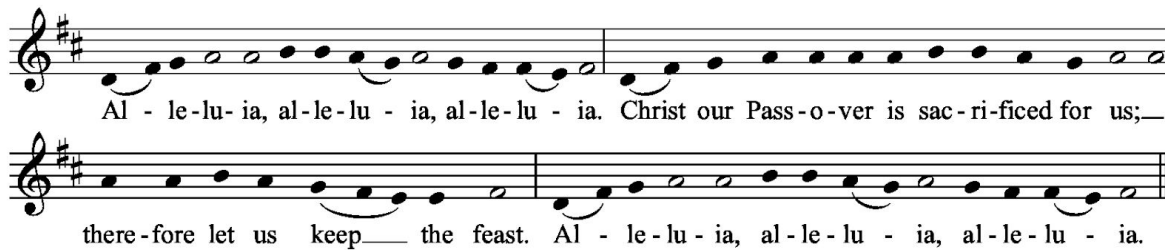
THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: 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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then may be sung or said



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.

The Bread and Wine are distributed to the communicants. Communion may be received around the Altar platform. Gluten-free wafers and chalice are available; please make your need known to the priest. If you do not wish to receive communion, please come forward with arms crossed to receive a blessing. Interspersory prayer is offered during the administration of communion in the small sacristy room to the right of the baptismal font.

AT THE COMMUNION

Hymn 312 Strengthen for service

Malabar

Sending Forth Of Eucharistic Visitor

Used on Sundays as needed

Celebrant: We send you out to share this Holy Communion with N__. May those who receive it from you be strengthened and encouraged in the community we have together in our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: **Go forth in the name of Saint George's bearing these holy gifts, so that those to whom you go may experience the majesty and mystery of Christ's presence through the sharing of the bread and wine. May you carry the prayers of all of us.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant 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.**

THE BLESSING

HYMN 344 Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing

Sicilian Mariners

THE DISMISSAL

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Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia!

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE Fugue in G Major, BWV 577

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

All are invited to Coffee Hour and a Discussion Time with Bishop Gulick in the Parish Hall
(Exit left of the pulpit and proceed straight ahead)

Saint George's is a Place for All.

We welcome everyone — no exceptions — because we believe that inclusion is a Gospel value.

Together we make up the Body of Christ,
and your presence with us increases the richness of our worship experience.

We are glad YOU are here!

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