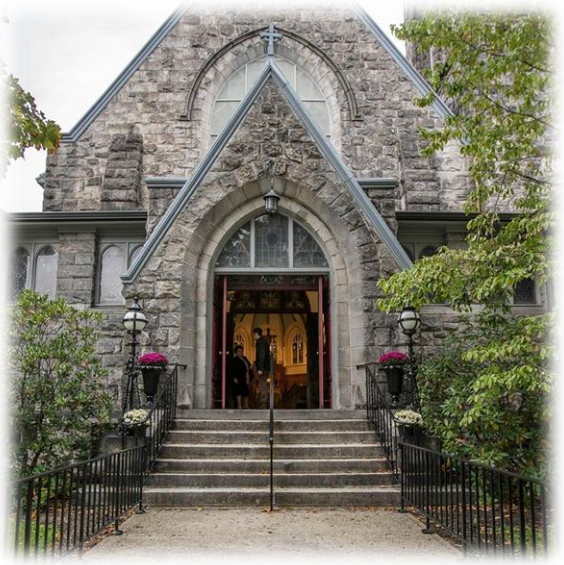
Holy Eucharist

Bishop's Visitation with Confirmation

A Celebration of Women
with the Corning Brass Works



Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 11, 2026
10 o'clock in the morning

Christ Episcopal Church
33 East First Street
Corning, New York

All are invited to gather quietly to enjoy today's prelude.

Prelude: *Holy, Holy, Holy* arr. Anita Kerr
Fanfare for the Uncommon Woman – for Gabby Giffords

The chimes will ring. Please stand, in body or spirit.

Hymn 490: *I want to walk as a child of the light*
(Kathleen Thomerson)

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.
There is one Body and one Spirit;
There is one hope in God's call to us;
One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
One God and Creator of all.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen***.

THE HOLY SCRIPTURE

Please be seated.

The First Lesson **Isaiah 25:1-9**

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued

the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem: *Grand Chœur Dialogue* – Organ and Brass
Eugene Gigout, arr. Gary Olson

The Second Lesson **Philippians 4:1-9**

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand, in body or spirit.

Gospel Procession: *Chorale from Symphony #1*
(Florence Price arr. JLB)

The Gospel **Matthew 22:1-14**

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Instrumental

A Sermon **The Rt. Rev. Kara Wagner Sherer**

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION

Bishop
The Candidates will now be presented.

Rector & Candidate's Family
We present *Jessica Nicole DelValle Rivera/Max A. Young* 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?

Congregation
We will.

Bishop
Let us join in renewing our baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

The congregation will be asperged—sprinkled with Holy Water—as a joyful reminder of our Baptism and renewal in Christ.

Do you believe in God the Father?
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
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.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?
I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
I will, with God's help.

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

Let us now pray for those who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Open their hearts to your grace and truth.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Send them into the world in witness to your love.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.
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

Jessica
Bishop Kara, my name is Jessica Nicole DelValle Rivera, and I would like to be confirmed.

Bishop
Strengthen, O Lord, your servant Jessica with your Holy Spirit; empower her for your service; and sustain her all the days of her life. ***Amen.***

Max
Bishop Kara, my name is Max A. Young, and I would like to be confirmed.

Bishop
Strengthen, O Lord, your servant Max with your Holy Spirit; empower him for your service; and sustain him all the days of his life. ***Amen.***

Then the Bishop says
Almighty and everlasting God, let your parental 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.***

Those who have been confirmed will now be presented with prayer books and certificates.

Instrumental Flourish

THE BLESSING OF THE HONEY

God, creator of all things, who provides the earth with abundance and, through the instinct of the honeybee, sweetness of the harvest: Bless these creatures, we pray, and sanctify this honey for our use and nourishment. Remind us, as we taste the fruits of their labor, of your boundless love and our duty to guard and care for the fragile balance of your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

THE PEACE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Please greet others to extend the peace.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Offertory: *Canzon Septimi Toni #2* Giovanni Gabrieli

Please stand, in body or in spirit.

Hymn 380 (Stanza 3): *Doxology* OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It 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 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 sings this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Hymn WLP 858, *Sanctus* LAND OF REST
(Folk Melody harmonized by Annabel Morris Buchanan)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. (x 2, if sung)

Please stand or kneel in body or in spirit.

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,

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

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 under the care of your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, 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 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.
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 bishop breaks the bread. A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Hymn S164, *Agnus Dei (from Deutsche Messe)* Franz Schubert

Jesus, Lamb of God:
have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins:
have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:
give us your peace,
give us your peace.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

ALL are welcome to receive communion.

Please come forward to the altar rail and the bishop or priest will place the bread on your hand. If you prefer a gluten-free wafer, please extend your hands palm down to receive the bread. Cross your arms over your chest to receive only a blessing. After you have received the bread, you may receive the wine or immediately return down the side aisle to your seat. ***Notify an usher if you need communion brought to you.***

Communion Music: *Ave Maria (Angelus Domini)* – Franz Biebl

Translation of the original vocal score:

The Angel of the Lord announced to Mary, and she conceived by the Holy Spirit.
Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;
Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the Fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Mary said: Behold the handmaiden of the Lord. Do to me according to your word.
Hail Mary, full of grace…
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand or kneel, in body or in spirit.

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.

A BLESSING

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;
The maker of heaven and earth.
Blessed be the Name of the Lord;
From this time forth for evermore.

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.***

Hymn 711: *Seek ye first the kingdom of God*
(Karen Lafferty)

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude: *Standin' in the Need of Prayer* arr. Anita Kerr

We invite the entire congregation to gather now by the altar rail for a group photo. After the full photo is taken, we ask those who were confirmed today to remain at the altar rail for a second photo to mark this special moment.

THE FLOWERS & COMMUNION ELEMENTS

Today's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and
in honor of my granddaughter Emma Mase
by Barbara Cook

The communion elements are given to the Glory of God and
in memory of Mervin Ingersoll
by Sharon Arnold
and
in memory of her mother, Blanche Williamson (1926-1976)
on the 50th anniversary of her passing
by Carol Drake

ABOUT CONFIRMATION

Confirmation is the sacramental rite in which the candidates "express a mature commitment to Christ and receive strength from the Holy Spirit through prayer and the laying on of hands by a bishop" (BCP, p. 860). Those who were baptized at an early age and those baptized as adults without laying on of hands by a bishop are expected to make a mature public affirmation of their faith, recommit themselves to the responsibilities of their baptism, and receive laying on of hands by a bishop (BCP, p. 412).

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to those confirmed today, Jessica Nicole DelValle Rivera and Max A. Young.

Please gather with Bishop Kara for an assortment of refreshments and relaxed conversation in Houghton Lounge immediately following the service. Hosting today's Coffee Hour will be the Vestry.

The Annual Bishop's Appeal is under way. Please find the blue envelopes on the table located at the back of the church.

We welcome your children in worship. If childcare is needed, a staffed nursery is available from 9:30–11:15 a.m. for *newborns through age four*. Ushers are happy to assist you in locating the nursery.

Celebrating their birthday this week are Linda Franklin, Katerina Hulme, Kristen Mason, Amy Burns, Chip Jones, Harold Mason, and Melissa Murray. **Celebrating anniversaries this week** are Katherine Perchik & Dillon Ameigh and Rich & Rhonda Grzybowski.

Continue to remember in prayer those who are ill or recovering, especially those on our Prayer Chain.

WOMEN HONORED IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Anita Kerr (1927-2022) – Singer, arranger, composer, conductor, pianist and music producer, Anita founded the Anita Kerr Singers, which gained fame in Nashville (1959-1965), Los Angeles (1965-1970), and the UK (1970-1975). She won 3 Grammy awards with the Anita Kerr Singers. Anita focused on arrangements, from which the BrassWorks have played today, in the late 1970's while living in Switzerland.

Kathleen Thomerson (1934-2025) was a church organist extraordinaire, having studied with Flor Peeters in Antwerp and Jean Langlais in Paris. A fellow of the American Guild of Organists, she worked as organist and music director of Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Austin, Texas. "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" is her most familiar hymn, set to her own hymn tune "Houston."

Karen Lafferty (born 1948) is a Contemporary Christian musician who released her first album on the Maranatha! Music label in 1975. Her most famous song, "Seek Ye First" was first released by Marantha! Music as part of a compilation album in 1974. She founded Musicians for Missions in 1981 to foster International Christian Ministry through music as part of the Youth With A Mission program, an interdenominational organization that assists with mission work.

Annabel Morris Buchanan (1888-1983) was a composer who was also a folklorist. These twin passions culminated in her work "Folk Hymns of America (1938)" from which today's arrangement of Land of Rest is taken. Annabel organized the first Virginia State Choral Festival in 1928 with her colleague John Powell, and cofounded and directed the White Top (VA) Folk Festival in 1931.

Florence Price (1887-1953) was the first female African-American composer to have a composition performed by a major orchestra. Her Symphony #1 was performed by the Chicago Symphony Orchestra in 1933 as part of festivities for the Chicago World's Fair. She was also the first African-American woman to be inducted into the American Society of Composers, Arrangers, and Publishers (ASCAP). As part of the Great Migration of the 30's, Florence moved to Chicago and became part of the Chicago Black Renaissance, connecting with other great African-American artists like Langston Hughes and Marian Anderson.

Gabrielle "Gabby" Giffords (Born 1970) is a former US Representative from Arizona and a continued advocate for gun violence prevention. She served as a US Representative from 2007 until 2012, when she resigned due to severe brain injury from an assassination attempt in 2011. Six people died and nineteen total people were hit with gunfire, including Representative Giffords. Gabby Giffords recovered slowly, eventually regaining the ability to talk and walk. Gabby received the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2022, and the US Navy launched the USS Gabrielle Giffords, LCS-10, in 2015.

Mary, mother of Jesus – believed to have given birth to Jesus when only an early teenager, Mary is an ever-present figure in Christendom. Episcopalian tradition celebrates Mary as the bearer of Jesus, with a feast day of the Annunciation on March 25. The angel Gabriel announces that Mary is to conceive the Messiah, which is musically described in this BrassWorks arrangement, along with the Catholic prayer to Mary, Ave Maria.

THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

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