

*Whoever you are, wherever you are on your journey,  
we welcome you to our worship service today.*



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**THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

The Rite of Confirmation  
May 2, 2021 - 10 a.m.

**A NOTE ON THE MUSIC**

We are not permitted to have congregational singing at this time.  
However, you are invited to hum along to the music!

Organ Prelude: *Here I am Lord*

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

Please stand, in body or spirit.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

***The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.***

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 Father of all.***

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

***And also with you.***

Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

## **HOLY SCRIPTURE**

### **The Lesson**

**Acts 8:26-40**

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So, he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So, Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
so he does not open his mouth.  
In his humiliation justice was denied him.  
Who can describe his generation?  
For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him.

When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

***Thanks be to God.***

## **The Response**

**Psalm 22:24-30**

My praise is of him in the great assembly;

***I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.***

The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him:

***"May your heart live for ever!"***

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,  
***and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.***

For kingship belongs to the Lord;  
***he rules over the nations.***

To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;  
***all who go down to the dust fall before him.***

My soul shall live for him;  
my descendants shall serve him;

***they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.***

They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn  
***the saving deeds that he has done.***

## **The Gospel**

**John 15:1-8**

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch

cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

The Gospel of the Lord.

***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

**The Sermon**

**The Rt. Rev. Prince G. Singh**

**PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES**

The Candidates will now be presented.

*Rector*

I present Sara Flint and Joni Makowiec 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**

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 forever.

***Amen.***

## **CONFIRMATION**

*Sara*

Bishop Singh, my name is Sara Flint, and I would like to be confirmed.

*Bishop*

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

*Joni*

Bishop Singh, my name is Joni Makowiec, and I would like to be confirmed.

*Bishop*

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

*Then the Bishop concludes with this prayer*

Almighty and everlasting 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 AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

***And also with you.***

Please greet others with a bow or a wave as a non-physical way to extend the peace. Please do not move from your pew as to maintain proper distance.

## **The Bishop's Appeal**

## **THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE**

All are welcome to receive Communion from Christ's Table.

Offertory Music: *Alleluia Alleluia*

Please stand, in body or spirit.

### **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.

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 say 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 the one who comes in the name of the Lord.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

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 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,

***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 bread. A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

### **MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION**

*You are invited to the Lord's Table for Communion. Please come forward, down the center aisle, and the Priest will place the bread on your hand. Step to the side, place the bread in your mouth under your mask. 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. Please return down the side aisles to your seat. Please take care to sanitize your hands before leaving your pew and coming forward for Communion.*

Communion Music: *Taste and See the Goodness of the Lord*

## **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. 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**

Please stand, in body or spirit.

## **THE DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!  
***Thanks be to God. Alleluia!***

Organ Postlude: *Hail the Day!*

You may exit during the postlude or remain seated until it is finished.

Those confirmed, please gather by the Altar for a photo with the Bishop.

## **ALTAR FLOWERS & COMMUNION BREAD**

Today's altar flowers are given in loving memory of grandparents Dora and Ray E. Smith and in Thanksgiving for their family and 48 wonderful years of marriage  
by Pam and Mike McCarthy

Today's communion bread is given by  
Uma Yoganathan as a thanksgiving for  
all the amazing women at Christ Episcopal Church

## **PARTICIPANTS IN THE CELEBRATION**

### **CELEBRANT & PREACHER**

The Rt. Rev. Prince G. Singh,  
the VIII Episcopal Bishop in Rochester

### **CLERGY**

The Rev. Troy Preston, Rector

### **LECTOR**

Brent Underwood

### **ORGANIST**

Karen Bailey

### **MEDIA TECHNICIAN**

Loretta Preston

### **USHERS/GREETERS**

Verna Freer, George & Doris Roy

### **ALTAR GUILD**

Verna Freer, BJ McDonald

## **CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH LEADERSHIP TEAM**

The Most Rev. Michael Bruce Curry, Presiding Bishop

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Prince G. Singh, Bishop

The Rev. Troy Preston, Rector

The Rev. Joshua Barrett, Priest Associate

Kristen Mason, Parish Secretary

John Sosa, Sexton

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Marion Ivy  
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Lizz Jones

#### **Class of 2023**

Andrea Bookbinder  
Erin Fairbrother  
Chris Wentzel

Roberta McDonald

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONGRATULATIONS** to those being confirmed today, Sara Flint and Joni Makowiec.

**THE ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL IS UNDER WAY.** Please find information on the table located at the back of the Church. To give online, please visit [episcopalrochester.org](http://episcopalrochester.org) and click on the Bishop's Appeal tab.

**LAURA CAMPBELL TURNS 90 ON MAY 5.** We are hoping to shower her with birthday cards. Maybe with notes of memories or tributes included. Please join us in the celebration! *Laura Campbell, C410, Appleridge Senior Living, 168 Miller St, Horseheads, NY 14845*

**CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAY** this week are Dena Scott, Neal Pritchard, Steve Herrmann, Juan Jones, and Laura Campbell.

**CONTINUE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER** those who are ill or recovering, especially William Burns, Jacob Cole, Tina Kent, Nancy Grant, Ted Heagle, and those on our Prayer Chain.

## **EPISCOPAL 101**

**CONFIRMATION** is a mature, public affirmation of your faith, celebrated by the prayers and laying on of hands by our bishop. It is a celebration of your baptism and your desire to live out your faith in the Episcopal Church.



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## **Annual Bishop's Appeal**

Dear Friends in Christ,

Mission is a priority in all our parishes. However, mission isn't possible without good leadership. I ask your support of my Annual Bishop's Appeal to help us strengthen our future leadership in congregations and communities across our Diocese and beyond. When you give to the Bishop's Appeal, 80% supports sustainable Leadership Development and Christian Formation in our Diocese, while 20% goes directly to help those in need through my continued discretionary fund.

Your generosity will help us sustain raising and equipping lay and clergy leaders by:

- Expanding the College for Congregational Development
- Nurturing Deaf Ministry and Campus Ministry at NTID/IRIT
- Growing programs for Children, Youth and Young Adults (i.e., ROC the Diocese, Missionpalooza etc.)
- Increasing seminarian scholarships

These are ministry resources for the entire diocese that are not readily supported by a parish but are vital to the future of our Church. As we live into the resurrection of our Savior, who invites us to open our arms of love to all, I thank you for considering a gift to my Bishop's Appeal.

Yours in Faith,  
Prince

The Rt. Rev. Prince G. Singh

Eighth Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester

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2021  
Southeast District  
Mission Project



**House with Heart** provides a home for abandoned children, an education and training center for impoverished women and children, and an outreach program for needy families in and around Kathmandu, Nepal. **House with Heart**, a US-registered 501(c)(3) and Nepal-registered NGO (non- governmental organization), is managed by an all-volunteer, active US-based board of directors and an advisory council in Nepal.

Our donation to **House with Heart** will be used to fund programs for children and women that mean the difference between living in dire poverty and living a productive and meaningful life, filled with hope for the future.

Parish donations should be received by October 31 at St. Mark's Penn Yan, to the attention of Southeast District Dean, the Very Reverend Dan Burner.



## **GUIDELINES: HOLY EUCHARIST**

- Properly wear a face mask (covering both nose and mouth).
- Practice physical distancing in order to be in social contact with everyone in a safe manner.
- Use hand sanitizer when entering the space for worship.
- Avoid touching things around you whenever possible.
- Do not sing.
- Refrain from making physical contact when passing the peace.
- If you utilize a restroom, please use the supplies provided to sanitize the space after you are done.
- Avoid mingling and/or remaining after the service.
- **If you are feeling sick, or have underlying health concerns, PLEASE STAY HOME and utilize the online service option.**

### ***Please note:***

- Ushers will be recording names and telephone numbers of attendees for contact tracing purposes. Please be gracious with offering your first and last name. Not every usher knows all individuals by both first and last name.
- Face masks will be available for those who need them.
- A surface thermometer will be available to check temperatures if necessary.
- Noonday Prayer on Tuesdays and Compline on Wednesdays will continue to be available through Zoom only.
- Nursery Care, Sunday School, and Coffee Hour will continue to be suspended until further notice.
- The 10 am service will be live streamed on YouTube.