

# The Order of Confirmation

June 23, 2024 - 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**Celebrant**                      The Rt. Rev. John E. Watton

**Assisting Clergy**              The Rev. Robin Trevors

**Welcome to Bishop John**

**We also give a Warm Welcome to our young People  
getting Confirmed today**

**Opening Hymn: All Things Bright & Beautiful**

**Chorus:**

All things bright and beautiful, All creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful, The Lord God made them all.

1. Each little flower that opens, Each little bird that sings;  
    He made their glowing colours, He made their tiny wings.

Chorus

2. The purple headed mountain, The river running by,  
    The sunset and the morning, That brightens up the sky.

Chorus

3. The cold wind in the winter, The pleasant summer sun,

The ripe fruits in the garden, He made them every one.  
Chorus

4. He gave us eyes to see them, And lips that we might tell,  
How great is God Almighty, Who has made all things well.  
Chorus

### **Diocesan Land Acknowledgement**

We respectfully acknowledge the land on which we gather as the as the unceded, ancestral homelands of the Beothuk and traditional territory of the Mi'kmaq. We also acknowledge with respect the diverse histories and cultures of the Mi'kmaq, Innu, Inuit and Southern Inuit of this province. In Newfoundland and Labrador Indigenous people still face many barriers on a daily basis. We urge all Newfoundlanders and Labradorians to educate themselves and others about the history of Indigenous people within the province and seek to address the challenges that Indigenous peoples still live through. We recognize the benefits we receive by living on this land that is traditional territory of Indigenous people, and acknowledge our need to learn what our presence has cost first peoples. We commit to unbiased learning through respectful listening to cultural teachings, wisdom and stories offered in hope of community, reconciliation and justice, sharing a common hope that all barriers will be recognized and broken, and

the rights of the Mi'kmaq, Innu, Inuit, and Southern Inuit of this province can be upheld and respected.

### **The Gathering of the Community**

**Celebrant:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**All:** **And also with you.**

**Celebrant:** There is one hope in God's call to us; One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

**All:** **One God and Father of all.**

### **The Collect of the Day**

*Bishop* Let us pray.

**O God our defender, storms rage about us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us all from unbelief; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

### **The Proclamation of the Word**

**A READING FROM THE FIRST BOOK OF SAMUEL  
(1 SAMUEL 17:57-18:5, 10-16)**

On David's return from killing the Philistine, Abner took him and brought him before Saul, with the head of the Philistine in his hand. Saul said to him, "Whose son are you,

young man?" And David answered, "I am the son of your servant Jesse the Bethlehemite." When David had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was bound to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. Saul took him that day and would not let him return to his father's house. Then Jonathan made a covenant with David, because he loved him as his own soul. Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that he was wearing, and gave it to David, and his armour, and even his sword and his bow and his belt. David went out and was successful wherever Saul sent him; as a result, Saul set him over the army. And all the people, even the servants of Saul, approved. The next day an evil spirit from God rushed upon Saul, and he raved within his house, while David was playing the lyre, as he did day by day. Saul had his spear in his hand; and Saul threw the spear, for he thought, "I will pin David to the wall." But David eluded him twice. Saul was afraid of David, because the Lord was with him but had departed from Saul. So Saul removed him from his presence, and made him a commander of a thousand; and David marched out and came in, leading the army. David had success in all his undertakings; for the Lord was with him. When Saul saw that he had great success, he stood in awe of him. But all Israel and Judah loved David; for it was he who marched out and came in leading them.

**Leader:** This is the Word of the Lord

**All:** Thanks be to God

## A READING of PSALM 133

Oh, how good and pleasant it is, \* when brethren live together in unity!

**It is like fine oil upon the head \* that runs down upon the beard,**

Upon the beard of Aaron, \* and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

**It is like the dew of Hermon \* that falls upon the hills of Zion.**

For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: \* life for evermore.

Creator of the universe, from whom all things come, to whom all things return, give your people such unity of heart and mind, that all the world may grow in the life of your eternal kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Gradual Hymn: Give Me Oil In My Lamp

1. Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning.

Give me oil in my lamp I pray.

Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning;

Keep me burning till the break of day.

Chorus:

Sing hosannah, sing hosannah,

Sing hosannah to the King of kings

Sing hosannah, sing hosannah,

Sing hosannah to the King!

2. Make me a fisher of men, keep me seeking.  
Make me a fisher of men I pray.  
Make me a fisher of men, keep me seeking;  
Keep me seeking till the break of day.

Chorus

3. Give me joy in my heart, keep me singing.  
Give me joy in my heart I pray.  
Give me joy in my heart, keep me singing;  
Keep me singing till the break of day.

Chorus

4. Give me love in my heart, keep me serving.  
Give me love in my heart I pray.  
Give me love in my heart, keep me serving;  
Keep me serving till the break of day.

Chorus

**THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**  
**ACCORDING TO MARK 4:35-41**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

On that day, when evening had come, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

Leader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Sermon**

Bishop John

### **The Presentation & Examination of the Candidates**

*The rector says to the bishop*

I present these persons for confirmation.

*The bishop asks those who have been presented to renew their baptismal commitment,*

Bishop: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Response **I do.**

*Bishop:* Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

*Response* **I do.**

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

*Response* **I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Saviour and Lord.**

*After all have been presented, the bishop 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 in these or similar words,*

*Let us join with those who commit themselves again 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 God 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 neighbour 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.**

*Bishop:* Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

*People:* **I will, with God's help.**

## The Prayers for the Candidates

Let us pray for those who are affirming their baptism, and for all the baptized everywhere, saying, "Lord, hear our prayer."

*Leader:* That they may be redeemed from all evil and rescued from the way of sin and death; in your mercy,

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* That the Holy Spirit may open their hearts to your grace and truth; in your mercy,

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* That they may be kept in the faith and communion of your holy Church; in your mercy,

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* That they may be sent into the world in witness to your love; in your mercy,

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* That they may be brought to the fullness of your peace and glory; in your mercy,

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Other prayers may be added.*

O Lord God of powers, and God of our salvation, O God, who alone work wonders: look down with mercy and compassion on Your humble servants, and out of love for mankind hearken and have mercy on us and on the land of Ukraine. Visit Your mercies and compassions upon Your humble

servants, those who defend Ukraine and her much-suffering people, and hear us who fall down before Your deep compassion. For You are the health and victory and salvation of them that put their hope in You, and unto You do we send up glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

**Candidates come forward to the Bishop one at a time**

*The bishop lays hands on each confirmand, saying,*

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

**The Peace**

*All stand, and the bishop addresses the people.*

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

**Offertory Hymn: To God Be The Glory**

1. To God be the glory, great things He hath done,  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son;  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,  
And opened the life gate that all may go in.

Chorus:

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the earth hear His voice!

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,

And give Him the glory, great things He hath done.

2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!

To every believer the promise of God;

The vilest offender who truly believes,

That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Chorus

3. Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,

And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;

But purer and higher and greater will be

Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Chorus

### Prayer over the Gifts

**Creator of all, you wash away our sins in water, you give us new birth by the Spirit, and redeem us in the blood of Christ. As we celebrate the resurrection, renew your gift of life within us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.**

## 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 our thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things. By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature.

He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people. He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you."

In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you.

When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church.

Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and forever.

**Amen.**

And now, as our Saviour 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

**Celebrant:** "I am the bread of life," says the Lord.

"Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst."

**All:** Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him!

**Celebrant:** The gifts of God for the People of God.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

### **The Administration of the Blessed Sacrament**

## Prayer after Communion

Almighty God, guide and protect your people who share in this sacred mystery, and keep us always in your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Celebrant: *Glory to God,*

All: whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. *Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen*

The Blessing

Bishop John

## Closing Hymn: Shine Jesus Shine

1. Lord, the light of Your love is shining,  
In the midst of the darkness, shining.  
Jesus, light of the world shine upon us.  
Set us free by the truth You now bring us.  
Shine on me; shine on me.

Chorus:

Shine, Jesus, shine; Fill this land with the Father's  
Glory.

Blaze, Spirit, blaze; Set our hearts on fire.

Flow, river, flow; Flood the nations with grace and  
mercy.

Send forth Your word, Lord and let there be light!



2. Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,  
From the shadows into Your radiance.  
By the blood I may enter Your brightness;  
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.  
Shine on me; shine on me.

### Chorus

3. As we gaze on Your kingly brightness,  
So our faces display Your likeness,  
Ever changing from glory to glory,  
Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story.  
Shine on me; shine on me.

### Chorus

### The Dismissal