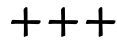


ABBREVIATED LITURGY FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION
WITH ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH
OCTOBER 4, 2020
FEAST DAY OF FRANCIS OF ASSISI



The Opening Acclamation

Bishop Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People *Glory to God for ever and ever.*
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 of all.*

Collect of the Day

Bishop The Lord be with you.
People *And also with you.*
Bishop Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may for love of you delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Reading from Psalm 148:7-14

- 7 Praise the Lord from the earth, *
you sea-monsters and all deeps;
- 8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, *
tempestuous wind, doing his will;
- 9 Mountains and all hills, *
fruit trees and all cedars;
- 10 Wild beasts and all cattle, *
creeping things and winged birds;
- 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, *
princes and all rulers of the world;
- 12 Young men and maidens, *
old and young together.

13 Let them praise the Name of the Lord, *
for his Name only is exalted,
his splendor is over earth and heaven.

14 He has raised up strength for his people
and praise for all his loyal servants, *
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.
Hallelujah!

Anthem *Canticle of Brother Sun* (text by St. Francis, sung by the Paul Winter Consort)

*All praise be yours through Brother Sun. All praise be yours through Sister Moon. By Mother Earth
my Lord be praised, by Brother Mountain, Sister Sea.*

*Through Brother Wind and Brother Air, through Sister Water, Brother Fire;
The stars above give thanks to thee; all praise to those who live in peace.*

*All praise be yours through Brother Wolf, all praise be yours through Sister Whale. By Nature's song
my Lord be praised, by Brother Eagle, Sister Loon.*

*Through Brother Tiger, Sister Seal. Through Sister Flower, Brother Tree.
Let creatures all give thanks to thee. All praise to those who live in peace.*

*Ask of the beasts and they shall teach you the beauty of the earth. Ask of the trees and they shall
teach you the beauty of the earth. Ask of the winds and they shall teach you the beauty of the earth.
Ask of the flow'rs and they shall teach you the beauty of the earth.*

Brother Sun, Sister Moon.

For the beauty of the Earth, sing, oh sing today.

Of the sky and of our birth, sing oh sing always. Nature, human and divine, all around us lies.

Lord of all, to thee we raise grateful hymns of praise.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (11:25-30)

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Deacon
People

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

Homily – The Right Reverend William H. Stokes, Twelfth Bishop of the Diocese of New Jersey

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

Bishop The Candidate(s) will now be presented.
Presenters I present these persons 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.

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.

Bishop 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.*

Prayers for the Candidates

Bishop Let us now pray for *these persons* who have renewed *their* commitment to Christ.

A period of silence follows.

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 have 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.*

For Confirmation

The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says

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

or

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

Bishop

Almighty and everlasting God, let your 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

Bishop

The peace of Christ be with you always.

People

And also with you.

Offertory Hymn 665 *All my hope on God is founded*

-Michael

*1 All my hope on God is founded;
he doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance he guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown,
he alone
calls my heart to be his own.*

*2 Mortal pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray his trust;
though with care and toil he build them,
tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power,
hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.*

3 God's great goodness ere endureth,
deep his wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light, and life attend him,
beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore
from his store
new-born worlds rise and adore.

4 Daily doth th' Almighty giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow;
his desire our soul delighteth,
pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand
at his hand;
joy doth wait on his command.

5 Still from earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call
one and all:
ye who follow shall not fall.

The Holy Eucharist

-Enriching Our Worship - Eucharistic Prayer 1

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.
It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks,
all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing
and fed us with your constant love;
you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ
and knit us into one body.
Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels
and with the faithful of every generation,
we lift our voices with all creation as we sing (say):

Celebrant and People

*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.*

The Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of the universe and giver of life.
You formed us in your own image
and called us to dwell in your infinite love.
You gave the world into our care
that we might be your faithful stewards
and show forth your bountiful grace.
But we failed to honor your image
in one another and in ourselves;
we would not see your goodness in the world around us;
and so we harmed your creation,
hurt one another,
and rejected your love.
Yet you never ceased to care for us,
and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah
you called us into covenant with you.
You delivered us from slavery,
sustained us in the wilderness,
and raised up prophets
to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time,
you sent your eternal Word,
made mortal flesh in Jesus.
Born into the human family,
and dwelling among us,
he revealed your glory.

Giving himself freely to death on the cross,
he triumphed over evil,
opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us,
Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread,

and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat:
This is my Body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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
poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.*

The Celebrant continues
Remembering his death and resurrection,
we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine.

By your Holy Spirit may they be for us
the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.
Grant that we who share these gifts
may be filled with the Holy Spirit
and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage
of your daughters and sons,
that with all your saints,
past, present, and yet to come,
we may praise your Name for ever.
Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. *AMEN.*

Now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say: *Our Father...*

Fraction

We break this Bread to share in the Body of Christ.
We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one Bread.
The Gifts of God!

Distribution of the Elements

The elements of Communion in Christ's Body and Blood will be consecrated and consumed by the Celebrant. The Bread only will be distributed by the Celebrant who will place it in each person's hand when you come forward to receive. Please try not to touch the Celebrant's hand. Please do your best to maintain a proper distance as you come to the Altar by way of the center aisle and return by the side aisle. Thank you.

Post Communion Prayer (Celebrant and People)

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people forgiven, healed and renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen

Blessing and Dismissal

Deacon	Go forth to love and serve the Lord.
People	Thanks be to God.