



**HOLY TRINITY**  
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*Proclaim. Exalt. Serve.*

**The Second Sunday of Easter**  
**April 27, 2025**  
**A Service of Confirmation and Holy Communion**

## WHAT IS CONFIRMATION?

Dear Friends,

Today is a special day for our community as we welcome our Bishop, Steve Wood, to Holy Trinity. In addition to serving as the Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of the Carolinas, Steve is also the Archbishop of the Anglican Church in North America, and rector of St. Andrew's, Mt. Pleasant in S. Carolina. Steve wears a lot of important hats these days, but he is still very much the same man we elected Bishop of our diocese over a decade ago! He is here today to celebrate the confirmation and reception of nearly two-dozen adults and teenagers, to visit with us, and to encourage us.

So, what exactly is *Confirmation*?

At least three things are happening when someone is confirmed or received. First there is a public confession of faith. The confirmands stand before the congregation and affirm their belief in the gospel. Second, there is a public commitment to grow in that faith. The confirmands declare their intention to seek God and follow His word. Finally, there is a public commissioning. The bishop challenges those being confirmed and those being received to serve Christ and his Church with the unique gifts and talents they have been given by God.

Each one of us has been uniquely formed and gifted and we all have a part to play in serving Christ and his kingdom. As we celebrate this service together let me encourage you to consider what gifts and talents God has given you and to think about how you might use them to serve Christ and his kingdom.

Yours,



Rev. Dr. John W. Yates III

# A SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION AND HOLY COMMUNION

## PRELUDE

*Jesus Christ is risen today*, Robert Hobby

## WELCOME

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*Christ is alive*

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
His cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
His love in death shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound  
to distant years in Palestine,  
He comes to claim the here and now  
and conquer every place and time.

Not throned above, remotely high,  
Untouched, unmoved by human pains,  
But daily, in the midst of life,  
Our Savior with the Father reigns.

Christ is alive! His Spirit burns  
Through this and every future age,  
Till all creation lives and learns  
His joy, His justice, love and praise.

## THE CALL TO WORSHIP

*Bishop* The Lord will pour out his Spirit upon all flesh,

*People* **And your sons and daughters shall prophesy.**

*Bishop* Your old men shall dream dreams,

*People* **And your young men shall see visions.**

*Bishop* You shall know that the Lord is in the midst of Israel,

*People* **That he is the Lord and there is none else.**

*Bishop* And it shall come to pass

*People* **That everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.**

*Joel 2:27-28; 32; Acts 2:17, 21*

## THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN

*Bishop:* All who truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and seek to be reconciled with your neighbors, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking in his holy ways: draw near with faith and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

*(please kneel or sit)*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Bishop says:* Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Bishop* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Bishop* Let us pray.

*Bishop:* Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS

**2 Timothy 2:8-13**

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

*Red Bible, page 995*

*People:* Thanks be to God

### ***Children's Worship***

*Children grades K-5 are invited to join the teachers and follow the cross at the front of the sanctuary for their own time of kid's worship. They will return to the sanctuary during the announcements.*

## GOSPEL HYMN

### *King of kings*

In the darkness we were waiting, without hope, without light,  
Till from Heaven You came running; there was mercy in Your eyes.  
To fulfil the law and prophets, to a virgin came the Word,  
From a throne of endless glory, to a cradle in the dirt.

*Chorus: Praise the Father, Praise the Son, Praise the Spirit, Three in One.  
God of Glory, Majesty! Praise forever to the King of kings!*

To reveal the kingdom coming, and to reconcile the lost,  
To redeem the whole creation, You did not despise the cross.  
For even in Your suffering, You saw to the other side,  
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus, for our sake You died. *Chorus*

And the morning that You rose, all of heaven held its breath,  
Till that stone was moved for good, for the Lamb had conquered death.  
And the dead rose from their tombs, and the angels stood in awe,  
For the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored.  
And the Church of Christ was born, then the Spirit lit the flame,  
Now this Gospel truth of old shall not kneel, shall not faint  
By His blood and in His Name, in His freedom, I am free!  
For the love of Jesus Christ, Who has resurrected me! *Chorus x 2*

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## THE GOSPEL

*Officiant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

**John 21:1-14**

*Red Bible, page 907*

*Officiant* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## THE SERMON

*The Most Rev. Steve Wood*

## THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*(please be seated)*

## THE PRESENTATION, EXHORTATION & EXAMINATION

*The Candidates come forward and stand in front of the Bishop, the Presenters say:*

**Reverend Father in God, we present these persons to receive the laying on of hands.**

*Bishop* Have they been adequately prepared?

*Presenters* **They have.**

*The Bishop then says*

Dearly beloved, it is essential that those who wish to be Confirmed or Received in this Church publicly confess Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior; become his disciples; know and affirm the Nicene Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments; and have received instruction in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments and the Catechism of the Church. God's grace is imparted in Baptism, through which we are made God's children by adoption and given the Holy Spirit. By the power of the Spirit, manifested in gifts and fruit, we are enabled to be God's people for the sake of the world.

Now, these Candidates desire publicly to confess their faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and their commitment to follow him as Lord. They also desire the strengthening of grace through the laying on of hands, that the Holy Spirit may fill them more and more for their ministry in the Church and in the world.

*The Bishop then addresses the Candidates*

Do you, here in the presence of God and the Church, renew the solemn promises and vows made at your Baptism and commit to keep them?

*Candidates* **I do.**

*Bishop* Do you renounce the devil and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Candidates* **I renounce them.**

*Bishop* Do you renounce the empty promises and deadly deceits of this world that corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Candidates* **I renounce them.**

*Bishop* Do you renounce the sinful desires of the flesh that draw you from the love of God?

*Candidates* **I renounce them.**

*Bishop* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and confess him as your Lord and Savior?  
*Candidates* I do.

*Bishop* Do you joyfully receive the Christian Faith, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

*Candidates* I do.

*Bishop* Will you obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in them all the days of your life?

*Candidates* I will, the Lord being my helper.

*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?

*The Congregation responds* We will.

## **PRAYER & THE LAYING ON OF HANDS**

*The Bishop stands and says* Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we beseech you to strengthen these your servants for witness and ministry through the power of your Holy Spirit. Daily increase in them your manifold virtues of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and true godliness, and the spirit of holy fear, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

## **CONFIRMATION**

*Each Confirmand kneels in front of the Bishop. The Bishop, then laying his hands upon the person's head, prays*

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

*People* Amen.



## RECEPTION

*Those having made adult professions of faith in other Christian traditions are Received with the laying on of hands as follows.*

Strengthen, O Lord, with your Holy Spirit, your servant *N.*, whom we recognize as a member of the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church, and receive into the fellowship of this Communion. Empower him/her for your service, and sustain him/her all the days of his/her life.

**People**            **Amen.**

## CONCLUDING PRAYER

*The Bishop then says*

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be upon these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Holy Word, that they may faithfully serve you in this life, and joyfully dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

## THE OFFERTORY

*2 Corinthians 8:9*

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

## OFFERTORY MUSIC

*The peace may be exchanged,  
from Rubrics by Dan Locklear*

## PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS AND GIFTS (*Doxology*)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! 5x**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also 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.**

*(The people remain standing.)*

Heavenly Father, we lift our hearts to you as we gather at your table. You are worthy at all times and in all places to receive glory, honor, thanks and praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord: For He is Your living Word from before time and for all ages; by Him you created all things, and by Him you make all things new.

When we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death you, in your tender mercy, gave Your Son, Jesus Christ, to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, offered once and for all time, for the sins of the whole world. By His death He reconciled us to you, satisfying your just demands. By His rising to new life He has secured eternal deliverance for His people.

We thank You Father, that on the night before He died, Jesus took bread; and when He had given You thanks, He broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, and eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." After the meal, He took the cup, and again giving You thanks He gave it to His disciples, saying, "Drink from 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. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Therefore Father, we thank You for these gifts of bread and wine. By the power of your Holy Spirit we pray that all who eat and drink them, believing our Savior's word, may share His body and blood. **Amen.**

*(Please kneel or sit.)*

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.**

Friends, at just the right time, when we were weak and unable to help ourselves Christ Jesus died for the ungodly. These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Jesus Christ died for you and feed on Him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*Receiving Communion: The ushers will guide your row either to the front of the church or to the rear via the center aisle. Please extend your hands to receive the wafer, which you will then dip in the chalice. Once you have received Holy Communion, please return to your seat via the side aisle. Gluten-free wafers are available.*

*During Communion two prayer ministers will be available to pray with anyone who would like prayer for any reason. They will be stationed in the Prayer Corner, which is in the left transept.*

## COMMUNION MUSIC

*Ten Thousand Reasons (sung by all)*

**Chorus: Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul.  
Worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul.  
I'll worship Your holy name.**

**The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning.  
It's time to sing Your song again.  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,  
Let me be singing when the evening comes. *Chorus***

**You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.  
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing:  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. *Chorus***

**And on that day when my strength is failing,  
The end draws near and my time has come.  
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending,  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore. *Chorus x 2***

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*Living Hope (sung by all)*

**How great the chasm that lay between us,  
How high the mountain I could not climb.  
In desperation, I turned to heaven,  
And spoke Your name into the night.  
Then through the darkness, Your loving-kindness  
Tore through the shadows of my soul.  
The work is finished, the end is written:  
Jesus Christ my living hope.**

Who could imagine so great a mercy?  
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?  
The God of ages stepped down from glory  
To wear my sin and bear my shame.  
The cross has spoken; I am forgiven!  
The King of kings calls me His own.  
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever,  
Jesus Christ my living hope!

*Chorus: Hallelujah! Praise the One who set me free!  
Hallelujah! Death has lost its grip on me!  
You have broken every chain, There's salvation in Your name,  
Jesus Christ my living hope! (repeat chorus)*

Then came the morning that sealed the promise,  
Your buried body began to breathe.  
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion  
Declared the grave has no claim on me;  
Then came the morning that sealed the promise,  
Your buried body began to breathe.  
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion  
Declared the grave has no claim on me,  
Jesus, Yours is the victory! *Chorus x 2*

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## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

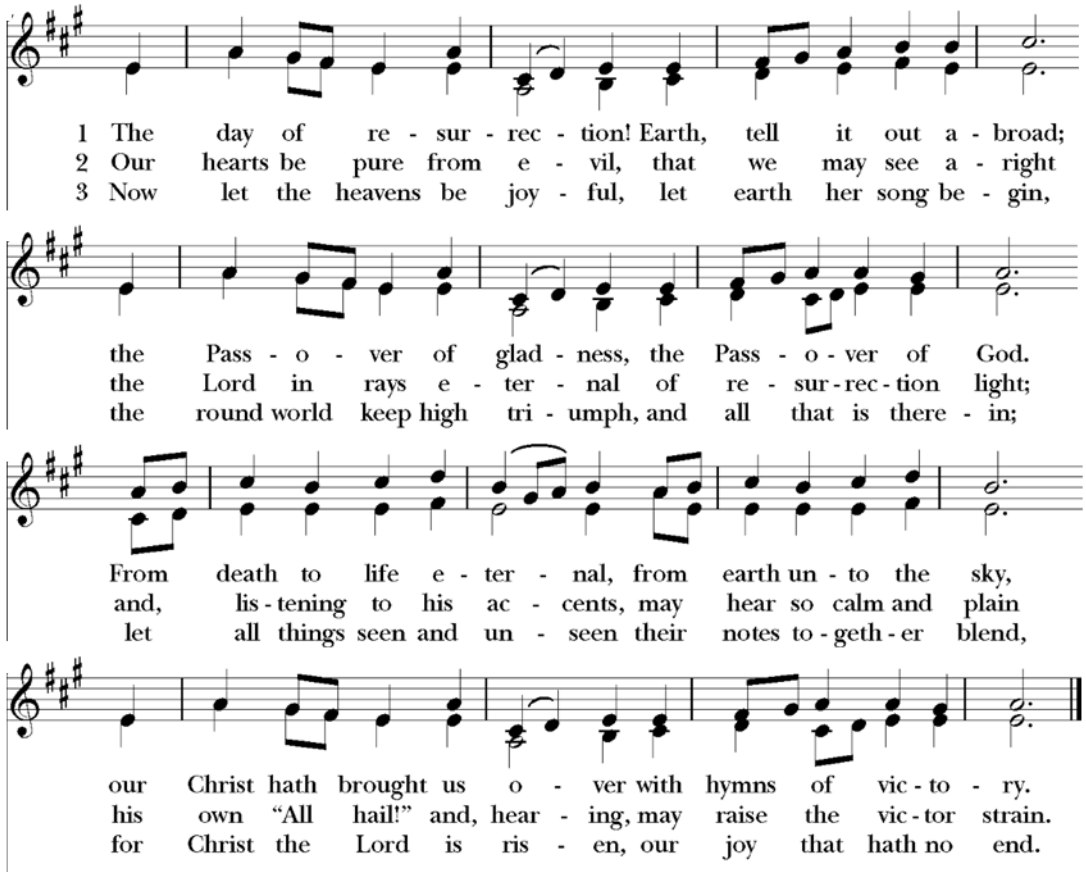
Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THE BLESSING

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; fight the good fight of faith; that you may finish your course with joy: and the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

*The day of resurrection*



1 The day of re - sur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;  
2 Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right  
3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin,  
the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.  
the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of re - sur - rec - tion light;  
the round world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;  
From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,  
and, lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear so calm and plain  
let all things seen and un - seen their notes to - geth - er blend,  
our Christ hath brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.  
his own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.  
for Christ the Lord is ris - en, our joy that hath no end.

## THE DISMISSAL

*Officiant:* Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth rejoicing in the good news of Christ!

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

**POSTLUDE**

*The strife is o'er*, Lisa Shoemaker-Lohmeyer

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*Immediately following the service we invite any who  
desire confidential prayer for any reason to come to the left transept  
to pray with a member of our pastoral prayer team.*

*Congratulations to everyone being confirmed this morning!*

*Students being confirmed:*

Taylor Cannon  
Madeline Castro  
Ellie Hampton  
Reagan Elizabeth Hueman  
Joseph Wesley Fricks, III  
Webb Lathan  
Charles Hill Lewis  
Sophie Martin  
Helen Nottingham  
Immy Perry  
Jane Perry

*Adults being confirmed:*

David Bean  
Angela Blum  
James M. Blum  
Amelia Campbell-Mills  
Lillian Campbell-Mills  
Haley Gray  
Ezra Mills  
Samantha Mills

*Adults being received:*

Jamie Mills  
Debbie Newman  
Thomas Newman

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*The Rev. Claudia Greggs, The Rev. Caleb Burr, The Rev. Jason Palacio,*

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