

Holy Baptism, Confirmation, Reception and Reaffirmation with Holy Eucharist



Saturday, May 9, 2026

4:00pm

Christ Episcopal Church

Dearborn, MI

Welcome Song

Tune: Möge die Strasse

Music: Markus Pytlik

Lyrics: Manuela Blankinship

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Neigh - bor or stran - ger, lo - cal or trav' - ler, we
wel-come you who-ev-er you might be. Share our love, our bread, our wine and
let your stress and all your wor-ries flee. You are kin, our
fam-i-ly in Christ. Now rest with us in this ho-ly place. Bro-thers and sis-ters,
child-ren of cre-a - tion, we re-cog-nize God's i-mage in your face.
rit.
We wel-come all God's child-ren in this place.

The Word of God

The people stand as the hymn begins

Entrance Hymn

Voices Found #109



1. Peo - ple of God, ga - ther to - geth - er, come, let us
2. Hear - ing God's word, heed - ing the mes - sage, come and re -
3. Bear - ing your gifts, en - ter God's pre - sence; come, let us
4. Wo - men and men, har - mo - ny blend - ing, come, swell the



sing on this glo - rious day. Shout - ing a - broad praise to the
- joye as we an - swer the call. With one ac - cord, made in God's
share in the heav - ven - ly feast. Mend - ing all rifts, heal - ing di -
cho - rus in lov - ing ac - cord, Rais - ing a - gain thanks ne - ver



Mak - er, come and with bo - dy and soul let us pray,
im - age, come in com - mu - ni - ty, wel - com - ing all.
- vi - sions, come and from sor - rows and hurts be re - leased.
end - ing, come to the God who is Wis - dom and Word.

REFRAIN



Come, let us join in the heav - en - ly dance, prais - ing in joy - ous ce - le - bra - tion.

Opening Acclamation

Bishop Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.

People *And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.*

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 and Father of all.*

The Collect of the Day

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Bishop Let us pray. Almighty God, who has revealed to your Church your eternal Being of glorious majesty and perfect love as one God in Trinity of Persons: Give us grace that, like your bishop Gregory of Nazianzus, we may continue steadfast in the confession of this faith, and constant in our worship of you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; who live and reign for ever and ever.

People *Amen.*

The Lessons

The people are seated

The First Lesson (Read in Arabic)

Reader A reading from the Prophet Jonah (1:1–16).
The word of the Lord came to Jonah son of Amittai, saying, “Go at once to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it; for their wickedness has come up before me.” But Jonah set out to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid his fare and went on board, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the Lord. But the Lord hurled a great wind upon the sea, and such a mighty storm came upon the sea that the ship threatened to break up. Then the mariners were afraid, and each cried to his god. They threw the cargo that was in the ship into the sea, to lighten it for them. Jonah, meanwhile, had gone down into the hold of the ship and had lain down, and was fast asleep. The captain came and said to him, “What are you doing sound asleep? Get up, call on your god! Perhaps the god will spare us a thought so that we do not perish.” The sailors said to one another, “Come, let us cast lots, so that we may know on whose account this calamity has come upon us.” So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah. Then they said to him, “Tell us why this calamity has come upon us. What is your occupation? Where do you come from? What is your country? And of what people are you?” “I am a Hebrew,” he replied. “I worship the Lord, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land.” Then the men were even more afraid, and said to him, “What is this that you have done!” For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of the Lord, because he had told them so. Then they said to him, “What shall we do to you, that the sea may quiet down for us?” For the sea was growing more and more tempestuous. He said to them, “Pick me up and throw me into the sea; then the sea will quiet down for you; for I know it is because of me that this great storm has come upon you.” Nevertheless the men rowed hard to bring the ship back to land, but they could not, for the sea grew more and more stormy against them. Then they cried out to the Lord, “Please, O Lord, we pray, do not let us perish on account of this man’s life. Do not make us guilty of innocent blood; for you, O Lord, have done as it pleased you.” So they picked Jonah up and threw him into the sea; and the sea ceased from its raging. Then the men feared the Lord even more, and they offered a sacrifice to the Lord and made vows.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People *Thanks be to God.*

The Psalm

Psalm 19:7–14 (Read in English)

- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.

13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

The Epistle (Read in English)

Reader A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians (3:14-21).

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand and sing as the Gospel book is processed to the center of the nave.

Sequence Hymn

Sung to the tune Joyful, Joyful

Sung in Arabic

Sing aloud, O children of God, Christ the Lord is risen true;
He has crushed the power of death, Vanquished night's dark reign of sin;
Son of God, the lifegiving One, Lives for all, eternal Lord.
From the light of endless morning, Come and share its holy flame.

Rejoice, O glad Jerusalem, Now the day of triumph's come;
Death has lost its power and hold, Old things now have passed away;
God is dwelling with His people, Makes His dwelling evermore;
Sorrow's chains are broken and gone, Tears and pain shall flee away.

God's sure promise has come to pass, As told of old by prophets;
Once long we lay as slain and dead, Now awakened, lifted high;
With our Lord we shall reign ever, No decay to dim His throne;
Joined with Him in life that never ends, Death shall ne'er touch us again.

O God's people, lift your heads high, Tell the foes that have no place;
Where is death's sharp sting, where hell's throne? Christ has triumphed, granting life,
Now our triumph stands clear and sure, Come, we sing with hearts aflame,
Shout with joy for the kingdom new; Glory, praise, forever true!

The Holy Gospel

(Read in both Arabic and English)

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (8:25–32).

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

The Pharisees said to Jesus, "Who are you?" Jesus said to them, "Why do I speak to you at all? I have much to say about you and much to condemn; but the one who sent me is true, and I declare to the world what I have heard from him." They did not understand that he was speaking to them about the Father. So Jesus said, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will realize that I am he, and that I do nothing on my own, but I speak these things as the Father instructed me. And the one who sent me is with me; he has not left me alone, for I always do what is pleasing to him." As he was saying these things, many believed in him. Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."

Deacon The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Bonnie A. Perry

The Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

Bishop The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Sponsor ***I present N. to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.***

Bishop Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate ***I do.***

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

Candidate ***I renounce them.***

Bishop Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Candidate ***I renounce them.***

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

Candidate ***I renounce them.***

Bishop Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Candidate ***I do.***

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

Candidate ***I do.***

Bishop The Candidates for Confirmation and Reception will now be presented.

Presenters ***I present N. for Confirmation.***

(or) ***I present N. to be received into this Communion.***

Bishop Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidates ***I do.***

Bishop Do you renounce renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

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

The people stand.

Bishop 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.

Intercessor Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Intercessor Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Intercessor Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Intercessor Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Intercessor Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Intercessor Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Intercessor Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People *Lord, hear our prayer.*

The people stand.

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Bishop blesses the water, first saying

Bishop The Lord be with you.

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

Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People ***It is right to give God thanks and praise.***

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Baptism

Bishop *Levon*, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Levon, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Bishop Let us pray.

Almighty God, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People ***We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.***

At Confirmation, Reception or Reaffirmation

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

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.

For Confirmation

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

For Reception

Bishop *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.**

For Reaffirmation

Bishop *N.*, may the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom. **Amen.**

The Bishop concludes with this prayer.

Almighty and everliving God, let your loving 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

The people stand as they are able.

Bishop The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements and Offertory

Offertory Anthem

Holy Spirit, Rain Down

Holy Spirit rain down, rain down

Oh Comforter and Friend

How we need Your touch again

Holy Spirit rain down, rain down

Let Your power fall

Let Your voice be heard

Come and change our hearts

As we stand on Your Word

Holy Spirit rain down

No eye has seen, no ear has heard
No mind can know what God has in store
So open up heaven, open it wide
Over Your church, over our lives

Holy Spirit rain down, rain down

Let Your power fall

Let Your voice be heard

Come and change our hearts

As we stand on Your Word

Holy Spirit rain down

THE HOLY Communion

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Bishop Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. 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:

Sanctus

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
-san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
-san - na in the high - est. Ho san - na in the high - est.

The Bishop continues.

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 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 Bishop continues.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

Bishop 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

Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Bishop We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People *We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.*

Bishop The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion

This is Christ's table, and Christ is our host at this feast. If you are unable to come to the altar, but desire Communion, please notify the usher.

Communion Music

We All Believe in One True God

by Kevin Hildebrand

Post Communion Hymn

Thanks Be to God Who Leads Us

Solo sung in Arabic

Refrain Thanks be to God who leads us onward,
In Christ's triumph every day.
Poor, with nothing in our keeping,
Yet we bless many on the way.

Arabic phonetics for the refrain:
Shukran lil-Lah al-ladhi yaqooduna
Fi mawkib an-nasrihi kulla heen
Ka-fuqaraa, la shay'a lana
Wa nahnu nughanni, nughanni katheerin

1. The Lord will guide you always,
And satisfy your soul in need.
He will strengthen all your bones,
Like a watered garden you shall be. *Refrain*

2. As ambassadors we serve him,
As though God speaks through our plea.
So that we may have sufficiency,
Full of grace and rich mercy. *Refrain*

3. Seek the Lord while he is near you,
Call on him while he is close.
He gives power to the weary,
And great strength to the weak he shows. *Refrain*

Post Communion Prayer

The people stand as they are able and pray together.

**God of abundance,
you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The Blessing

Sending Hymn

Hymn #296

1. We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. Em-braced by
2. We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death. Re - born we
3. The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life. The Spi - rit's
4. A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows as Christ's new

death he broke its fear - ful hold; and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
share with him an Eas - ter life as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ.
pow - er shakes the Church of God. Bap - tized we live with God the Three in One.
bo - dy takes on flesh and blood. The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:

Al - le lu - ia! Al - le lu - ia! A men.

The Dismissal

Deacon Alleluia, Alleluia! Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Postlude

Dear Christians One and All Rejoice

by Kevin Hildebrand

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Mason Peter Tines

Mother of the Savior, Dearborn

Lea Dehmes

Fadi Khoury

Joseph Khoury

Sila Khoury

Tala Khoury

Assisting in Today's Liturgy

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| Presider & Preacher | The Rt. Rev. Dr. Bonnie A. Perry |
| Deacon | Deacon Tim Spannus |
| Acolytes | Fadi Khoury, Amir Hindaileh, Sila Khoury and Tala Khoury |
| Lector | First Reading Amal Khoury or Lara Fadoul (Mother of the Savior) Psalm Morgan Pomerantz (St. James, Dexter) Epistle Sara Caverly (St. Mary's-in-the-Hills, Lake Orion) |
| Intercessor | Rev Halim Shukair |
| Musicians | Jacob Ferns, Organist Tom Blankinship, Guitar Christ Episcopal Church Dearborn Choir, led by Manuela Blankinship |
| Ushers | The Ladies of Mother of the Savior |

إِلهَانَا الَّذِي
فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ
لِيَتَقَدَّسَ اسْمُكَ
لِيَلِيَّتْ مَلَكُوتَكَ
كَمَا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ
وَعَلَى الْأَرْضِ
خَيْرِنَا كَمَا عَطَانَا
يَوْمَ وَاعْفُ لَنَا
ذُنُوبَنَا كَمَا تَغْفِرُ
أَيْضًا لِلْبَشَرِ
الَّذِينَ لَا يَدْرُونَ
فِي تَجَرُّدِ
نَجْمَاتِ
الْشَّمْسِ
وَالْمَلَكِ
الْقُوَّةِ
وَالْمَجْدِ
إِلَى الْأَبَدِ آمِينَ

The Lord's Prayer - Arabic Calligraphy



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