



Deanery of Barnet

Service of Confirmation & Holy Communion



Sunday 7 November 2021, 4pm
The Right Reverend Michael Beasley,
Bishop of Hertford

Welcome to the church of King Charles the Martyr this afternoon for this Service of Confirmation and Holy Communion where we are welcoming candidates from across Barnet Deanery.

By choosing to be confirmed, the people named below are declaring publicly their faith in Jesus Christ, as the Son of God born in Bethlehem who took our human nature to begin our redemption, and who completed that redemption by his sacrificial death on the cross, and his triumph over the powers of death and hell at his resurrection.

This is a faith that we all grow into overtime, and while Confirmation marks a significant milestone on the journey of faith, none of us are finished articles. The commitments made this afternoon, by the candidates below and by the entire church community, is a commitment to all travel together this pilgrimage towards God, learning with each other and from each other, as we grow together in the three great virtues of Faith, Hope and Love.

Please pray for them, and for us all, as we live out our Christian calling together to be Christ's people in this place.

Revd Atalie Gaines
Vicar King Charles the Martyr

Those being confirmed this afternoon:

Stephen Coath	St Giles, South Mimms
Violet May Herrick	St Mary's and All Saints' Potters Bar
Ethan Ngugi	St Michael and All Angels, Borehamwood
David Edwin Smith	St Mary's and All Saints' Potters Bar
Joel Ramesh	St Michael and All Angels, Borehamwood
Noel Ramesh	St Michael and All Angels, Borehamwood
Kasey Davis-Dore	St Michael and All Angels, Borehamwood

The Gathering

The minister and choir enter.

The Incumbent welcomes the congregation and gives any notices.

We stand for the Hymn

**Come down, O Love divine!
seek thou this soul of mine
and visit it with your own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.**

**O let it freely burn
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.**

**Let holy charity
mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become my inner clothing;
true lowliness of heart
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.**

**And so the yearning strong
with which the soul will long
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace
till we become the place
in which the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.**

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Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

There is one body and one Spirit.

There is one hope to which we were called;

one Lord, one faith, one baptism.

one God and Father of all.

Peace be with you

And also with you

The Collect

Let us pray,

Almighty Father,

whose will is to restore all things

in your beloved Son, the King of all:

govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,

and bring the families of the nations,

divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,

to be subject to his just and gentle rule;

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

We sit for our first reading.

The Liturgy of the Word

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgement, so Christ, having been offered

once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Hebrews 4:24-28

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We stand for the Gospel Reading as the choir sings

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Mark

Glory to you O Lord.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.' As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.' And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

Mark 1.14–20

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**The sermon
Bishop of Hertford**

We stand to sing

**Holy Spirit, come, confirm us
In the truth that Christ makes known;
We have faith and understanding
Through your promised light alone.**

**Holy Spirit, come, console us,
Come as Advocate to plead,
Loving Spirit from the Father,
Grant in Christ the help we need.**

**Holy Spirit, come, renew us,
Come yourself to make us live,
Holy through your loving presence,
Holy through the gifts you give.**

**Holy Spirit, come, possess us,
You the love of Three in One,
Holy Spirit of the Father,
Holy Spirit of the Son.**

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The Liturgy of Initiation

Presentation of candidates

The candidates for confirmation are presented and stand as their names are called.

The Bishop asks them:

Have you been baptised in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit?

I have

The Bishop asks all the candidates:

Are you ready with your own mouth and from your own heart to affirm your faith in Jesus Christ?

I am

Faith is the gift of God to his people.

In confirmation the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling.

People of God, will you welcome these candidates and uphold them in their life in Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

The congregation kneels or sits, the candidates line up before the chancel steps.

The Decision

The Bishop addresses the candidates for confirmation:

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.

Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

I renounce them.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?
I come to Christ.

Profession of Faith

The Bishop addresses the congregation:

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess
together with these candidates
the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?
**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?
**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
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;
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in 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.
Amen**

The Confirmation

The Bishop stands before those who are to be confirmed:

Our help is in the name of the Lord.
Who has made heaven and earth.

Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Now and for ever.
Amen.

Almighty and ever-living God,
you have given these your servants new birth
in baptism by water and the Spirit,
and have forgiven them all their sins.
Let your Holy Spirit rest upon them:
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding;
the Spirit of counsel and inward strength;
the Spirit of knowledge and true godliness;
and let their delight be in the fear of the Lord.
Amen.

The Bishop calls each candidate forward in turn saying:

N, God has called you by name and made you his own.

The candidate stands in front of the Bishop, who lays his hands upon each saying:

Confirm, O Lord, your servant with your Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The candidate is then anointed with the oil of chrism, the Bishop saying:

Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

When all have been confirmed and anointed we pray together:

Defend, O Lord, these your servants with your heavenly grace, that they may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more until they come to your everlasting Kingdom. Amen.

The Welcome

The Bishop says:

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism.
By one spirit we were all baptised into one body.
**We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;
we are children of the same heavenly Father.
We welcome you.**

The congregation greet the candidates with applause.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

The Peace

God has made us one in Christ. He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come, has given us the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

The peace is shared.

We stand to sing.

**We hail thy Presence glorious,
O Christ our great high Priest,
O'er sin and death victorious,
At thy thanksgiving feast:
As thou art interceding
For us in heaven above,
Thy Church on earth is pleading
Thy perfect work of love.**

**Through thee in every nation
Thine own their hearts upraise,
Offering one pure Oblation,
One Sacrifice of praise:
With thee in blest communion
The living and the dead
Are joined in closest union,
One Body with one Head.**

**O living Bread from heaven,
Jesu, our Saviour good,
Who thine own self hast given
To be our souls' true food;
For us thy body broken
Hung on the Cross of shame:
This Bread its hallowed token
We break in thy dear name.**

**O stream of love unending,
Poured from the one true Vine,
With our weak nature blending
The strength of life divine;
Our thankful faith confessing
In thy life-blood outpoured,
We drink this Cup of blessing
And praise thy name, O Lord.**

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Eucharistic prayer B

The Lord is here
His spirit is with us

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

Father, we give you thanks and praise
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,
through whom you have created all things;
who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.
By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,
he lived on earth and went about among us;
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;
he put an end to death by dying for us;
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing:

**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!**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
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.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.
Christ is the bread of life:
**When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Lord's prayer

Let us pray with confidence, as our Saviour has taught us,

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**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 bread

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

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

The invitation to communion

Jesus is the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
But only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

The Bishop, clergy and people receive Communion, the newly confirmed receiving together first.

Those who belong to other Christian denominations and are regular communicants are invited to come forward to receive communion. Please hold your hands out, one palm supporting the other, to receive the bread. Those who have not been confirmed or do not wish to take communion are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. So that the priest will know this is what you wish, please hold your service sheet in your hands.

During Communion the Choir will sing the Anthem "Come Holy Ghost" (Attwood).

Prayer after communion

The Bishop says the Living God's Love Diocesan Prayer

Living God,

draw us deeper into your love;

Jesus our Lord,

send us to care and serve;

Holy Spirit,

make us heralds of good news.

Stir us, strengthen us,

teach and inspire us

to live your love

with generosity and joy,

imagination and courage;

for the sake of your world

and in the name of Jesus,

Amen.

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out
in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

The Choir now sing the Nunc Dimittis as the newly Confirmed come forward to receive a lighted candle.

The Bishop says to the newly Confirmed:

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light. You have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your lives.

**Shine as lights in the world,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe.
Your light shines on us, and all the peoples shall see your glory.
You gave us Jesus to be the light of the world;
he makes our darkness to be light.
Through the Holy Spirit your love burns with us,
bearing witness to your truth.
As we bear your light, may our lips never cease to sing your praise.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.

The Sending Out

The Blessing

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

God the Father draw you deeply into His love
God the Son empower you to serve the world
God the Holy Spirit strengthen you to proclaim the gospel
and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy
Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The final hymn during which the Bishop leads the candidates to the back of the church.

**Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go
my daily labour to pursue;
Thee, only thee resolved to know
in all I think or speak or do.**

**The task thy wisdom has assigned
O let me cheerfully fulfil;
in all my work thy presence find
and prove thy good and perfect will.**

**Preserve me from my calling's snare
And hide my simple heart above,
Above the thorns of choking care,
The gilded baits of worldly love.**

**Thee may I set at my right hand
whose eyes my inmost substance see;
and labour on at thy command
and offer all my work to thee.**

**Give me to bear thy easy yoke
and every moment watch and pray;
and still to things eternal look
and hasten to that glorious day.**

**For thee delightfully I employ
Whate'er thye bounteous grace hath given,
and run my earthly course with joy,
and closely walk with thee to heaven.**

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Please turn to face the west end.

The Bishop says:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ. Amen

Thank you for coming!

The retiring collection from today's Confirmation service directly supports people from this Diocese training for Ordination. Your support of ordinands in training enables them to pursue study which may not be possible otherwise. We know that this makes a huge difference to the quality of their life during training and sends them into their first training post equipped to work for their parish and to the glory of God.

As a result of past support thirteen Deacons and thirteen Priests were ordained this year (2021) from a mix of ages and backgrounds.

In September we had 16 people starting ordination training to make a total of 45 ordinands training at a range of theological colleges and courses.

If you know of anyone who is exploring God's call on their life they may like to join us for our "Will you take His call?" event on 13 November with Bishop Michael. This will be an opportunity for people to explore God's plan for them, whether that is in licensed ministry or not.

Please do give generously to support the training of future clergy

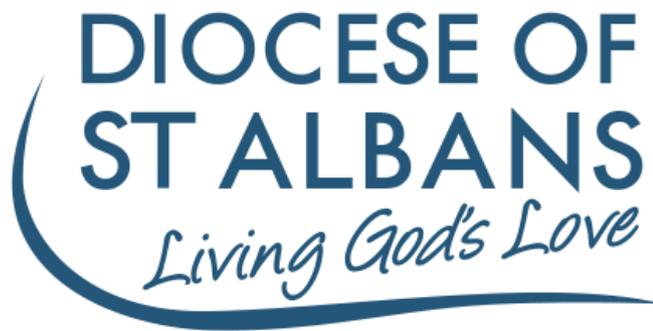
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