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**Prelude**     *Lord Jesus Christ, be with us now*, BWV 632     J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

**\*Hymn**     Praise to the Lord, the almighty (*Lobe den Herrn*)     **Hymnal # 390**

## **\*Opening Acclamation**

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen*

There is one Body and One Spirit  
*There is one hope in God's call to us;*  
One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;  
*One God and Father of all.*

The Lord be with you.  
*And also with you.*

Let us pray.

## **\*Collect**

Grant, Almighty God, that we, who have been redeemed from the old life of sin by our baptism into the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, may be renewed in your Holy Spirit, and live in righteousness and true holiness; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## **The First Lesson**

**Isaiah 61:1–9**

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion — to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.

They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. Strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, foreigners shall till your land and dress your vines; but you shall be called priests of the Lord, you shall be named ministers of our God; you shall enjoy the wealth of the nations, and in their riches you shall glory. Because their shame was double, and dishonor was proclaimed as their lot, therefore they shall possess a double portion; everlasting joy shall be theirs.

For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed.

The Word of the Lord.  
*Thanks be to God.*

**Psalm 139:1–9**

***Domine, probasti***

<sup>1</sup> Lord, you have searched me out and known me; \*  
you know my sitting down and my rising up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.

<sup>2</sup> You trace my journeys and my resting-places \*  
and are acquainted with all my ways.

<sup>3</sup> Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, \*  
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

<sup>4</sup> You press upon me behind and before \*  
and lay your hand upon me.

<sup>5</sup> Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; \*  
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

<sup>6</sup> Where can I go then from your Spirit? \*  
where can I flee from your presence?

<sup>7</sup> If I climb up to heaven, you are there; \*  
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

<sup>8</sup> If I take the wings of the morning \*  
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

<sup>9</sup> Even there your hand will lead me \*  
and your right hand hold me fast.

**The Epistle Reading**

**Epheians 4:7; 11–16**

But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift.

The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

The Word of the Lord.  
*Thanks be to God.*

**\*The Gospel Reading**

**Luke 4:16–21**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
*Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,

to let the oppressed go free,  
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.'

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **The Sermon**

**The Rt. Rev. Dr. DeDe Duncan-Probe**

## **Presentation and Examination of the Candidates**

**BCP 415**

*The Bishop says*

The Candidates will now be presented.

*Presenters:* I present *these* persons for Confirmation.

Connor Kotski (St. Paul's, Owego)  
Lauren Sedlacek (St. Paul's, Owego)  
Meekayla Overacker (St. Paul's, Owego)  
Aubrey Mae Ellis (St. Paul's, Owego)  
Daniella Magdalena Sperring Riperton (St. John's, Ithaca)  
Charlotte Hoekenga (St. John's, Ithaca)  
Tamara Sato (Episcopal Church at Cornell)  
Devin Richardson (St. John's, Ithaca)

I present *these persons* to be received into this Communion

Alice O'Brien-Botts (St. Paul's, Owego)  
Douglas Cornwell (St. Paul's, Owego)  
Cynthia Gration (St. John's, Ithaca)  
Benjamin Dean (St. John's, Ithaca)  
Alyssa Green (St. John's, Ithaca)

*The Bishop asks the candidates*

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.

*Bishop*

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 these or similar words*

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**

*The Bishop then says to the congregation*

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

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

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

*Leader* Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

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

*Leader* Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

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

*Leader* Keep them in faith and communion of your holy Church

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

*Leader* Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

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

*Leader* Send them into the world in witness to your love.

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

*Leader* Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

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

*Then the Bishop says*

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**

*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.*

### **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.*

*The Bishop concludes with this prayer*

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly 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 peace of the Lord be always with you.

*And also with you.*

*Please remain in your pen. Wave!*

### **Announcements & Welcome**

### **Offertory Sentence**

*The loose collection today is designated for Bishop DeDe's Discretionary Fund.*

*Checks can be made out to the Episcopal Diocese of CNY with "Discretionary Fund" in the memo line.*

**\*Presentation Hymn** Draw nigh and take the body of the Lord (*Song 46*)

**Hymnal # 328**

**\*The Great Thanksgiving** Expanded Language Prayer A

**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 our thanks and praise.

**Celebrant:** Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, make us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## Holy, holy, holy (*Sanctus*)

Hymnal # S-130

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: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had fallen into sin and became 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.

Jesus 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 Savior 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, 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 shed for you and for many 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.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's 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 Christ.

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 Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

And as Christ our Savior taught us, we now 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. 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.**

**Fraction**

*Bishop* Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*All* **Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia**

This altar is not ours, it is the Lord's. So come to this altar you who have much faith, and you who would like to have more. You who have been here often and you who have not been here for a long time. You who have tried to follow Jesus and you who have failed. Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

*Adapted from The Iona Community, Iona Abbey Worship Book, (Glasgow, UK: Wild Goose Publications, 2001), 53.*

## The Communion of the People

*All people are invited to the Lord's Table. Eucharist will be distributed in the form of the bread with wine available for intincture. Please come forward in a single line in the center aisle to receive. Wait to remove your mask until you return to your seat, and then replace it after consuming the Sacrament.*

***If it is difficult for you to come to the altar to receive communion, please tell the usher. You may receive communion in your seat.***

## Post Communion Prayer

*Bishop* Let us pray

**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.**

## Blessing

*Bishop* Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

*People* **The maker of heaven and earth.**

*Bishop* Blessed be the Name of the Lord;

*People* **From this time forth for evermore.**

*Bishop* The blessing, mercy, and grace of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

**\*Hymn** Love divine, all loves excelling (*Hyfrydol*)

**Hymnal # 657**

## Dismissal

**Postlude** If thou but trust in God to guide thee, BWV 642

J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

**Liturgical Ministers:** Patti O'Connell, Tamara Sato

*Service Music Sung by the St. John's Cyber Choir*

*The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God in memory of Paul W. Blanchard by Paul Blanchard.*

Please do **not** take photographs during the service. Opportunity for pictures will be offered afterwards.

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Praise to the Lord, the almighty (*Lobe den Herrn*)

**Hymnal # 390**

1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;  
O my soul, praise Him, for he is thy health and salvation:  
Join the great throng,  
Psaltery, organ, and song,  
Sounding in glad adoration.

2 Praise to the Lord; over all things he gloriously reigneth:  
Borne as on eagle-wings, safely his saints he sustaineth.  
Hast thou not seen  
How all thou needest hath been  
Granted in what he ordaineth?

3 Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy way and defend thee;  
Surely his goodness and mercy shall ever attend thee;  
Ponder anew  
What the Almighty can do,  
Who with his love doth befriend thee.

4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath breath join with Abraham's seed to adore him!  
Let the "Amen"  
Sum all our praises again  
Now as we worship before him.

Amen.

Draw nigh and take the body of the Lord (*Song 46*)

**Hymnal # 328**

1 Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord,  
and drink the holy Blood for you outpoured.

2 Saved by that Body and that holy Blood,  
with souls refreshed, we render thanks to God.

3 Salvation's giver, Christ, the only Son,  
by his dear cross and blood the victory won.

4 Offered was he for greatest and for least,  
himself the Victim, and himself the Priest.

5 Approach ye then with faithful hearts sincere,  
and take the pledges of salvation here.

6 He that his saints in this world rules and shields,  
to all believers life eternal yields;

7 with heavenly bread he makes the hungry whole,  
gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

8 Alpha-Omega, unto whom shall bow  
all nations at the Doom, is with us now.

1 Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter every trembling heart.

2 Come, almighty to deliver,  
let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.

3 Finish then thy new creation;  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee:  
changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise.