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BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION SERVICE



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Prelude

Processional

Hymn #348, v. 1 & 4

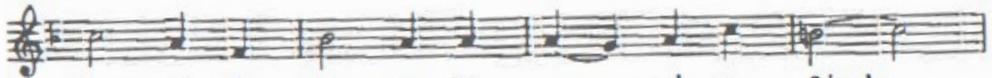
“Lord, we have come at your own invitation”

Confirmation

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1 Lord, we have come at your own in - vi - ta - tion,  
2 Here, at your ta - ble, con - firm our in - ten - tion  
3 When, at your ta - ble, each time of re - turn - ing,  
4 So, in the world where each du - ty as - signed us



cho - sen by you, to be coun - ted as friends:  
ev - er to cher - ish the gifts you pro - vide;  
vows are re - newed, and our cour - age re - stored:  
gives us the chance to cre - ate or des - troy,



yours is the strength that sus - tains our vo - ca - tion,  
teach us to serve with - out pride or pre - ten - sion,  
may we in - creas - ing - ly glo - ry in learn - ing  
help us to make those de - ci - sions that bind us,



ours a com - mit - ment we know nev - er ends.  
led by your Spi - rit, de - fend - er and guide.  
all that it means to ac - cept you as Lord.  
Lord, to your - self, in o - be - dience and joy.

Words: F. Pratt Green (b. 1903), rev.

Music: *O quanta quæstio*, melody from *Antiphoner*, 1681

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**Bishop** Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

*The Bishop then continues:*

**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.

**Bishop** The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

**Bishop** Let us pray.

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 16:13-19**

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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

**The Bishop says:** The Candidate(s) for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*Then the candidates are presented individually by their Parents and Godparents, as follows:*

*Parents and Godparents: I present Rowdy Geier to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.*

*Parents and Godparents: I present Murphy Geier to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.*

*Bishop asks the parents and godparents:* **Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?**

*Parents and Godparents: I will, with God's help.*

**Bishop:** Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Parents and Godparents: I will, with God's help.*

*Then the Bishop asks the following questions:*

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

*Answer*            I renounce them.

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

*Answer*            I renounce them.

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

*Answer*            I renounce them.

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

*Answer*            I do.

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

*Answer*            I do.

**Question** Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

*Answer* I do.

**Bishop** The other Candidate(s) will now be presented.

*Presenters* I present *these persons* for Confirmation: Brantley Lewis, Mary Ann Geier and Matt Geier.

**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 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 the 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 are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

A Person appointed leads the following petitions

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 the 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.

The Bishop says: Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. *Amen.*

## Thanksgiving over the Water

The Bishop blesses the water, first saying: 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 him thanks and praise.*

**Bishop:** 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 Bishop 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.

### **Consecration of the Chrism**

*The Bishop may then consecrate oil of Chrism, placing a hand on the vessel of oil, and saying:*

**Eternal Father,** whose blessed Son was anointed by the Holy Spirit to be the Savior and servant of all, we pray you to consecrate this oil, that those who are sealed with it may share in the royal priesthood of Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **Baptism**

*Each candidate is presented by name to the Bishop, who then pours water upon, the candidate, saying:*

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

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

*When this action has been completed for all candidates, the Bishop at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over them, saying*

**Let us pray. Heavenly Father, 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.***

*Then the Bishop places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross [using Chrism if desired] and saying to each one*

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

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

*When all have been baptized, the Bishop says*

**Let us welcome the newly baptized.**

*Bishop and 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.*

*The Bishop says to the congregation: **Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.***

*Silence may be kept.*

*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 the 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.*

## Confirmation

*The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says*

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant Brantley Lewis, with your Holy Spirit; empower *her* for your service; and sustain *her* all the days of *her* life. *Amen.*

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

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

*Then the Bishop says:* 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 is then exchanged*

Bishop            The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People            And also with you.

**And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, BCP, p. 364**

*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.*

### **Blessing**

Go out into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold to what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak; help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve our God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

*The Bishop blesses the assembly: **The almighty and merciful God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. Amen.***

### **Dismissal**

*The Bishop then dismisses the congregation: **Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.***

*People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.*

*Recessional Hymn*

*Hymn #296, v. 1 & 4*

*“We know that Christ is raised and dies no more”*



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



Em - braced by death he broke its fear - ful hold; \_\_\_\_\_  
 Re - born we share with him an eas - ter life. \_\_\_\_\_  
 The Spi - rit's pow - er shakes the Church of God. \_\_\_\_\_  
 in Christ's new bo - dy takes on flesh and blood. \_\_\_\_\_



and our de - spair be turned to blac - ing joy. \_\_\_\_\_  
 as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bap - tized we live with God the Three in One. \_\_\_\_\_ Al - le - lu - ia  
 The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing: \_\_\_\_\_

*Final Ending*



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

Words: John Burwenke Copar (b. 1850), alt.

Music: Eggeberg - Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

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*Postlude*

**Serving Today**

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Crucifer	Elizabeth Dawson
Ushers	Bob Mills, Bob Whitson
Altar Guild	Deb Davis, Penny Jinright