Baptism, Confirmation, & Choral Eucharist on the Feast of Pentecost
28 May 2023 at 6pm

Setting of the Mass:
Missa Brevis Sancta Cecilia – Sarah MacDonald (b. 1968)
The following candidates are presented for baptism:

Isabella Leandersson and Jamie Parker-Ward

The following candidates are presented for confirmation:

Isabella Leandersson, Jamie Parker-Ward, Gemma Ayer, and Jack Heald

ORGAN MUSIC BEFORE THE SERVICE

Komm, Heiliger Geist, Herr Gott (BWV 652) – J. S. Bach (1685-1750)
(Come Holy Ghost, Lord God)
THE GATHERING

Please stand when the bell rings.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (NEH 137)

1  Come down, O Love divine,
    Seek thou this soul of mine,
    And visit it with thine own ardour glowing.
    O Comforter, draw near,
    Within my heart appear,
    And kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

2  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 illumining.

3  Let holy charity
    Mine outward vesture be,
    And lowliness become mine inner clothing;
    True lowliness of heart,
    Which takes the humbler part,
    And o’er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.
4 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 he become the place
   Wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

words: Bianco da Siena d. 1434, tr. R. F. Littledale (1833-1890)
Music: DOWN AMPNEY – Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Please remain standing.

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

Bishop    There is one body and one spirit.
All       There is one hope to which we were called;

Bishop    one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
All       one God and Father of all.

Bishop    Peace be with you
All       and also with you.

The Bishop welcomes all present and then says:

Bishop    Heavenly Father, by the power of your Holy Spirit
   you give to your faithful people new life
   in the water of baptism.
   Guide and strengthen us by the same Spirit,
   that we who are born again
   may serve you in faith and love,
   and grow into the full stature of your Son, Jesus Christ,
   who is alive and reigns with you
   in the unity of the Holy Spirit now and for ever.
All       Amen.
INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Please sit or kneel.

Bishop  The Spirit of the Lord fills the world and knows our every word and deed. Let us then open ourselves to the Lord and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

All  Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON (sung by the choir)

Kyrie eleison.  Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christe eleison.  Christ, have mercy upon us.
Kyrie eleison.  Lord, have mercy upon us.

ABSOLUTION

Bishop  Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All  Amen.

Please stand.
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (sung by the choir)

Gloria in excelsis Deo et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis. 
Laudamus te, benedicimus te, 
adoramus te, glorificamus te, 
gratias agimus tibi 
propter magnam gloriam tuam, 
Domine Deus, Rex ceælestis, 
Deus Pater omnipotens. 
Domine Fili Unigenite, 
Jesu Christe, Domine Deus, 
Agnus Dei, Filius Patris, 
qui tollis peccata mundi, 
miserere nobis; 
qui tollis peccata mundi, 
suscipe deprecationem nostram. 
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, 
miserere nobis. 
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus, 
tu solus Dominus, 
tu solus Altissimus, Iesu Christe, 
cum Sancto Spiritu: 
in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards men. 
We praise thee, we bless thee, 
we worship thee, we glorify thee, 
we give thanks to thee 
for thy great glory, 
O Lord God, heavenly King, 
God the Father almighty. 
O Lord, the only begotten Son, 
Jesu Christ: O Lord God, 
Lamb of God, Son of the Father, 
that takest away the sins of the world, 
have mercy upon us. 
Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. 
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. 
For thou only art holy, 
thou only art the Lord, 
thou only, O Christ, 
with the Holy Ghost, art the most high, 
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

COLLECT

Bishop Let us pray that the Spirit will work through our lives to bring Christ to the world.

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.
THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING (Acts 2: 1-13)

Reader          A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, ‘Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.’ All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, ‘What does this mean?’ But others sneered and said, ‘They are filled with new wine.’

Reader          The Lord is here.
All              His Spirit is with us.

GRADUAL ANTHEM (sung by the choir)

Peace I leave with you
words: John 14: 27
music: Amy Beach (1867-1944)

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you.
Not as the world giveth, give I unto you.
Let not your heart be troubled.
EPISTLE (1 Corinthians 12: 4-13)

Reader A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Reader The Lord is here.
All His Spirit is with us.

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1. Cantor
2. Full

Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia.

There are a variety of gifts but the same Spirit;

by the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body.

Repeat Alleluia Full.
THE GOSPEL (John 20: 19-23)

Please turn to face the Gospeller.

Deacon   Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
All      Glory to you, O Lord.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’ When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.’

Deacon   This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All      Praise to you, O Christ.

Please remain standing as the Gospeller returns to the sanctuary.

THE SERMON

Please sit.
The Liturgy of Initiation

Presentation of the Candidates

Candidates for baptism and confirmation stand before the Bishop, accompanied by those presenting and supporting them.

The Bishop addresses those who are candidates for baptism and confirmation:

Bishop  Do you wish to be baptised?
Candidates  I do.

The Bishop addresses those who are candidates for confirmation only:

Bishop  Have you been baptised in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit?
Candidates  I have.

The bishop addresses all the candidates:

Bishop  Are you ready with your own mouth and from your own heart to affirm your faith in Jesus Christ?
Candidates  I am.

The Bishop addresses the whole congregation:

Bishop  Faith is the gift of God to his people. In baptism 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?
All  With the help of God, we will.
THE DECISION

The bishop addresses all the candidates:

Bishop 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?
Candidates I reject them.

Bishop Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?
Candidates I renounce them.

Bishop Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?
Candidates I repent of them.

Bishop Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?
Candidates I turn to Christ.

Bishop Do you submit to Christ as Lord?
Candidates I submit to Christ.

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

SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

The candidates for baptism step forward, and the Bishop makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of each candidate for baptism, saying:

Christ claims you for his own.
Receive the sign of the cross.
When the candidates have been signed, the bishop says

Bishop Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.
All Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ against sin, the world and the devil, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.

Bishop May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, restore in you the image of his glory, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ
All Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE WATER

The candidates for baptism move to the font.

Bishop Praise God who made heaven and earth, who keeps his promise for ever.
All It is right to give thanks and praise.

Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All We thank you, almighty God, for the gift of water to sustain, refresh and cleanse all life. Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through water you led the children of Israel from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the Promised Land. In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us from the death of sin to newness of 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 baptise into his fellowship those who come to him in faith.
Now sanctify this water that,  
by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
they may be cleansed from sin and born again.  
Renewed in your image, may they walk by the light of faith  
and continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Lord;  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be all honour and glory, now and for ever.

All  
Amen.

Please stand.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Bishop  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?

All  
I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

Bishop  Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

All  
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.

Bishop  Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

All  
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 BAPTISM

The Bishop addresses each candidate for baptism by name, saying:

Bishop N, is this your faith?
Candidate This is my faith.

The Bishop pours water on them, saying:

Bishop N, I baptise you
in the Name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
All Amen.

When all candidates are baptised, the Bishop says

Bishop May God, who has received you by baptism
into his Church,
pour upon you the riches of his grace,
that within the company of Christ’s pilgrim people
you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit,
and come to the inheritance
of the saints in glory.
All Amen.

The Bishop sprinkles all the candidates for confirmation with the water of baptism.

Bishop Almighty God,
we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith
with all who have been baptised into your name.
Keep us faithful to our baptism,
and so make us ready for that day
when the whole creation
shall be made perfect in your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
All Amen.
THE CONFIRMATION

Please sit.

Those who are to be confirmed remain standing before the Bishop.

Bishop Our help is in the name of the Lord
All who has made heaven and earth.

Bishop Blessed be the name of the Lord
All now and for ever. Amen.

The Bishop extends his hands towards those to be confirmed.

Bishop 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.

All Amen.

Each candidate in turn is presented to the Bishop. The candidate kneels, and the
Bishop addresses each candidate by name and anoints them with the Oil of Chrism.

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

He then lays his hands on the head of each, saying

Bishop Confirm, O Lord, your servant with your Holy Spirit.
All Amen.

When all candidates have been confirmed, the Bishop invites the congregation to pray.
All 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.

All candidates and those presenting them return to their seats. Please sit or kneel.

THE COMMISSION

Bishop Those who are baptised are called to worship and serve God. Will you continue in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

All With the help of God, I will.

Bishop Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

All With the help of God, I will.

Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

All With the help of God, I will.

Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all people, loving your neighbour as yourself?

All With the help of God, I will.

Bishop Will you acknowledge Christ’s authority over human society, by prayer for the world and its leaders, by defending the weak, and by seeking peace and justice?

All With the help of God, I will.

Bishop Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth?

All With the help of God I will.

Bishop May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith, that you may be rooted and grounded in love and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

All Amen.
THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

THE PEACE

Please stand.

Bishop The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said ‘Peace be with you’. Then were they glad when they saw the Lord.

The peace of the Lord be always with you:

All and also with you.

Deacon Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

A minister invites the congregation to share a sign of Christ’s peace.

Please sit.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (sung by the choir)

The Spirit of the Lord
words: from Isaiah 61
music: from The Apostles by Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He hath anointed me to preach the Gospel to the poor: He hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord; To give unto them that mourn a garland for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified. For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.
The Bishop takes the bread and wine with these words:

Bishop  
Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness we have this bread to offer,  
which earth has given and human hands have made.  
It will become for us the bread of life.

All  
Blessed be God for ever.

Bishop  
Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness we have this wine to offer,  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.  
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

All  
Blessed be God for ever.

THE PREFACE

Bishop  
The Lord be with you:

All  
And also with you.

Bishop  
Lift up your hearts.

All  
We lift them to the Lord.

Bishop  
Let us give thanks and praise to the Lord our God.

All  
It is right to give thanks and praise.

Bishop  
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.

And now we give you thanks  
because by water and the Holy Spirit  
you have made us a holy people in Jesus Christ our Lord,
you raise us to new life in him
and renew in us the image of your glory.
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:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS (sung by the choir)

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus

Dominus Deus Sabaoth.

Pleni sunt cæli et terra gloria tua:

Hosanna in excelsis.

Benedictus,
qui venit in nomine Domini:

Hosanna in excelsis.

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
Lord God of Sabaoth,
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he
that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Please sit or kneel.

Bishop

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.
Deacon

In joyful confidence we proclaim:

All

Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.

Bishop

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 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.

All

Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

President

Being made one by the power of the Spirit
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

All

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,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

THE FRACTION

President    We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
All          Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.

GIVING OF COMMUNION

President    Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
All          Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The president and people receive communion. The newly confirmed receive first,
followed by the choir, then those presenting candidates, followed by the rest of the
congregation, as directed by the chapel wardens. All Christians who have been
baptised in the name of the Trinity, and who normally receive Holy Communion in
their own Church, may receive the Sacrament. All are welcome to come to the front to
receive a blessing. Please bring this service sheet with you to indicate your intention.

THE AGNUS DEI (sung by the choir during Communion)

Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis. (x2)
Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.

O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us. (x2)
O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
grant us thy peace.
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

President Faithful God,
who fulfilled the promises of Easter
by sending us your Holy Spirit
and opening to every race and nation
the way of life eternal:
open our lips by your Spirit,
that every tongue may tell of your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
All Amen.

All 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.

Please stand.

FINAL HYMN

1 Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in endless praise.

2 Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.
3 Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King.
   Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee.

4 Take my silver and my gold;
   not a mite would I withhold.
   Take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store.
   Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

words: F. R. Havergal (1836-1879)
music: NOTTINGHAM – W. A. Mozart (1756-1791)

THE BLESSING

Bishop May the Spirit, who hovered over the waters when the world was created, breathe into you the life he gives.

All Amen.

Bishop May the Spirit, who overshadowed the Virgin when the eternal Son came among us, make you joyful in the service of the Lord.

All Amen.

Bishop May the Spirit, who set the Church on fire upon the Day of Pentecost, bring the world alive with the love of the risen Christ.

All Amen.

Bishop And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.
THE GIVING OF A LIGHTED CANDLE

The Bishop gives each of the newly baptised and confirmed a lighted candle.

Bishop  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 life.

All  Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon  Filled with the Spirit’s power, go in the light and peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

All  Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Bishop leads the newly confirmed out of the Chapel, followed by the procession of crucifer, acolytes, choir, supporters and the rest of the sanctuary party.

ORGAN  Toccata on ‘Veni Creator Spiritus’ (Come Holy Ghost) – Jeanne Demessieux (1921-1968)