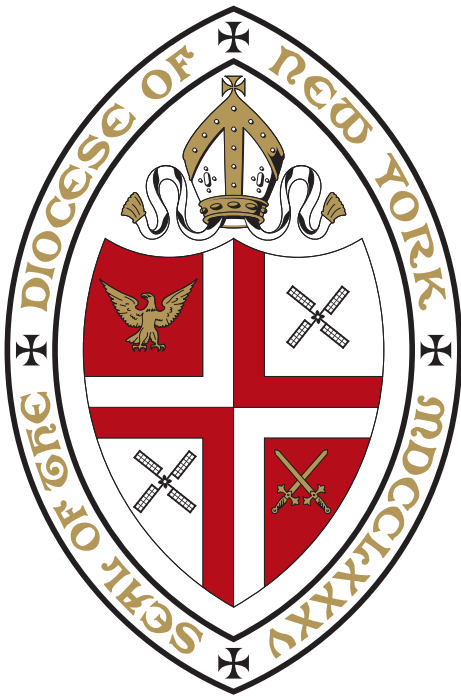


# The Rites of Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation



**Saturday, June 6, 2026**

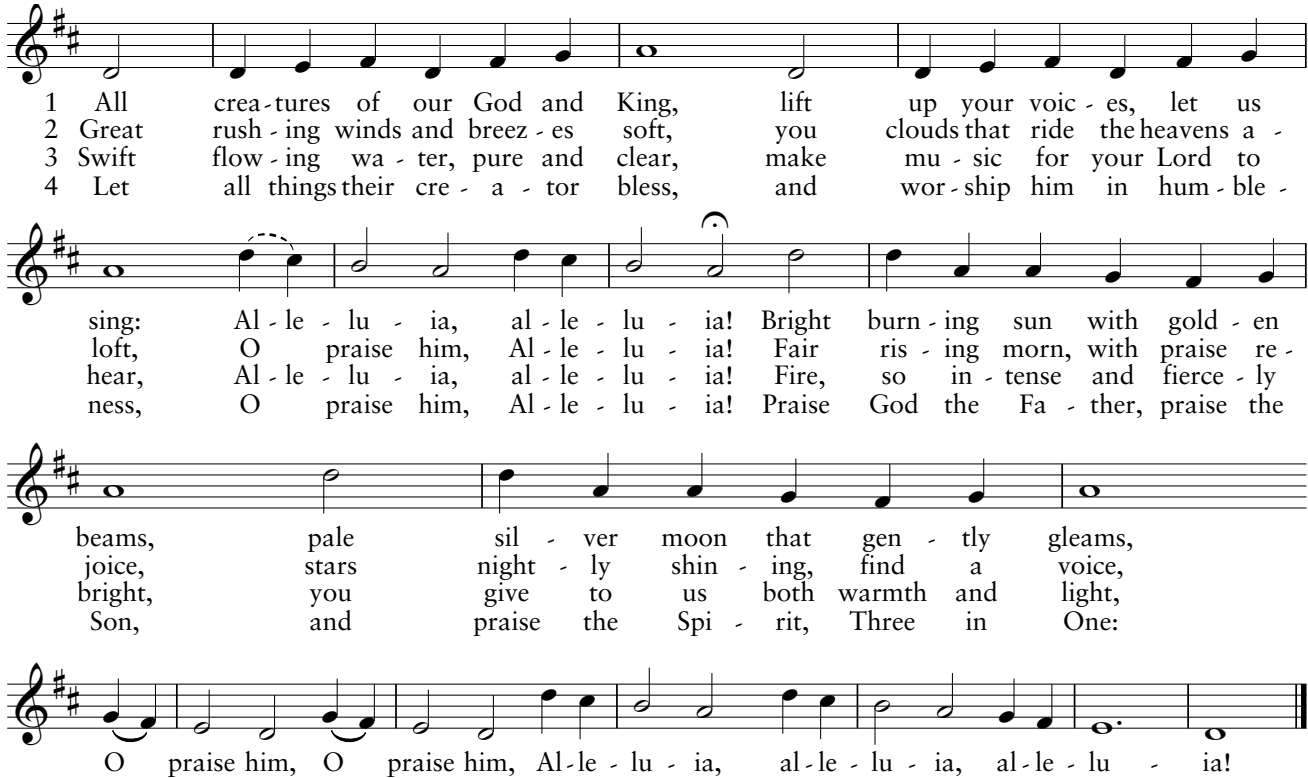
10:30pm Holy Eucharist with  
Confirmations, Receptions, and Reaffirmations

**ST. JOHN  
THE DIVINE**

**Opening Voluntary**

Communion

Juliette Folville (1870–1946)

**Hymn in Procession***Sung by All, standing as able.*


1 All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voices, let us  
 2 Great rushing winds and breezes soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a  
 3 Swift flowing water, pure and clear, make music for your Lord to  
 4 Let all things their creator bless, and worship him in humble -

sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing sun with gold - en  
 loft, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing morn, with praise re -  
 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in - tense and fierce - ly  
 ness, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the Fa - ther, praise the

beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,  
 joyce, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,  
 bright, you give to us both warmth and light,  
 Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:

O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Words: St. Francis of Assisi (1181–1226); tr. William H. Draper (1855–1933), alt.

Music: *Lasst uns erfreuen*, melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng*, 123; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)**Opening Acclamation***Bishop* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.*People* Glory to God for ever and ever.*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.

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**The Collect**

*Bishop* God be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Bishop* Let us pray.

**G**RANT, 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 Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*People* Amen.

*All are seated.*

**A Reading From the Book of the Prophet Isaiah**

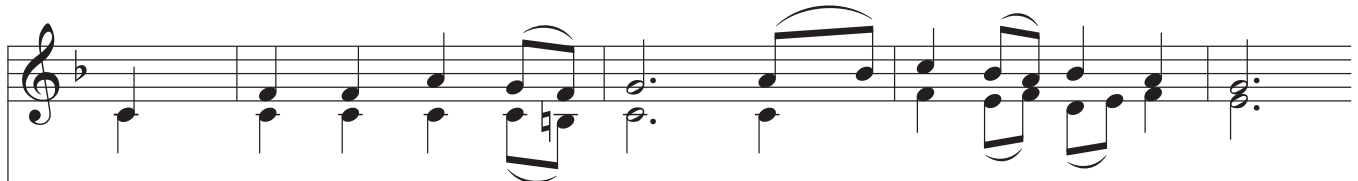
**T**HE spirit of the Lord God is upon me because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, 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 in their land 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. (61:1–9)

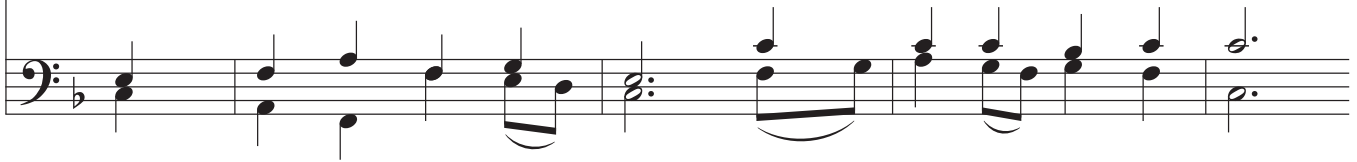
*Lector* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People* Thanks be to God.

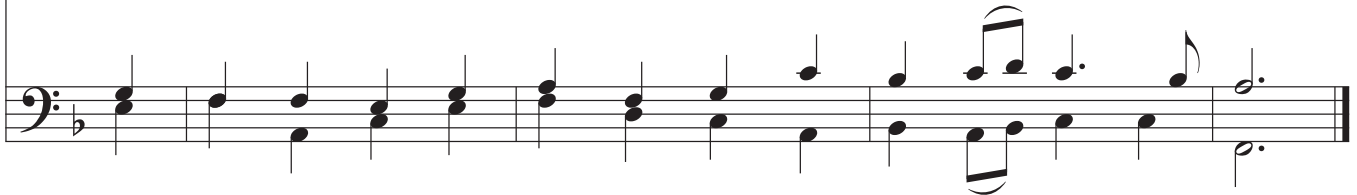
## Psalm

*Sung by All, standing as able.*

1. God, you have known me— well, Searched out all I have wrought,  
 2. You trace each step, each rest, A - long the way I go,  
 3. You press on ev - ery— side And— on me lay your hand;  
 4. Where then, God, can I— go? Where— can I— flee from you?  
 5. If on the morn - ing's wings I— reach the ut - most shore,



My sit - ting down and ris - ing up, Dis - cerned my ev - ery thought.  
 There is no word up - on— my lips Which you, God, do not know.  
 Such know-ledge is too won - der - ful For me to— un - der - stand.  
 If up to heav - en, you are there; If in the grave, there too.  
 Yet ev - en there your hand will lead And hold me ev - er - more.



Words: Christopher L. Webber; Music: *St. Thomas*, Aaron Williams (1762)

### A Reading From the Letter of Paul to the Romans

**A**PPEAL to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness. (12:1-8)

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

As the Gospel is brought into the midst of the people, the assembly turns to face the procession.

### Sequence Hymn

*Sung by All, standing as able.*

1 Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er liv - ing as the Church's  
 2 Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er work - ing through the Church's

ve - ry life; Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er striv - ing  
 min - is - try; quick - 'ning, strength - ening, and ab - solv - ing,

through her in a cease - less strife; Ho - ly Spi - rit,  
 set - ting cap - tive sin - ners free; Ho - ly Spi - rit,

ev - er form - ing in the Church the mind of Christ; thee we  
 ev - er bind - ing age to age, and soul to soul, in a

praise with end - less wor - ship for thy fruits and gifts un - priced.  
 fel - low - ship un - end - ing thee we wor - ship and ex - tol.

Words: Timothy Rees (1874–1939), alt.

Music: *Abbot's Leigh*, Cyril Vincent Taylor (1907–1991)

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**A Reading from the Holy Gospel**

*Deacon*      The ✠ Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ  
according to John.

*People*      Glory to you, Lord Christ.

“**I**f you love me, you will keep my commandments.  
And I will ask the Father, and he will give you  
another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is  
the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because  
it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because  
he abides with you, and he will be in you.

“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a  
little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see  
me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will  
know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.  
They who have my commandments and keep them are  
those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by  
my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”  
(14:15-21)

*Deacon*      The Gospel of our Savior.

*People*      Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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*The People are seated at the invitation of the preacher.*

**The Sermon**

The Reverend Brother Luis Enrique Hernandez Rivas  
*Priest-in-Charge, Saint John's Getty Square  
and Iglesia San Andrés, Yonkers*

**Presentation and Examination of the Candidates**

*Bishop* The Candidates will now be presented.

*Those to be confirmed and their Presenters stand.*

*The Presenters say*

I present these persons for Confirmation.

*Those to be received into this Communion and their Presenters stand. The Presenters say*

I present these persons to be received into this Communion.

*Those who desire to reaffirm their baptismal vows and their Presenters stand. The Presenters say*

I present these persons who desire to reaffirm their baptismal vows.

*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.

*After all have been presented, the 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.

**Baptismal Covenant**

*All stand, as able. The Bishop then says*

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

*Organ introduces Antiphon, Cantor-Choir sings once, repeated by All.*

*Organist holds D Major chord, Bishop and People chant on monotone A. The Choir sings in harmony.*

*Bishop* Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

*People* I do.

*Bishop* Do you believe in God the Father?

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

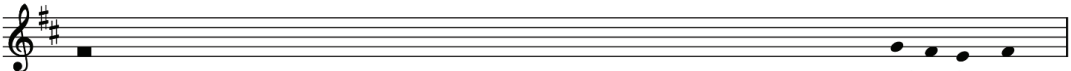
*Bishop* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People* I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

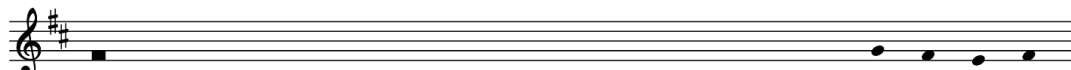
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.  
 He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.  
 He descended to the dead.  
 On the third day he rose again.  
 He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
 He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

*Bishop* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

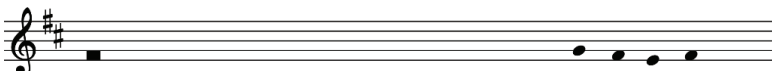
*People* I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.


*Celebrant*   
Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

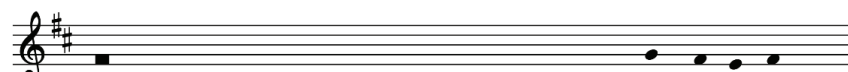
*People*   
I will with God's help. through the wa - ter and spi - rit,  
  
we will with our lives pro - claim God's love!

*Celebrant*   
Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and re-turn to the Lord?


*People*   
I will with God's help. through the wa - ter and spi - rit,  
  
we will with our lives pro - claim God's love!

*Celebrant*   
Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People*   
I will with God's help. through the wa - ter and spi - rit,  
  
we will with our lives pro - claim God's love!

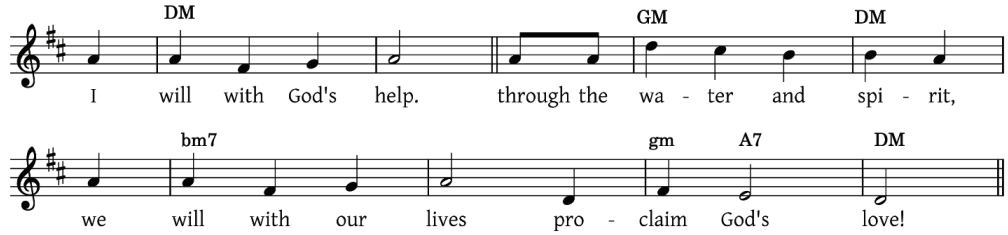
*Celebrant*   
Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neigh-bor as yourself?

*People*   
I will with God's help. through the wa - ter and spi - rit,  
  
we will with our lives pro - claim God's love!

Celebrant 

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of ev'-ry hu-man being?

*Antiphon sung by All, twice.*



DM GM DM

I will with God's help. through the wa - ter and spi - rit,

bm7 gm A7 DM

we will with our lives pro - claim God's love!

*The Bishop concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows on a monotone*

**M**AY Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*People* Amen.

## 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.

*The Intercessor bids the following petitions*

*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 Bishop says*

**A**LMIGHTY 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.

*People* Amen.

## The Confirmation and Reception

*The Bishop lays hands upon each Candidate and says*

*For Confirmation*

Defend, O Lord, your servant *N.* with your heavenly grace, that *he* may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more, until *he* comes to your everlasting kingdom.

*People* 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.

*People* Amen.

*For Reaffirmation*

*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.

*People* Amen.

*The Bishop concludes with this prayer*

**A**LMIGHTY 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.

*People* Amen.



## Presentation Hymn

*Sung by All, standing as able.*

- 1 There's a sweet, sweet
- 2 (There are) bless - ings
- 3 (If you) say he



Spi - rit in this place, \_\_\_\_\_ and I know that it's the Spi - rit of the  
 you can - not re - ceive \_\_\_\_\_ till you know him in his full - ness, and be -  
 saved you from your sin, \_\_\_\_\_ now you're weak, you're bound, and can - not en - ter



Lord. There are sweet ex - pres-sions on each face, \_\_\_\_\_  
 lieve. You're the one to pro - fit when you say, \_\_\_\_\_  
 in, you can make it right if you will yield; \_\_\_\_\_



and I know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord. \_\_\_\_\_  
 "I am going to walk with Je - sus all the way." \_\_\_\_\_  
 you'll en - joy the Ho - ly Spi - rit that we feel. \_\_\_\_\_

*Refrain*

Sweet Ho - ly spi - rit, Sweet Heav-en-ly Dove, Stay right here



with us, \_\_\_\_\_ fill-ing us with your love. And for these bles-sings \_\_\_\_\_ we



lift our hearts in praise; with-out a doubt we'll know that we have



been re - vived\_ when we shall leave this place. 2. There are  
 3. If you (place.)

**The Great Thanksgiving**

*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 God thanks and praise.

*The Bishop proceeds*

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

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

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

**Sanctus**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, \_\_\_\_\_

Heav-en and earth\_ are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in\_ the high - est.

Bless - ed is\_ the one who comes in the name of the Lord. \_\_\_\_\_ Ho -

san - na in\_ the high - est, ho - san - na in\_ the high - est.

Music: Traditional American; arr. Richard Proulx (1937–2010)

*Then the Bishop continues*

**H**OLY 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.

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:

*Bishop and People*

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 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 for ever.

*Bishop and People AMEN.*

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## The Lord's Prayer

*Bishop*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

*Bishop and People. All are invited to say the Lord's Prayer in their native language.*

**O**UR 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.

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## The Breaking of the Bread

*The Bishop breaks the consecrated Bread. Silence is kept.*

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

*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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## The Invitation

*The Bishop says*

**T**HIS is the table, not of the Church but of Jesus Christ. It is made ready for those who love God and who want to love God more.

So come:

You who have much faith and you who have little, You who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time, You who have tried to follow and you who have failed.

Come, it is Christ who invites you to be known and fed here.

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## The Communion

*You are welcome to receive Communion. If you would like to receive a blessing instead of Communion, please cross your arms over your chest. If you are unable to come forward but would like to receive Communion, please inform an usher and we will bring Communion to your seat.*

**Communion Anthem***Sung by the Choir.*

*Lord, I want to be a Christian* African-American Spiritual,  
arr. Moses Hogan (1957–2003)

**L**ORD, I want to be a Christian in my heart.  
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.  
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.  
Lord, I want to be a Christian.

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.  
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.  
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.  
Lord, I want to be more holy.

In my heart, in my heart.  
Lord, I want to be like Jesus.  
Lord, I want to be more holy.  
Lord, I want to be a Christian.

**Post Communion Prayer**

*Bishop* Let us pray.

*All stand, as able, and join in saying*

**L**OVING God,  
we give you thanks  
for restoring us in your image  
and nourishing us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.  
Now send us forth  
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;  
that we may proclaim your love to the world  
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

**The Blessing**

*The Bishop then blesses the People.*

**The Dismissal**

*Deacon* Let us go forth into the world,  
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*People* Thanks be to God.

Hymn in Procession

*Sung by All, standing as able.*

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are as follows:

We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord, We are  
 We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand, We will  
 We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side, We will  
 All — praise to the Fa - ther, from — whom all things come, And all

5  
 one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord, And we pray that all  
 walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand, And to - geth - er we'll  
 work with each oth - er, we will work side by side, And we'll guard each one's  
 praise to Christ Je - sus, his — on - ly — Son, And all praise to the

10  
 u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored. And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our  
 spread the news that God is in our land.  
 dig - ni - ty and save — each one's pride.  
 Spir - it, who — makes us — one.

15  
 love, by our love, Yes, they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love. —

Words: Peter Scholtes (1966)  
 Music: *St. Brendan's*, Peter Scholtes (1966)

Postlude

Improvisation

**Participants****Celebrant**

The Right Reverend Matthew F. Heyd  
*Bishop of New York*

**Preacher**

The Reverend Brother Luis Enrique Hernandez Rivas  
*Priest-in-Charge, Saint John's Getty Square  
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*Bishop Suffragan of New York*

The Reverend Canon Alissa Newton  
*Canon to the Ordinary*

The Reverend Canon Tanya Wallace  
*Canon for Lay and Clergy Formation*

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The Reverend Deacon Pedro Rodriguez  
*All Saints Church, Bronx*

The Reverend Deacon David Barr  
*Church of the Ascension, Staten Island*

The Reverend Deacon Marcia Blaize Callender  
*Saint Michael's Church, Manhattan*

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*Grace Episcopal Church, Ossining*

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*Saint Luke's Episcopal Church, Bronx*

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*Saint Michael's Church, Manhattan*

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The Diocesan Choir

**Conductor**

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*The Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine*

**Organist**

Mr. Daniel Ficarri, *Associate Director of Music*  
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All Angels', Manhattan  
Christ Church, Bronxville  
Christ Church, Warwick  
Christ's Church, Rye  
The Church of the Crucifixion, Manhattan  
French Church of Saint Esprit, Manhattan  
The Church of the Good Shepherd, Manhattan  
Grace Church in New York, Manhattan  
Grace Church, Nyack  
The Church of the Resurrection, Manhattan  
The Cathedral Congregation of Saint Saviour  
at the CCSJD, Manhattan  
The Church of Saint Barnabas, Irvington-on-Hudson  
Saint Bartholomew's/San Bartolomé, White Plains  
Saint James Church, Manhattan  
Saint John's Church, Pleasantville  
Saint Mark's Church-in-the- Bowery, Manhattan  
Saint Mary's Church, Mohegan Lake  
Saint Matthew's Church, Bedford  
The Church of the Messiah, Rhinebeck  
Saint Michael's Church, Manhattan  
Saint Peter's Church, Manhattan  
Saint Peter's Church, (Westchester Square), Bronx