St. Paul’s Episcopal Church
DeKalb, Illinois, Diocese of Chicago
Member of The Episcopal Church

The Holy Eucharist Confirmation Service

Saturday, April 23, 2016, 11:00 A.M.
The Liturgy of the Word
We stand to sing and pray.

Processional Hymn # 516 Come down, O Love divine

1 Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine,
   and visit it with thine own ardor 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 illuminating.

3 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 Love create a place
   wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.
Bishop      Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People     And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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.

The Collect of the Day

Bishop      The Lord be with you.

People     And also with you.

Bishop      Let us pray.

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 Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

We sit to hear the lessons.
The First Lesson

Ezekiel 37:1-10

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Lord God, you know.” Then he said to me, “Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.”

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.
Psalm 139: 1-9

139:1  LORD, you have searched me out and known me;* you know my
sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

139:2  You trace my journeys and my resting-places*
and are acquainted with all my ways.

139:3  Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,*
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.

139:4  You press upon me behind and before*
and lay your hand upon me.

139:5  Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;*
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

139:6  Where can I go then from your Spirit:* where can I flee from your presence?

139:7  If I climb up to heaven, you are there;*
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

139:8  If I take the wings of the morning*
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

139:9  Even there your hand will lead me*
and your right hand hold me fast.
The Second Lesson

Romans 12:1-8

I appeal 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.

Lector  The Word of the Lord.

People  Thanks be to God.

We stand to sing and to hear the Gospel.
Gradual Hymn # 806 If you believe and I believe  (Sing 2X)

If you believe and I believe and we together pray,
the Holy Spirit must come down and set God’s people free,
and set God’s people free, and set God’s people free; the Holy Spirit must come down and set God’s people free.
The Gospel

John 14:15-21

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

“If 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 for ever. 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.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Right Reverend Jeffrey D. Lee

Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago
Anthem

I'm goin' a sing* when the Spirit says sing!  Traditional
* Clap, Pray, Dance, Moan, Shout, Kick (Soccer Ball, etc.)!

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

Bishop  The Candidates will now be presented.

Presenters  I present Hannah Kathryn Dakis for confirmation; Marv Kombrink, Pamela A. Kombrink, and Lorraine Ann Langer to be received; Paul Martin McNassar to be received; Jean Darlene Evans and Stephen Michael Guziec to be confirmed; and Christal DeNelle Guziec, Christopher Michael Noe, Denielle Dominique Noe, David Stand Potter, and Kelly Leigh Potter to be received.

Bishop  (to 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.

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 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?
Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being? 

I will, with God’s help.

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**Prayers for the Candidates**

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

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

Lord, hear our prayer.

Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

Lord, hear our prayer.

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

Lord, hear our prayer.

Send them into the world in witness to your love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

Lord, hear our prayer.
Bishop

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 for ever. Amen.

Silence.

Bishop

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.

The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says:

For Those Confirmed:
Strengthen, O Lord, your servant N. with your Holy Spirit; empower him/her for your service; and sustain him/her for all the days of his/her life. Amen.

For Those Received:
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.

We stand for the pronunciation of the Peace
The Peace

Bishop  The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People  And also with you.

Then we greet one another saying, “Peace be with you.”

Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. (Ephesians 5:2)

Offertory Anthem  Collaborative Adult/Youth/Children’s Choirs

Gloria  Sonja Poorman

Doxology Hymn # 380 v. 3

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.
The Great Thanksgiving
Eucharistic Prayer A

Bishop

People

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It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. 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 S 130 Holy, holy, holy Lord

Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father of all.
He 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 Lord 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 he 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:

**Memorial Acclamation, S 133**

*Celebrant*

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

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

**Bishop**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his 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 him. 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 your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

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

*In Unison*

*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.*

**The Breaking of the Bread**

*After the bread is broken, silence is kept.*

*Agnus Dei (Fraction Anthem: Jesus Lamb of God) S 164*
The Episcopal Church invites all Christians to receive communion. The host is placed in your open hands; please assist in guiding the chalice to your lips, or dip the host in the wine. **We have gluten free hosts available, ask the priest at the rail.** It is acceptable to receive only the bread or the wine. If you would rather not receive communion, you are invited to come to the rail for a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest and the priest will say a prayer for you.

**Communion Hymn # 513 Like the murmur of the dove’s song**

1 Like the murmur of the dove’s song, like the
2 To the members of Christ’s Body, to the
3 With the healing of division, with the

challenger of her flight, like the vigor of the
branch of the Vine, to the Church in faith as
ceaseless voice of prayer, with the power to love and

wind’s rush, like the new flame’s eager

sensed, to her midst as gift and

witness, with the peace beyond comfort

might: come, Holy Spirit, come.
pure: come, Holy Spirit, come.
Communion Hymn # 178 Jesus is Lord of all the earth. Alleluia!

Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the ri - sen Lord. Al- le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give praise to his Name.

Je - sus is______ of all the_ earth.
Spread the good____ o'er all the_ earth:
We have been____ ci - fied with Christ.
Come, let us______ the liv - ing_ God,
He is the king of cre - a - tion. Al-le
Je - sus has died and has ri - sen. Al-le
Now we shall live___ for ev - er.
joy - ful - ly sing to our Sa - vior.

When all have received Communion, the Priest leads the following prayer:

Bishop Let us pray.

In Unison

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.
The Blessing

Bishop

The Wisdom of God the Love of God and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ’s hands and heart in this world, in the name of the Holy Trinity. Amen.

The Procession into the World Hymn

# 347 Go forth for God; go to the world in peace

Go forth for God; go____ to the world in peace;
Go forth for God; go____ to the world in love;
Go forth for God; go____ to the world in strength;
Go forth for God; go____ to the world in joy,

be of good courage, armed with heavenly grace,
strength en the faint, give courage to the weak;
hold fast the good, be urgent for the right;
to serve God’s people every day and hour,
in God’s good Spirit daily to increase,
help the afflicted; richly from above
render to no one evil, Christ at length
and serving Christ, our every gift employ,
till in his kingdom we behold his face.
his love supplies the grace and power we seek.
shall overcome all darkness with his light.
rejoicing in the Holy Spirit’s power.

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.
Today’s Ministers

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Choral Preludes

Thanks Be to God       Andreas Hammerschmidt

Create A Pure Heart in Me, O Lord       Susan Matsui

Create a pure heart in me, O Lord. Grant me a new and steadfast spirit. Do not drive me away from thy presence, or take thy Spirit from me.

Revive in me the joy of deliverance, Grant me a steady soul to uphold me. Open thou my lips, everlasting Lord, that my mouth may sing thy praises.

Thou takest no delight in sacrifice, nor hast thou any wish for whole offering. My sacrifice, Lord, is a broken soul, my offering, a contrite heart.
Announcements

Please stay for a group photo immediately after dismissal this morning!

Welcome to Bishop Jeffrey D. Lee!

Bishop Jeffrey D. Lee leads 40,000 Episcopalians in 124 congregations across Northern Illinois. He is the twelfth bishop of Chicago and is committed to helping the congregations of the diocese grow the church, form the faithful, and change the world. **Join us for a light luncheon following the service in honor of Bishop Lee and the new Confirmands.**

We also Welcome The Reverend Deacon Mary Ann Rhoads

Rev. Mary Ann has been a member of St. Luke's in Dixon since 1995. She served as a Sr. Warden several times and always had an interest in serving at the altar and became interested in ordained ministry after retirement in 2008. Rev. Mary Ann lives in Dixon and has a son and daughter in the Chicago suburbs and two granddaughters

Welcome Families and Friends of Our Confirmands!

Thank you for joining our celebration this morning. We are pleased to have you as guests. A special welcome to our Confirmands:

**Hannah Kathryn Dakis** is a member of Calvary Episcopal Church in Lombard, Illinois.

**Marv Kombrink, Pamela A. Kombrink, and Lorraine Ann Langer** are members of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in DeKalb, Illinois.

**Paul Martin McNassar** is a member of the Episcopal Church of St. Luke in Dixon, Illinois.

Bishop Discretionary Funds Collection Today

Donations to the Bishop’s Discretionary Fund allow the Bishop to assist people in need around the Diocese. Checks can be written to “Bishop’s Discretionary Fund.” All cash collected today will go to the Bishop’s Discretionary Fund. Thank you for your contributions to this important ministry.
Welcome to St. Paul’s Episcopal Church.

Celebrations of the Holy Eucharist

Sundays: 8:00 A.M. (spoken service)  
10:30 A.M. (sung service)  
Third Wednesdays: 9:30 A.M. (with prayers for healing)

Child care for infants & young children is available  

Christian Education Classes 2nd Sunday in September – 3rd Sunday in May

Children and youth meet in the St. Timothy Center;  
Adults meet in the conference room.

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Kathleen Johnson, Organist  
Huixen Chen, Pianist

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Rick Johns, Senior Warden,  
Bill Cummings, Junior Warden,  
Mary Lincoln, Julie Stubblefield  
Gretchen Shlabach, Brad Smith, Linda Lorbach

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Come down, O Love divine # 516

If you believe and I believe # 806
Words and Music: Traditional Zimbabwe; adap. from English source as taught by Tarasai, ed. and arr. by John Bell, Wonder Love and Praise.

Doxology, Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Vs. 3
Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637-1711) Music: Old 100th, Pseaumes octante trois de David, 1551, alt.; harm., Louis Bourgeois

Sanctus Holy, holy, holy Lord S 130

Memorial Acclamation: Prayer A, S 133

Fraction Anthem: Jesus, Lamb of God: Agnus Dei S 164
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Jesus is Lord of all the earth. Alleluia! # 178
Words: Donald Fishel (b. 1950), Music: Alleluia No. 1, Donald Fishel (b. 1950); Words, Music (Melody) Copyright 1973, The word of God. arr. Betty Pulkingham (b. 1928), Charles Mallory (b. 1950) and George Mims (b. 1938), Copyright © 1979, Celebration.

Go forth for God; go to the world in peace # 347