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Parish Eucharist with Confirmation

Trinity 19

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Today we celebrate the joyful and abundant gift of God's Holy Spirit

President:
The Rt Revd Dave Bull
Bishop of Buckingham

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Organ music before the service:
Nun bitten wir den Heiligen Geist - Buxtehude

We gather in worship

Please stand as the bell rings

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.

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 illuming.

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.

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.

Discendi, amor santo Bianco da Siena (died 1434)
Translated Richard Frederick Littledale (1833-1890)

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

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

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

Peace be with you;
and also with you.

The bishop introduces the service, before praying:

Faithful Lord, whose steadfast love never ceases
and whose mercies never come to an end:
grant us the grace to trust you and to receive
the gifts of your love, new every morning,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We listen for God's Word *We sit*

Reading: Isaiah 25.1-9

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of foreigners is a city no more; it will never be rebuilt.

Therefore, strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of foreigners like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the covering that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.
It will be said on that day, "See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Cantor leads ***Psalm 104****,*

♪ Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord O my soul, O Lord, how great you are, how many are your works, O Lord, the earth is full of your riches!

♪ Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

You take back your Spirit, they die, back to the dust from which they came; you send forth your Spirit, they are created, the whole earth is renewed!

♪ Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Your glory will last forever, may you rejoice in all your works, may my thoughts be pleasing to you, I find my joy in you, Lord.

♪ Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22.1-14 *We stand, facing the gospel.*

♪ Alleluia…, **alleluia…** Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people and kindle in them the fire of your love. **Alleluia…**

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

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

We sit for the ***Sermon****, then we keep silence together.*

The Liturgy of Initiation

Priest Right Reverend Father in God, I present to you:

Daniel Connelly	*Reshma Velma*	*Lynne Dixon*
Matthew Russell	*Shawn Anand*	*Nashe Thomas*
Joseph Sullivan	*Ian Simmons*	

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

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

People of God, will you welcome these candidates and uphold them in their life in Christ?
With the help of God, we will.

The bishop addresses the candidates. We all join in the responses:

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?
I reject them.

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

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

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour? **I turn to Christ.**

Do you submit to Christ as Lord? **I submit to Christ.**

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

The bishop assures us of God's forgiveness then says,

May God, who has given you the desire to follow Christ,
give you the strength to continue in the Way. **Amen.**

The ministers and baptism party go to the font, as we stand and sing,

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God,
breathe new life into my willing soul.
Bring the presence of the risen Lord
to renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause your word to come alive in me;
give me faith for what I cannot see;
give me passion for your purity;
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within,
may your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover every sin
in each thought and deed and attitude:
kindness to the greatest and the least,
gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my strivings into works of grace;
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,
giving life to all that God has made,
show your power once again on earth,
cause your church to hunger for your ways.
May the fragrance of our prayers arise;
lead us on the road of sacrifice,
that in unity the face of Christ
may be clear for all the world to see.

Keith Getty (born 1974) and Stuart Townend (born 1963)

The congregation faces the font.

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

Blessed are you, sovereign God of all,
to you be glory and praise for ever.
You are our light and our salvation.
From the deep waters of death
you have raised your Son to life in triumph.

Grant that all who have been born anew
by water and the Spirit,
may daily be renewed in your image,
walk by the light of faith, and serve you in newness of life;
through your anointed Son, Jesus Christ,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
we lift our voices of praise.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.

Bishop Let us affirm our common faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?
I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

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

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?
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.

Bishop Is this your faith?
Candidates *This is my faith.*

The candidates are anointed with the sign of the cross
and the bishop sprinkles them with the water of baptism.

Bishop Almighty God,
we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith
with all who have been baptized 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. **Amen.**

During the hymn, the clergy and candidates return to the front, the bishop sprinkling the congregation to recall their baptisms.

Choir Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
and lighten with celestial fire;
thou the anointing Spirit art,
who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart:

Thy blessèd unction from above
is comfort, life, and fire of love;
enable with perpetual light
the dullness of our blinded sight:

Teach us to know the Father, Son,
and thee, of both, to be but One;
that through the ages all along
this may be our endless song,

Praise to thy eternal merit, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Rabanus Maurus (c. 776-856)

Confirmation

Please sit

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

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

The bishop extends his hands towards those to be confirmed and says,

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. **Amen.**

The bishop addresses each candidate by name,

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

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

Confirm, O Lord, your servant with your Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The bishop invites the congregation to pray
for all those on whom hands have been laid

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.**

The Peace

Bishop God has made us one in Christ. He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come, has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. The peace of the Lord be always with you; **and also with you.**

Deacon Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Please offer one another a sign of peace with a handshake, warm smile, nod, or bow, and with the words, 'Peace be with you.'

The Offering

A collection is taken for the Bishop of Oxford's Outreach Fund (Charity No.247954). The plate and card reader will be available for cash and card donations.

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send? *Chorus* *Daniel L. Schutte (born 1947)*

We celebrate and receive Jesus in Bread and Wine

Eucharistic Prayer

Please remain standing if it is comfortable for you.

The Lord is here: **his Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

The bishop praises God for his might acts, and we sing

♪ Holy, holy, holy, **Holy, holy, holy.**
God of power and might. **God of power and might.**
Your glory fills all heaven and earth.
Your glory fills all heaven and earth.
Hosanna in the highest. **Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. **Hosanna in the highest.**
Holy, Holy Lord.

The bishop continues, recalling the Last Supper,
then the deacon says,

Great is the mystery of faith:

♪ **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

The Prayer continues and at the end we sing,

♪ **Amen, amen, amen.**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

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

♪ **Lamb of God, you take away,**
the sins of all, the world:
Miserere nobis *(have mercy on us)*

Bread of life, you take away,
the sins of all the world:
Miserere nobis *(have mercy on us)*

Agnus Dei, you take away,
the sins of all the world:
Dona nobis pacem *(give us peace)*

Bishop God's holy gifts for God's holy people.
Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

We share in Communion.

The people receive communion. Those who do not wish to receive are warmly invited to come forward for an individual blessing. Gluten free wafers are available. Communion will be brought to those seated in the south aisle. Otherwise, please queue at the front.

Bread is blessed and broken, wine is blessed and poured:
Take this and remember Christ the Lord.

Share the food of heaven earth can not afford.
Here is grace in essence – Christ the Lord.

Know yourself forgiven, find yourself restored,
meet a friend for ever - Christ the Lord.

God has kept his promise sealed by sign and word:
Here for those who want him – Christ the Lord.

John L. Bell (b. 1949) and Graham Maule (1958-2019)

The choir sing the anthem, ***Ubi Caritas et Amor*** *– Ola Gjeilo*

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in
unum Christi amor.
Exultemus,
et in ipso iucundemur.
Timeamus, et amemus
Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus
nos sincero.

Where charity and love are,
God is there.
Christ's love has gathered
us into one.
Let us rejoice
and be pleased in Him.
Let us fear,
and let us love the living God.
And may we love each other
with a sincere heart.

We keep silence together.

Bishop Holy and blessed God,
you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son
and filled us with your Holy Spirit:
may we honour you,
not only with our lips
but in lives dedicated to the service
of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Blessing

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

The God of all grace,
who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus,
establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Giving of a Lighted Candle

During the hymn a lighted candle is given to each candidate.

O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height;
rejoice in his word, ye angels of light;
ye heavens adore him by whom ye were made,
and worship before him, in brightness arrayed.

O praise ye the Lord! Praise him upon earth,
in tuneful accord, ye sons of new birth;
praise him who hath brought you his grace from above,
praise him who hath taught you to sing of his love.

O praise ye the Lord, all things that give sound;
each jubilant chord re-echo around;
loud organs, his glory forth tell in deep tone,
and, sweet harp, the story of what he hath done.

O praise ye the Lord! Thanksgiving and song
to him be outpoured all ages along:
for love in creation, for heaven restored,
for grace of salvation, O praise ye the Lord!
Amen, amen.

Henry William Baker (1821-1877) based on Psalm 150

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

Deacon Go in the light and peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Please remain standing until the choir and ministers have left.

Organ Voluntary: Carillon – David Bedford (1937-2011)

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