



St. Augustine's Church

A Church Family in the Heart of the City



May 12, 2024, 10:00 AM

Ascension Sunday
A Service of Confirmation
May 12, 2024
Celebrant -The Most Rev. Greg Kerr-Wilson

Prelude

Mary Lee Voort

Processional Hymn: #450 You Call Us, Lord, to Be

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Steve Bateman

Children's Focus

The Gathering of the Community (all standing)

Archbishop Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

Archbishop May his grace and peace be with you.

People **May he fill our hearts with joy.**

Archbishop There is one body and one Spirit,

People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Archbishop One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

People **One God and Father of all.**

The Collect of the Day

Archbishop Let us pray. *(all kneeling)*

All **Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord. Keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of his peace, and bring the whole of creation to worship at his feet, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen**

The Proclamation of the Word

At the conclusion of each reading, the reader shall say:

The Word of the Lord.

And the people shall respond:

Thanks be to God.

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11 (p. 770)

Colin Slingsby

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23 (p. 827)

Jenna Slingsby

Gradual Hymn: He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

Chorus

He will hold me fast,
He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so,
He will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; His Promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast. *Chorus*

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast
till our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last! *Chorus*

The Gospel: Luke 24:44-53 (p. 749)

The Rev. Olufemi Ogundimu

Reader The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon

The Most Rev. Greg Kerr-Wilson

Anthem Created in Christ Alone

Mary McDonald

Presentation and Examination

Candidates for Confirmation: Colin Slingsby, Jenna Slingsby, Ethne Slingsby, Camden Slingsby, Victoria Slingsby, Novem Chen, Tabitha Ball, Emmanuel Efunbajo, Damian Limb, Mark Penner, Zielle Visscher.

Candidates for Reception: Lawrence Kopp, Wanda Kopp

Candidate for Reaffirmation: Cheryl Limb

The candidates stand

Presenters We present ... for confirmation.
We present... to be received into this Communion.
We present Cheryl Limb who desires to reaffirm her baptismal vows.

The Archbishop asks those who have been presented to renew their baptismal commitment

Archbishop Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidates **I do.**

Archbishop Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidates **I do.**

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

Candidates **I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Saviour and Lord.**

The congregation stands

The Archbishop addresses the congregation, saying,

Archbishop Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People **We will.**

Archbishop Let us join with those who commit themselves again to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Archbishop Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Archbishop 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.**

Archbishop Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in God the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,**

**the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Archbishop 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.**

Archbishop 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.**

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

People **I will, with God's help.**

Archbishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

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

People **I will, with God's help.**

Archbishop Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers of the People (*all kneeling*)

Andreas Gateman

Archbishop Let us pray for those who are affirming their baptism, and for all the baptized everywhere, saying, "Lord, hear our prayer."

Leader Loving God, we lift up to you all those in our community who are in need of healing:[names listed here]

In your mercy,

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader We remember those we love who we see no more, giving thanks today especially for Bud McKillop, Lynn Doram, Bill and Hattie Doram, Bob Doram and Brendon Gorill in whose memory flowers have been placed at the altar. In your mercy,

People **Lord, hear our prayer**

Leader O God of all justice and peace, on this Jerusalem and Holy Land Sunday, we pray for all those who live in the Holy Land. We pray for an end to violence and the establishment of peace, and we call for you to bring justice and equity to the peoples. Guide us into your kingdom, where all people are treated with dignity and honour as your beloved children. In your mercy,

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader That they may be redeemed from all evil and rescued from the way of sin and death; in your mercy,

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader That the Holy Spirit may open their hearts to your grace and truth; in your mercy,

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader That they may be kept in the faith and communion of your holy Church; in your mercy,

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader That they may be sent into the world in witness to your love; in your mercy,

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader That they may be brought to the fullness of your peace and glory; in your mercy,

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Archbishop Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Silence may be kept

Archbishop 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.**

Those being confirmed, received and reaffirmed, come singly to kneel before the Archbishop. All are invited to stretch out their hands toward the candidates in an act of prayer and solidarity

For Confirmation

The Archbishop lays his hands upon each one and says:

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

For Reception

_____, 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**

For Reaffirmation

_____, may the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom. **Amen.**

Archbishop

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Peace *(all standing)*

Archbishop The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn: #435 Take My Life and Let It Be

The Celebration of the Eucharist

(all standing)

Prayer over the Gifts

The Most Rev. Greg Kerr-Wilson

All **Eternal God, our Saviour Jesus Christ has promised to be with us until the end of time. Accept all we offer you this day, and renew us in his transfigured life; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Eucharistic Prayer 3

Archbishop The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Archbishop Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Archbishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Archbishop Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who after his glorious resurrection appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory. Therefore we praise you with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name.

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Archbishop We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted. 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, Father, according to his command,

All **we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

Archbishop and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all;
presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.
We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that
they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new
covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in
him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all
things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where
you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord,
the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our
salvation;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all
honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (*all kneeling*)

Archbishop And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
**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 Breaking of the Bread

Archbishop Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All **Now we are raised to new life.**

Archbishop We were buried in your tomb.

All **Now we share in your resurrection.**

Archbishop Live in us, that we may live in you.

Archbishop The gifts of God for the people of God.

All **Thanks be to God.**

SHARING IN MINISTRY TODAY

BISHOP'S CHAPLAIN: Michelle Bright

GOSPELLER: The Rev. Olufemi Ogundimu

INTERCESSOR: Andreas Gateman

LAY ASSISTANTS: Ade Aramide, Linda Bateman, David Hignell, Flora MacKay, Patricia, Pope, Tim Pope, Denise Zonta

LECTORS: Colin Slingsby, Jenna Slingsby

LITURGICAL ASSISTANT: Pam Ukrainetz

MUSICIANS: Sara Gateman, Keith Griffioen, Karen Hudson, Owen Ukrainetz, St. Augustine's Handbell Choir, St. Augustine's Senior Choir

SANCTUARY GUILD: Jackie Hall-Buckland, Chris Burton, Karen Larsen, Shannon Lomas, Shelagh Stefan, Diana Young

SERVERS: Cooper Roberts, McKay Roberts, Nicole MacDonald, Emily Bright (trainer)

SIDESPEOPLE: Don Crabb, Bob Seaman

COUNT SUPERVISOR: Sherris Henley

TECHNICAL CREW:

Sound: Drusilla Pearson, Richard Williams; Videography: Ayoola Aramide, Tim Fyfe

NEWCOMER'S MINISTRY: Chris and Susan Fyfe

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Associate Priest
Rector Emeritus
Rector Emeritus
Children & Family Ministries
Nursery & Special Events
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Organist
Administrative Assistant
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Assistant Vergers
Rector's Warden
Acolyte
Assistant Rector's Warden
People's Warden
Assistant People's Warden
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Deputy Warden (Caring)
Deputy Warden (Fellowship)
Deputy Warden (Missional Outreach)
Deputy Warden (Facilities)
Deputy Warden (Financial Stewardship)
Deputy Warden (Communications)
Deputy Warden (Discipleship and Evangelism)

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