

*O God,  
you prepared your disciples  
for the coming of the Spirit  
through the teaching of your Son Jesus Christ:  
Make the hearts and minds of your servants  
ready to receive the blessing of the Holy Spirit,  
that they may be filled with the strength of his  
presence;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord*

*The Service of Confirmation, August 20, 2009  
The Rt. Reverend Bavi "Nedi" Rivera  
The Reverend Canon Lee Kiefer*

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# The Service of Confirmation

Opening Hymn  
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*You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord*

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You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in this shadow for life,  
say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

*Refrain*      *"And I will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of my hand."*

Snares of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear;  
under God's wings your refuge with faithfulness your shield.      *Refrain*

For to the angels God's given a command to guard you in all of your ways;  
upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.      *Refrain*

*Bishop* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*The Bishop then continues*

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.**

*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, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

*The people sit*

A Reading from Isaiah

Isaiah 61:1-9

The 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 broken-hearted, to proclaim  
liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the  
LORD's favour, 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 dishonour was proclaimed as their lot, therefore 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.

The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 139:1-

9

LORD, you have searched me out and known me;\*

**you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.**

You trace my journeys and my resting places\*

**and are acquainted with all my ways.**

Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,\*

**but you, O LORD, know it altogether.**

You press upon me behind and before\*

**and lay your hand upon me.**

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;\*

**it is so high that I cannot attain to it.**

Where can I go then from your Spirit?\*

**where can I flee from your presence?**

If I climb up to heaven, you are there;\*

**if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.**

If I take the wings of the morning\*

**and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,**

Even there your hand will lead me\*

**and your right hand hold me fast.**

## A Reading from Ephesians

Ephesians 4:7,11-16

But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.

We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand*

Sequence Hymn *I, the Lord of sea and sky*      (*Here I am, Lord*)

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I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in deepest 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?

*Refrain*      *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?      *Refrain*

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?      *Refrain*

## The Gospel

Luke 4:16-22

*Deacon*      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
*People*        **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.’

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, ‘Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.’ All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, ‘Is not this Joseph’s son?’

The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*    **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon  
Rivera

The Right Reverend Bavi “Nedi”

### **Presentation and Examination of the Candidates**

*The Bishop says*

The Candidates will now be presented.

*Presenters (For St. Mark’s)* We present Cody, Shea, Katherine and Philip for Confirmation.

*(For St. Paul’s)* We present Brandon, Don, Anna and Pam for Confirmation.

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

*Candidates* I do.

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.

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.

*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?

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

*Bishop* 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.**

### **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.

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

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

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

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Send them into the world in witness to your love.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* 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 forever. **Amen.**

*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 have 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.**

### **For Confirmation**

*The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says*

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

*or this*

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

*The Bishop* Almighty and everlasting 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.**

*Bishop* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

## The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A

*The Offering this evening will given to Bishop Nedi's Discretionary Fund.*

Offertory *I know that my Redeemer liveth [Handel]* *Soloist* Tori  
Dickinson Rask

The Doxology

**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.**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.  
*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**  
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. 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:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. WLP 858  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

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:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

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,

**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**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [*Amen.*]  
The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [*Amen.*]

Communion Hymns    *One bread, one body*

LEVAS 151

*Refrain      One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless.  
And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.*

1. Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more. *Refrain*
2. Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all. *Refrain*
3. Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one, for all.

*Take my life, and let it be*

Hymnal 707

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.  
Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love;  
take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King;  
take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.  
Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.  
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**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 Bishop may bless the people.*

Closing Hymn                      *Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!*  
Hymnal 438

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!  
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;  
tender to me the promise of his word;  
in God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name!  
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
his mercy sure, from age the same;  
his holy Name—the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!  
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.  
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,  
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!  
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.  
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord  
to children's children and for evermore!

*The Deacon dismisses the people.*  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Please join us for refreshments in the Library following the Service.*

*Celebrant and Presider: The Rt. Rev. Bavi "Nedi" Rivera*  
*Confirmands presented by The Rev. Janet Fullmer, Rector, St. Paul's; Deacons: The*  
*Rev. Stephen Schafroth,*  
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*Acolyte: Jerry Frazier; Lectors: Don Dickinson, Cody Hipkind, Brandon Adams;*  
*Litany of Prayers: Macie Kingsley;*  
*Offering and Oblation Bearers: Cody Hipkind, Pam and Anna Miller, Katherine*  
*Rouse, Shea Slagler,*  
*and Philip Winkler. Altar Guild: Shirley Bjelland, Janet Mabrey; Altar Bread: Pianist:*  
*Rule Beasley.*