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The Sacrament Of Confirmation

St. Andrew Parish Church Sunday February 14, 2021 At 11:00 a.m.



Officiating: Rt. Revd. Leon Golding, Suffragan Bishop of Montego Bay

Rector Revd. Canon Sirrano Kitson, D. Min. Assistant Priest Revd. Fr. Craig Mears

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In a world that is showing signs of moral pluralism and spiritual fluidity, the light of Christ has never been extinguished. Knowing God's love revealed in the life and person of Jesus of Nazareth has remained at the heart of the Christian faith; the faith of the Church. This faith is centered on the life which Jesus lived in relationship to God the Father and consistently demonstrated in the face of challenges and temptation. As Jesus expressed faith in God the Father through his healing and forgiveness of those addicted to sin, he demonstrated the face and presence of God's Kingdom and its nature and vitality. "Jesus is the face of the Kingdom, not only because he announces the Kingdom, but also because he does the works of the Kingdom. Jesus reveals the love of the Father and the nature of God's Kingdom through his every word and action." (Forming Intentional Disciples, The Path to knowing and Following Jesus, Sherry A. Waddell) It is God who has expressed His love to us in Jesus for us to be transformed and reshaped for us to live Jesus shaped lives for the Kingdom.

It is in the life of Jesus that we see the rejection of self-will and dying to self-centeredness as the authentic human expression of self-giving and self-sacrifice through his actions of compassion and unconditional love. These actions communicated Jesus' acceptance of sinners, the leperos of society and the socially and economically marginalized. "I have come to call not the righteous but sinners to repentance." (Luke 5:32) Whenever we experience Jesus' forgiving love, we are being anointed with the healing balm of God's peace to be made whole. Those who are Baptised, make a decision and publicly declare in the Sacramental Rite of Confirmation, to participate in God's rescue mission and share what they have experienced of God's love in Jesus, to persons who do not know or have not experienced that love. Their decision and commitment will also need the strength and power of the indwelling Holy Spirit to resist evil, to repent whenever they transgress and sin, and to be faithful witnesses of Christ.

As Baptised disciples of Jesus who have received the Laying on of Hands we have committed ourselves to love as Jesus loved and bear the fruit of the Spirit. This also demands our commitment to use our time, resources and spiritual abilities to reach out to the unbaptized for them to be transformed to participate in the building of God's Kingdom of righteousness, peace and love.

We extend a warm welcome to our visitors and friends, especially to Rt. Revd. Leon Golding, Suffragan Bishop of Montego Bay and those joining us on line.

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RECESSIONAL HYMN: Go forth with God

- 1. Go forth with God! The day is now That thou must meet the test of youth. Salvation's helm upon thy brow, Go, girded with the living truth. In ways thine elder brethren trod Thy feet are set. Go forth with God!
- 2. Think fair of all, and all men love, And with the builder bear thy part Let every day and duty prove The humble witness of thy heart Go forth! 'Tis God bids thee increase The bounds of love and joy and peace.
- 3. Behold with thine uplifted eyes Beauty through all that sorrow seems, And make of earth a paradise, The substance of thy dearest dreams, Bring laughter to thy great employ, Go forth with God and find His joy.
- **4.** Go forth with God! The world awaits The coming of the pure and strong, Strike for the faith and storm the gate That keep the citadel of wrong Glory shall shine about thy road Great heart if thou go forth with God!

Hymn 612 O Jesu, blessèd Lord, to thee

- **1.** O Jesu, blessèd Lord, to thee my heartfelt thanks for ever be, who hast so lovingly bestowed on me thy body and thy blood.
- **2.** Break forth, my soul, for joy, and say, 'What wealth is come to me today! My Saviour dwells within me now; how blest am I! How good art thou!'

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

ALL: Almighty Father, we thank you for feeding us with the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. May we who share His body live His risen life; we who drink His cup bring life to others; we upon whom your Spirit shines give light to the world. Help us to continue in Faithful witness to your Word, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your Name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING:

BISHOP: Our Help is in the name of the Lord **Response:** The Maker of Heaven and Earth

BISHOP: Blessed be the name of the Lord **Response:** From this time forth for evermore

BISHOP:

The Holy Spirit of God lead you in all truth, give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord and proclaim the word and works of God, and the blessings of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Order of Service THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION AND HOLY EUCHARIST

INTROIT HYMN: 730....." "God is here! As we his people"

- 1. God is here! As we his people meet to offer praise and prayer, may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share: Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts wait the coming of His Spirit into open minds and hearts
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- 2. Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace; here are table, font and pulpit, here the cross has central place. Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech, here in newness and renewal God the Spirit comes to each.
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Sentence and Greeting:

V. Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia!

R. And blessed be His Kingdom now and for ever. Amen.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE DECLARATION:

In Baptism we became members of Christ, children of the Heavenly Father, inheritors together of the Kingdom. This was the work of God who adopted us as His children and made us members of the family of God. We are to continue to grow in grace and in faith, to worship with the family and to respond to the living Word. Through the laying on of hands in Confirmation, the indwelling Spirit enlightens, frees, transforms and sanctifies those who in Baptism were made God's children. Let us therefore pray that those who now come for Confirmation may be strengthened by the power of the Holy Spirit; and that they may live in righteousness and true holiness all their days.

BISHOP: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

BISHOP: Let us pray.

COLLECT AT CONFIRMATION:

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 LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: 2 Kings 2: 1 - 12 Edwin Wint

PSALM 50:1 - 6 (All sit) Arianna James

Refrain: Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; for God himself is judge

- **1.** The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- **2.** Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, God reveals himself in glory.

R: Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; for God himself is judge.

- **3.** Our God will come and will not keep silence; before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging storm.
- **4.** He calls the heavens and the earth from above to witness the judgement of his people.

R: Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; for God himself is judge.

5. "Gather before me my loyal followers, those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice

R: Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; for God himself is judge.

COMMUNION HYMNS:

HYMN: 296 There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord; There are sweet expressions on each face, And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Refrain:

Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove, Stay right here with us, filling us with Your love. And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise; Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived, When we shall leave this place.

There are blessings you cannot receive Till you know Him in His fullness and believe; You're the one to profit when you say, "I am going to walk with Jesus all the way." **R**

HYMN 586 Father Lord, we offer you our daily life

Father Lord, we offer you our daily life; Father God, we offer you our flesh; Father Lord, we give you all our daily works;

Father God, we give you all as prayers.

Refrain:

And I know that we will rise again, again; and I know we'll die but rise again. For I know he is the living yeast of life and I know that life will rise again.

2. Father, take our lives so small we give to you;

Father, take the bread we offer you; Father, raise the banquet which the priest is now giving;

Father, take the love we offer you. R

3. Father Lord, we know the time to die will arise;

Father God, you gave us living life; Father Lord, you offer us eternal love; Father Lord, you gave us Jesus Christ. **R**

HYMN: Such love

- **1.** Such love, pure as the whitest snow Such love, weeps for the shame I know Such love, paying the debt I owe O Jesus, such love
- 2. Such love, stilling my restlessness Such love, filling my emptiness Such love, showing me holiness O Jesus, such love

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

PRESIDENT: As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

ALL: The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses. As we forgive them that 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 BREAD:

PRESIDENT: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

ALL: Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

THE AGNUS DEI:

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:

grant us peace.

THE INVITATION:

PRESIDENT: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

ALL: Our souls will feast and be satisfied, and we will sing glad songs of praise to the Lord.

THE COMMUNION:

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 2 Corinthians 4: 3 - 6 Dwajonay Malabre

GRADUAL HYMN: 358 Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim

- 1. Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim. and publish abroad his wonderful name; the name all-victorious of Jesus extol: his kingdom is glorious; he rules over all.
- **2.** God ruleth on high, almighty to save; and still he is nigh: his presence we have. The great congregation his triumph shall

ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

- 3. Salvation to God who sits on the throne! Let all cry aloud, and honour the Son. The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim. fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.
- **4.** Then let us adore, and give him his right: all glory and power, all wisdom and might, all honour and blessing, with angels above, and thanks never ceasing, and infinite love.

GOSPEL: Mark 9: 2 - 9 Revd. Deacon Claude Campbell

SERMON: Rt. Revd. Leon P. Golding

CONFIRMATION

HYMN:.671"My God, accept my heart this day"

- 1. My God, accept my heart this day, And make it always thine, That I from thee no more may stray, No more from thee decline.
- 2. Before the Cross of him who died, Behold, I prostrate fall; Let every sin be crucified. And Christ be all in all
- 3. Anoint me with thy heavenly grace, And seal me for thine own; That I may see thy glorious face, And worship near thy throne.
- 4. Let every thought and work and word To thee be ever given: Then life shall be thy service, Lord, And death the gate of heaven.

5. All glory to the Father be, All glory to the Son, All glory, Holy Ghost, to thee, While endless ages run.

THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION:

The Priest says:

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PRIEST: Reverend Father in God I present to you these persons who have been duly baptized to be confirmed.

BISHOP: Have you examined them and found them ready and

desirous to be confirmed?

PRIEST: I have examined them and found them so to be.

The Bishop then addresses the confirmands

BISHOP: You who have come to be confirmed must now renew the solemn promise and vow that you made or was made in your name at your baptism, and must pledge to believe and to do all those things which you or your Parents and Godparents then undertook.

Do you declare and promise that you will, with the help of God, live your life in the faith of Christ into which you were baptized?

ANSWER: I do.

BISHOP: Do you commit yourself in love to God, Father, Son and Holy

Spirit?

ANSWER: I do.

BISHOP: Will you continue in the Apostles' teaching and fellowship, in

the breaking of bread and in prayer?

ANSWER: I will.

BISHOP: Will you persevere in resisting evil and repent whenever you

fall into sin?

ANSWER: I will.

BISHOP: Will you be a witness in your daily life to God's saving work

in Christ?

ANSWER: I will.

BISHOP: Will you seek and serve Christ by loving your neighbour as yourself remembering that every person is loved and valued by God?

ANSWER: I will.

BISHOP: Do you put your whole trust in His grace and love?

ANSWER: I do, and with God's help I will follow Christ as my Saviour and Lord.

The Bishop then addresses the congregation

PRESIDENT: Lift up your hearts

ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.

PRESIDENT: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

PRESIDENT: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and

everywhere to give you thanks, Father almighty,

everlasting God:

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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name;

ALL:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. x4

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest, x5

PRESIDENT: All Holy and glorious Father,for the remembrance of me."

PRESIDENT: Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

ALL: Christ has died, Alleluia, Christ is risen, Alleluia, Christ will come again Alleluia Amen, Amen, Amen

PRESIDENT:

And so, Heavenly Father, in songs of everlasting praise.

ALL: Blessing and honour Alleluia, glory and power Alleluia, be yours for ever and ever Alleluia, Amen, Amen, Amen BISHOP: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

ALL: And also with you.

OFFERTORY HYMN:292 Praise the Spirit in creation

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- 1. Praise the Spirit in creation, breath of God, life's origin: Spirit moving on the waters, quickening worlds to life within, source of breath to all things breathing, life in whom all lives begin.
- **4.** Tell of how the ascended Jesus armed a people for his own; how a hundred men and women turned the known world upside down, to its dark and furthest corners by the wind of heaven blown.
- 2. Praise the Spirit, close companion of our inmost thoughts and ways; who, in showing us God's wonders, is himself the power to gaze; and God's will, to those who listen, by a still small voice conveys.
- **5.** Pray we then, O Lord the Spirit, on our lives descend in might; let your flame break out within us, fire our hearts and clear our sight, till, white-hot in your possession, we, too, set the world alight
- 3. Praise the Spirit, who enlightened priest and prophets with the word; his the truth behind the wisdoms which as yet know not our Lord; by whose love and power, in Jesus God himself was seen and heard
- 6. Praise, O praise the Holy Spirit, Praise the Father, praise the Word, Source, and Truth, and Inspiration, Trinity in deep accord; Through your voice which speaks within us We, your creatures, call you Lord

THE PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS:

PRESIDENT AND PEOPLE:

Father, we offer you these gifts which you have given us; this bread, this wine, this money. With them we offer ourselves, our lives, and our work, to become through your Holy Spirit a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice. As this bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ, so may we and all your people become channels of your love; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER:

PRESIDENT: The Lord be with you. And also with you. ALL:

to support these persons in their life in Christ? **ALL:** We will.

BISHOP: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power

THE PROFESSION OF FAITH:

BISHOP: Let us join with those who are to be confirmed in the profession of our Faith.

ALL: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. 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 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.

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.

ACT OF PENITENCE

PRESIDENT

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

PRESIDENT: Let us therefore confess our sins.

ALL: Most Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we have not loved ourselves as we ought. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

All kneel to sing "Veni, Creator Spiritus" 200

- 1. Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
 And lighten with celestial fire;
 Thou the anointing Spirit art,
 Who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.
- **2.** Thy blessèd unction from above Is comfort, life, and fire of love; Enable with perpetual light The dullness of our blinded sight.
- **3.** Anoint and cheer our soilèd face With the abundance of thy grace: Keep far our foes, give peace at home; Where thou art guide no ill can come.
- **4.** 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.

PRAYER FOR THE CONFIRMANDS:

The congregation remains kneeling during the prayers

BISHOP: Let us pray for these persons to be confirmed, and for all the baptized everywhere.

The Bishop or a person appointed leads the following litany

LEADER: That they may be filled with your Holy and life-giving Spirit.

Lord in your mercy:

ALL: Hear our prayer.

LEADER: That the Holy Spirit may open their hearts to your grace and truth.

Lord in your mercy;

ALL: Hear our prayer.

LEADER: That they may be redeemed from all evil and rescued from the way

of sin and death.

Lord in your mercy:

ALL: Hear our prayer.

LEADER: That they may be kept in the faith and communion of your Holy

Church.

Lord in your mercy;

ALL: Hear our prayer.

LEADER: That they may go out into the world to witness to your love

and transforming power.

Lord in your mercy;

ALL: Hear our prayer.

LEADER: That they be brought to the fullness of your peace and glory.

Lord in your mercy;

ALL: Hear our prayer.

Then the Bishop says the following stretching out his hands towards the confirmands, all kneeling

Father, in your Son Jesus Christ you have given to these your servants new birth in baptism by water and the Holy Spirit, and have given the forgiveness of all their sins. Let your Holy Spirit strengthen them now:

The Spirit of wisdom and understanding;

The Spirit of counsel and inward strength;

The Spirit of knowledge and true godliness;

The Spirit of reverence and true religion;

and graft in their hearts the love of your most Holy Name.

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

THE CONFIRMATION

Then all of them in order, kneeling before the Bishop, he shall lay his hand upon the head of each of them saying:

Confirm O Lord your servant N- 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.

And each one answers:

Amen.

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The Bishop may sign each one on the forehead with the Holy Chrism saying:

The Seal of the Spirit, the promise of the Father.

The Bishop concludes with this prayer:

Almighty and ever living God we pray for these your servants upon whom after the example of your Holy Apostles we have now laid our hands. Let your Fatherly hand ever be over them, let your Holy Spirit ever be with them and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your word that they may faithfully serve you in this life and dwell with you in the life to come through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE

BISHOP: Christ is our peace, he has reconciled us to God in one Body by the cross.

ALL: We meet in His name and share His peace.