

10 a.m. Trinity Sunday Holy Eucharist & Confirmation 26 May 2024

> St. John's Episcopal Church Tallahassee, Florida

# The Rt. Rev. Scott Anson Benhase

Today we have the joy of being led in our worship by the Rt. Rev. Scott Benhase, part-time Assisting Bishop of the Diocese of Florida. As Assisting Bishop, his role includes parish visitations for confirmations and pastoral support, regional gatherings and clericus meetings, ordinations, and serving as a consultant to the Standing Committee. Bishop Benhase previously served from 2010 to 2020 as Tenth Bishop of Georgia, overseeing 70 Episcopal congregations in central, south, and coastal Georgia. His wife Kelly is a native of Tallahassee.

As heirs of the apostles, bishops have historically held the role of confirming the baptized and receiving adult converts to the faith. Confirmation is the rite by which a baptized person makes a mature, public commitment to the Christian faith and life. Reception is the means by which a mature baptized Christian is welcomed into the Episcopal Church from another denomination.

# **Confirmands**

Hannah Amos	Julia Cline	Nate McNamara
Randy Baker	Terri Cruz	Sidney Pascoe *
Anna Blalock *	Mignon Deshaies	John Perkins
Sadie Bowersox	Dan Dobbins +	Chuck Riley III
Noreen Boynton **	Monique Ellsworth	Richard Riley +
Cindi Briley +	David F. Guido +	Olivia Sperry
Randy Briley **	Pamela Marsh	Suzanne Spivey
Martha Childs	Spencer Marsh	Beth Sylvester +
	Malachi McInvale **	

<sup>\*</sup> Confirmed last Sunday at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Fernandina Beach.

<sup>+</sup> For reception

<sup>\* \*</sup> For reaffirmation

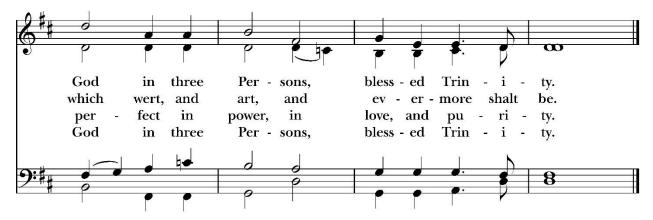
# The Liturgy of the Word

#### **Tower Bells**

Voluntary.....Fugue in E-flat Major ("Trinity"), BWV 552 J. S. Bach

#### The Procession (Please stand)





Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826), alt. Music: Nicaea, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876).

The people standing, the Bishop says

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

The Bishop says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Bishop Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

# A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!" [Isaiah 6:1-8]

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 29

Sung by the choir to an Anglican chant by Henry Ley

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, \* ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; \* worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; \* the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; \* the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; \* the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \* and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

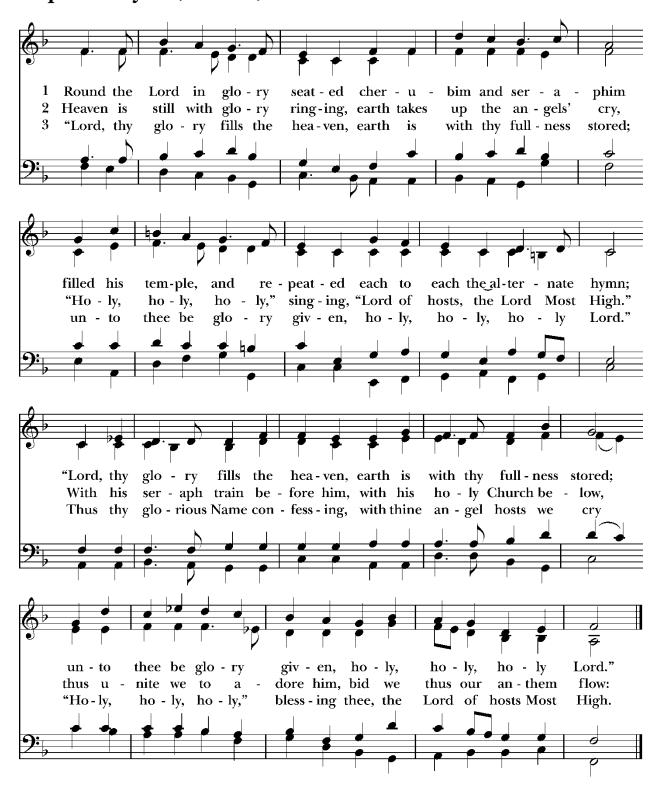
- 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; \* the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe \* strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the Lord \* all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; \* the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; \* the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

# A Reading from the Letter to the Romans

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. [Romans 8:12-17]

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

## **Sequence Hymn** (Please stand)



Words: Richard Mant (1776-1848). Music: Rustington, Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918).

# The Gospel

Then, all standing, the Deacon reads the Gospel, first saying

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. [John 3:1-17]

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

# Children's Chapel

Pre-K through 3rd grade children gather at the front steps of the chancel for a blessing before processing to Children's Chapel.

The Sermon ...... The Rt. Rev. Scott Anson Benhase
Assisting Bishop of the Diocese of Florida

A brief period of silence follows the sermon.

# Confirmation

#### The Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

When all are in place, the Bishop says

The Candidates will now be presented.

*Presenters* I present these persons for Confirmation.

Bishop 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.

After all have been presented, the Bishop addresses the congregation, saying

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

People We will.

The Bishop then says these or similar words

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?

*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.

A Person appointed leads the following petitions

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.

#### Then the Bishop says

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*.

#### **For Confirmation**

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

# **For Reception**

*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*.

#### For Reaffirmation

*N*., 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*.

Then the Bishop says

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

Bishop The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

#### Announcements

#### Offertory

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## **Offertory Anthem**

We praise thee, O God: we acknowledge thee to be the Lord. All the earth doth worship thee: the Father everlasting.

To thee all Angels cry aloud: the Heavens, and all the Powers therein.

To thee Cherubim and Seraphim: continually do cry,

Holy, Holy, Holy: Lord God of Sabaoth;

Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty: of thy glory.

The glorious company of the Apostles: praise thee.

The goodly fellowship of the Prophets: praise thee. The noble army of Martyrs: praise thee.

The holy Church throughout all the world: doth acknowledge thee;

The Father: of an infinite Majesty; Thine honourable, true: and only Son;

Also the Holy Ghost: the Comforter.

Thou art the King of Glory: O Christ. Thou art the everlasting Son: of the Father.

When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man: thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.

When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death:
thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God: in the glory of the Father.

We believe that thou shalt come: to be our Judge.

We therefore pray thee, help thy servants: whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.

Make them to be numbered with thy Saints: in glory everlasting.

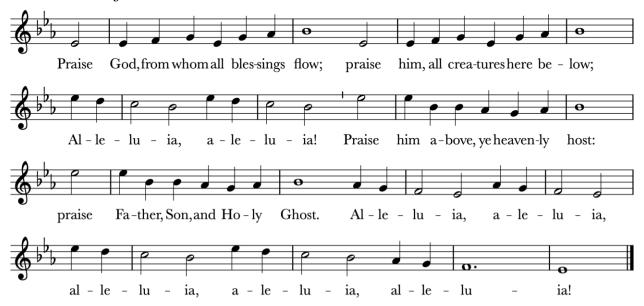
O Lord, save thy people: and bless thine heritage. Govern them: and lift them up for ever.

Day by day: we magnify thee; And we worship thy Name: ever world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord: to keep us this day without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us: have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us: as our trust is in thee.
O Lord, in thee have I trusted: let me never be confounded.

#### **Presentation of the Gifts**

All stand as they are able.



# The Holy Communion

# The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Bishop Lift up your hearts.

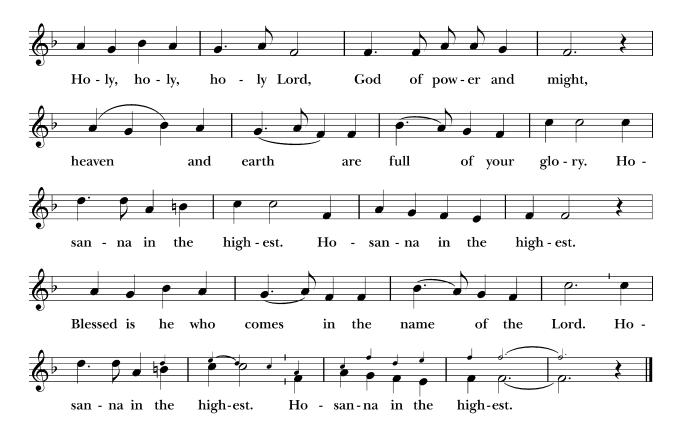
People We lift them to the Lord.

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

#### The Bishop proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, for with your co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, you are one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Being; and we celebrate the one and equal glory of you, O Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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:



The people stand or kneel. Then the Bishop continues

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Bishop is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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:

Bishop and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

#### The Bishop continues

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,

People and Bishop

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.

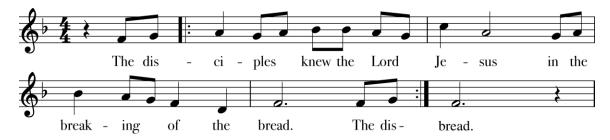
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

### The Breaking of the Bread

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

The antiphon is first sung by the choir; the congregation and choir sing the antiphon thereafter.



*Choir* The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ.

Facing the people, the Bishop says the following Invitation

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 Communion of the People

Communion is central to our worship at St. John's. All baptized Christians—regardless of age or denominational affiliation—are welcome to receive.

# 1 Wait for guidance from the ushers.

At the appropriate time, an usher will invite the people in your pew to rise and follow the line to the Communion rail or station. Those with limited mobility may request that Communion be brought directly to their pew.

#### 2 Kneel or stand.

Most people kneel at the rail to receive Communion, but standing is also appropriate, especially if kneeling is difficult.

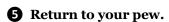


#### 3 Receive the bread.

As the minister approaches with the bread, extend your hands with palms open and facing up. You may consume the bread immediately or wait to have it dipped in the wine.

#### **4** Receive the wine.

The wine is served in a large chalice as a sign of unity. Assist the lay minister by guiding the chalice to your lips, holding it by the base, and take a small sip. If you would rather not drink directly from the chalice, you may offer your bread to the lay minister and allow him or her to dip it in the wine and hand it back to you to consume.



Return to your pew, kneel if you like, sing with the congregation, or offer your silent prayers to God.

If you are unbaptized or would prefer not to receive the bread or wine for any reason, cross your arms over your chest at the rail. This signifies to the priest that you wish to receive a blessing instead.

#### The Postcommunion Prayer (Kneel)

Bishop 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 Blessing

#### The Procession (Please stand)





# **Rededication of the Baptismal Font**

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

The Bishop says

Father, we thank you that through the waters of Baptism we die to sin and are made new in Christ. Grant through your Spirit that those baptized here may enjoy the liberty and splendor of the children of God. *Amen*.

Bishop There is one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People One God and Father of all.

We rededicate this Font in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen*.

#### The Dismissal

The Deacon dismisses the people with these words

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Voluntary...... We all believe in one true God, BWV 680 J. S. Bach

#### **Tower Bells**

#### Welcome!

Since 1829, St. John's Episcopal Church has sought to love Christ and our neighbors in Tallahassee and the world. Whether you are a lifelong Christian or it is your first time entering a church, welcome. We are glad you are here.

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#### Childcare

Free, professional childcare is provided 9:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. each Sunday.

# **Hearing System**

To access our hearing loop system, set your hearing aid to tele-coil or "t" telephone mode. If your hearing aid does not have this capability, wireless headsets are available at the north tower entrance or from an usher.

# **Large Print Bulletins**

Large print bulletins are available in the South transept for the visually impaired. Pick one up by the door or ask an usher.

# **Altar Flower Dedications**

Altar flower dedications are a wonderful way to honor loved ones. Visit the GIVE page on St. John's website or contact the church office for assistance.

# Weekly Services SUNDAY

8 a.m	Holy Eucharist (Rite I)	Sanctuary	
10 a.m.	Holy Eucharist (Rite II) service is livestreamed	Sanctuary	
WEDNESDAY			
12:10 p.m	Holy Eucharist (Rite II) with Healing Praver	Chapel	



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