



The Episcopal Diocese *of* Vermont

Re-Member: A Day of Healing, Celebration, and Hope

2022 Diocesan Convention Liturgy

October 8th, 2022

The Cathedral Church of St. Paul Burlington, Vermont

Schedule of the Day

9-10am	Arrival and Gathering
10am	Call to Worship, Hymns, Readings to honor grief and change
10:30am	The Rev. Lorenzo Lebrija on Experimentation
11:30a	Gospel and Consecration of the Elements
12:00p	Lunch and Fellowship
1:15p	The Rev. Whitney Rice on Evangelism
2:30p	Prayers and Sharing Eucharist
2:45p	Bishop's Sermon
3:15p	A Time of Reflection from presenters
3:35p	Renewal of Baptism/Ordination Covenants

Prelude

Dr. James Lorenz, organist

Call to Worship

The Reader will prompt the refrain "Christ is coming to make all things new."

-Adapted and inspired by A Wee Worship Book, Wild Goose Resource Group

Body Worship Song

Christ be with me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ below me,
Christ to the left of me,
Christ above me,
Christ to the right of me,
Christ within me. (*Repeat several times*)

Bishop Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
 People *Glory to God for ever and ever.*

Hymn 665 All My Hope on God Is Founded



1 All my hope on God is found - ed; he doth still my
 2 Mor - tal pride and earth - ly glo - ry, sword and crown be -
 3 God's great good - ness e'er en - dur - eth, deep his wis - dom
 *4 Dai - ly doth the al - might - y Giv - er boun - teous gifts on
 5 Still from earth to God e - ter - nal sac - ri - fice of



1 trust re - new, me through change and chance he
 2 tray our trust; though with care and toil we
 3 pass - ing thought: splen - dor, light, and life at -
 4 us be - stow; his de - sire our soul de -
 5 praise be done, high a - bove all prais - es



1 guid - eth, on - ly good and on - ly true. God un -
 2 build them, tower and tem - ple fall to dust. But God's
 3 tend him, beau - ty spring - eth out of nought. Ev - e -
 4 ligh - teth, plea - sure leads us where we go. Love doth
 5 prais - ing for the gift of Christ, his Son. Christ doth



1 known, he a - lone calls my heart to be his own.
 2 power, hour by hour, is my tem - ple and my tower.
 3 rmore from his store new-born worlds rise and a - dore.
 4 stand at his hand; joy doth wait on his com - mand.
 5 call one and all: ye who fol - low shall not fall.

Words Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930), alt., after Joachim Neander (1650-1680)

Music MICHAEL, Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

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Bishop God Be with you.
 People *And also with you.*

Bishop Let us pray. Gracious and Loving God, our hearts are open to your ever-present love: Heal us, celebrate with us, hope with us as we seek to be inspired by your Holy Spirit, perfectly loving you and living in praise of your ongoing creation, your church, your light, your will, and your love through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Reader A reading from Nehemiah.

When the seventh month came—the people of Israel being settled in their towns—all the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, ‘Amen, Amen’, lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, ‘This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.’ For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, ‘Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.’

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People *Thanks be to God.*

The Rev. Lorenzo Lebrija on Experimentation

Lined writing area consisting of 30 horizontal lines.

Wade in the Water Lift Every Voice and Sing 143

Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa - ter, chil - dren,

Wade in the wa - ter, God's a-gon-na trou-ble the wa - ter. **Fine**

1. See that host all dressed in white,
 2. See that band all dressed in red,
 3. Look o - ver yon-der, what do I see? God's a-gon-na trou-ble the
 4. If you don't be-lieve I've been re - deemed,

wa - ter.
 1. The lead - er looks like the Is - ra - elite,
 2. Looks like the band that Mo - ses led,
 3. The Ho - ly Ghost a - com-ing on me,
 4. Just fol - low me down to Jor - dan's stream,

God's a - gon - na trou - ble the wa - ter. **D.C.**

Words and music: Traditional Negro spiritual, arr. Carl Haywood (b.1949)

The Gospel

Matthew 14:22-33

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ
People *Glory to you, O Christ.*

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

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

The Great Thanksgiving

Bishop God be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Bishop Lift up your hearts

People *We lift them up to the Lord.*

Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

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

The Bishop continues

...Therefore, with all your witnesses
who surround us on every side,
countless as heaven's stars,
we praise you for our creation
and our calling,
with loving and with joyful hearts:

Sanctus S-125, The Hymnal 1982 (R. Proulx)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Setting Richard Proulx (1937-2010), from A Community Mass

The Bishop continues through the Consecration.

Agape Fellowship

The congregation breaks for lunch and fellowship.

The Cathedral bell will ring to signal 15 mins before we regather.

Regathering

Hymn 508 Breathe on Me, Breath of God

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new,
2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die;

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
un - til with thee I will one will, to do or to en - dure.
till all this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

Words Edwin Hatch (1835–1889), alt.
Music NOVA VITA, Lister R. Peace (1885–1969)

A Time of Prayer

Following each bidding, the people respond, “Breathe on us, breath of God.”

-Adapted from *Iona Abbey Worship Book*

Prayer and Sharing Eucharist

Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; when I call, an - swer me. O

Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer; come, and lis - ten to me.

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The congregation is led in prayer. After each bidding, all repeat the above as a refrain.

The Lord's Prayer

Bishop And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:
Our Father... *(all continue in whatever language or version they wish).*
Amen.

Green Mountain Online Abbey Version

Our loving God in heaven, holy is your Name, may your reign 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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For all creation, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

The Bishop breaks the bread in silence and then says

Bishop Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People *Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia!*

Bishop Behold the mystery of your salvation laid out for you;
behold what you are, may we become what we receive.

Bishop The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Hymns

Let us break bread together on our knees

Let us break bread together on our knees;
Let us break bread together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
Oh, Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees;
Let us drink wine together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
Oh, Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees;
Let us praise God together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
Oh, Lord, have mercy on me.

Eat this bread

The musical score for 'Eat this bread' is presented in two systems. Each system consists of a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: 'Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and ne-ver be hun - gry;' and 'eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.' The score includes various musical notations such as chords, stems, and rests.

Music Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)

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Sermon

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Shannon MacVean-Brown

Reflection Conversation on the Day

The Bishop, Whitney, and Lorenzo engage conversation on the day.

Prompting question: What did you hear from one another that brought you a sense of healing, celebration, and hope?

A Reading

Ephesians 3:14-21

Reader A Reading from Ephesians.

For this reason, I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Renewal of Covenants

The Bishop continues

Dear friends, the ministry we share is none other than the sacrificial ministry of Christ, who gave himself up to death on the cross for the salvation of the world....Affirming that duty, I invite you to reaffirm your own Baptismal Covenant.

Bishop Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People I do.

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.

...The congregation responds "I will with God's help" to each bidding.

Addressing all lay persons, the Bishop says,

Your ministry as lay persons...

Bishop Will you continue in this ministry?

Laity I will, with God's help.

Addressing all deacons, the Bishop says,

Your ministry as deacons...

Bishop Will you continue in this ministry?

Deacons I will, with God's help.

Addressing all priests, the Bishop says,

Your ministry as priests...

Bishop Will you continue in this ministry?
Priests I will, with God's help.

*Addressing all clergy, the Bishop says,
Siblings in Christ, as clergy in the Episcopal Church...*

Bishop Do you here, in the presence of Christ and his Church, renew your
commitment to your ministry, under the pastoral direction of your bishop?
Clergy I do.

The clergy respond "I do" to each bidding.

*Designated leaders representing different orders of ministry address the Bishop:
+Shannon, your ministry, as bishop, is to represent Christ and his Church...*

The Bishop responds

I will with God's help. And as your bishop, I, too, before God and you, re-dedicate myself and reaffirm the promises that I made when I was ordained. I ask your prayers. May the Lord who has given us the will to do these things, give us also the grace and power to perform them.

Commissioning

Leader

In the sure and certain hope of the resurrection, we turn our eyes toward the mission field, in our churches and in our communities, following Jesus' call to go out and proclaim Good News. We take on the mantle of evangelists, and here in the presence of God and one another, we affirm our commitment to live out and welcome others into the loving, life-giving, liberating Good News of Jesus Christ, responding with God's first message to all people, "Fear not."

The congregation celebrates the day responding, "Fear not!" after each bidding.

Blessing

The Bishop offers a blessing.

We are marching in the Light of God/ Siyahamba

The musical score consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the light of God. ___ We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the light of of, the light of God, We are march - ing, march - ing, we are march - ing, march - ing, we are march - ing in the light of God, ___ we are march - ing, march - ing, we are march - ing in the light of the light of God, we are march - ing, march - ing, we are march - ing, march - ing, we are march - ing in the light of God. ___". The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords and some triplet figures.

Words: South African Music: SIYAHAMBA, South African

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<p><i>Lyrics in Zulu:</i></p> <p>Siyahamb' ekukhanyeni kwenkos, Siyahamba ekukhanyeni kwenkos'. Siyahamb' ekukhanyeni kwenkos', Siyahamba ekukhanyeni kwenkos'. [ekukhanyeni kwenkos']</p>	<p>Siyahamba... ooh [Siyahamba, hamba, Siyahamba, hamba] Siyahamba ekukhanyeni kwenkos'. [ekukhanyeni kwenkos'] Siyahamba... ooh [Siyahamba, hamba, Siyahamba, hamba] Siyahamba ekukhanyeni kwenkos'.</p>
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Dismissal and Adjournment