



Grace Episcopal Church

*The Festal Celebration
of the Holy Eucharist
with
Holy Baptism*

*The Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 15, 2022*

The Procession *All things bright and beautiful* **H 405**

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

There is one body and one Spirit;

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

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People: One God and Father of all.

The Collect of the Day *(standing)*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson

Reader: A reading from Acts (11:1-18)

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen

the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life." Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual

Psalm 148

Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; * praise him in the heights.

Praise him, all you angels of his; * praise him, all his host.

Praise him, sun and moon; * praise him, all you shining stars.

Praise him, heaven of heavens, * and you waters above the heavens.

Let them praise the Name of the LORD; * for he commanded, and they were created.

He made them stand fast for ever and ever; * he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

Praise the LORD from the earth, * you sea-monsters and all deeps;

Fire and hail, snow and fog, * tempestuous wind, doing his will;

Mountains and all hills, * fruit trees and all cedars;

Wild beasts and all cattle, * creeping things and winged birds;

Kings of the earth and all peoples, * princes and all rulers of the world;

Young men and maidens, * old and young together.

Let them praise the Name of the LORD, * for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.

He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, * the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!

The Second Lesson

Reader: A reading from The Book of Revelation (21:1-6)

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life." Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Sequence *(standing)* *In Christ there is no East or West* **LEVAS 62**

The Holy Gospel

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (13:31-35)

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

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon *(seated)*

(silence follows the sermon)

The Candidates for Baptism: Delilah Reese and Lanie Marie Gillis.

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

I present Delilah Reese and Lanie Marie Gillis to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant asks the Parents and God Parents

Will you be responsible for seeing that the children you present are brought up in the Christian faith? *Answer:* I will with God's help.

Will you by your prayers and witness help these children to grow into the full statue of Christ? *Answer:* I will with God's help.

Celebrant then asks the following questions of the parents and the sponsors:

Question: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God? *Answer:* I renounce them.

Question: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God? *Answer:* I renounce them.

Question: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God? *Answer:* I renounce them.

Question: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior? *Answer:* I do.

Question: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love? *Answer:* I do.

Question: Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord? *Answer:* I do.

Celebrant now addresses the congregation of Grace Episcopal Church with the following question

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these girls in their life in Christ? **People: We will.**

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, in the prayers? **I will, with God's help.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord? **I will, with God's help.**

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ? **I will, with God's help.**

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself? **I will, with God's help.**

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being? **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers For the Candidates *(the people kneel or stand)*

Reader: Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death. **People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Open their hearts to your grace and truth. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Send them into the world in witness to your love. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: 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 for ever. **Amen.**

The candidates and family process to the baptismal font. The children of the church are invited to come to the font as well. Please join the choir in singing Good Shepherd, Take This Little Child, found on the back of the bulletin.

Thanksgiving over the water

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The candidates are brought to the font, water is poured on their heads three times as Celebrant says:

Delilah Rose and Lanie Marie, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Celebrant then makes the sign of the cross on each forehead using chrism blessed by Bishop Logue. As she makes the sign of the cross, she says

Delilah Rose, Lanie Marie, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Announcements

The Offertory

*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.*

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A

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 him 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.. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever say this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

**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.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant 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 Celebrant is to hold it, or to 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:

Celebrant and People

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 forever. **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 Fraction

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

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

The Communion of God's People

The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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 *I come with joy to meet my Lord* **H 304**

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

*The Right Rev. Frank Logue,
11th Bishop of the Diocese of Georgia
The Rev. Kit Brinson, Rector
Mr. Mike Taylor, Church Musician and Choir Master*

*Please join us for a reception following the service to welcome
the newly baptized.*

*The flowers on the altar are given in love and celebration for
the baptism of Delilah and Lanie Gillis by Ann and Jim Combs.*