

**Visitation of the Bishop of the Diocese of Maryland,
The Rt. Rev. Carrie Schofield-Broadbent**

Confirmation of Dona Riley

Pentecost XIV



August 25, 2024

10 am

Church of the Holy Nativity

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Baltimore, Maryland 21215

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A WELCOMING AND INCLUSIVE CHURCH

Officiant: The Rt. Rev. Carrie Schofield-Broadbent

Musician: Dr. Lior Leigh

We are blessed today to welcome Bishop Carrie as well as celebrate Dona's confirmation. Please join us after the service for a reception at Hope House.

OPENING HYMN

1 Jesus is all the world to me,
My life, my joy, my all;
He is my strength from day to day,
Without Him I would fall:
When I am sad, to Him I go.
No other one can cheer me so;
When I am sad He makes me glad,
He's my friend.

2 Jesus is all the world to me,
My friend in trials sore;
I go to Him for blessings, and
He gives them o'er and o'er;
He sends the sunshine and the rain.
He sends the harvest's golden grain.
Sunshine and rain, harvest of grain,
He's my friend.

LEVAS 77 – *Jesus is All the World to Me*
3 Jesus is all the world to me,
And true to Him I'll be;
Oh, how could I this friend deny,
When He's so true to me?
Following Him I know I'm right.
He watches o'er me day and night;
Following Him by day and night,
He's my friend.

4 Jesus is all the world to me,
I want no better friend;
I trust Him now, I'll trust Him when
Life's fleeting days shall end:
Beautiful life with such a friend.
Beautiful life that has no end;
Eternal life, eternal joy,
He's my friend.

Jesus Is All the World to Me, #77 from Lift Every Voice and Sing II — Words: Will L. Thompson (1847-1909). Music: Will L. Thompson.

The people standing, the Bishop says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom now and forever. Amen.

There is one Body and one Spirit;
There is one hope in God's call to us;

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
One God and Father of all.

GLORIA

LEVAS 243

**Glory, Glory, hallelujah, Lord we praise your Holy name,
Glory, Glory hallelujah, Lord we praise your Holy name.
Glory to God in the highest and peace to His people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you
thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, Glory, Glory,
hallelujah, Lord we praise your Holy name,**

**Glory, Glory hallelujah, Lord we praise your Holy name.
You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone
are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God
the Father.
Glory, Glory, hallelujah, Lord we praise your Holy name,
Glory, Glory hallelujah, Lord we praise your Holy name. Amen.**

THE COLLECT

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: "Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

Listen for The Word of The Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE

Psalm 34:15-22

15 The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, *
and his ears are open to their cry.

16 The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, *
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

17 The righteous cry, and the Lord hears them *
and delivers them from all their troubles.

18 The Lord is near to the brokenhearted *
and will save those whose spirits are crushed.

19 Many are the troubles of the righteous, *
but the Lord will deliver him out of them all.

20 He will keep safe all his bones; *
not one of them shall be broken.

21 Evil shall slay the wicked, *
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

22 The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in him.

THE EPISTLE

Ephesians 6:10-20

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SEQUENCE HYMN

Spirit of the Living God,
Fall fresh on me,
Spirit of the Living God,
Fall fresh on me,

115 – *Spirit of the Living God*

Melt me, Mold me,
Fill me, Use me,
Spirit of the Living God,
Fall fresh on me.

THE GOSPEL

John 6:56-69

The Venerable Ruth Elder

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.” Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

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SERMON

The Rt. Rev. Carrie Schofield-Broadbent

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE

Bishop The Candidate will now be presented.

Presenter I present this candidate for Confirmation.

The candidate stands. The Bishop examines the candidate.

Bishop Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidate I do.

Bishop Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidate I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

The Bishop addresses the congregation

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in their lives in Christ?

We will.

Bishop Let us join with this person who is committing herself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

All stand.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Bishop 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, and 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 CANDIDATE

Bishop Let us now pray for this person who has renewed her commitment to Christ.

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

Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Open her heart to your grace and truth.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

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

Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Send her into the world in witness to your love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

Lord, hear our prayer.

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

The congregation is seated. The Bishop lays hands upon the person to be confirmed. Family, friends, and sponsors may come forward as she is presented.

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 this your servant the covenant you made with her at her Baptism. Send her forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before her; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

HYMN

I'll Trust You – Holy Nativity Choir

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

WELCOME

The Rev. Karen Mercer

HYMN

I Was Lost – Holy Nativity Choir

THE HOLY COMMUNION

What follows is the Holy Communion, the sacred meal of the Christian faith. The Episcopal Church, as do all other denominations rooted in the historic Christian faith, affirms that the sacrament of Baptism is the ancient and normative entry point for receiving the sacrament of Eucharist, yet no one who comes forward to receive the bread and wine at communion is ever turned away from God's table. Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, the Episcopal Church welcomes you, and we invite you to explore with us what baptism may mean for you. Want to know more? Please see Rev. Mercer following the service.

OFFERTORY HYMN

LEVAS 124 – *Give Me a Clean Heart*

Give me a clean heart so I may serve Thee.

Lord, fix my heart so that I may be used by thee.

For I'm not worthy of all these blessings.

Give me a clean heart and I'll follow thee.

I'm not asking for the riches of the land.

I'm not asking for the proud to know my name.

Please give me, Lord, a clean heart, that I may follow thee.

Give me a clean heart, a clean heart, and I will follow thee.

Refrain

2 Sometimes I am up and sometimes I am down.

Sometimes I am almost level to the ground.

Please give me, Lord, a clean heart, that I may follow thee.

Give me a clean heart, a clean heart, and I will follow thee.

Refrain

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DOXOLOGY

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

+ *The Celebrant adds a Proper Preface, then continues,*

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:

SANCTUS

S130

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 Hosanna in the

highest

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you

sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night before he died for us, our Savior 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 Jesus 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, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Joseph and Mary and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

Amen.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to [sing],

LORD'S PRAYER

LEVAS 264

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM

S164

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy upon us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy upon us.
Jesus redeemer, redeemer of the world,
Give us your peace, give us your peace.**

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.

COMMUNION HYMN

LEVAS 114 – *Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit*

Ev'ry time I feel the spirit, moving in my heart, I will pray.

1 Upon the mountain my Lord spoke,
out of his mouth came fire and smoke.
All around me looked so fine,
asked my Lord if all was mine.

Ev'ry time I feel the spirit, moving in my heart, I will pray.

2 Jordan river chilly and cold,
chills the body but not the soul.
There ain't but one train runs this track,
runs to heaven and runs right back.

Ev'ry time I feel the spirit, moving in my heart, I will pray.

Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit, #114 from *Lift Every Voice and Sing II* — Words: Traditional. Music: Negro Spiritual.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

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

CLOSING HYMN

LEVAS 120 – *Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

1 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.

*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.*

2 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."

Refrain

3 If you say He saved you from your sin,
Now you're weak, you're bound, and cannot enter in,
you can make it right if you will yield;
You'll enjoy the Holy Spirit that we feel.

Refrain

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THE DISMISSAL

The Venerable Ruth Elder

As we go forth into the world, refreshed and renewed, we reaffirm our commitment to
our mission as a congregation:

**We are committed to sharing God's love with all through our worship and
ministries.**

Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

POSTLUDE

All Are Welcome

Let us build a house
where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ
shall end divisions.

All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house
where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek

to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus.

All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ
the feast that frees us.

All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house
where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger.

All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house
where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured,
taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim
from floor to rafter.

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Our Prayer List

Your prayers are requested for members and friends of The Church of the Holy Nativity: Eileen, Gloria, Mildred, Karen, Tammy, Emanuel, Karen R., Dorris, Gouri, Katrina, Elaine, Justina, Eva, Silma, Rebecca, Lisa, Faye, Fr. Bill, Sharon, Vestina, Ruth, James, Diamond, Jamie, King, Katrina, Angel, Hope, Arlene, Dorian, and Norman.

We continue to ask for prayers for all those impacted by the coronavirus, those impacted by war and gun violence, those in our midst who are struggling with anxiety, depression, and addiction, those who are unemployed or underemployed, and the unhoused.

Announcements

August 26, 2024	Visit to Creative City Charter School Welcome students to First Day of School 8:30 am
September 1, 2024	First Sunday Meal
September 15, 2024	Advisory Board Meeting Immediately after service
October 6, 2024	First Sunday Meal
October 9, 2024	Prayer Service – Wednesdays – 12 Noon Bible Study resumes on Zoom @ 7 pm
October 16, 2024	Prayer Service – 12 Noon Bible Study on Zoom – 7 pm
October 20, 2024	Advisory Board Meeting Immediately after service

Notes

Today is: _____ Sermon Title: _____

Key Verses:

Worship Songs:

Prayers:

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