



**Christ
Church
Bray**

**Dioceses of Dublin & Glendalough
Confirmation with Holy Communion
The Second Sunday after Trinity**

9th June 2024, 10.30am

**Celebrant:
The Most Revd Dr Michael Jackson, Archbishop of Dublin
and Bishop of Glendalough**

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mobile phones are switched off. The service is being live streamed)*

We are delighted to welcome the confirmation candidates, along with their family and friends who have joined them this morning.

Christ Church, Bray

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Thank you to Julie Corr, Rev. Tom O'Brien, Rev. Caroline Casserly and David Reynolds and for all your help preparing the candidates for confirmation.

Introit

The Gathering of God's People

Opening Hymn (373):

- 1 To God be the glory! Great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son;
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son:
and give him the glory! Great things he has done!*

- 2 O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
to every believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

- 3 Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see.

*Fanny J. Crosby [Frances Jane van Alstyne] (1820-1915)
based on Revelation 15: 3-4*

The archbishop says:

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all:
And also with you.

The archbishop introduces the service and then says:

Let us affirm our trust in God's mercy, and confess that we need forgiveness.

A pause for reflection followed by these or similar penitential prayers.

Lord God, you created the world, and made us in your own image.

Forgive us when we turn away from you.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord God, through your Son you overcame evil and death. Rescue us from slavery to sin.
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord God, by your Spirit you restore us to fellowship with you and with one another.
Breathe your love and freedom into our lives.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

The Absolution

The Collect for the Second Sunday after Trinity

*Lord, you have taught us
that all our doings without love are nothing worth:
Send your Holy Spirit
and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love,
the true bond of peace and of all virtues,
without which whoever lives is counted dead before you.
Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake.
Amen*

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

The First Reading 1 Samuel 8: 4-11, 12-15, 16-20, 11: 14-15

⁴ Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, ⁵and said to him, ‘You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations.’ ⁶But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, ‘Give us a king to govern us.’ Samuel prayed to the Lord, ⁷and the Lord said to Samuel, ‘Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. ⁸Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. ⁹Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them.’

¹⁰ So Samuel reported all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking him for a king. ¹¹He said, ‘These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; ¹²and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plough his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. ¹³He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. ¹⁴He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers. ¹⁵He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his

courtiers. ¹⁶He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. ¹⁷He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. ¹⁸And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the Lord will not answer you in that day.'

¹⁹ But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, 'No! but we are determined to have a king over us, ²⁰so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles.'

¹⁴ Samuel said to the people, 'Come, let us go to Gilgal and there renew the kingship.' ¹⁵So all the people went to Gilgal, and there they made Saul king before the Lord in Gilgal. There they sacrificed offerings of well-being before the Lord, and there Saul and all the Israelites rejoiced greatly.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23, (Choir)

Music by Howard Goodall

The Holy Gospel

Please remain standing

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to Mark, chapter 3, verses 20-35

[Sung] Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

²⁰and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. ²¹When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, 'He has gone out of his mind.' ²²And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, 'He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.' ²³And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. ²⁷But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

²⁸ 'Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; ²⁹but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin'— ³⁰for they had said, 'He has an unclean spirit.'

³¹ Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. ³²A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, 'Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.' ³³And he replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' ³⁴And looking at those who sat around him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.'

After the Gospel:

This is the Gospel of the Lord. [Sung] **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

The Sermon

The Archbishop

The Presentation

The archbishop asks the candidates together:

Have you been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit?

I have.

The archbishop asks each candidate individually by name:

.....Are you ready with your own mouth and from your own heart to affirm your faith in Jesus Christ? ***I am.***

The archbishop asks the clergy who have been responsible for the pastoral care of the candidates

Have these persons been carefully prepared in their understanding of the Christian faith?

I believe they have.

The Decision *(The Candidates respond to these questions together)*

In baptism, God calls us from darkness to his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all proud rebellion against God?

I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

I renounce them.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the Way, the Truth and the Life?

I come to Christ.

The archbishop says to the congregation

You have heard these our brothers and sisters respond to Christ.

Will you support them in this calling?

We will support them.

The Profession of Faith

The archbishop asks the candidates

Do you believe and accept the Christian faith into which you are baptized? ***I do.***

The archbishop addresses the congregation

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess together with these candidates the faith of the Church.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and 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.**

The Confirmation

The archbishop says:

Our help is in the name of the Lord; **who made heaven and earth.**

Blessed be the name of the Lord: **now, and for ever. Amen.**

Silence and then the archbishop prays the confirmation prayer

Almighty and everliving God,
whose Son Jesus Christ was crucified and rose again
to break the power of sin and death:
We give you thanks and praise for the gift of your Holy Spirit
by whom your servants have been born again
and made your children.
Grant that in the power of the same Holy Spirit
they may continue to grow in the knowledge and likeness of Christ;
increase in them your gracious gifts,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of right judgment and inward strength,
the spirit of knowledge and godly living;
and fill them, O Lord, with the spirit of reverence for you.

Those who are to be confirmed kneel before the archbishop, who says:

Confirm O Lord your servant..... with your heavenly grace,
that (s)he may continue to be yours for ever,
and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more
until (s)he comes to your eternal kingdom.

*And each one of them answers: **Amen.***

The archbishop continues:

Heavenly Father, we pray for your servants
upon whom we have now laid our hands, after the example of the apostles,
to assure them by this sign of your favour towards them.
May your fatherly hand ever be over them.
Let your Holy Spirit ever be with them.
Lead them to know and obey your word, and keep them in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Commission

Those who are baptized are called to worship and serve God.
Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

With the help of God I will.

Will you persevere in resisting evil,
and whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

With the help of God I will.

Will you proclaim by word and example
the good news of God in Christ?

With the help of God I will.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all people,
loving your neighbour as yourself?

With the help of God I will.

The Peace *All stand and the archbishop says*

God has made us one in Christ. He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come,
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

And also with you.

Offertory Hymn (No. 593):

During which the Collection for the Archbishop's Training for Ministry Fund

- 1** O Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
be thou for ever near me,
my Master and my Friend.
I shall not fear the battle
if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway,
if thou wilt be my guide.
- 3** O let me hear thee speaking
in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will.
O speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control:
O speak and make me listen,
thou guardian of my soul.
- 4** O Jesus, thou hast promised
to all who follow thee,
that where thou art in glory,
there shall thy servant be;
and, Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
my Master and my Friend.
- 5** O let me see thy foot-marks,
and in them plant mine own;
my hope to follow duly
is in thy strength alone.
O guide me, call me, draw me,
uphold me to the end;
and then in heaven receive me,
my Saviour and my Friend.

Celebrating at the Lord's Table

Remain standing

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us

Therefore let us celebrate the feast.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

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.

Father, Lord of all creation, we praise you for your goodness and your love.

When we turned away you did not reject us. You came to meet us in your Son, welcomed us as your children and prepared a table where we might feast with you.

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

He opened wide his arms upon the cross

and, with love stronger than death,

he made the perfect sacrifice for sin.

Lord Jesus Christ, our redeemer,

on the night before you died you came to table with your friends.

Taking bread, you gave thanks, broke it and gave it to them saying,

Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

Lord Jesus, we bless you: you are the bread of life.

At the end of supper you took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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; do this in remembrance of me.

Lord Jesus, we bless you: you are the true vine.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ:

Dying, you destroyed our death,

Rising, you restored our life;

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Holy Spirit, giver of life, come upon us now; may this bread and wine be to us the body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

As we eat and drink these holy gifts

make us, who know our need of grace,

one in Christ, our risen Lord.

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Blessed Trinity: with your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of thanks and praise

and lift our voice to join the song of heaven, for ever praising you and singing:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Thanks be to you, our God, for your gift beyond words.

[Sung] Amen. Amen. Amen.

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say
Our Father, who art in heaven.....

The Breaking of the Bread

The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.
We being many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

[Sung] Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace

The Communion

Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God, who has taken away the sins of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.
(Communicants of all Christian Churches are welcome to receive the Holy Communion)

Communion music

E. Elgar *Ave Verum Corpus*
418 Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face
424 Jesus, stand among us

The Great Silence *after all have received the Holy Communion*

Going Out as God's People

Prayers after Communion:

The Blessing:

Recessional Hymn (662):

- 1. He who would valiant be
'Gainst all disaster,
Let him in constancy
Follow the Master.
There's no discouragement
Shall make him once relent**

**His first avowed intent
To be a pilgrim.**

**2. Who so beset him round
With dismal stories,
Do but themselves confound -
His strength the more is.
No foes shall stay his might,
Though he with giants fight:
He will make good his right
To be a pilgrim.**

**3. Since, Lord, thou dost defend
Us with thy Spirit,
We know we at the end
Shall life inherit.
Then fancies flee away!
I'll fear not what men say,
I'll labour night and day
To be a pilgrim.**

*Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)
After John Bunyan (1628-88)*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Organ Voluntary: L. Boellmann Toccata

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