

CHRIST CHURCH

BIRTHDAYS THE WEEK OF MAY 19 - 25

Emily Castellina 5/22
Wylene Graham 5/22
Judy McQueen 5/23
Linda Goldman 5/25

ANNIVERSARIES THE WEEK OF MAY 19 - 25

Robert & Judy McQueen 5/20
Rick & Terri Teigland 5/20
Mike & Sandra Connolly 5/21
George & Sally Marcello 5/21
Robert & Evelyn Fudge 5/23

~CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH PRAYER LIST~

MAY 19 - 25

Katie Alexander	Jan Breakfield	Ed Granowicz	Joanne Ryder
Bob Anderson	Dan Bussan	Jeanet Ivey	Kim Sawyer
Leigh Anderson	Anelia Campbell	Audrey Kow	The Seese Family
Pam Anderson	Landen Chandler	Clarissa Kramer	Noel Scidmore
Rayna Antonelli	Chris Delspina	Fr. Rick Marsden	Kim Stadlin
Gina Baldwin	Daniel Dodson	Ruth Miller	
Karlene Belnavis	Gil Doyle	Larry Mundt	
Mark Bisenius	Alan Eash	Betsy Parker	
Karla Blank	Pat Ferretti	Robert Parrish	
Walt Branstetter	Henry Fradley	Gloria Pramo Cardoso	

+ May the Souls of all the faithful departed Rest in Peace +

Carol Odell Atwood

Jack Parker

Jean Thomas

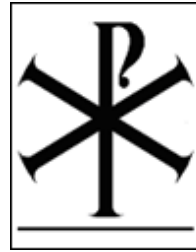
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**THE DAY OF PENTECOST  
WHITSUNDAY**



*Christ Episcopal Church  
Bradenton, Florida*

**THE HOLY EUCHARIST  
WITH THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION  
Sunday, May 19, 2024  
11:00 a.m.**



**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR AT CHRIST CHURCH**

*Please see the Chi Rho and our Church Website for more details.*

*Welcome to Christ Episcopal Church! We are especially glad to have you worship with us today. Today is Pentecost Sunday - Whitsunday in the Episcopal Liturgical Calendar and we are honored to have the Bishop of the Diocese of Southwest Florida, The Right Reverend Douglas F. Scharf, as the celebrant at our 9:00 and 11:00 services today.*

*If you are visiting an Episcopal Church for the first time today, you may feel that we do a lot of sitting, standing, and kneeling. In general, in the Episcopal Church, we stand to sing or praise, sit to learn, and kneel to pray. Sometimes, it is a choice to kneel or stand during prayer. We are joyful in our worship of the Lord and we hope that you leave us with a heart full of love and the spirit of the Lord.*

*During Communion:  
All Baptized Christians regardless of age or denomination are invited to receive Holy Communion. At the appropriate time the ushers will direct you to either side. Please indicate your desire to receive communion by extending your hands palms up. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Body and Blood of Christ. You may receive a blessing instead indicated with your arms folded across your chest.*

*Altar Flowers  
The Altar Flowers are given this week in honor of the 50th anniversary of W. Darryl Goldman's ordination to the Ministry.*

**Week of May 19-25**

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| Wednesday | 5/22 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>Women's Wednesday Morning Bible Study</b> - 10:00 am   Meeting Room 1</li> <li>◆ <b>Awana</b> - 6:00 -7:45 pm   Teen Room, upstairs               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <i><u>*Please note: This is the last Wednesday for the regular Awana classes. Summer activities will be announced monthly.</u></i></li> </ul> </li> <li>◆ <b>Wednesday Evening Bible Study</b> - 6:30 pm Evening Prayer, 7:00 pm Bible Study   Meeting Room 1</li> </ul> |
| Thursday  | 5/23 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>Thursday Men's Group</b> - 7:00 am   Meeting Room 1   Contact: Dave Leslie</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Sunday    | 5/26 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Services 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am   Parish Hall</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

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COMING UP!

May 26: Senior Sunday at the 9:00 am service.

May 27: Church Office closed in observance of Memorial Day

June 21: Taste of Heaven: Olympic Café, 6408 Manatee Ave W @ 11:30 am

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S LITURGY

The People of Christ Church

The Right Reverend Douglas F. Scharf
Celebrant and Preacher

The Reverend Canon Richard Visconti
Priest-in-Charge

The Reverend William Pardy
Deacon

Dr. James Walton
Organist/Choirmaster

Christ Church Choir

Assisting in the Service Today:

Vergers: Steve Tinsworth

Acolyte: Heather Whelan

Readers: Susan Matthews, Patrick Whelan

Chalice Bearers: Susan Matthews, Patrick Whelan

Ushers: Darryl and Linda Goldman

Special Thanks to all our ministers: on the Altar Guild, our Acolytes, Readers, Vergers, Eucharistic Ministers, Choristers, and Ushers who every Sunday answer the call of Our Lord to serve at His most holy altar.

Please join us in the Courtyard immediately following the service for a reception to congratulate the confirmands and to welcome Bishop Scharf to Christ Church.

Voluntary: Sonata in F Major; Largo, Allegro

J. S. Bach

Nicholas Arbolino, English Horn

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Processional Hymn: Hail thee, festival day!

Hymnal 225

Bishop

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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.

Bishop

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Bishop

Let us pray.

Hymn of Praise: *Glory to God*

S-280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

The Collect

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The congregation is seated.

The First Lesson:

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, ‘Mortal, can these bones live?’ I answered, ‘O Lord GOD, you know.’ Then he said to me, ‘Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.’

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, ‘Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.’ I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, ‘Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, “Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.” Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.’

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 104: 25-35, 37

Benedic, anima mea



25 O LORD, how manifold are your /works! *
in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your /creatures.

26 Yonder is the great and wide sea
with its living things too many to /number, *
creatures both small and /great.

Post Communion Prayer

Bishop and People

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

The Bishop blesses the people first saying,

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

People **The maker of heaven and earth.**

Bishop Blessed be the name of the Lord;

People **From this time forth for evermore.**

Bishop The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit descend upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: Go forth for God

Hymnal 347

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

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

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **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 Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem

S-155

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

Celebrant says:

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 with thanksgiving.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people. The Consecrated Bread and Wine is given to the communicants with these words:

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**
The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.**

Communion Anthem: God Be In My Head

John Rutter

Communion Hymn: O Spirit of Life

Hymnal 505

27 There move the ships,
and there is that Leviathan, *
which you have made for the sport of it.

28 All of them look to you *
to give them their food in due season.

29 You give it to them; they gather it; *
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; *
you take away their breath,
and they die and return to their dust.

31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; *
and so you renew the face of the earth.

32 May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; *
may the LORD rejoice in all his works.

33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; *
he touches the mountains and they smoke.

34 I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; *
I will praise my God while I have my being.

35 May these words of mine please him; *
I will rejoice in the LORD.

37 Bless the LORD, O my soul. *
Hallelujah!

The Second Lesson

Acts 2: 1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

The Second Lesson *(continued)*

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.
And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

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

Hymn: Come down, O Love divine

Hymnal 516

The Holy Gospel

John 15:26-27; 16: 4-15

All Stand

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

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Sanctus *(continued)*

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The people stand or kneel as the Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant 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.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

**We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember all who minister in your Church.

Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

Welcome and Announcements

Offertory Anthem: Cantique de Jean Racine

Gabriel Fauré

Cynthia Roberts-Greene, piano
Nicholas Arbolino, English horn

Anthem translation

O Word, equal of the Most High,
Our sole hope, eternal day of earth and the heavens,
We break the silence of the peaceful night.
Divine Saviour, cast Thine eyes upon us!

Shed the light of Thy mighty grace upon us.
Let all Hell flee at the sound of Thy voice.
Dispel the slumber of a languishing soul
That leads it to the forgetting of Thy laws!

O Christ, be favorable unto this faithful people
Now gathered to bless Thee.
Receive the hymns it offers unto Thine immortal glory
And may it return laden with Thy gifts.

Presentation: The Doxology *with Alleluias*

Lasst uns erfreuen

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia!*

*Praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

LITURGY OF THE TABLE

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer D

Bishop 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 continues, facing the Holy Table,

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

Celebrant and People

Sanctus

Hymnal S-125

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

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

Sermon

The Right Reverend Douglas F. Scharf

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF CANDIDATES

The congregation remains seated.

The Bishop says,

The Candidates will now be presented.

The confirmands and clergy sponsor now stand. The sponsor responds,

I present these persons for Confirmation.

Jeremiah Daniel Baker	Coral Lynne Culhane
Josephine Bisenius	Paul Downing Gillen
Mark Carl Bisenius	Hayley Grace Lawson
Collin Jeffrey James Butler	Duane Curtis Mansberger
Beckett James Culhane	David Angus Salmon
Chloe Raye Culhane	Milana L Staton

I present these persons who desire to reaffirm their baptismal vows.

Krysteen Marjorie Rose Sewell
Stephanie Marie Hunter

All candidates remain standing.

The Bishop asks the candidates,

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.

The congregation now stands.

Bishop 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,

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

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 people,
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.**

A period of silence follows. 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.**

The candidates for Confirmation and Reaffirmation now come forward as directed.

For Confirmation

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant *N.* with your Holy Spirit; empower *him* for your service; and sustain *him* all the days of *his* life. *Amen.*

or this

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 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.*

The Bishop concludes with this prayer,

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.**

The People greet one another in the name of the Lord.