

## Welcome, And Thank You For Being Present

We're glad you took the opportunity to visit us. Our hope is that you find a home among us, in a place where the love of God is shared, the mystery of grace is experienced and the joy and laughter of the Christian life is taught and lived together. We also hope you hear a message about the meaning and purpose of life you can take with you.

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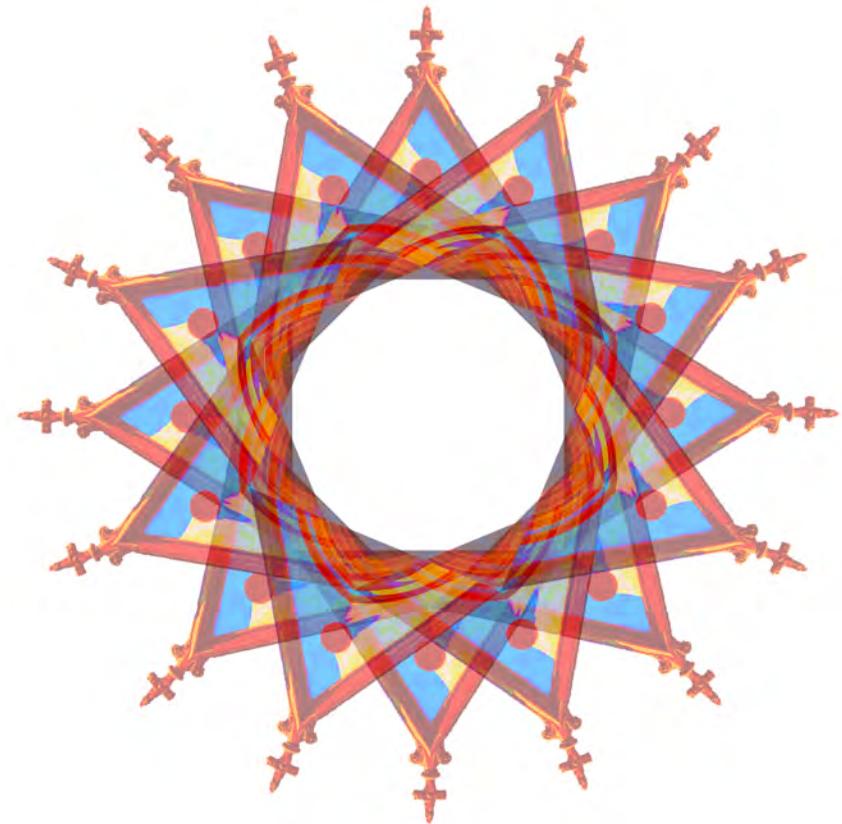
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# Eucharistic Celebrations of New Beginnings

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## Confirmation and Celebration of New Ministries and Life w/ One another

If we think about God narrowly enough, we can distract ourselves into believing that we can think our way to salvation. Our knowledge becomes a means of self-preservation and protection, rather than a means of transmitting and communicating faith in the living God. ... And yet, God cuts through our thick underbrush of words and ideas, persistently calling out to us, “Where are you?” ...

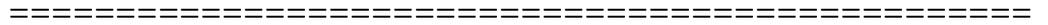
In moments of tension invariably arise in our communities of faith, instead of turning to prayer and patient discernment, we get distracted by arguments and anxieties and self-interests, and so we take our ball and go home. We cut ourselves off from community and, in turn, we short-circuit the possibility of reconciliation. God’s voice calls out after us as we stomp away, “Where are you?” In order for us to consider this question, we must discern deeply as to where we are in relation to where God is inviting us." (Jolly, M. (2018, June). *Where are You?*, *Proper 5(B) - 2018*. The Episcopal Church. <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/sermon/where-are-you-proper-5-b-2018/>

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude:



Your favorite memory from today?

What did the Bishop say that you'll remember a year from now

What was funny, pleasing?

What was holy?



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## RECESSIONAL HYMN #395 Creator God your Fingers Trace

*Introduction/Interlude*

1 Cre - at - ing God, your fin - gers trace the bold de - signs of  
 2 Sus - tain - ing God, your hands up - hold earth's mys - teries known or  
 3 Re - deem - ing God, your arms em - brace all now de - spised for  
 4 In - dwell - ing God, your gos - pel claims one fam - ily with a

farth - est space; let sun and moon and stars and light and  
 yet un - told; let wa - ter's fra - gile blend with air, en -  
 creed or race; let peace, de - scend - ing like a dove, make  
 bil - lion names; let ev - ery life be touched by grace un -

what lies hid - den praise your might.  
 a - bling life, pro - claim your care.  
 known on earth your heal - ing love.  
 til we praise you face to face.

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## Prelude -

### PROCESSIONAL #518 Christ is made the Sure Foundation

*Descant*

4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

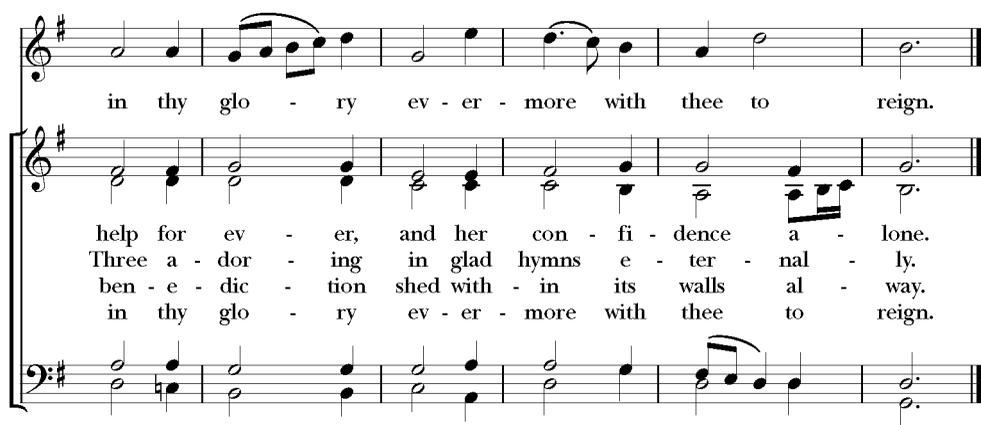
1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and  
 2 All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved of  
 3 To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of  
 4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,  
 God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion  
 Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness  
 thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's  
 pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in  
 hear thy serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est  
 with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter



in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.  
 help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.  
 Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.  
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.  
 in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

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### OPENING ACCLAMATION & SENTENCE

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. 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.**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

**Almighty Father, we thank you for feeding us with the holy food of the Body and Blood of your Son, and for uniting us through him in the fellowship of your Holy Spirit. We thank you for raising up among us faithful servants for the ministry of your Word and Sacraments. We pray that Morgan and Allison may be to us effective examples in word and action, in love and patience, and in holiness of life. Grant that we, with them, may serve you now, and always rejoice in your glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THANKSGIVINGS

#### BLESSING

Bishop: Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**who has made heaven and earth.**

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

May God who chooses out of defeat to bring new hope and new alternatives, bring you new life. May you be a new creation, Christ for those to whom Christ shall send you. May God's Holy Spirit, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us the victory, give you joy and peace. And the Blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer, and Giver of Life remain with you today and abide with you all-ways. **Amen.**

## SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

**In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, (and remembering particularly my own parish and those worshipping there) I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the bless-ings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. And particularly for the blessings given me....**

**I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive com-munion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing sep-arate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.**

## FRACTION

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**We who are many are all one body for we all share in the one**

*All are invited to come forward to receive communion. Baptism is an important and necessary sacrament and those persons wishing to receive communion who are not yet baptized (or their parents/guardians) should speak with Jim about becoming a baptized Christian*

## FIRST READING: Genesis 3: 8-15

(read by Robin Kessler)

A reading from the Book of Genesis

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." The Lord God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.

I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 130:**Spoken Responsively - (led by Abigail Cummings)

1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice; let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

**2 If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, O Lord, who could stand?**

3 For there is forgiveness with you; therefore you shall be feared.

**4 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; in his word is my hope.**

5 My soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen for the morning,  
more than watchmen for the morning.

**6 O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy;**

7 With him there is plenteous redemption, and he shall redeem Israel  
from all their sins.

**SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:13 - 5:1** (read by Abigail  
Cummings)

Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture  
—“I believed, and so I spoke” —we also believe, and so we speak, because  
we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus,  
and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake,  
so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase  
thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our  
inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary  
affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure,  
because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what  
can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a  
building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

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

**We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his  
coming.**

Lord God of our ancestors: God of Sarah, Hagar, and Abraham,  
Rebecca and Isaac, Rachel, Leah, and Jacob; God and Parent of our  
Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the  
world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this  
Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not  
for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one  
body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his  
name.

**Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, God, through Jesus Christ our great  
High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church  
gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.  
**Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**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.**

## SANCTUS

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

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in the remembrance of me."

After supper, he 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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

## Gradual Hymn - #446 - Praise to the Holiest in the Height

1 Praise to the Ho - liest in the height, and in the  
 2 O lov - ing wis - dom of our God! When all was  
 3 O wis - est love! that flesh and blood, which did in  
 4 and that the high - est gift of grace should flesh and  
 5 Praise to the Ho - liest in the height, and in the

1 depth be praise; in all his words most  
 2 sin and shame, a sec - ond Ad - am  
 3 Ad - am fail, should strive a - fresh a -  
 4 blood re - fine: God's pres - ence and his  
 5 depth be praise; in all his words most

1 won - der - ful, most sure in all his ways!  
 2 to the fight and to the res - cue came.  
 3 gainst the foe, should strive, and should pre - vail;  
 4 ve - ry self, and es - sence all - di - vine.  
 5 won - der - ful, most sure in all his ways!

Words: John Henry Newman (1801-1890), alt. Music: Newman, Richard Runciman Terry (1865-1938)

**HOLY GOSPEL - Proclaimed by The Rev. Allison Carnahan**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.  
**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The crowd came together again, so that Jesus and his disciples could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But 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.

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

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

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

**Sermon - The Rt. Rev. Dr. Audrey Scanlan**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM - Be Still (Mary McDonald)**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**  
Eucharistic Prayer C (BCP page 369)

The Lord 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 him thanks and praise.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.  
**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**Have mercy; Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

## CELEBRATION OF NEWLY YOKED PARISHES

Bishop: There is one Body and one Spirit;

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

Bishop: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

**One God and Father of all.**

Priest in Charge: Let the mighty power of the Holy God be present anew in these faith communities. Revitalize our faith and hope in you and one another. Make our places of worship secure and joyous houses of prayer, song, and sacrament for those who worship in them; in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Deacons: Let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell in their midst.

Lift up your hands in the holy place:

**And bless the Lord.**

Wardens: Oh, how good and pleasant it is, when God's people live together in unity! Above everything, love one another earnestly:

**For love covers many sins.**

Priest in Charge: Let us pray. (Silence) Give your blessing, Lord, to all who share this sacred space, that they may be knit together in fellowship here on earth, and joined with the communion of your saints in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Bishop:** O Holy God, you breathe your life-giving Spirit into the congregations of this Convocation, calling us to join together in mission for the spreading of the Gospel: Bless us as we begin. this new journey with St. Paul's, Bloomsburg and Christ Memorial, Danville; Go with those whom you have raised up for this work, and enable them to feed your people. in these parishes and in this region through the living presence of Jesus Christ our Savior, in whose power we set forth, and in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

**THE PEACE** - All stand.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

### OFFERTORY

Bishop: Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.

## PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE

(Parents and Godparents) - I present this person for Confirmation.

Bishop: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

(Confirmand) - I do.

Do you reaffirm your commitment to Jesus Christ?

(Confirmand) - I do, and with God's Grace, I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

**We will.**

## THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own 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 the 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 (Led by Karen Jenkins )**

Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth

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 them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bishop: 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 forever. **Amen.**

#### **INSTRUMENTAL AND VOCAL FANFARE**

#### **CELEBRATION OF NEW MINISTRY**

Priest in Charge: Bishop Scanlan, we have come together today to welcome Allison Carnahan, who has been chosen to serve as Priest Associate of Christ Memorial and Saint Paul's Episcopal Churches. We believe that she is well qualified, and that she has been prayerfully and lawfully selected.

Bishop: Allison do you, in the presence of this congregation, commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility?

Priest Associate: I do.

Bishop: Will you who witness this new beginning support and uphold Allison in this Ministry?

**We Will.**

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Bishop: Let us pray.

Everliving God, strengthen and sustain Allison, that with patience and understanding she may love and care for your people; and grant that together they may follow Jesus Christ, offering to you their gifts and talents; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**