



# HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

The Eucharist with Confirmation

---

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2024, 10.30 a.m.

*Holy Trinity Geneva*

The Right Reverend Alison White  
Honorary Assistant Bishop of the Diocese in Europe

*Please pray for*

Mia Achike

Sean Achike

Araoluwa Braimoh

Ikeoluwa Braimoh

Feolami Braimoh

Eleanor Catterall

Anotida Gunda

Gustav Jolidon

Rachael Kaguima

Rei Nyagua

Steve Nyagua

Lynn Adhiambo

Nathan Zabula

*as they are confirmed today*

(An important note about photographs is found at the end of this service leaflet)

---

DIOCESE IN EUROPE



**Processional Hymn**

**Come down, O love divine**

*The Bishop, other ministers and the choir enter the church. We stand*

1 Come down, O Love divine,  
Seek thou this soul of mine,  
And visit it with thine own ardour  
glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near,  
Within my heart appear,  
and kindle it, thy holy flame  
bestowing.

2 O let it freely burn,  
Till earthly passions turn  
To dust and ashes in its heat  
consuming;  
And let thy glorious light  
Shine ever on my sight,  
And clothe me round, the while my  
path illuming.

3 Let holy charity  
Mine outward vesture be,  
And lowliness become mine inner  
clothing;  
True lowliness of heart,  
Which takes the humbler part,  
And o'er its own shortcomings weeps  
with loathing.

4 And so the yearning strong,  
With which the soul will long,  
Shall far outpass the power of human  
telling;  
For none can guess its grace,  
Till he become the place  
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes his  
dwelling.

*R Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)  
B da Siena d 1434  
Tr RF Littledale (1833-1890)*

**Greeting**

Blessed be God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

There is one body and one spirit.

**There is one hope  
to which we were called;**

one Lord, one faith, one baptism,  
**one God and Father of all.**

Peace be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## **Introduction**

### **The Presentation of the Candidates**

*Stand*

*The Chaplain, Canon Daphne Green and the Revd Joy Staalduinen who has helped prepare the young people, present the candidates to the bishop:*

Bishop, I present *N* to be confirmed.

*The bishop asks the candidates for confirmation*

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

**I have.**

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

**I am.**

*We hear messages from some of those to be confirmed*

### **Collect**

Heavenly Father,

by the power of your Holy Spirit

you give your faithful people new life in the water of baptism.

Guide and strengthen us by the same Spirit,

that we who are born again may serve you in faith and love,

and grow into the full stature of your Son, Jesus Christ,

who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit

now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

### **The Old Testament Reading - Jeremiah 31.7-9**

*We sit*

For thus says the Lord:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,

and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;

proclaim, give praise, and say,

‘Save, O Lord, your people,

the remnant of Israel.’

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,  
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,  
among them the blind and the lame,  
those with child and those in labour, together;  
a great company, they shall return here.  
With weeping they shall come,  
and with consolations I will lead them back,  
I will let them walk by brooks of water,  
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;  
for I have become a father to Israel,  
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

*After the reading*

This is the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

## **Psalm 121**

*We stand to sing*

- 1 I lift up my ' eyes to the ' hills;  
from where is my ' help to ' come?
- 2 My help ' comes from the ' Lord,  
the ' maker of ' heaven and ' earth.
- 3 He will not suffer your ' foot to ' stumble;  
he who watches ' over you ' will not ' sleep.
- 4 Behold he who keeps ' watch over ' Israel  
shall ' neither ' slumber nor ' sleep.
- 5 The Lord himself ' watches ' over you;  
the Lord is your ' shade at ' your right ' hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not ' strike you by ' day,  
nei'ther the ' moon by ' night.
- 7 The Lord shall keep you ' from all ' evil;  
it is ' he who shall ' keep your ' soul.
- 8 The Lord shall keep watch over your going out  
and your ' coming ' in,  
from this time ' forth for ' ever'more.

## New Testament Reading

Titus 3.3-7

*We sit*

For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, despicable, hating one another. But when the goodness and loving-kindness of God our Saviour appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Saviour, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

*After the reading*

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

*We stand*

## Gospel Reading - Mark 10.46-end

*Gospel Acclamation*

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Bless the Lord, all you his hosts,  
you ministers of his who do his will.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!' Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!' Jesus stood still and said, 'Call him here.' And they called the blind man, saying to him, 'Take heart; get up, he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, 'What do you want me to do for you?' The blind man said to him, 'My teacher, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has made you well.' Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

*At the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*We sit*

**Sermon**      Bishop Alison

## **The Liturgy of Initiation**

### **The Decision**

*The congregation remains seated.*

*The Bishop and candidates gather at the front of church and the Paschal candle is lit.*

*The Bishop asks all the candidates.*

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light.

To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.

Therefore I ask:

Do you turn to Christ?

***I turn to Christ.***

Do you repent of your sins?

***I repent of my sins.***

Do you renounce evil?

***I renounce evil.***

May God, who has given you the desire to follow Christ,  
give you also strength to continue in the Way.

**Amen.**

*Those to be confirmed move to the font, with the Bishop whilst the hymn is sung.*

## Hymn

**As the deer pants for the water**

As the deer pants for the water,  
 So my soul longs after you.  
 You alone are my heart's desire  
 And I long to worship you.

*You alone are my strength, my shield,  
 To you alone may my spirit yield.  
 You alone are my heart's desire  
 And I long to worship you.*

You are my Friend and you are my Brother,  
 Even though you are a king  
 I love you more than any other,  
 So much more than anything.

*You alone are my strength, my shield,  
 To you alone may my spirit yield.  
 You alone are my heart's desire  
 And I long to worship you.*

*M Nystrom (b 1956)  
 Based on Psalm 42.1-2*

*On arrival at the font, the bishop offers the following prayer:*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, sovereign God of all,  
 to you be glory and praise for ever.  
 You are our light and our salvation.  
 From the deep waters of death  
 you have raised your Son to life in triumph.  
 Grant that all who have been born anew by water and the Spirit,  
 may daily be renewed in your image,  
 walk by the light of faith,  
 and serve you in newness of life;  
 through your anointed Son, Jesus Christ,  
 to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
 we lift our voices of praise.



Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

## **The Profession of Faith**

*We stand. The Bishop addresses the people*

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

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

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

Do you believe and trust  
in his Son Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ,  
his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by 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 to judge  
the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust  
in 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. Amen.**

*The candidates come to the font, and sign themselves with water*

*The bishop says*

Almighty God,

we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith  
with all who have been baptized into your name.

Keep us faithful to our baptism,  
and so make us ready for that day  
when the whole creation shall be made perfect in your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*The bishop and the candidates gather at the place of confirmation.*

## Hymn

NEH 138

### Come Holy Ghost, our souls inspire

1 Come, Holy Ghost, our souls  
inspire,  
And lighten with celestial fire;  
Thou the anointing Spirit art,  
Who dost thy sevenfold gifts  
impart:

3 Anoint and cheer our soiled face  
With the abundance of thy grace:  
Keep far our foes, give peace at home;  
Where thou art guide no ill can come.

2 Thy blessed unction from above  
Is comfort, life, and fire of love;  
Enable with perpetual light  
The dullness of our blinded sight:

4 Teach us to know the Father, Son,  
And thee, of Both, to be but One;  
That through the ages all along  
This may be our endless song,

Praise to thy eternal merit,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Veni Creator (Mecklin)  
J Cosin (1594-1672)*

## The Confirmation

*Candidates stand. The bishop stands before those to be confirmed, and says*

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.**

*The bishop extends her hands towards those to be confirmed, and says*

Almighty and ever-living God,  
you have given these your servants new birth  
in baptism by water and the Spirit,  
and have forgiven them all their sins.  
Let your Holy Spirit rest upon them:  
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding;  
the Spirit of counsel and inward strength;  
the Spirit of knowledge and true godliness;  
and let their delight be in the fear of the Lord. **Amen.**

*The bishop says to each candidate, and anoints with the oil of Chrism*  
N, God has called you by name  
and made you his own.

*She then lays her hand on the head of each, saying,*  
Confirm, O Lord, your servant, N.,  
with your Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

*The bishop invites the congregation to pray for all those on whom hands have been laid.*  
*All say*

**Defend, O Lord, these your servants  
with your heavenly grace,  
that they may continue yours for ever,  
and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more  
until they come to your everlasting kingdom.  
Amen.**

*Bishop*

You now share, with all the members of the Church,  
the privilege of praying to our Father,  
through his Son Jesus Christ,  
in the power of the Holy Spirit.  
So, let us pray for the whole world,  
which is being renewed by Christ,  
the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

## The Prayers of Intercession

*We sit or kneel*

## The Liturgy of the Eucharist

### The Peace

*We stand*

*The bishop, addressing the whole congregation, 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.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*(All offer an appropriate sign of peace.)*

### Offertory Hymn

HON 328

#### **I come with joy, a child of God**

*The collection this morning is in aid of the Diocesan Ordination Candidates Fund*

I come with joy, a child of God,

forgiven, loved and free,

the life of Jesus to recall,

in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near

to find, as all are fed,

the new community of love

in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,

each proud division ends.

The love that made us, makes us one,

and strangers now are friends.

.. / ..

Together met, together bound  
by all that God has done,  
we'll go with joy, to give the world  
the love that makes us one.

*B. A. Wren (b 1936)*  
*G Slater (1896-1979)*

### **Preparation of the Table**

God of glory,  
as you appointed angels to minister in your presence,  
so may all our worship bring you worthy praise:  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **The Eucharistic Prayer**

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 thanks and praise.**

Father, we give you thanks and praise  
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,  
through whom you have created all things;  
who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.  
By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;  
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,  
he lived on earth and went about among us;  
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;  
he put an end to death by dying for us;  
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;  
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

And now we give you thanks  
because by water and the Holy Spirit  
you have made us a holy people in Jesus Christ our Lord,  
you raise us to new life in him  
and renew in us the image of your glory.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
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.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.  
In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
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, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died:  
Christ is risen:  
Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;

rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.  
Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;  
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*We sit or kneel*

As our Saviour taught us, and in our preferred language, so we pray.

**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,**  
**the power and the glory,**  
**for ever and ever.**  
**Amen.**

## **The Breaking of Bread**

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

**Though we are many,  
we are one body,  
because we all share  
in one bread.**

**The Agnus Dei is sung as the bread is broken**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us peace.**

## **Giving of Communion**

God's holy gifts  
for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

## **The Giving of Holy Communion**

*The bishop gives Communion first to those newly confirmed*

*The Church of England invites to Holy Communion all baptised persons who are communicant members of other Churches which subscribe to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity. Those who do not wish to receive Communion are invited to come for a blessing.*

**Anthem      Elgar - The Spirit of the Lord is upon me**



## **Post-communion Prayer**

God of mercy,  
by whose grace alone we are accepted  
and equipped for your service:  
stir up in us the gifts of your Holy Spirit  
and make us worthy of our calling;  
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit  
in love and joy and peace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The Commission**

*The bishop, addressing the newly-confirmed, says*

Christ's faithful are called to worship and serve God.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of 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.*

Will you acknowledge Christ's authority over human society, by prayer for the world  
and its leaders, by defending the weak, and by seeking peace and justice?

*With the help of God, I will.*

Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life  
of the earth.

*With the help of God, I will.*

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith, that you may be rooted and grounded  
in love and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit. **Amen.**

## Blessing

*We stand*

The God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus,  
establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## Hymn

HON 114

### Colours of day dawn into the mind

Colours of day dawn into the mind,  
The sun has come up, the night is behind.  
Go down in the city, into the street,  
And let's give the message to the people we meet.

*So light up the fire and let the flame burn,  
Open the door, let Jesus return.  
Take seeds of his Spirit, let the fruit grow,  
Tell the people of Jesus, let his love show.*

Go through the park, on into the town;  
The sun still shines on, it never goes down.  
The light of the world is risen again;  
The people of darkness are needing a friend.

*So light up the fire and let the flame burn...*

Open your eyes, look into the sky,  
The darkness has come, the Son came to die.  
The evening draws on, the sun disappears,  
But Jesus is living, his Spirit is near.

*So light up the fire and let the flame burn...*

*S McClellan (b 1951)  
J Paculabo (b 1946)  
K Ryecroft (b 1949)  
Arr. A Moore*

*During the hymn, the newly confirmed will be given a lighted candle. These may be lit from the candle used at the Decision. When all have received a candle, the bishop says:*

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness  
and has given us a place with the saints in light.

You have received the light of Christ;  
walk in this light all the days of your life.

**Shine as a light in the world  
to the glory of God the Father.**

## Notices

### **The Dismissal**

Go in the light and peace of Christ.

**Thanks be to God**

***You are warmly invited to join us for tea and coffee in the hall followed by our Pot-Luck lunch with Bishop Alison and our Confirmation candidates.***

---

*Common Worship: services and prayers for the Church of England (2000)), and Common Worship: Initiation Services (2006) material from each of which is included in this service, are copyright The Archbishops' Council of the Church of England.*

---

It is helpful for us if photographs taken of events with the Bishop can be used in the website and various social media of our diocese, as part of our permanent documentation. Please be advised, therefore, that photographs will be taken, and their use may be online or in print. If you do not wish to have your (unnamed) photograph appear, please tell any photographer or simply turn away. Confirmation candidates have already had the opportunity to make clear their own wishes, and there are, of course, stricter rules for the photography of children.