



**SATURDAY, MAY 30, 2026
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**CONFIRMATION, RECEPTION,
AND REAFFIRMATION**

**“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever”
(John 14:16)**

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INVITATION TO WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN

“There Is One Gospel”

THE ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Bishop says this greeting

The Lord will pour out his Spirit upon all flesh,

*People: **And your sons and daughters shall prophesy.***

Celebrant: Your old men shall dream dreams,

*People: **And your young men shall see visions.***

Celebrant: You shall know that the Lord is in the midst of his people,

*People: **That he is the Lord and there is none else.***

Celebrant: And it shall come to pass

*People: **That everyone who calls on the Name of the Lord shall be saved.***

COLLECT OF THE DAY

*O God, the protector of all those who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy, that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.***

SONG OF PRAISE

“Psalm 34 (Taste and See)”

THE PREACHING OF GOD’S WORD

Lesson: Acts 1:1-8 (Pew Bible, page 909)

Gospel: John 14:15-21 (Pew Bible, page 901)

Homily

A “collect” is a short prayer. Here we are asking God to prepare our hearts to worship him.

We listen to the teaching of God’s Word to illustrate, explain, and exhort us into deeper understanding of the Gospel.

We join Christians around the world and throughout history in affirming our faith through this ancient creed.

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We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

CONFIRMATIONS

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

LAYING ON OF HANDS

CONCLUDING PRAYER AFTER THE LAYING-ON OF HANDS

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be upon these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Holy Word, that they may faithfully serve you in this life, and joyfully dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING & COMMISSION

The Lord's Prayer

Blessing

"All Glory Be to Christ"

Commission

Confirmation by the bishop signifies the call of all Christians: to proclaim the Gospel and live a holy life. Confirmation marks us for a life on mission.

With God's blessing, we are sent into the World to do the work He has given us to do.

A Note on Confirmation

Today, we come together for the service of *Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation; with the Laying on of Hands by the Bishop*. This practice is patterned after Biblical custom, where many times we read about believers being prayed for with the laying on of hands from the patriarchs, the people of Israel, Moses, Jesus, the church at Antioch, apostles, and presbyters.

We will witness three types of public professions of faith in this service. There are those who have been baptized who will publicly *confirm* their baptismal vows. Then, there are those who have been confirmed at another Christian church who will be *received* into the Anglican church and reconfirm their baptismal vows. Last, there are those who are already confirmed members of the Anglican church but want to *reaffirm* their pledge to Christ.

John Stott, Anglican pastor and theologian, explains that at the heart of this service is the chance for people to declare publicly that they truly are a Christian. He writes,

[I]t is not enough to make this decision privately and secretly on your own. The Church gives you the opportunity publicly and openly, in the presence of God and before your family, your friends and the whole local congregation, to nail your colours to the mast and declare yourself to be now on the Lord's side.

I pray that this would be a time of great encouragement not only for those being confirmed, received, or reaffirmed, but also for us who witness these men, women, and children planting their flag down in the kingdom of heaven. As they willingly and publicly declare their allegiance to Christ, may we be emboldened to do so with them.

Please pray for these brothers and sisters in Christ that they would indeed be strengthened by the Holy Spirit to confess the faith of Christ crucified, to fight bravely under his banner, and to faithfully serve him before all others, all the days of their lives.

In Christ,



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