

Church of the Ascension

Sudbury, Ontario



Confirmation

June 5, 2016

The Church of the Ascension welcomes members and candidates from The Church of the Epiphany, St. Alban the Martyr, and St. James Massey.

Participating in Today's Service

Celebrant and Preacher	The Rt. Rev. Dr. Stephen Andrews Bishop of Algoma.
Bishop's Chaplain	Brent Leigh
Readers	Mia Buttarella and Dr. Beaumont Nelson
Presenters	The Ven. Anne Germond (Rector) Megan Trimmer The Rev. Dr. Robert Derrenbacker Brent Leigh The Rev. Doug Prebble The Rev. Dr. Tim Perry.
Gospeller	Rev. Dr. Robert Derrenbacker
Prayers for the Candidates	Megan Trimmer
Crucifer	Chris Cawte
Server	Ali Buttarella
Eucharistic Assistants	Erma Howe and the Rev. Jeff Hooper Anne Trimmer the Ven Anne Germond
Sidespeople	Cathy Jewell Maryann Kurchak
Greeters	Jennifer Ames (Ascension Peoples' Warden) Erma Howe (Rector's Warden)
Organist	Philip Balson
Cantor	Jeremy Mannela



You are kindly asked to refrain from taking any photographs during today's worship service. There will be an opportunity for photographs after the service.

Please remember, turn off your cell phones during the service.

Service of Confirmation – June 5th 2016 4pm

A great prophet has arisen among us! God has visited his people!

Luke 7.16

Processional Hymn: #430

“Will You Come and Follow Me?”

All stand. The bishop greets the community.

Bishop The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People And also with you.

The bishop then continues,

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.**

Then may follow a canticle or a hymn.

The Collect

Bishop Let us pray.

Collect

O God,
you have assured the human family of eternal life through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

OR:

Almighty God,
grant that we who have been buried with Christ in baptism may be raised with him to newness of life. Renew us by the power of your Holy Spirit that we may live in righteousness and true holiness, through Jesus Christ

our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

The people sit for the first reading.

Reader A reading from 1 Kings 17: 8-16.

The Widow of Zarephath

At the conclusion of the passage, the reader says,

The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The recitation of the Ten Commandments by the Youth Class

Psalm 146

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

The second reading as appointed.

Reader A reading from Galatians 1: 11-24

Paul's Vindication of His Apostleship

At the conclusion of the passage, the reader says,

The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn:

#560

God Whose Almighty Word

All stand for the Gospel.

Reader The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (Luke 7:11-17)

Jesus heals a young man at Nain

People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

At the conclusion of the Gospel, the reader says,

The Gospel of Christ.

People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

The Sermon – The Rt. Rev. Dr. Stephen Andrews

A silence for reflection may follow.

Presentation and Examination

The presenters say to the bishop,

I present *these persons* for confirmation.

Or I present *these persons* to be received into this Communion.

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

The bishop asks those who have been presented to renew their baptismal commitment,

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Response I do.

Bishop Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Response I do.

Bishop Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Response I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my

Saviour and Lord.

After all have been presented, the bishop addresses the congregation, saying,

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 in these or similar words,

Let us join with those who commit themselves again to

Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The 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 God 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 neighbour 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.**

Bishop Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers

The bishop says to the congregation,

Let us pray for those who are affirming their baptism, and for all the baptized everywhere, saying, "Lord, hear our prayer."

A person appointed leads the following litany.

Leader That they may be redeemed from all evil and rescued from the way of sin and death; in your mercy,

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader That the Holy Spirit may open their hearts to your grace and truth; in your mercy,

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader That they may be kept in the faith and communion of your holy Church; in your mercy,

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader That they may be sent into the world in witness to your love; in your mercy,

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader That they may be brought to the fullness of your peace and glory; in your mercy,

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Other prayers may be added.

Bishop Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Silence may be kept.

Hymn

#637

“Come Holy Ghost Our Souls Inspire”

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 bishop lays his/her hand upon each one and says,

For Confirmation

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

Or this:

Defend, O Lord, your servant *N* with your heavenly grace, that *he/she* may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more, until *he/she* comes to your everlasting kingdom. **Amen.**

For Reception

N, we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you.

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 may say,

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

All stand, and the bishop addresses the people.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn:

#482

Come and Journey with a Saviour

Prayer over the Gifts

Merciful God and Father, in Adam's fall we were born to death; in the new Adam we are reborn to life. In all we offer you this day may we share a taste of your eternal kingdom. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

OR

Eternal God, receive all we offer you this day. Give us the wisdom of obedience and help us to do your holy and life-giving will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Preface of the Lord's Day

Eucharistic Prayer 1

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant It is indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God, for you created all things. You formed us in your own image: male and female you created us. When we turned away from you in sin, you did not cease to care for us, but opened a path of salvation for all people. You made a covenant with Israel, and through your servants Abraham and Sarah gave the promise of a blessing to all nations. Through Moses you led your people from bondage into freedom; through the prophets you renewed your promise of salvation.

Therefore, with them, and with all your saints who have served you in every age, we give thanks and raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

All **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.**

Celebrant Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners; he opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and to those in need.

In all things he fulfilled your gracious will. On the night he freely gave himself to death, our Lord Jesus Christ 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."

Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death; by raising him to life you give us life for evermore.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All **Christ has died.**

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Or

Celebrant Therefore we proclaim our hope.

All **Dying you destroyed our death,**

rising you restored our life.

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Celebrant Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, and looking for his coming again in glory, we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one holy people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ

We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Communion Hymns

360, #73

#612#82

Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, you have fed us at the table of your grace. Deliver us from all spiritual pride, and give us a quiet confidence in your mercy. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

OR

Prayer after Communion

O God, we have shared in the mysteries of the body and blood of Christ. Nourish us by this feast, that we may live the risen life and serve you faithfully in the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Blessing



Confirmation Candidates and those being received are asked to remain in the church after the service for photographs with Bishop Stephen. Thank you to the youth, adult candidates and parents for your commitment in preparing for Confirmation, being received or reaffirming your Confirmation promises.

Thank you to those who prepared the candidates for today – Rev. Bob Derrenbacher, and Brent Leigh, the Rev. Jeff Hooper, Cora Felbel, Erma Howe, Megan Trimmer (Youth Alpha – pre Confir-

mation in the fall of 2015)

Everyone is welcome to join us after the service today for a BBQ to celebrate this joyous occasion. Thank you to those who have prepared the 'feast.'

During the BBQ we will be saying farewell to Bishop Stephen and Fawna as we give thanks for their ministry in Algoma these last seven years.

Bishop Stephen and Fawna will be moving to Toronto and Bishop Stephen will be taking up the office of Principal of Wycliffe College.

The flowers in the church are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for today's joyful celebration and those who are being confirmed, received or who are reaffirming their baptismal promises.

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the ministry of Bishop Stephen and Fawna Andrews.



The Candidates

Avery Roy	Ashton Roy
Jayna Martin	Mia Buttarella
Ty Parsons	Owen Parsons
Shannon McNicol Parsons	Nancy Nauss Belanger
Tucker Belanger	Nathan Linton
Jillian Kadwell	Spencer Kovacs
Stacey Kovacs	Britney Hall
Rob Caines	Priscilla Allurut
Sarah Jacobs	Sky Jacobs
Sierra Jacobs	

Being received into the Anglican Church

Jane Cox	Beaumont Nelson
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Reaffirming Confirmation Promises

Joanie Servent



