



CONFIRMATION  
SALISBURY DEANERY  
8 APRIL 2021

## ENTRANCE HYMN

*As singing is not permitted at the moment, Hannah & Isabella will sing 'Abba Father, Send your Spirit' on our behalf.*

## GLORIA

*We say together:*

Glory to God in the highest  
and on earth peace to people of good will.  
We praise you, we bless you,  
we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.

## OPENING PRAYER

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Romans 8:26-27

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means,

and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm                      Ps 65 (*Common Psalm for Eastertide*)  
**Let all the earth cry out in joy to the Lord.**  
*Sung by Hannah Abad, response by Isabella*

1. Cry out in joy to the Lord, all people on earth, sing to the praise of his name, proclaim him forever, tremendous his deeds for us.
2. Leading his people safe through fire and water, bringing their souls to life, come sing of his glory, his love is eternal.
3. Hearken to me as I sing my love of the Lord. He answers the prayer of my heart. He leads me in safety, from death unto life.

*Please stand. To welcome the Gospel, Fr Anthony will sing the Easter Alleluia with a cantor singing verses from Psalm 117:*

Fr Anthony              **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**  
Cantor                      Give thanks to the Lord, the Lord is good  
                                    Whose love has no end, whose love has no end.  
                                    Let all the children of Israel say: "God's love has no end."

Fr Anthony              **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**  
Cantor                      The Lord's right hand triumphant and strong,  
                                    The Lord's right hand has raised me up.  
                                    I shall not die, no, I shall live telling God's deeds.

Fr Anthony              **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**  
Cantor                      The stone which the builders rejected and scorn'd  
                                    Is now the key, the cornerstone.  
                                    This is the work of the Lord our God, great in our eyes.

Fr Anthony              **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Deacon                      The Lord be with you  
**All                              And with your spirit**

Deacon                      A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

**All                              Glory to you, O Lord**

Gospel

John 14:15-17

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please sit.*

## **RITE OF CONFIRMATION**

### **PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES**

*After the gospel, the Dean (Fr Anthony), on behalf of the Bishop, moves directly to the top of the main aisle. The Pastors and Deacons come forward to present the candidates for Confirmation.*

**Deacon** Candidates for Confirmation, please stand.

Fr Anthony, in your role as Dean, acting on behalf of the Bishop, I am pleased to present to you the Candidates from Salisbury Catholic Churches and the Parish of Christ the King, Amesbury.

*Each candidate is called by name.*

**Fr Anthony** Deacon John, on behalf of the Bishop I ask, have they been prepared and are they ready to receive this Sacrament?

**Deacon** These Candidates have prepared for Confirmation by participating in the Sacramental life of the Church, by meditating on the word of God, by attending preparation sessions and other activities, and by demonstrating Christian service. They have found strength in God's grace and support in our community's prayer and example. Now they ask to be Confirmed and, after consultation with those who have prepared them and their parents, I testify that they are ready.

## AFFIRMATION BY THE SPONSORS

*Fr Anthony turns toward the assembly. He invites the sponsors to stand.*

**Fr Anthony** My dear Sponsors, the Christian life and the demands that flow from the Sacraments are not to be taken lightly. Therefore, before granting these Candidates their request to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, it is important that the Church also hear the testimony of their Sponsors. Are these Candidates ready to be Confirmed today?

**Sponsors** **They are.**

## AFFIRMATION BY THE ASSEMBLY

*On behalf of the Bishop Fr Anthony speaks to the assembly.*

Fr Anthony I ask you, my sisters and brothers in this assembly: Should these, our brothers and sisters, be Confirmed today?

**All** **Yes.**

## CANDIDATES' DECLARATION OF INTENT

Fr Anthony My dear Candidates, your Pastors, Sponsors, Families  
and  
you Fellow Parishioners have testified on your behalf. Are  
you ready now to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation?

**Candidates** **I am ready and willing.**

*(The candidates, sponsors, and pastors are now seated).*

## HOMILY

## RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

*All stand*

Fr Anthony            Do you renounce Satan, and all his works and empty promises?

**All**                    **I do.**

Fr Anthony            Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?

**All**                    **I do.**

Fr Anthony            Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

**All**                    **I do.**

Fr Anthony            Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who today through the Sacrament of Confirmation is given to you in a special way just as he was given to the Apostles on the day of Pentecost?

**All**                    **I do.**

Fr Anthony            Do you believe in the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting?

**All**                    **I do.**

Fr Anthony            This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church. We are proud to profess it in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**All**                    **Amen**

*The candidates remain standing, whilst the congregation all kneel.*

## LAYING ON OF HANDS

Fr Anthony            Dearly beloved, let us pray to God the Almighty Father, for these, his adopted daughters and sons, already born again to eternal life in Baptism, that He will graciously pour out the Holy Spirit upon them to Confirm them with his abundant gifts, and through his Anointing conform them more fully to Christ, the Son of God.

*All pray in silence.*

*Fr Anthony approaches each Candidate and lays his hands over them. Once this is complete he returns to the chair and the Ministers then also extend their hands over the Candidates while the Fr Anthony prays:*

Fr Anthony            Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who brought these your servants to new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, freeing them from sin: send upon them, O Lord, the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete; give them the spirit of Wisdom and Understanding, the spirit of Counsel and Fortitude, the spirit of Knowledge and Piety; fill them with the spirit of the Fear of the Lord. Through Christ our Lord.

**All**

**Amen**

## ANOINTING WITH CHRISM

*Each Candidate is called forward, in turn, to kneel before the Fr Anthony. The Candidate tells the Fr Anthony their Confirmation name and the Sponsor places their right hand on the Candidate's right shoulder.*

Fr Anthony            [name] be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.  
**Candidate**            **Amen.**

Fr Anthony            Peace be with you.  
**Candidate**            **And with your spirit.**

*The Candidate and Sponsor then return to their places. Fr Anthony cleanses his hands and returns to his place and the Mass continues in the usual manner.*

# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

**All**                    **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands  
for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Fr Anthony        The Lord be with you  
**All**                    **And with your Spirit.**

Fr Anthony        Lift up your hearts.  
**All**                    **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Fr Anthony        Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**All**                    **It is right and just.**

## SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Hosts.  
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.

## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection  
until you come again.

## COMMUNION RITE

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.

Fr Anthony        Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant  
peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may  
be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we  
await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour,  
Jesus Christ.

**All**                    **For the kingdom, the power and the glory  
are yours now and forever.**



## LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

*All kneel*

Fr Anthony            Behold the Lamb of God,  
                              behold him who takes away the sins of the world.  
                              Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**All                        Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter  
                                  under my roof, but only say the word and my  
                                  soul shall be healed.**

Fr Anthony            The Body of Christ.  
**All                        Amen.**

Fr Anthony            The Blood of Christ.  
**All                        Amen.**

*Please move forward for Holy Communion as directed by the stewards.  
If you cannot receive Holy Communion, you are very welcome to come forward  
for a blessing.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

### SOLEMN BLESSING

Fr Anthony            May God the Father almighty bless you,  
                              whom he has made his adopted sons and daughters  
                              reborn from water and the Holy Spirit,  
                              and may he keep you worthy of his fatherly love.  
**All                        Amen**

Fr Anthony            May his Only Begotten Son  
                              who promised that the Spirit of truth would abide  
                              in his Church, bless you and confirm you by his  
                              power in the confession of the true faith.

**All**

**Amen**

Fr Anthony

May the Holy Spirit,  
who kindles the fire of charity in the hearts  
of disciples, bless you and lead you blameless and  
gathered as one into the joy of the Kingdom of God

**All**

**Amen**

Fr Anthony

And may almighty God bless all of you, who are  
gathered here, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy  
Spirit.

**All**

**Amen**

Deacon

Go in the peace of Christ, alleluia, alleluia!

**All**

**Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia!**



CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE  
RECEIVING THE  
SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

FROM CHRIST THE KING,  
AMESBURY

Richard James  
St Albert

Ciara Coyle  
St Mary

Leah Coyle  
St Teresa



FROM SALISBURY  
CATHOLIC CHURCHES

Hannah Abad  
St Cecilia

Alina Biju  
St Catherine

Isabella Peralta  
St Joan of Arc

Brian Sarfo  
St Sebastian

Gio Galanza  
St Lorenzo



Emma Dyson  
St Agnes

David Alappat  
St Joseph

Emma England  
St Clare

Isabelle Sebastian  
St Mary

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Andrei Arago  
St Augustine of Hippo

Gemima Mangalindan  
St Claire of Assisi

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St Catherine

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