

A Confirmation Service with Mark, Bishop of Berwick

Sunday 16th November 2025 at 9.30am

This morning we welcome Mark, Bishop of Berwick
and our candidate Nancy Louise McCabe



A warm welcome to you all, to those who have travelled to be with us this morning, to those worshipping God in this place for the first time and to Bishop Mark Wroe who will confirm the candidate and preside at our celebration of Holy Communion..

We ask that you spend a few minutes before the service in quiet and prayer. Pray for Nancy, that God may "pour on her the riches of his grace". Pray for Bishop Mark Wroe and for the whole Church he represents. Pray for our own community here. And pray that you may hear God's special call to you, directing you on the next stage of your own journey through life.

THE GATHERING

Hymn

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
As thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided;
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

The 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.

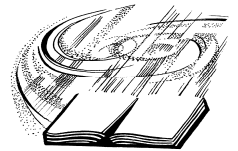
Peace be with you.
And also with you.
The Collect

Heavenly Father, you have given your Holy Spirit to the Church to lead us into all truth: bless with the Holy Spirit's grace and presence those who are confirmed across this diocese: keep them steadfast in faith and united in love, that they may manifest your glory and prepare the way of your kingdom through Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.
Amen.

All sit.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The First Reading Malachi 4:1-2a



This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Second Reading 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Hymn

All stand.

Alleluia, alleluia,
give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth
He is the King of creation.

Spread the good news o'er all the earth
Jesus has died and has risen.

Come let us praise the living God,
Joyfully sing to our Saviour.

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Please remain standing.

Gospel reading Luke 21:5-19

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Hear the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Gospel according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end:

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Right Revd Mark Wroe

LITURGY OF INITIATION

The candidate for confirmation is presented.

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.

The Bishop addresses the whole congregation:

People of God, will you welcome Nancy and uphold
her in her life in Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

The Profession of Faith

The Bishop addresses the congregation:

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess,
together with this candidate, 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 Confirmation

*The Bishop stands before Nancy who is 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 his hands towards the candidate to
be confirmed and says:*

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

The Bishop addresses the candidate by name.

Nancy, God has called you by name and made you
his own.

He then lays his hand on her head, saying:

Confirm, O Lord, your servant Nancy with your Holy
Spirit. **Amen.**

The Bishop invites the congregation to pray

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

Welcome and Peace

*The confirmed stands with the Bishop at the chancel
step. The Bishop says:*

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism.
By one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.
**We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;
we are children of the same heavenly Father;
we welcome you.**

The Bishop 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.

All exchange a sign of peace.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Offertory Hymn

While the table is prepared, a collection is taken for the Diocesan PICA (Partners in Community Action) Appeal. To donate to PICA please scan the QR code.



**TRANSFORMING
COMMUNITIES
TOGETHER**
Tyne to Tweed

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

I the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

Taking the Bread and Wine

God of all goodness and grace,
receive the gifts we offer;
and grant that our whole life
may give you glory and praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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.

The Bishop praises God for his mighty acts, and all respond:

**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.**

The prayer continues as the Bishop recalls the Last Supper.

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

The prayer continues and all join in the final
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has
taught us.

**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.**

Breaking of the 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.**

**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**

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin
of the world. Blessed are those who are called to
his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only
say the word and I shall be healed.**

Members of any Christian Church who normally receive communion are invited to receive at this service. Those who are not confirmed are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing – if you do so, please bring this service sheet in your hand. Please follow the direction of the stewards who will indicate when to move.

During the Communion, the choir sings an anthem.

Communion hymns

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One is here;
come bow before him now,
in reverence and fear.
In him no sin is found,
we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around;
he burns with holy fire,
with splendour he is crowned.
How awesome is the sight,
our radiant King of Light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place,
he comes to cleanse and heal
to minister his grace.
No work too hard for him,
in faith receive from him;
be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.

Spirit of the living God
fall afresh on me
Spirit of the living God
fall afresh on me
melt me, mould me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.

Prayer after Communion

The Bishop prays:

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 SENDING OUT

The Blessing

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

O Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end:
be thou for ever near me,
my Master and my friend;
I shall not fear the battle
if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if thou wilt be my guide.

O let me hear thee speaking
in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised
to all who follow thee,
that where thou art in glory
there shall thy servant be;
and, Jesus I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
my Master and my friend.

O let me see thy footmarks,
and in them plant mine own;
My hope to follow duly
is in thy strength alone.
O guide me, call me, draw me,
uphold me to the end;
and then in heaven receive me,
my Saviour and my Friend ...

*The newly confirmed goes with the ministers to the west
end of the church. The congregation turns to face them.*

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

*Please join us in the All Saints Centre
for refreshments after the service.*
