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*Opening Music - Mr. David Weaver, guitarist and soloist*

*The people standing, the Bishop says*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Bishop* 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.**

*Bishop* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Bishop* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**The Lessons**

*Lector* A Reading from the Prophet Ezekiel. *34:11-16, 20-24*

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 95:1-7a**

*prayed alternately by whole verse, as indicated*

*Lector*    Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

*People*    **Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

*Lector*    For the Lord is a great God, \*

and a great King above all gods.

*People*    **In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.**

*Lector*    The sea is his, for he made it, \*

and his hands have molded the dry land.

*People*    **Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

*Lector*    For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

*Lector*      A Reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians. *1:15 - 23*

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

*Musical Interlude*

*Deacon*      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. *25:31-46*

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

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are

blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **The Sermon**

### *Musical Interlude*

## **Presentation and Examination of the Candidates**

*The Bishop says*                      The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*Parents, and Godparents (in absentia)*      I present Camila Lee to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*Bishop*                                      Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents, and Godparents (in absentia)*      I will, with God’s help.

*Bishop*                                      Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Parents, and Godparents (in absentia)*      I will, with God’s help.

*The Bishop says*                      The Candidates for Confirmation and Reception will now be presented.

*Parents and Sponsors*                      I present Camille Parady for Confirmation.

*Spouse and Sponsor*                      I present Brandon De la Cruz to be received into this Communion.

*Then the Bishop asks the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of Camila, and Camille and Brandon who speak for themselves*

*Question*      Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Answer*        I renounce them.

*Question* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

*Answer* I do.

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

*Answer* I do.

*Question* Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

*Answer* I do.

*The Bishop addresses the congregation* Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

*People* **We will.**

*Bishop* Let us join with those who are committing themselves 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 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 neighbor 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.**

### **Prayers for the Candidates**

*The Bishop then says to the congregation*

Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth and for those who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

*A Person appointed leads the following petitions*

*Leader* Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Send them into the world in witness to your love.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*The Bishop says*

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. Amen.

### **Thanksgiving over the Water**

*The Bishop blesses the water, first saying*

The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Bishop* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Bishop*

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*At the following words, the Bishop touches the water*

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## The Baptism

Camila Lee, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*The Bishop, in full sight of the congregation, prays over her, saying*

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. Amen.

*Then the Bishop places a hand on Camila's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying to her*  
Camila Lee, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.  
Amen.

*The Bishop says*

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

## The Confirmation and Reception

*The Bishop says to the congregation*

Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

*Silence may be kept.*

*The Bishop continues*

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 hands upon Camille, saying*

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant Camille with your Holy Spirit; empower her for your service; and sustain her all the days of her life. Amen.

Brandon, 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.

*Then the Bishop says*

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.

## Recognition of New Ministry

*Tom Reid, Senior Warden*

Bishop, on behalf of the Bishop's Committee, I ask that you endorse the on-going ministry of The Reverend Doctor David Jackson, as a treasured member of this congregation having served as supply priest, as teacher, as evangelist, as healer and reconciler, and as a man of prayer. We ask that you name him as Assisting Priest for this congregation.

*Bishop* David, are you willing to serve in this capacity?

*Father Jackson* I will, with God's help.

*Bishop* Let us then offer our prayers to God for all his people, for this congregation, and for David, their Assisting Priest.

Everliving God, strengthen and sustain David, that with patience and understanding he may love and are for your people; and grant that together they may follow Jesus Christ, offering to you their gifts and talents; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Peace

*Bishop* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

*Musical Interlude*

Blessing of Financial Pledge Cards for 2021, along with the Offering

The Great Thanksgiving

*Bishop* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Bishop* Lift up your hearts.  
*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**  
*Bishop* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**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.**

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The Bishop continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness

of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Thomas and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

*The Bishop invites the people to join in the Lord's Prayer, saying*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven.

*After Communion, those who have received Communion pray*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **A Prayer for Spiritual Communion for those not receiving Eucharist today**

*Bishop*

Acknowledging our longing to be physically close to one another, to share the blessing of Communion in common, and praying that when we do so, we remember this longing for thee.

**My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you**

sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as you are already there, and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

### The Blessing

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

### The Dismissal

*Deacon* Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!

*People* **Thanks be to God!**

*Musical Interlude*

*With gratitude to Ms. Kathy Foxen for serving as Confirmation Instructor and Scheduler of Lay Ministers for this congregation; to the Altar Guild; and to the array of volunteers who assist with Set-up, Usbering, and Hospitality each week!*

Participants in Today's Worship:

The Right Reverend Susan Brown Snook, *Bishop of San Diego*

The Reverend Cindy Campos, *Chaplain to the Bishop*

The Reverend Timothy Wetherington, *Deacon of the Gospel*

Mr. Darren Jump, *Lector*

The Reverend Doctor David Jackson, *Assisting Priest*

The Reverend Julie D Bryant, *Priest-in-charge*

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