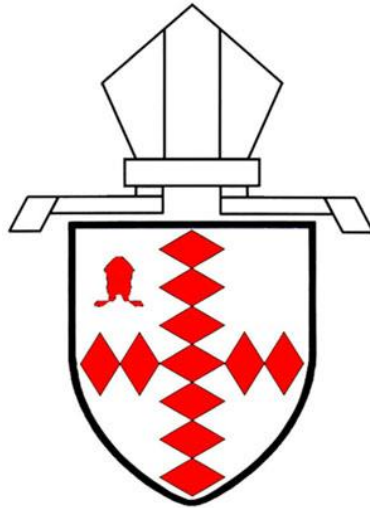


***Woolwich Episcopal Area
Diocese of Southwark***



**Service of
Confirmation
at Holy Communion
by The Bishop of Woolwich,
The Rt Revd Alastair Cutting**

10.30 am 8 June 2025

Good Shepherd with St Peter's Lee

This morning we welcome The Bishop of Woolwich, The Rt Revd Alastair Cutting, and the families and friends of those who are to be confirmed at this service.

Please remember all those being confirmed today in your prayers throughout this coming week.

Church of the Good Shepherd with St Peter's Lee

Candidates names

Alex Stockley

Adrail Ayaan

Benjamin Crispin

Elijah Burns

Elizabeth Henriette

Harry Bramson

Margaret Kemp

Neha Myla

Sophia Burns

Tallulah Thompson

Welcome to the Good Shepherd

During the service

Please ensure your **mobile phone** is turned off or on silent.

A **collection** for the Bishop of Southwark's Lent Fund (Registered Charity Number 1075122) will be taken during the Offertory hymn. Please give generously.

Christians of all denominations are welcome to receive Communion if you usually do so in your own church.

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Before the service begins there will be an informal welcome

HYMN - Great is Thy Faithfulness

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 for ever 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 spring-time 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!

Opening Words

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.
Amen.

Welcome from the Bishop

The Collect

Generous God,
you give us gifts and make them grow:
though our faith is small as mustard seed,
make it grow to your glory
and the flourishing of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Children's Church goes out

New Testament Reading

Acts 2.1-21 *p.1093 in the church Bibles*

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN – Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the Living God,
Fall afresh on me,
Spirit of the Living God,
Fall afresh on me.
Break me, melt me, mould me, fill me.
Spirit of the Living God,
Fall afresh on me.

Please remain standing for the Gospel reading

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading - John 14,8-17, *p.1082 in the church Bibles*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon –

Intercessions -

Children's Church returns

Liturgy of Initiation

The bishop asks the candidates for confirmation

Have you been baptised in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit?

Candidates: I have.

The bishop asks all the candidates

Are you ready with your own mouth and from your own
heart to affirm your faith in Jesus Christ?

Candidates: I am.

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his
marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin
and rising to new life with him.

Therefore I ask:

Do you turn to Christ?

Candidates: I turn to Christ.

Do you repent of your sins?

Candidates: I repent of my sins.

Do you renounce evil?

Candidates: I renounce evil.

May God, who has given you the desire to follow Christ,
give you also strength to continue in the Way.

Amen

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, sovereign God of all,
to you be glory and praise for ever.

You are our light and our salvation.

From the deep waters of death

you have raised your Son to life in triumph.

Grant that all who have been born anew

by water and the Spirit,

may daily be renewed in your image,

walk by the light of faith,

and serve you in newness of life;

through your anointed Son, Jesus Christ,

to whom with you and the Holy Spirit

we lift our voices of praise.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever.

Profession of Faith

Let us affirm, together with these who are being
baptized,

our common faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,

source of all being and life,

the one for whom we exist?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,

who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

Almighty God,
we thank you for our fellowship in the household of
faith
with all who have been baptized into your name.
Keep us faithful to our baptism,
and so make us ready for that day
when the whole creation shall be made perfect in your
Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Confirmation

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 those to be
confirmed and says*

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

N, God has called you by name and made you his
own. Confirm, O Lord, your servant with your Holy
Spirit.
Amen.

The bishop anoints each with the oil of chrism, saying:

Receive the seal of the gift of the Holy Spirit.

**Defend, O Lord, these your servants with your
heavenly grace,
that they may continue yours for ever,
and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and
more until they come to your everlasting kingdom.
Amen.**

The Peace

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 triune God be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

SONG - Bless the Lord oh my soul

*Bless the Lord oh my soul
Oh my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before
Oh my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name*

The sun comes up
It's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass
And whatever lies before me
Let me be singing
When the evening comes

Bless the Lord oh my soul...

You're rich in love
And You're slow to anger
Your name is great
And Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness
I will keep on singing

Ten thousand reasons
For my heart to find

Bless the Lord oh my soul....

And on that day
When my strength is failing
The end draws near
And my time has come
Still my soul will
Sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years
And then forevermore

Bless the Lord oh my soul...

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here

His Spirit is with us.

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.

Congregation sit

When we turned away you did not reject us
but came to meet us in your Son.

**You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.

**He opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends
he took bread, and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new
covenant,
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins:
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in
glory,
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice
to join the eternal song of heaven, saying:

**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.**

Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us so we pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever.
Amen.**

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.**

Draw near with faith.
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.
Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

Communion is shared

Prayer after Communion

Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that have taken holy things;

may the ears which have heard your word
be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your praise
be free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love
shine with the light of hope;
and may the bodies which have been fed with your body
be refreshed with the fullness of your life;
glory to you for ever.

Amen.

The Commission

Those who are baptized are called to worship and serve God.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all people, loving your neighbour as yourself?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you acknowledge Christ's authority over human society, by prayer for the world and its leaders, by defending the weak, and by seeking peace and justice?

With the help of God, I will.

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith,
that you may be rooted and grounded in love
and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

Amen.

Notices -

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 - In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found,
he is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! — who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones he came to save:
till on that cross as Jesus died,
the wrath of God was satisfied —
for every sin on him was laid;
here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay,
light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious day
up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
for I am his and he is mine —
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the power of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
can ever pluck me from his hand;
till he returns or calls me home,
here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness
and has given us a place with the saints in light.
You have received the light of Christ;
walk in this light all the days of your life.
**Shine as a light in the world
to the glory of God the Father.**

Go in the light and peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Bishop and candidates process to the back



Please join us for cake and a cup of something warm after
the service

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