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May 19, 2024 - Holy Eucharist - *Book of Alternative Services*
Pentecost and Baptisms of
Hazel Raya Abraham-Meconse and Neiko Reese Abraham-Roulette

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Welcome

Notices - Reception after today's service; June 2: PRIDE Parade @ 10 AM, Outdoor Service @ 4 PM, BBQ @ 530 PM; June 16: baptism

Opening Sentence

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful;
 and kindle in us the fire of your love

Opening Hymn - #79 (GB)

God, we praise you for the morning

The Gathering of the Community

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

And also with you

There is one body and one Spirit,
There is one hope in God's call to us;

One Lord, one faith, one baptism,
One God and Father of all.

The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everliving God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal, keep us in the unity of your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

1st Reading - Acts 2:1-21

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

104:24 O LORD, how manifold are your works!
 In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

**104:25 Yonder is the sea, great and wide,
 creeping things innumerable are there,
 living things both small and great.**

104:26 There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

104:27 These all look to you to give them their food in due season;

104:28 when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

104:29 When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

104:30 When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground.

104:31 May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works

104:32 who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke.

104:33 I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

104:34 May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the LORD.

104:35b Bless the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD!

O God of eternal light, heaven and earth are the work of your hands, and all creation sings your praise and beauty. As in the beginning, by your Spirit, you gave life and order to all that is, so by the same Spirit redeem us and all things, through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

2nd Reading - Romans 8:22-27

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

The Gloria

**Glory to God in the highest,
And peace to his people on earth**

**Lord God, Heavenly King,
Almighty God and Father,
We Worship you, we give you thanks,
We praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world:
Have mercy on us.**

**You are seated at the
right hand of the Father
Receive our prayer**

**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 the Father**

Amen

Gradual Hymn - #693 Baptized in Water
(*please refer to separate insert*)

The Gospel - John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
According to John

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

The Gospel of Christ

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Sermon

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

Celebrant

The candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented, starting with Neiko and then Hazel.

Parents and godparents.

We present Neiko Reese Abraham-Roulette to receive the sacrament of baptism.

The celebrant asks the parents and godparents

Will you be responsible for seeing that Neiko is nurtured in the faith and life of the Christian community?

Parents and godparents,
I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

Will you by your prayers and witness help Neiko to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and godparents,
I will, with God's help.

Then the celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of Neiko.

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 Saviour?

Answer: **I do.**

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

Answer: **I do.**

Question: Do you promise to obey him as your Lord?

Answer: **I do**

We present Hazel Raya Abraham-Meconse to receive the sacrament of baptism.

The celebrant asks the parents and godparents

Will you be responsible for seeing that Hazel is nurtured in the faith and life of the Christian community?

Parents and godparents,
I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

Will you by your prayers and witness help Hazel to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and godparents,
I will, with God's help.

Then the celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of Hazel.

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?

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Question: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Saviour?

Answer: **I do.**

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

Answer: **I do.**

Question: Do you promise to obey him as your Lord?

Answer: **I do**

After all have been presented, the celebrant 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 celebrant then says to the congregation,

Let us now pray for Neiko and Hazel who are to receive the sacrament of new birth.

Prayers For Baptismal Candidates

The St Thomas baptismal sponsor says

Let us pray.

Deliver Neiko and Hazel, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

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

Lord, hear our prayer.

Send them into the world in witness to your love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

Lord, hear our prayer.

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 forever. **Amen**

The Celebration of Baptism Thanksgiving over the Water

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Neiko helps the Celebrant to pour water into the baptismal font,

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation.

Through water you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise.

In water 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.

Now sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who are here cleansed from sin and born again, may continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, The Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

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

I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

The Baptism

The Celebrant will baptize Neiko and Hazel, and pour water over and make the sign of the cross on each of their foreheads, while saying

Neiko Reese Abraham-Roulette, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Neiko, I sign you with the cross, and mark you as Christ's own forever.

Hazel Raya Abraham-Meconse, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Hazel, I sign you with the cross, and mark you as Christ's own forever.

The celebrant, at a place in the full sight of the congregation, prays over the newly baptized, saying,

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants, Neiko and Hazel, the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace.

Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit.

Give them 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.**

The Giving of the Light

The St Thomas baptismal sponsor will say

Neiko, receive the light of Christ, to show that you have passed from darkness to light.

Neiko will receive the candle from the baptismal sponsor directly

Hazel, receive the light of Christ, to show that you have passed from darkness to light.

The Parents will receive the candle from the baptismal sponsor on the Hazel's behalf

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

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.

Opportunity to take photographs

The Peace

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

Hymn - #77 (GB)

Holy Spirit, hear us

The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Preparation of the Gifts

The Prayer Over the Gifts

Giver of life, receive all we offer you this day. Let the Spirit you bestow on your Church continue to work in the world through the hearts of all who believe. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen**

Eucharistic Prayer 4

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 our thanks and praise.

It is right to give you thanks and praise,
O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe,
you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be:
the vast expanse of interstellar space,
galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses,
and this fragile earth, our island home;
by your will they were created and have their
being.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

From the primal elements
you brought forth the human race,
and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill;
you made us the stewards of creation.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

But we turn against you, and betray your trust;
and we turn against one another.
Again and again you call us to return.
Through the prophets and sages
you reveal your righteous law.

In the fullness of time you sent your Son,
born of a woman, to be our Saviour.
He was wounded for our transgressions,
and bruised for our iniquities.
By his death he opened to us
the way of freedom and peace.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth;
we give you thanks and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

In fulfilment of your promise
you pour forth your Spirit upon us,
filling us with gifts and leading us into all truth.

You give us power to proclaim your gospel to
all nations and to serve you as a royal
priesthood.

Therefore we join our voices with angels and
archangels, and with all those in whom the
Spirit dwells, to proclaim the glory of your
name.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth of your glory are full.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord.**

Repeat

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth of your glory are full.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed are you, Lord our God,
for sending us Jesus, the Christ,
who on the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
took bread, said the blessing,
broke the bread, gave it to his friends,
and said, "Take this, and eat it:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper,
he took 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 and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."
Glory to you for ever and ever.

Gracious God,
 we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ,
 we proclaim his resurrection and ascension,
 and we look with expectation for his coming
 as Lord of all the nations.
 We who have been redeemed by him,
 and made a new people by water and the
 Spirit, now bring you these gifts.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us
 and upon this offering of your Church,
 that we who eat and drink at this holy table
 may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth
 and make it your new creation.
 Gather your Church together from the ends of
 the earth into your kingdom, where peace and
 justice are revealed, that we, with all your
 people, of every language, race, and nation,
 may share the banquet you have promised;
 through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all
 honour and glory are yours, creator of all.
Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Saviour 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,
 the power, and the glory,
 for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of The Bread

We break this bread
 to share in the body of Christ.
**We, being many, are one body,
 for we all share in the one bread.**

The Communion

The Gifts of God for the People of God
Thanks be to God

Hymn - 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
 Grant Us Peace**

Prayer after Communion

Father, may we who have received this
 eucharist, live in the unity of your Holy Spirit,
 that we may show forth his gifts to all the world.
 We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our
 Lord. **Amen**

The Benediction

May the Spirit, who set the Church on fire on
 Pentecost, bring the world alive with the love of
 the risen Christ. And the blessing of the Father,
 the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you,
 uphold and strengthen you, now and always.
Amen

Doxology

Glory to God,
**whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.**
**Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Closing Hymn - #108 (GB)

spirit, spirit of gentleness

Dismissal

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Go Forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.
And be what you are, the church in the World.
Thanks be to God. Amen. Alleluia!

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