WE’VE COME THIS FAR BY FAITH

ANNUAL CONVENTION WORSHIP
HOLY EUCHARIST AND RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 27, 2019
WELCOME TO ECCT CONVENTION WORSHIP

We are blessed to worship together in this unique gathering of Episcopalians from all over our state. Each of us here today represents a part of the vitality and life that fills all our parishes and worshiping communities in every corner of Connecticut. We welcome all people to this sacred space with the promise that all are free to be who they are created to be in the image of God.

On this morning, as we continue to live into our Season of Racial Healing, Justice, and Reconciliation in the Episcopal Church in Connecticut, we invite you into a place of openness, abundance, and grace. Enter into the liturgy deeply, and allow the imagery of water, rebirth, and baptism to renew your commitment to the work of all the baptized, serving our Lord Jesus Christ, and striving for reconciliation and right relations between all peoples.

Cell Phones
We are excited that you want to share what you experience here this morning, and we encourage you to do so! You will find the Episcopal Church in Connecticut on Facebook (facebook.com/EpiscopalCT/), Instagram (@Episcopal_CT), Twitter (@EpiscopalCT), and Snapchat (episcopalCT). If you have a photo to share, or if something in the service captures your heart or mind, share it using #ECCT so that others may find what you contribute. We can’t wait to see what you have to say!

We ask that you refrain from using flash and turn off the volume on your device out of respect for those sitting around you. We want to make sure they have as wonderful a worship experience as you are having.

The Offering
We ask for your generosity this morning when we take up the collection. The offering will go towards the Racial Healing, Justice, & Reconciliation Ministry Network. This network is comprised of lay and clergy persons who are passionate about and strive for racial healing, justice, reconciliation and restoring all human beings to each other, the church and God. It was launched following Trinity Institute’s program in 2016 and in fall of 2018 it merged with the ECCT Leadership Racial Healing, Justice and Reconciliation working group as part of our work in our Season of Racial Healing, Justice, and Reconciliation.

Communion
Please follow the direction of the ushers at the Eucharist. You will find a communion station at the front of your seating section in the worship space. Gluten-free wafers are available at each station upon request. Non-alcoholic white grape juice is also available at each station.
The Word of God

Gathering Music

A Change is Gonna Come
High Mas
How Great Thou Art
Rivers of Babylon
Amazing Grace

The people stand.

Entrance Hymn – “Lead me, guide me”

Refrain

Lead me, guide me, a-long the way; for lead me, I can-not stray. Lord, let me walk each
day with thee. Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.

1. I am weak and I need thy strength and power
to help me o-ver my weak-est hour;
be my aid when Sa-tan and sin op-press;
help me through the dark-ness thy face to see,
Lord, just al-ways let me thy ser vant be.

2. Help me tread in the paths of right-eous-ness,
to help me o-ver my weak-est hour;
be my aid when Sa-tan and sin op-press;
help me through the dark-ness thy face to see,
Lord, just al-ways let me thy ser vant be.

3. I am lost if you take your hand from me,
to help me o-ver my weak-est hour;
be my aid when Sa-tan and sin op-press;
help me through the dark-ness thy face to see,
Lord, just al-ways let me thy ser vant be.

Fine

D.C.
Opening Acclamation

Celebrant  Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People  And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.
Celebrant  There is one Body and one Spirit;
People  There is one hope in God's call to us;
Celebrant  One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People  One God and Father of all.

The Collect of the Day

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

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People  Amen.

The people sit for the reading.

The First Lesson – Jeremiah 14:7-10,19-22  Scott Gadwa

Although our iniquities testify against us, act, O Lord, for your name's sake; our apostasies indeed are many, and we have sinned against you. O hope of Israel, its savior in time of trouble, why should you be like a stranger in the land, like a traveler turning aside for the night? Why should you be like someone confused, like a mighty warrior who cannot give help? Yet you, O Lord, are in the midst of us, and we are called by your name; do not forsake us!

Thus says the Lord concerning this people: Truly they have loved to wander, they have not restrained their feet; therefore the Lord does not accept them, now he will remember their iniquity and punish their sins. Have you completely rejected Judah? Does your heart loathe Zion? Why have you struck us down so that there is no healing for us? We look for peace, but find no good; for a time of healing, but there is terror instead. We acknowledge our wickedness, O Lord, the iniquity of our ancestors, for we have sinned against you. Do not spurn us, for your name's sake; do not dishonor your glorious throne; remember and do not break your covenant with us. Can any idols of the nations bring rain? Or can the heavens give showers? Is it not you, O Lord our God? We set our hope on you, for it is you who do all this.

Reader  The Word of the Lord.
People  Thanks be to God.

¡Señor, aunque nuestros pecados nos acusan, actúa por el honor de tu nombre! Muchas veces te hemos sido infieles, hemos pecado contra ti. Esperanza de Israel, salvador nuestro en tiempos difíciles, ¿por qué te portas como un extraño en el país, como un viajero que sólo se queda a pasar la noche? ¿Por qué estás como un hombre aturdido, como un guerrero que no puede ayudar? Pero, Señor, tú estás en medio de nosotros, todos saben que somos tu pueblo; ¡no nos abandones!

El Señor dice esto acerca del pueblo de Israel: «A este pueblo le encanta andar siempre de un lado para otro. Por eso no lo miro con agrado. Ahora voy a acordarme de sus pecados y a pedirle cuenta de ellos.»

Señor, ¿has rechazado del todo a Judá? ¿Te has cansado de la ciudad de Sión? ¿Por qué nos heriste irremediablemente? Esperábamos prosperidad, pero nada bueno nos ha llegado. Esperábamos salud, pero sólo hay espolo. Reconocemos, Señor, nuestra maldad y la culpa de nuestros antepasados; hemos pecado contra ti. ¡Por el honor de tu nombre, no nos rechaces; no trates con desprecio a la ciudad donde está tu glioso trono! ¡Recuerda la alianza que hiciste con nosotros, no faltes a ella! ¿Hay acaso entre los ídolos paganos alguno que pueda hacer llover? ¿Acaso el cielo envía los aguaceros por sí mismo? ¡No, Señor y Dios nuestro! Tú eres quien los envía, tú eres quien hace todas estas cosas; ¡por eso esperamos en ti!
The Psalm - 84:1-6
The Choir introduces the Refrain, then all repeat.

One half verse is sung to each measure of music, changing from the reciting tone on the underlined syllable.

1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! * My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

2 The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; * by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! * they will always be praising you.

4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! * whose hearts are set on the pilgrims’ way.

5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, * for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

6 They will climb from height to height, * and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

All repeat the Refrain.
The Epistle – 2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion’s mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Reader  Palabra del Señor.
People  Demos gracias a Dios.

The people stand.

Hymn at the Sequence – “We’ve come this far by faith”

We’ve come this far by faith, lean-ing on the Lord; trust-ing in his ho-ly word, he’s ne-ver failed me yet.__ O

can’t turn a-round. We’ve come this far by faith.

Don’t be dis-cour-aged when trou-ble’s in your life.

He’ll bear your bur-dens and move all mis-er-y and strife. That’s why we’ve
Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

The people stand.

God of love, we pray for your church: For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Ian and Laura, our bishops; for all lay and ordained ministers; and for all who seek you in the community of the faithful. Equip us with compassion and love, to carry out your work of reconciliation in the world.

God of love, 
Hear our prayers for the church.
God of freedom, we pray for our nation, and all the nations of the world: For peace and unity across barriers of language, color, and creed; for elected and appointed leaders, that they would serve the common good. Inspire all people with courage to speak out against hatred, to actively resist evil. Unite the human family in bonds of love.

God of freedom,

**Hear our prayers for the world.**

God of justice, we pray for the earth, your creation entrusted to our care: For the animals and birds, the mountains and oceans, and all parts of your creation that have no voice of their own. Stir up in us a thirst for justice that protects the earth and all its resources, that we may leave to our children’s children the legacy of beauty and abundance that you have given us.

God of justice,

**Hear our prayers for the earth.**

God of peace, we pray for this community: For our local leaders; for our schools and markets; for our neighborhoods and workplaces. Kindle in every heart a desire for equality, respect, and opportunity for all. Give us courage to strive for justice and peace among all people, beginning here at home.

God of peace,

**Hear our prayers for this community.**

God of mercy, we pray for all in any kind of need or trouble: For those whose lives are closely linked with ours, and those connected to us as part of the human family. For refugees and prisoners; for the sick and suffering, the lonely and despairing; for those facing violence; for all held down by prejudice or injustice. Awaken in us compassion and humility of spirit, as we seek and serve Christ in all persons.

God of mercy,

**Hear our prayers for all who are in need.**

God of grace, we pray for those who have died: For the faithful in every generation who have worked for justice; for prophets who called us to racial reconciliation; for martyrs who died because of hatred; and for all the communion of saints. Make us faithful to your call to proclaim your Good News, by word and example, and bring us at last into the glorious company of the saints in light.

God of grace,

**Hear our prayers for those who have died.**

*The Celebrant adds this concluding collect*

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**
The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Celebrant  Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?
People    I do.

Celebrant  Do you believe in God the Father?
People    I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant  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.

Celebrant  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.

Child     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.

Child     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.

Child     Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People    I will, with God's help.

Child     Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People    I will, with God's help.

Child     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.
**Child** Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect the beauty and integrity of all creation?

**People** I will, with God’s help.

*The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows*

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

**Blessing of the Water**

And now, O Father, 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 Asperges**

*The people are sprinkled with holy water as a reminder of their baptism as the following hymn is sung.*

**Healing River of the Spirit**

1. Healing river of the Spirit, bathe the wounds that living brings.
2. Well-spring of the healing Spirit, stream that flows to bring release,
3. Living stream that heals the nations, make us channels of your pow’r.

Plunge our pain, our sin, our sadness deep beneath your sacred springs.

As we gain our selves, our senses, may our lives reflect your peace.

All the world is torn by conflict, wars are raging at this hour.

Weary from the restless searching that has lured us from your side,

Grateful for the flood that heals us, may your church enact your grace.

Saving Spirit, move among us; guide our winding human course,

we discover in your presence peace the world cannot provide.

As we meet both friend and stranger, may we see the Savior’s face.

till we find our way together, flowing home-ward to our source.
The Peace

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

The Ministers and People greet one another in the Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Celebrant  Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

The people sit.

As the altar is prepared, two pieces of blue cloth are brought forward, and will flow from the altar in four directions. It reminds us that our baptism at the font leads us to a lifelong journey in the Body of Christ, ending ultimately in that heavenly feast in Christ’s nearer presence. It also hearkens to the four rivers that flowed out of Eden, and the vision of the heavenly city in the Revelation to John, “Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ... “ (Rev. 22:1)

Anthem at the Offertory — It’s My Desire

Freda Bagley & Horace Boyer

It’s my desire to show that I care,
to be a friend doing full share,
’til the end, though it is so rare,
through rain and wind, to kneel in prayer.
It’s my desire to be a soldier yes,
it is for his great cause,
to live my life as he did his.

The people stand.

Hymn at the Presentation

1. Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
2. Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King;

Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mind.

Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.
Take my self, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.
Note that in the Great Thanksgiving the Celebrants will alternate languages representing the diversity of our Episcopal Church in Connecticut.

**The Great Thanksgiving**

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

Celebrant  We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

**Sanctus**

Celebrant  Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.
To deliver us from the power of sin and death
and to reveal the riches of your grace,
you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant,
that she might conceive and bear a son,
Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us.
He broke bread with outcasts and sinners,
healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.
He yearned to draw all the world to himself
yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.
Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross
the sacrifice of his life,
and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us,
Jesus was at table with his friends.
He took bread, gave thanks to you,
broke it, and gave it to them, and said:
“Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine.
Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said:
“Drink this, all of you:
This is my Blood of the new Covenant,
which is poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation,
and remembering Christ, crucified and risen,
who was and is and is to come,
we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine,
and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.
Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth
and make us your new creation,
the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us,
with Mary, the Mother of Our Lord, blessed Andrew the Apostle, and all your saints,
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
to feast at the banquet prepared
from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honor, glory, and praise,
for ever and ever.

People AMEN.
Celebrant  And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, in the language of our hearts,

People 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

Fraction Anthem – Jesus, Lamb of God

Following the invitation to Communion, the people sit.

Please follow the direction of the ushers to the nearest Communion station, located immediately at the front of your section. Gluten-free wafers and white grape juice are available for those who desire them.

Music during Communion

Anthem — Ave Verum Corpus

Ave verum corpus, natum de Maria Virgine,
Vere passum immolatum in cruce pro homine;
Cujus latus perforatum unda fluxit sanguine,
Esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine.
O dulcis, O pie, O Jesu, Fili Mariae,
Miserere nobis. Amen.

Hail, true body, born of the Virgin Mary,
who truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for man,
whose pierced side flowed with real blood;
be unto us a foretaste in the trial of death.
O merciful, O holy, O sweet Jesu, son of Mary.
Amen.
Anthem - Have you heard God’s voice?

Have you heard God’s voice; has your heart been stirred?
Are you still prepared to follow?
Have you made a choice to remain and serve, though the way be rough and narrow?

Will you use your voice; will you not sit down when the multitudes are silent?
Will you make a choice to stand your ground when the crowds are turning violent?

Will you walk the path that will cost you much and embrace God’s love and sorrow?
Will you trust in One who entrusts to you the disciples of tomorrow?

Will you watch the news with the eyes of faith and believe it could be different?
Will you share your views using words of grace?
Will you leave a thoughtful imprint?

In your city streets will you be God’s heart?
Will you listen to the voiceless?
Will you stop and eat, and when friendships start, will you share your faith with the faithless?
Spiritual Song – Thuma mina

Add. verses, ad libitum

Call: Lead me, Lord,  Response: Lead me, Jesus.
Call: Fill me, Lord,  Response: Fill me, Jesus.

The people stand.

Prayer After Communion

Celebrant  Let us pray.
People   Loving God,
         we give you thanks for restoring us in your image
         and nourishing us with spiritual food
         in the Sacrament of Christ’s Body and Blood.
         Now send us forth
         a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
         that we may proclaim your love to the world
         and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing
Recessional Hymn – We know that Christ is raised and dies no more

1. We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. Em-braced by death he
   broke its fear-ful hold; and our de-spair he turned to blaz-ing joy.

2. We share by wa-ter in his sav-ing death. Re-born we share with
   him an Eas-ter life as liv-ing mem-bers of a liv-ing Christ.

3. The Fa-ther’s splen-dor clothes the Son with life. The Spi-rit’s pow-er
   shakes the Church of God. Bap-tized we live with God the Three in One.

4. A new cre-a-tion comes to life and grows as Christ’s new bo-dy
   takes on flesh and blood. The uni-verse re-stored and whole will sing:


Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People Thanks be to God.

Postlude – Oh Happy Day

St. Luke’s Steel Band

ABOUT OUR CONVENTION ART

Born from Above: Representing the faith journey of the baptized
Created by the Episcopal Church in Connecticut for Convention 2019

“We have one Lord, one Faith, and all share in one and the same Baptism, but we come to this oneness from different directions. Our faith journeys converge on the Altar, where all the Baptized gather to celebrate our unity in Christ and share in the sacrament that strengthens us for the work of the Gospel. While we are born again as individuals, we journey together to the source of our unity and go out again to share what we have received. Created from ribbons decorated by the faithful from all over the ECCT, the sculpture signifies both our unity and our diversity in Christ. The sculpture represents water coming down from heaven as the avenue of God’s saving grace. This water returns to God having cleansed, refreshed, and strengthened us, in our response of worship of God and service of one another. The undulating quality of the sculpture represents the nature of our Baptismal journey that is never a straight line. Ribbons coming down suggest rain, but the undulating quality also suggests rivers.”

Stephen Hard, artistic designer
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