

The Renewal of Ministry with the Welcoming of a New Rector

Announcements: *The Rev. Michele Lynn Causton*

Gathering of the Community

Hymn 225 *Hail Thee, Festival Day!*

Bishop: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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, Creator of all.**

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Bishop: Let us pray.

Bishop: O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole World see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*The people are seated. The Wardens stand near the Bishop.
The Bishop states the purpose of the gathering.*

Bishop: We gather today to celebrate the mutual life and ministry of this parish under the pastoral leadership of Michele Lynn Causton and to **baptize Amelia Kimberly Cannizzo and Avalon Rose Weidner** into the Episcopal Church;

Bishop: People of the Church of Epiphany, you have reflected on your ministry and discerned your choice for a new Priest-in-Charge.

Wardens: **We have chosen and called Michele Lynn Causton to be our Priest-in-Charge, and she has accepted.**

Bishop: I commend your choice and affirm this call

The Letter of Institution is read, BCP, p. 557. The Bishop continues

Bishop: Are you, the people of the Church of Epiphany, ready to continue in your ministry with Michele as your priest?

People: **We are.**

The Wardens escort the Priest from the nave to the front of the assembly.

The Word of God

Representatives such as Lectors present the lectern Bible and say

Representatives: Michele, with this Bible, we proclaim and hear God's living Word. Join us in the ministry of telling the Good News to the World.

Priest-in-Charge: Amen. Let us hear again the Good News of salvation.

The Lessons

The people sit. Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying.

A Reading from Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 104:25-35, 37. We will read it responsively by verse.

- 25 O LORD, how manifold are your works! *
in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.
- 26 Yonder is the great and wide sea
with its living things too many to number, *
creatures both small and great.
- 27 There move the ships,
and there is that Leviathan, *
which you have made for the sport of it.
- 28 All of them look to you *
to give them their food in due season.
- 29 You give it to them; they gather it; *
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
- 30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; *
you take away their breath,
and they die and return to their dust.
- 31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; *
and so you renew the face of the earth.
- 32 May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; *
may the LORD rejoice in all his works.
- 33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; *
he touches the mountains and they smoke.
- 34 I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; *
I will praise my God while I have my being.
- 35 May these words of mine please him; *
I will rejoice in the LORD.
- 37 Bless the LORD, O my soul. *
Hallelujah!

A Reading from Romans 8:22-27

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn 516 *Come Down, O Love Divine*

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John [15:26-27; 16:4b-15.]

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the World wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this World has been condemned.

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

The Right Reverend Kevin Nichols

Holy Baptism

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

Bishop: The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents: I present Amelia Kimberly Cannizzo to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Parents and Godparents: I present Avalon Rose Weidner to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

When all have been presented, the Bishop asks ALL the parents and godparents.

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

Parents and Godparents: 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: I will, with God's help.

Then, the Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children.

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

Answer: **I renounce them.**

Bishop: Do you renounce the evil powers of this World which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer: **I renounce them.**

Bishop: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer: **I renounce them.**

Bishop: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer: **I do.**

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

Answer: **I do.**

Bishop: Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer: **I do.**

After all have been presented, the Bishop addresses the congregation, saying:

Bishop: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support **Amelia and Avalon** and each other in your life together in Christ?

People: **We will.**

The Bishop then says these or similar words:

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

The Baptismal Covenant:

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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

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Bishop: Let us now pray for **Amelia and Avalon** who have renewed their Commitment to Christ.

Deacon: Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

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

Deacon: Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

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

Deacon: Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

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

Deacon: Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

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

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

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

Deacon: Send them into the World in witness to your love.

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

Deacon: Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

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

Bishop: 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.*

Thanksgiving over the Water

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The Bishop blesses the water, first saying

Bishop: 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: Michele, candidates for baptism, people of the Church of Epiphany, Clarks Summit: in Holy Baptism, we received full adoption through God's grace and full empowerment for ministry through the Holy Spirit. Will you work together as partners in the mission of the Church to reconcile all people to God through Christ?

People: **We will, with God's help.**

Bishop: The water of baptism signifies our eternal covenant with God. 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 Christ, 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.

Bishop: We pray you, O God, sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit, that all who in baptism are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

The Baptism

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*Each candidate is presented by name to the Rev. Michele,
who then pours water upon the candidate, saying.*

Rev. Michele: **Amelia**, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Rev. Michele: **Avalon**, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

When this action has been completed for all candidates, Rev. Michele, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over them, saying.

Rev. Michele: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants 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.

Rev. Michele places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying to each one.

Rev. Michele: **Amelia**, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. Amen.

Rev. Michele: **Avalon**, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. Amen.

When all have been baptized,

Rev. Michele: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People: **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 newly received are seated.

A symbol of prayer is brought forward by the Intercessors from the congregation.

Intercessor: Michele, with this prayer book, we offer our prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings to God.

Rev. Michele: Amen. In the Spirit of God, who searches the heart and knows our deepest needs, let us pray for the Church, the World, and all who yearn for Christ's healing.

A Litany of Thanksgiving for a Church

Deacon: Let us thank God, whom we worship here in the beauty of holiness.

Intercessor: Eternal God, the heaven of heavens cannot contain you, much less the walls of temples made with hands. Graciously receive our thanks for this place, and accept the work of our hands, offered to your honor and glory.

Intercessor: For the Church universal, of which these visible buildings are the symbol,
People: We thank you, Lord.

Intercessor: For your presence whenever two or three have gathered together in your Name,
People: We thank you, Lord.

Intercessor: For this place where we may be still and know that you are God,
People: We thank you, Lord.

Intercessor: For making us your children by adoption and grace, and refreshing us day by day with the bread of life.

People: We thank you, Lord.

Intercessor: For the knowledge of your will and the grace to perform it,

People: **We thank you, Lord.**

Intercessor: For the fulfilling of our desires and petitions as you see best for us,

People: **We thank you, Lord.**

Intercessor: For the pardon of our sins, which restores us to the company of your faithful people,

People: **We thank you, Lord.**

Intercessor: For the blessing of our vows and the crowning of our years with your goodness,

People: **We thank you, Lord.**

Intercessor: For the faith of those who have gone before us and for our encouragement by their perseverance,

People: **We thank you, Lord.**

Intercessor: For the fellowship of all your Saints,

People: **We thank you, Lord.**

After a brief silence, the Bishop concludes with the following Doxology.

Bishop: Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty;

People: **For everything in heaven and on earth is yours.**

Bishop: Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom;

People: **And you are exalted as head over all. Amen.**

*A stole communion kit and stole for healing
will be presented by a Lay Eucharistic Minister.*

Lay Eucharistic Minister: *Michele*, with prayer, companionship, and laying-on of hands, we bring the reconciling presence of Christ to those who seek healing. Join us in this ministry by calling us to repentance and assuring us of God's forgiveness and love.

Rev. Michele: Amen. Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, loves you eternally, and reconciles you to one another.

All stand. The new Priest-in-Charge says to the people.

Rev. Michele: The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The Bishop says to the people.

Bishop: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Announcement by Rev. Michele about communion.

In the Episcopal tradition, all are welcomed to the Table; come to the altar rail and kneel to receive if you are able, or you may stand. If you are unable to come to the rail, please indicate to an usher that you would like communion brought to you.

All baptized Christians may receive communion. You have these choices:

- To receive *bread and wine*, you may hold out both hands.
- To receive *only bread*, place one arm across your chest and hold out your hand.
- To receive a *blessing*, you may cross your arms over your chest.

The Holy Communion

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The newly baptized bring the people's offerings of bread and wine.

Addressing the Priest-in-Charge, they say

Oblation Bearers: Michele, when we share the bread and the cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. Join us at God's Table to offer and bless our gifts of bread and wine.

Rev. Michele: Amen. Together, let us keep the feast.

*The deacon brings the elements to the Table,
and the Offertory continues as the anthem is sung.*

Offertory Anthem: Ephiphany's Adult Choir

Bishop: We offer thanksgiving to God for the ministries represented by these symbols, and ask God's grace to live ever more fully into the commitments we have made in Baptism.

People: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

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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 him 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.

Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

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:

Sanctus: Hymnal S-129

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.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole World.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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

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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,

forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction: Hymnal S 155

Bishop: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the Feast. Alleluia!

Bishop: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Distribution

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [*Amen.*]

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [*Amen.*]

Communion: Hymnal 513 *Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song*

Post-Communion Prayer

Bishop: Let us pray.

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.**

Prayer for Birthdays: Our birthdays for this upcoming week are: Janina, Andrew, Penny, Bonnie, Chad, Shirley, Rachel, Philip, Chase, Demery, Deacon John, Barbara, & Tony

Let us Pray: O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayer for those we love: Our anniversaries this upcoming week are: Canon Bill & Fran, Schelly & Paul, Russ & Deb

Let us Pray: Almighty God, we entrust all who are dear to us to your never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that you are doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Bishop: We have celebrated this new pastoral relationship in the great prayer of the Church. Michele, I commend to your love and care the people of the Church of Epiphany, Clarks Summit. My brothers and sisters in Christ, I commend to your love and care your new Priest-in-Charge, colleague and friend, Michele.

The Bishop blesses the assembly.

God's blessing be with you, Christ's peace be with you,
the Spirit's outpouring be with you, now and always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn 506 *Praise the Spirit in Creation*

Dismissal

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia.**