

cakes.” Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, “Where is your wife Sarah?” And he said, “There, in the tent.” Then one said, “I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?” The LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh, and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ Is anything too wonderful for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.” But Sarah denied, saying, “I did not laugh”; for she was afraid. He said, “Oh yes, you did laugh.” The LORD dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did for Sarah as he had promised. Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. Now Sarah said, “God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me.” And she said, “Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord. *All:* Thanks be to God.

Psalm 116:1, 10-17 *said, the People seated*

I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

How shall I repay the LORD *
for all the good things he has done for me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation * and call upon the Name of the LORD.

I will fulfill my vows to the LORD * in the presence of all his people.

Precious in the sight of the LORD *
is the death of his servants.

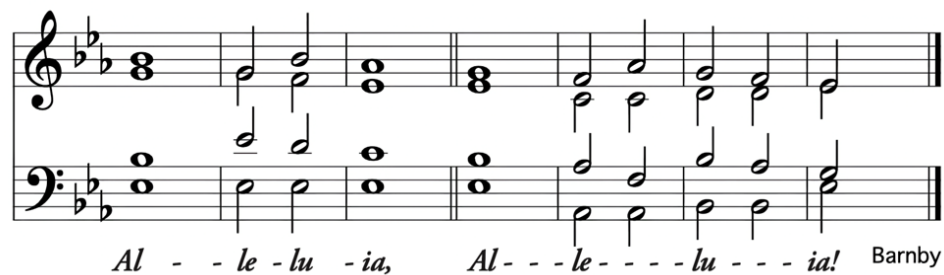
O LORD, I am your servant; *
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.

I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.

I will fulfill my vows to the LORD * in the presence of all his people,

In the courts of the LORD's house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

Alleluia Verse *all stand*



Cantor Alleluia, Alleluia
All Alleluia, Alleluia
Cantor Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of the Kingdom
and cured every disease among the people.
All Alleluia, Alleluia

The Gospel **Matthew 9:35-10:8**

Reader: The Holy Gospel.... *All:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.
Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and pro-

claiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.” Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord. *All:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon The Rev’d Fr. Matthew Ainsley

Presentation and Examination of Baptismal Candidates BCP 301

Celebrant: The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.
Parents and Godparents: I present *Lorelai Anne Bonneval* to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant: 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.

Celebrant: 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.

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 Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support *Lorelai* in *her* life in Christ?

People: We will.
Celebrant: Let us join with *Lorelai* who *is* committing *herself* to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant
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.

Celebrant: 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.

Celebrant: 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.
Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ? *People:* I will, with God’s help.
Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself? *People:* I will, with God’s help.
Celebrant: 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

Celebrant: Let us now pray for *Lorelai* who *is* to receive the Sacrament of new birth.
Leader Deliver *her*, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader Open *her* heart to your grace and truth.
People Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader Fill *her* with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader Keep *her* in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader Teach *her* to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader Send *her* into the world in witness to your love.
People Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader Bring *her* to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: 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

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant continues

The Baptism

Celebrant: *Lorelai*, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen*
Celebrant: 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.*

Celebrant: *Lorelai*, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ’s own for ever. *Amen*

Celebrant: 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 Peace *said*

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

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Anthem *organ solo*

The Presentation of the Gifts & Doxology vs.3

Hymnal 380

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving | Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

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.**

Then, facing the Holy Altar, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said.

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:

Celebrant and People

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.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues with Eucharistic Prayer B.

...Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues.

...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.**

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

People and Celebrant

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.

At the Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Hymns *My God, thy table now spread* Hymnal 321
O Love of God, how strong and true Hymnal 455

Postcommunion Prayer *Said by all* BCP 366

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. *Amen.*

Final Blessing

Dismissal *Deacon:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God**

Dismissal Hymn *Come, labor on* Hymnal 541

Bishop

The Right Reverend Jacob W. Owensby, Ph.D.

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The Reverend Father Matthew Ainsley

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The Reverend Jacob Schlossberg

Deacon

The Reverend Honey Becker

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR: Our Vestry and Clergy- our brother, Joseph, Alison Higginbotham, Arthur White, Sterling Lejeune, Betsy Vigorito, Becky Slagle, Janet Limouze, Joe and Christina, Susan Oglesbee, Ann Jacobs, David Snyder, Janet Bernhardt, Jan Hamilton, Reese Forest, Fiona Chisholm, Peezie Alfred, Wendy Ortego, Perry Joseph, Gail White, Kelly and Dave Domangue, Troy LeBouef, Ashlynn Broussard, Rick Onks, Lynette Newchurch, Neil Joseph, Rachele Morgan, Ed Keller, William Keller, Gili Menashe Robinson, Donny, Elliot, Emily Chapin, Kelly, Carol Hamilton Hunt, Brenda Privat, James, Evie, and Malaina, Margaret DeGruy, Mark Weems, Lara McKinnis, the Family of Quinten, Kit Gumbs, Carolyn Barker, Pat Vallery, Catherine McGowen, Dorothy Goings, Amber, Pauline, Sandie Jordan, Donald Leger, Jr., Sasha, Charles Lewis, Mike Comeaux, Carol Jane, Renee, Marc, Carolyn, Virginia Morrison, Graison Louviere, Tom & Jillian, Mark & Frevet, Stephanie, Landon Romero, Kate Graciana, Kathleen David, Mac Camille, Mona Coulter, Patricia Coleman, Susan Segura, the family of Randy Morgan, Logan Kisamore, Lois Henry, Carol Gilley, Phil Swift, Lynn Trahan, Valerie Daly, Ann Shower, Steve Baker, Pete Peters, Luke Heggy, Remi and Joseph, Melissa Keane, Guy Ellison, Jr., Archie Ganucheau, Sandy Bernard, Nick Domino, David Mills, Susan Davis, Nick Domino, Corey, and friends and family serving in the armed services. Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. John's in Minden, Grace in Monroe, East Bayou Baptist Church, and Church of the Provence of South East Asia. (Names stay on the prayers list for three weeks unless otherwise requested.)

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We would like to welcome and congratulate our newest baptized members:

Lorelai Anne Bonneval,

Daughter of Kaitlyn and Kyle Bonneval &

Goddaughter of Nicole Maurer, Amanda Latiolais, and Casey Rodrigue

Church office closure: The church office will be closed on Fridays in June and July. We will return to regular business hours in August.

Children's Church: Children's Church is on pause for the summer but stay tuned for all the summer fun we have planned!!

Lectors: Gail White

Ushers: Wayne Bares and Robert Sawvell

Acolytes: Abigail Adams, Anna-Grace Adams, Amelia Adams, Rosalina Dasilva

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The Third Sunday after Pentecost

The Holy Eucharist with Holy Baptism
June 14th, 2026, at 10:00 AM

Processional Hymn *Ye servants of God* Hymnal 535

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Celebrant then continues

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 *the People remain standing*
Celebrant: The Lord be with you. *People:* **And also with you.**

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Old Testament **Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7**

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make