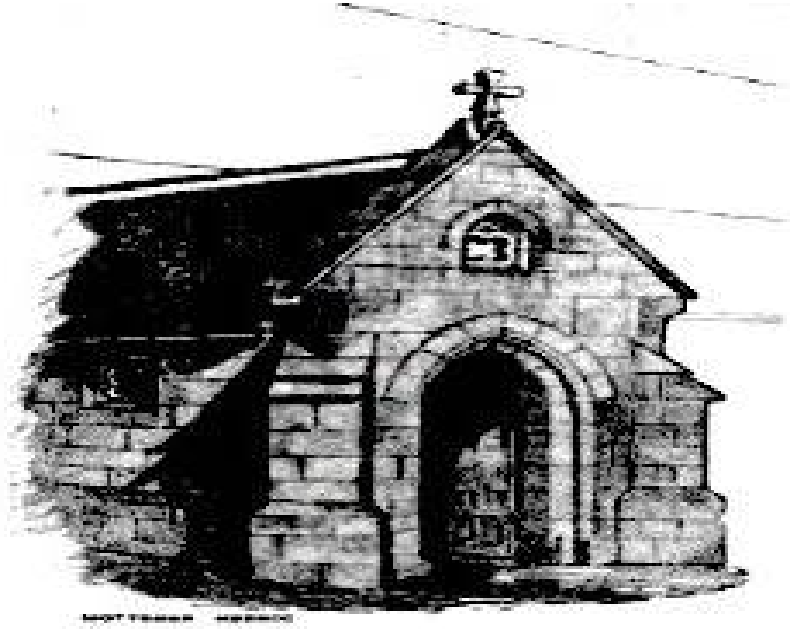


St Saviour's Church Claremont

Anglican Church of Southern Africa



Service of Confirmation

By

**The Right Reverend Joshua Louw
Bishop of Table Bay**

Sunday 02 May 2021

Welcome to St. Saviour's Anglican Church, on this special occasion as we come together as a community in support of our Young people, and the profession of faith. We pray that you will encounter the gift of grace and joy in this service.

Please note, all are welcome at the Lord's Table.

Please take note of the COVID-19 protocol:

- 1.) NO SINGING IS ALLOWED.**
- 2.) Ensure you always wear your mask.**
- 3.) Maintain physical distancing.**

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES 2021

**Zion Davids
Phillip Esau
Zia Gallie
Zachary Gomez
Hannah Peskin
Cassidy Saal
Jared Thomas**

INTRODUCTION

Alleluia! Christ is risen
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

WELCOME – MRS. URSULA JACOBS

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Introit Hymn – Alleluia, Alleluia

1. Alleluia, Alleluia,
hearts to heaven and voices raise;
sing to God a hymn of gladness,
sing to God a hymn of praise:
he who on the Cross a victim
for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory,
now is risen from the dead.
2. Christ is risen, Christ the first-fruits
of the holy harvest field,
which will all its full abundance
at his second coming yield;
then the golden ears of harvest
will their heads before him wave,
ripened by his glorious sunshine,
from the furrows of the grave.
3. Christ is risen, we are risen;
shed upon us heavenly grace,
rain, and dew, and gleams of glory
from the brightness of thy face;
that we, with our hearts in
heaven,
here on earth may fruitful be,
and by angel-hands be gathered,
and be ever, Lord, with thee.
4. Alleluia, Alleluia,
glory be to God on high;
Alleluia to the Saviour,
who has gained the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit,
fount of love and sanctity;
Alleluia, Alleluia,
to the Triune Majesty.

Praise the Lord.
Praise him you servants of the Lord.

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

**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 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 God the Father.
Amen**

Let us pray

**Almighty God
to whom all hearts are open
all desires known
and from whom no secret are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit
that we may perfectly love you
and worthily magnify your holy Name;
through Christ our Lord.**

Lord, have mercy
Lord have mercy

Christ, have mercy
Christ, have mercy

Lord, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

PENITENCE

Jesus said, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it. 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.

Let us confess our sins (firmly resolve to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with our neighbour).

Silence may be kept.

**Almighty God, our heavenly father
in penitence we confess
that we have sinned against you
through our own fault
in thought, word and deed
and in what we have left undone.
For the sake of your Son, Christ our Lord
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you
in newness of life
to the glory of your Name.**

The Bishop stands and says

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy on *you*; pardon *your* sins and set *you* free from them; confirm and strengthen *you* in all goodness and keep *you* in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray

The Bishop prays the collect and the people respond Amen

Almighty and merciful Father
giver of life and power:
fill your faithful people
with the abundance of your grace
that all who are born again
by water and the Spirit
may grow into full stature
of your Son, Jesus Christ;
who is alive, and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

THE WORD OF GOD

The First Reading.

Reading from ACTS 8: 26-40

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Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

The appointed psalm follows.

The Second Reading.

Reading from 1 JOHN 4: 7-21

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Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

THE GOSPEL

Listen to the Good News proclaimed in ...

JOHN 15: 1-8

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Glory to Christ our Saviour

After the reading

This is the Gospel of Christ

Praise to Christ our Lord.

SERMON

THE SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION

THE INTRODUCTION

Our Lord Jesus Christ gave himself to death on the cross and was raised again for the salvation of humankind.

Baptism is the sacrament in which, by repentance and faith, we enter into his salvation; we are united with Christ in his death; we are granted the forgiveness at sins we are made members of his Body and we are raised with him to new life in the Spirit.

In Confirmation we come to be filled, through the laying on of hands with the power of the Spirit for worship, witness and service.

THE RENUNCIATION

You, who are to be confirmed, must renew the vows of your baptism, and first, with our own lips and from your heart you must declare your rejection of all that is evil.

Do you renounce the devil and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

I renounce them

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world, which corrupt and destroy what God has created?

I renounce them.

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

I renounce them.

THE ALLEGIANCE

Now, in allegiance to Christ, you must declare before God and God's Church that you accept the Christian faith into which you were baptized, and in which you will continue to grow,

Do you believe and trust in God the Father who made the world?

I believe and trust in him

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ who redeemed humankind?

I believe and trust in him

Do you believe and trust in his Holy Spirit who gives life to the people of God?

I believe and trust in him

The Bishop says to the congregation

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

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

The Bishop asks the candidates

Will you, who are now to be confirmed, live in obedience to God's laws, as a loyal member of God's Church?

With God's help, I will

THE CONFIRMATION

The Bishop stands before those who are to be confirmed and calls the congregation to prayer.

Silence is kept

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
And lighten with celestial fire;
Thou the anointing Spirit art,
Who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.

Thy blessed unction from above
Is comfort, life and fire of love;
Enable with perpetual light
The dullness of our blinded sight.

Anoint and cheer our soiled face
With the abundance of thy grace;
Keep far our foes, give peace at home;
Where thou art guide no ill can come.

Teach us to know the Father, Son,
And thee, of Both, to be but One;
That through the ages all along
This maybe our endless song,

Praise to thy eternal merit,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen

The Bishop stands and says

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 stretches out his hands towards those to be confirmed and says

Almighty and ever living God
You have given 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 discernment and inner strength;
The Spirit of knowledge and true godliness;
And fill them with.
The Spirit of the fear of the Lord
Now and for ever.

Amen

The candidates kneel in order before the Bishop.

N I sign you with the sign of the cross and I lay my hand upon you.

He lays his hand on their heads saying

Lord, confirm and strengthen with your Holy Spirit this your child and empower him/her
for your service.

Amen

When all have been confirmed, the Bishop leads the congregation in saying

**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.**

The Bishop says

Heavenly Father
We pray for your servants
Upon whom we have now laid our hands.
May your fatherly hand ever be over them
Your Holy Spirit ever be with them.
Sustain them continually
with the body and blood of your Son
and so lead them in the knowledge
and obedience of your word
that in the end
they may enjoy the fullness of eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE PEACE GREATING

God's love has been poured into our hearts; to this peace you were called as members of
one body.

The Peace of the Living and Loving Lord be with you always!

And also with you.

Offertory Hymn – Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the king of creation

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
Join the great throng,
Psaltery, organ and song,
Sounding in glad adoration!
2. Praise to the Lord! Over all things he gloriously reigneth.
Borne as on eagle wings, safely his Saints he sustaineth.
Hast thou not seen
How all thou needest hath been
Granted in what he ordaineth?
3. Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy way and defend thee.
Surely his goodness and mercy shall ever attend thee.
Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do,
Who with his love doth befriend thee.
4. Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath breath, join with Abraham's seed to adore him!
Let the "amen"
Sum all our praises again,
Now as we worship before him.

THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

Yours, Lord is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.

Amen

THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

At the taking of the bread

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. For us it becomes the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever

At the taking of the wine

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. For us it becomes the cup of salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The First Eucharistic Prayer

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
Its is right to give him thanks and praise

It is right and indeed our duty and joy, Lord and heavenly Father, God almighty and eternal, always and everywhere to give thanks through Jesus Christ, your only Son our Lord;

Because through him you have created everything from the beginning and formed us in your own image;

Through him you delivered us from the slavery of sin, when you gave him to be born as man, to die on the cross and to rise again for us;

Through him you claimed us as your own people when you enthroned him with you in heaven, and through him sent out your Holy Spirit, the giver of life;

And now we give you thanks because in him you received us as your children, made us citizens of your kingdom, and give us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we acclaim you and declare the greatness of your glory; we praise you now and for ever saying:

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

Hear us, Father, through your Son Christ our Lord; through him accept our offering of thanks and praise, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine so that they may be to us his body and his blood.

For on the night that he was betrayed he took bread, and when he had given you thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying, ' Take this and eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.'

So too after supper he took the cup, and when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them saying, Drink of it all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me.'

So we acclaim the victory of Christ

**Dying you destroyed our death
rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory**

Holy Father, with these your gifts, we your people celebrate before you the one perfect sacrifice of Christ our Lord, his rising from the dead and his ascending to the glory of heaven.

Gracious Lord, accept us in him, unworthy though we are, so that we who share in the body and blood of your Son may be made one with all your people of his and every age.

Grant that as we await the coming of Christ our Saviour in the glory and triumph of his kingdom, we may daily grow into his likeness; with whom, and in whom, and through whom, by the power of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour be given to you, almighty Father, by the whole company of earth and heaven, throughout all ages, now and for ever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As Christ has taught us we are bold to 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.
save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The bread which we break
Is it not a sharing of the body Christ?

**We, who are many, are one body
for we all partake of the one bread.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us**

Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace.

THE COMMUNION

**We do not presume
to come to this your table, merciful Lord
trusting in our own righteousness
but in your manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy so much as to gather up
the crumbs under your table
but you are the same Lord
whose nature is always to have mercy.
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ
and to drink his blood
that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us.**

Draw near and receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Communion Hymn – We love this place O Lord

1. We love the place, O God,
Wherein Thine honour dwells;
The joy of Thine abode
All earthly joy excels.

2. It is the house of prayer
Wherein Thy servants meet;
And Thou, O Lord, art there
Thy chosen flock to greet.

3. We love the sacred font;
For there the holy Dove
To pour is ever wont
His blessings from above.

4. We love Thine altar, Lord;
Oh, what on earth so dear?
For there, in faith adored
We find Thy presence near.

5. We love the Word of life,
The Word that tells of peace,
Of comfort in the strife,
And joys that never cease.

6. We love to sing below
For mercies freely given;
But, oh, we long to know
The triumph song of Heaven.

7. Lord Jesus, give us grace
On earth to love Thee more,
In Heav'n to see Thy face,
And with Thy saints adore.

CONCLUSION

Give thanks to the Lord for his gracious.
His mercy endures for ever

Almighty and eternal God, we thank you for feeding us in these holy mysteries with the body and blood of your son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and for keeping us by your grace in the Body of your Son , the company of all faithful people. Help us to preserve as living members of that holy fellowship, and to grow in love and obedience according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

**Father almighty
We offer ourselves to you
As a living sacrifice
In Jesus Christ our Lord
Send us out into the world
In the power of the Holy Spirit
To live and work
To your praise and glory.**

PRESENTATION OF TOKENS OF APPRECIATION

Candidates

Bishop Joshua Louw & Mrs Louw

THANKS

The Rev. Chesnay Frantz

THE BLESSING

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; fight the good fight of faith; that you may finish your course with joy; and the blessing God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA.

In the name of Christ. Amen. ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA.

Recessional Hymn – The Church's one foundation

1.The church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is his new creation
By water and the Word.
From heaven he came and sought her
To be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her,
And for her life he died.

3.Though with a scornful wonder
We see her sore oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder,
By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping;
Their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
Shall be the morn of song.

2. Elect from every nation,
 Yet one o'er all the earth;
 Her charter of salvation,
 One Lord, one faith, one birth;
 One holy name she blesses,
 Partakes one holy food,
 And to one hope she presses,
 With every grace endued.

4. Mid toil and tribulation,
 And tumult of her war,
 She waits the consummation
 Of peace forevermore;
 Till, with the vision glorious,
 Her longing eyes are blest,
 And the great church victorious
 Shall be the church at rest.

5. Yet she on earth hath union
 With God the Three in One,
 And mystic sweet communion
 With those whose rest is won.
 O happy ones and holy!
 Lord, give us grace that we
 Like them, the meek and lowly,
 On high may dwell with thee.

LECTIONARY FOR THE WEEK

| READINGS FOR THE WEEK | | |
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| <p>MON 3 May † ST PHILIP AND ST JAMES, APOSTLES</p> <p>Morning Prayer: Psalm 105:23-45 Wisdom 9:1, 7-18 Colossians 3:18-4:18</p> <p>Evening Prayer: Psalm 106:1-24 Leviticus 16:1-19 Luke 7:36-50</p> | <p>WED 5 May</p> <p>Morning Prayer: Psalm 107:23-43 Wisdom 13:1-9 Romans 13:1-14</p> <p>Evening Prayer: Psalms 108, 109 Leviticus 19:1-18 Luke 8:16-25</p> | <p>FRI 7 May</p> <p>Morning Prayer: Psalm 115 Wisdom 16:15-17:1 Romans 14:13-23</p> <p>Evening Prayer: Psalm 116, 117 Leviticus 23:1-22 Luke 8:40-56</p> |
| <p>TUES 4 May † Monica, Mother of Augustine of Hippo, 387</p> <p>Morning Prayer: Psalm 106:25-50 Wisdom 10:1-4(5-12)13-21 Romans 12:1-21</p> <p>Evening Prayer: Psalm 107:1-22 Leviticus 16:20-34 Luke 8:1-15</p> | <p>THURS 6 May † ST JOHN, APOSTLE</p> <p>Morning Prayer: Psalm 110, 111, 112 Wisdom 14:27-15:3 Romans 14:1-12</p> <p>Evening Prayer: Psalms 113, 114 Leviticus 19:26-37 Luke 8:26-39</p> | <p>SAT 8 May</p> <p>Morning Prayer: Psalm 118 Wisdom 19:1-22 Romans 15:1-13</p> <p>Evening Prayer: Psalm 119:1-24 Leviticus 23:23-44 Luke 9:1-17</p> |

NOTICES

- ❖ **Parish WhatsApp group** - Please send a message to Nerine Meyer (072 180 0592) if you would like to be added to the Parish WhatsApp group.
- ❖ **Pledge Envelopes – Parishioners requiring Pledge Envelopes for 2021 must please call the office on 021 671 8171.** Pledge Envelopes will be at the back of the church for collection.
- ❖ **Winter Woolies** – 2 May 2021. The month of May has been allocated for the collection of warm jerseys, blankets etc. that we no longer use or want. The donations will be distributed to the needy in areas around the parish and rural areas. Please bring your donations on Sunday, 2 May, or drop your donations off at church before Sunday, 2 May. Thank you.
- ❖ **Confirmation: Today, 2 May 2021** – Due to Covid-19 protocols, our confirmation service will be limited to the candidates, their parents and their invited guests. Parishioners are invited to join via livestream.
- ❖ **Conversation of Faith** – A Young Adults online meeting (zoom), all Young Adults 18-35, are invited to a zoom session **Conversation of Faith**, on Wednesday 5 May 2021 at 19h00. Zoom details will be shared on the Parish WhatsApp group and via SMS on Tuesday.
- ❖ **Quiet Morning** – The Rector will host a Quiet Morning on Saturday, 8 May 2021, from 09h30 to 12h00 in the church garden. Please bring your camping chair and a snack to enjoy during the morning. Theme: **Ephesians 4**.
- ❖ **Sunday School** – St Saviour's Sunday School (**S4**) opens Sunday, 9 May 2021. Please contact Suzette Sampson (072 920 9655) if you have any questions or would like to be added to the S4 WhatsApp group.
- ❖ **Bible Study** – Confirmation 2023: Our Bible Study class commences on Sunday, 16 May 2021. This is a 1-year course, which will feed into a 1-year Confirmation class. Applications close on Sunday, 9 May 2021. Application forms are available at the back of the church today. Alternately, please request an Application form from the Office.
- ❖ **Baptism** – Please contact the office if you would like your child baptised. Your details will be recorded and an appointment scheduled with the Rector.

PARISH BANKING DETAILS

**STANDARD BANK
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CURRENT ACCOUNT
072 635 703**



*Snap scan: The Church has now implemented the snap scan, which is a cashless App that allows individuals to make money transfers, directly into the church bank account via Snap Scan App. Please use the barcode on the website or notice board in the porch to make your transfer, **USING YOUR NAME OR PLEDGE NUMBER AS A REFERENCE**. The Snap Scan App can be downloaded from Google Play Store or the Apple App Store. Snap Scan Apps are up at the back of the Church.*

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OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office is now open: Monday-Friday 09h00-15h00.