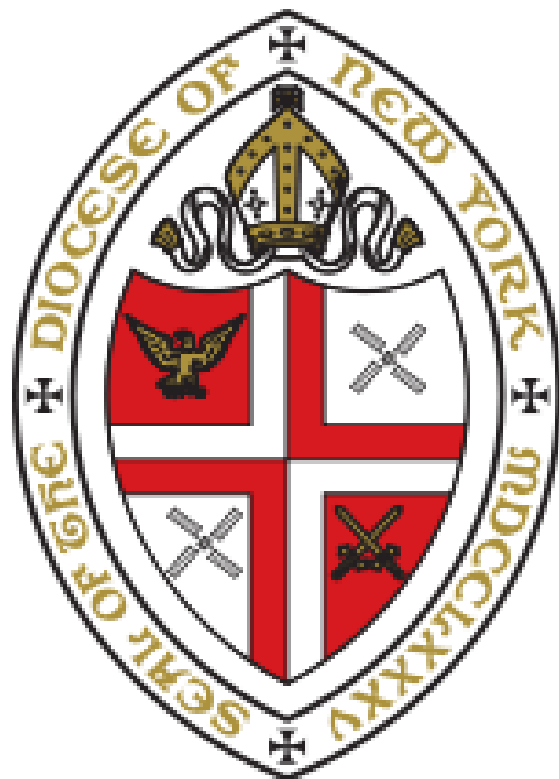


Confirmation & Visitation

July 14, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.



Grace Church

Millbrook, NY

The Rt. Rev. Allen K. Shin, Bishop Suffragan

The Rev. Dr. Matthew Calkins, Rector

The Liturgy of the Word

Prelude Berceuse

Turn Thou to Us

L. Vierne

J. Walther

Processional Hymn Praise to the living God!

H 372

Opening Acclamation

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

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

Amen.

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 and Father of all.**

Collect of the Day

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Bishop Let us pray.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Reading Amos 7:7-15

This is what the Lord GOD showed me: the LORD was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

“See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by;

the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,

and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,

and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.”

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said,

Jeroboam shall die by the sword,
and Israel must go into exile
away from his land.' "

And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycomore trees, and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

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

Psalm 85:8-13

8 I will listen to what the LORD God is saying,
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.

9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

11 Truth shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

12 The LORD will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before him,
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

The Second Reading Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined

according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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

Sequence Hymn The Church's one foundation

H 525

The Holy Gospel Mark 6:14-29

The holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

King Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's

head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

The Gospel of the Lord
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon **The Rt. Rev. Allen K. Shin**

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

Bishop The Candidate(s) will now be presented.

Presenters I present *these persons* for Confirmation.

or I present *these persons* to be received into this Communion.

or I present *these persons* who desire to reaffirm their baptismal vows.

Bishop Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidates **I do.**

Bishop Do you renew your commitment
to Jesus Christ?

Candidates **I do, and with God's grace I will
follow him as my Savior and Lord.**

Bishop Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to
support these persons in their life in Christ?

People **We will.**

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

The Baptismal Covenant

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

Bishop Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send them into the world in witness to
your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace
and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bishop Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you have made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Confirmation and Reception

Confirmation Defend, O Lord, your servant **N.** with your heavenly grace, that he may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more, until he comes to your everlasting kingdom. Amen.

Reception **N.**, we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. Amen.

Reaffirmation **N.**, may the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom. Amen.

The Bishop concludes with this prayer:

Almighty and everlasting God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Peace

Bishop The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

After exchanging a greeting in the name of the Lord, the People may be seated.

Announcements and Welcome

The Holy Eucharist

The Bishop may begin the offering with an Offertory Sentence.

The offering today is for the Bishops' Discretionary Fund

Offertory Solo At the River

A. Copeland

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A

The people remain standing.

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Bishop Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Bishop It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth our glory in all the world. 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 S 129

Powell

Celebrant and People

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. _____

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Bishop 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:

All say **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Bishop 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.

All say **AMEN.**

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

Lord's Prayer

BCP 366

The Communion

Communion Hymn They cast their nets in Galilee

H 661

Post Communion Prayer

Bishop Let us pray.

All say **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living member of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

Dismissal

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power
of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

Recessional Hymn Lift high the cross

H 473

Postlude Fugue and Chaconne

D. Buxtehude

Please join us for a festive coffee hour to meet the Bishop in our Parish Hall.

Participants in Worship

Clergy	The Rt. Rev. Allen K. Shin The Rev. Dr. Matthew Calkins
Music	Merelyn Gallagher
Soloist	Rachel Bazaz
Chalice	Ben York
Reader	Marli Higa
Usher	ML Ball
Coffee Hour	Marion Thompson
Receptions	Marilyn Donahue Schiller Cindy Guardiola
Renewal of vows	Nina O. Prudden

The Altar Flowers

In celebration of the Confirmands and the Visitation of the Rt. Rev. Allen K. Shin.

Valerie LaRobardier - In loving memory of Justin Campbell - a family friend who grew up with her sons.

Jean Hayes - In loving memory of her husband Stephen, on their 61st wedding anniversary

Remember the Following People on Our Prayer List:

Alison, Barbara, Cathy F., Colleen, Dan J., Evelyn, Jennifer, Logan and family, Lou, Marie-Claude, Marc, May, Nalini, Nancy, Tommy Z., Willem, Yasmin and family.

If you would like prayers said in church on Sunday's and Wednesday's for yourself or someone you know, please contact the office at 845-677-3064 Monday-Friday 9am – 2 pm.

This Week's Prayer Cycle: Monday: P. Treuille Tuesday: Vallarino Wednesday: Vickery Thursday: Weeden Friday: Whiteley Saturday: Whitton Sunday: A. Williams

We welcome all who are with us this morning, and pray that this time of worship and fellowship is inspiring and uplifting for you. Following the service, please join us in the Parish House for coffee and continued fellowship. If you would like to discuss your faith journey, please speak with our Rector, Fr. Matthew Calkins. Contact Info: Cell (203) 216-2287 - Rectory (845) 677-5414 email: calkins@gracemillbrook.org

Servers for next week and Coffee Hour 7/21/24:

Reader	Chalice	Usher	Coffee Hour
8AM - Jimmy Pearson		Jimmy Pearson	Brenda deMartine
10AM - John Lacey	Will Cox	Lacey Family	Lacey Family

We warmly welcome children at Grace. Sunday school has paused for the summer and will resume on September 8th.

Children are always welcome to remain in church with their parents. There are coloring materials in the back of the church if desired. If your child needs an alternative environment, the choir room is open and has books, soft toys, more art supplies and a few items for outside activities. To get to the choir room (where Sunday school is held during the year), go to the front of the church, go through the door on the right and take an immediate left. Thank you for bringing your children! They are a blessing.

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