

Ordination To the Sacred Order of Deacons and Priests

In Christ's One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church



Saturday, December 14, 2024

10 o'clock in the morning

Christ Church Cathedral

Springfield, Massachusetts

THE ORDINATION OF DEACONS AND PRIESTS

THE PRELUDE - *Sonata No. 3 in A Major, mvt. 2 (Adagio)* – Felix Mendelssohn
- *Sonata No. 4 in Bb Major, mvt. 2 (Andante Religioso)*
– Felix Mendelssohn

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN- The Hymnal 1982 #591 O God of Earth and Altar



1 O God of earth and al - tar, bow down and hear our cry,
2 From all that ter - ror teach - es, from lies of tongue and pen,
3 Tie in a liv - ing teth - er the prince and priest and thrall,

our earth - ly ru - lers fal - ter, our peo - ple drift and die;
from all the eas - y speech - es that com - fort cru - el men,
bind all our lives to - geth - er, smite us and save us all;

the walls of gold en - tomb us, the swords of scorn di - vide,
from sale and prof - a - na - tion of hon - or, and the sword,
in ire and ex - ul - ta - tion a - flame with faith, and free,

take not thy thun - der from us, but take a - way our pride.
from sleep and from dam - na - tion, de - liv - er us, good Lord!
lift up a liv - ing na - tion, a sin - gle sword to thee.

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The people standing, as able

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

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Bishop Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets 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. Amen.

THE PRESENTATION

The Bishop and people sit.

A Priest and a Lay Person, and additional presenters if desired, standing before the bishop, present the ordinands, saying:

Douglas, Bishop in the Church of God, on behalf of the clergy and people of the Diocese of Western Massachusetts, we present to you Kathleen M. Kopitsky, Christina C. Leung, and Linda K. Morgan to be ordained deacon in Christ's holy catholic Church.

A Priest & Lay Person, & additional presenters if desired, standing before the bishop, present the ordinands, saying
Douglas, Bishop in the Church of God, on behalf of the clergy and people of the Diocese of Western Massachusetts, we present to you Silas Jude Lee Kotnour, and Nathan Christopher Leach to be ordained priest in Christ's holy catholic Church.

Bishop Have these persons been selected in accordance with the canons of this Church? And do you believe these persons' manner of life to be suitable to the exercise of this ministry?

Presenters We certify to you that Kathy, Chris, Elle, Silas, and Nathan have satisfied the requirements of the canons, and we believe them to be qualified for this order.

Bishop to ordinands Will you be loyal to the doctrine, discipline, and worship of Christ as this Church has received them? And will you, in accordance with the canons of this Church, obey your bishop and other ministers who may have authority over you and your work?

Ordinands answer I am willing and ready to do so; and I solemnly declare that I do believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, and to contain all things necessary to salvation; and I do solemnly engage to conform to the doctrine, discipline, and worship of the Episcopal Church.

The Ordinands then sign the above Declaration in the sight of all present.

All stand.

The Bishop says to the people

Dear friends in Christ, you know the importance of this ministry, and the weight of your responsibility in presenting Kathy, Chris, and Elle as deacons, and Silas and Nathan as priests. Therefore if any of you know any impediment or crime because of which we should not proceed, come forward now, and make it known.

If no objection is made, the Bishop continues

Bishop Is it your will that we ordain Kathy, Chris, and Elle as deacons?

The People **It is.**

Bishop Is it your will that we ordain Silas and Nathan as priests?

The People **It is.**

Bishop Will you uphold them in this ministry?

The People **We will.**

THE LITANY FOR ORDINATIONS

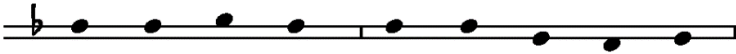
The ordinands kneel facing the Bishop. The Bishop then calls the people to prayer with these words:

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

All kneel as able.

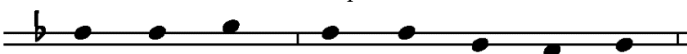
The Hymnal, S-390

Cantor *People*



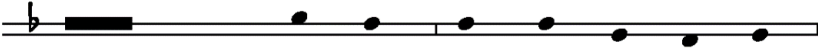
God the Fa - ther, Have mer - cy on us.

Cantor *People*



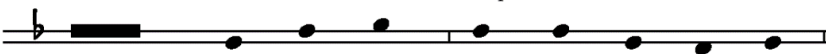
God the Son, Have mer - cy on us.

Cantor *People*



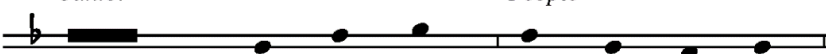
God the Holy Spir - it, Have mer - cy on us.

Cantor *People*



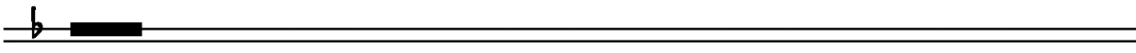
Holy Trini - ty, one God, Have mer - cy on us.

Cantor *People*




We pray to you, Lord Christ. Lord, hear our prayer.

Cantor



For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and
be found without fault at the Day of your Coming,

People



we pray to you, O Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

For all members of your Church in their vocation and ministry, that they may serve you in a true and godly life, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Douglas, our Diocesan Bishop, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons, that they may be filled with your love, may hunger for truth, and may thirst after righteousness, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer

For Kathy, Chris, Elle, Silas, and Nathan, chosen deacons and priests in your Church, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer

That they may faithfully fulfill the duties of this ministry, build up your Church, and glorify your Name, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer

That by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit they may be sustained and encouraged to persevere to the end, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer

For their families, that they may be adorned with all Christian virtues, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer

For ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord.


Lord, hear our prayer

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer

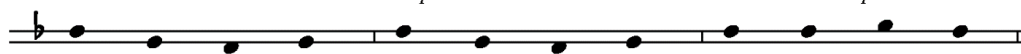
Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another...

People



and all our life to Christ our God. To you, O Lord our God.

Cantor *People* *Cantor and People*



Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

At the end of the litany, the following Collect is said

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

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 sit, as able

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty, and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said, “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.” The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said, “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!” Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said, “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

Reader The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

THE PSALM: Psalm 43

1. Give judgment for me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people; *
deliver me from the deceitful and the wicked.
2. For you are the God of my strength; why have you put me from you? *
and why do I go so heavily while the enemy oppresses me?
3. Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, *
and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling;
4. That I may go to the altar of God, to the God of my joy and gladness; *
and on the harp I will give thanks to you, O God my God.
5. Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? *
and why are you so disquieted within me?
6. Put your trust in God; *
for I will yet give thanks to him, who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

THE EPISTLE: Philippians 4:4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about⁴ these things. As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

Reader The Word of the Lord
People Thanks be to God

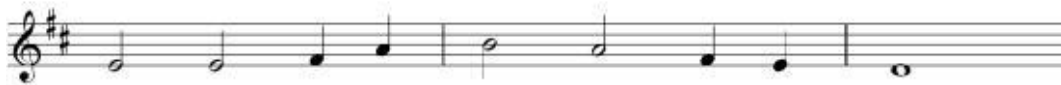
SEQUENCE HYMN – Hymnal 1982 #686 Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing



1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my
2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly



heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er
by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good
I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a



ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering
prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to



flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me
from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from
leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and



on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

THE GOSPEL: John 10:11-18

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me, just as the Father knows me, and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

THE SERMON

The Right Reverend Doctor Douglas J. Fisher

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE EXAMINATION

All are seated except the deacon ordinands, who stand before the Bishop.

Kathy, Chris, and Elle, every Christian is called to follow Jesus Christ, serving God the Father, through the power of the Holy Spirit. God now calls you to a special ministry of servanthood directly under your bishop. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are to serve all people, particularly the poor, the weak, the sick, and the lonely.

As a deacon in the Church, you are to study the Holy Scriptures, to seek nourishment from them, and to model your life upon them. You are to make Christ and his redemptive love known, by your word and example, to those among whom you live, and work, and worship. You are to interpret to the Church the needs, concerns, and hopes of the world. You are to assist the bishop and priests in public worship and in the ministration of God's Word and Sacraments, and you are to carry out other duties assigned to you from time to time. At all times, your life and teaching are to show Christ's people that in serving the helpless they are serving Christ himself.

Bishop My friends, do you believe that you are truly called by God and the Church to the life and work of a deacon?

Answer I believe I am so called.

All are seated except the priest ordinands, who stand before the Bishop.

Silas and Nathan, the Church is the family of God, the body of Christ, and the temple of the Holy Spirit. All baptized people are called to make Christ known as Savior and Lord, and to share in the renewing of his world. Now you are called to work as pastor, priest, and teacher, together with your bishop and fellow presbyters, and to take your share in the councils of the Church.

As a priest, it will be your task to proclaim by word and deed the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and to fashion your life in accordance with its precepts. You are to love and serve the people among whom you work, caring alike for young and old, strong and weak, rich and poor. You are to preach, to declare God's forgiveness to penitent sinners, to pronounce God's blessing, to share in the administration of Holy Baptism and in the celebration of the mysteries of Christ's Body and Blood, and to perform the other ministrations entrusted to you.

In all that you do, you are to nourish Christ's people from the riches of his grace, and strengthen them to glorify God in this life and in the life to come.

Bishop My friends, do you believe that you are truly called by God and his Church to this priesthood?

Answer I believe I am so called.

ALL ORDINANDS STAND

Bishop Do you now in the presence of the Church commit yourself to this trust and responsibility?

Answer I do.

Bishop Will you be guided by the pastoral direction and leadership of your bishop?

Answer I will.

Bishop Will you be faithful in prayer, and in the reading and study of the Holy Scriptures?

Answer I will.

Bishop Will you look for Christ in all others, being ready to help and serve those in need?

Answer I will.

Bishop Will you do your best to pattern your life in accordance with the teachings of Christ, so that you may be a wholesome example to all people?
Answer I will.
Bishop Will you in all things seek not your glory but the glory of the Lord Christ?
Answer I will.
Bishop May the Lord by his grace uphold you in the service he lays upon you.
Answer Amen.

THE CONSECRATION OF THE DEACONS AND PRIESTS

All now stand except the ordinands, who kneel facing the Bishop.

THE CONSECRATION HYMN – The Hymnal 1982 #504

Come Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire

1. Come, Ho - ly Ghost, our souls in - spire, and light - en
 3. Thy bless - ed unc - tion from a - bove is com - fort,
 5. A - noint and cheer our soil - ed face with the a -
 with ce - les - tial fire. 2. Thou the a - noint - ing
 life, and fire of love. 4. En - a - ble with per -
 bun - dance of thy grace. 6. Keep far our foes, give
 Spi - rit art, who dost thy seven - fold gifts im - part.
 pet - ual light the dull - ness of our blind - ed sight.
 peace at home: where thou art guide, no ill can come.
 7. Teach us to know the Fa - ther, Son, and thee, of
 both, to be but One, 8. that through the a - ges
 all a - long, this may be our end - less song:
 9. praise to thy e - ter - nal mer - it,
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit.

Latin, 9th cent.; tr. John Cosin (1594-1672); para. of Veni Creator Spiritus

A period of silent prayer follows, the people still standing.

THE CONSECRATION OF THE DEACONS

The Bishop then says this Prayer of Consecration

O God, most merciful Father, we praise you for sending your Son Jesus Christ, who took on himself the form of a servant, and humbled himself, becoming obedient even to death on the cross. We praise you that you have highly exalted him, and made him Lord of all; and that, through him, we know that whoever would be great must be servant of all. We praise you for the many ministries in your Church, and for calling these your servants to the order of deacons.

Here the Bishop lays hands upon the head of each ordinand, and prays

Therefore, Father, through Jesus Christ your Son, give your Holy Spirit to Kathy/Chris/Elle; fill her with grace and power, and make her a deacon in your Church.

The Bishop then continues

Make them, O Lord, modest and humble, strong and constant, to observe the discipline of Christ. Let their lives and teaching so reflect your commandments, that through them, many may come to know you and love you. As your Son came not to be served but to serve, may these deacons share in Christ's service, and come to the unending glory of him who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

The People in a loud voice respond... **AMEN!**

The new deacons are now vested according to the order of deacons.

The Bishop then gives a Bible to the newly ordained, saying

Receive this Bible as the sign of your authority to proclaim God's Word and to assist in the ministration of his holy Sacraments.

THE CONSECRATION OF THE PRIESTS

All continue standing except the ordinands, who kneel facing the Bishop.

God of all, we praise you for your infinite love in calling us to be a holy people in the kingdom of your Son Jesus our Lord, who is the image of your eternal and invisible glory, the firstborn among many brethren, and the head of the Church. We thank you that by his death he has overcome death, and, having ascended into heaven, has poured his gifts abundantly upon your people, making some apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry and the building up of his body.

Here the Bishop lays hands upon the heads of the ordinands, the Priests who are present also laying on their hands.

At the same time the Bishop prays

Therefore, Father, through Jesus Christ your Son, give your Holy Spirit to Silas/Nathan; fill [them, him] with grace and power, and make [them, him] a priest in your Church.

May they exalt you, O Lord, in the midst of your people; offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to you; boldly proclaim the gospel of salvation; and rightly administer the sacraments of the New Covenant. Make them faithful pastors, patient teachers, and wise councilors. Grant that in all things they may serve without reproach, so that your people may be strengthened and your Name glorified in all the world. All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

The People in a loud voice respond... **AMEN!**

The new priests are now vested according to the order of priests.

The Bishop then gives a Bible to the newly ordained, saying

Receive this Bible as a sign of the authority given you to preach the Word of God and to administer his holy Sacraments. Do not forget the trust committed to you as a priest of the Church of God.

THE PEACE

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

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM- “Draw us in the Spirit’s Tether”

- Harold Friedell and Percy Dearmer

THE OFFERTORY HYMN - The Hymnal 1982 - #516 Come down, O love divine

1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine,
2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn
3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,
and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
for none can guess its grace, till Love cre - ate a place

and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
where - in the Ho - ly Spi - rit makes a dwell - ing.

Bianco da Siena (d. 1434?); tr. Richard Frederick Littledale (1833-1890), alt.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

All

And also with you.

Celebrant

Lift up your hearts.

All

We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through the great shepherd of your flock, Jesus Christ our Lord; who after his resurrection sent forth his apostles to preach the Gospel and to teach all nations; and promised to be with them always, even to the end of the ages. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS – The Hymnal 1982, #S-131 Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven 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.

Setting: Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)

The people may stand, sit or kneel.

Celebrant

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

All We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

Celebrant And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Ever Blessed Virgin Mary and all of your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 forever. AMEN.

All 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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

THE FRACTION ANTHEM- The Hymnal 1982, #S-166 Jesus, Lamb of God

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on
us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: give us your peace.

Setting: Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

INVITATION TO THE SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

***Everyone is invited to receive the Holy Communion. Our practice is to stand or kneel at the altar rail in front, where the clergy will give you the host and then will give you the chalice. If you desire only a blessing and not the Communion, please indicate by crossing your arms before you.
Gluten-free wafers are available.***

The Celebrant invites the following prayer to be said by all:

**I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament,
and since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart.
I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind.
Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace,
I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.**

THE COMMUNION HYMN- WLP - #812 The Lord of Sea and Sky

Unison

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my
 2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my
 3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the

peo - ple cry. All who dwell in deep - est sin My hand will
 peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them, They turn a -
 poor and lame. I will set a feast for them, My hand will

save. I who made the stars of night,
 way. I will break their hearts of stone,
 save. Fin - est bread I will pro - vide

I will make their dark - ness bright. Who will bear my
 Give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak my
 Till their hearts be sat - is - fied. I will give my

light to them? Whom shall I send?
 word to them. Whom shall I send?
 life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have

heard you call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord,

if you lead me, I will hold your peo - ple in my

1. 2. 3.

heart. heart.

*Text: Daniel L. Schutte
 Music: Daniel L. Schutte*

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant

Let us pray.

All

Almighty Father, we thank you for feeding us with the holy food of the Body and Blood of your Son, and for uniting us through him in the fellowship of your Holy Spirit. We thank you for raising up among us faithful servants for the ministry of your Word and Sacraments. We pray that Kathleen, Christina, Linda, Silas and Nathan may be to us an effective example in word and action, in love and patience, and in holiness of life. Grant that we, with them, may serve you now, and always rejoice in your glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN - Canticle of the Turning (Star of the County Down)



1. My soul cries out with a joy-ful shout that the God of my heart is great, And my
2. Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me, And your
3. From the halls of power to the for-tress tower, not a stone will be left on stone. Let the
4. Though the na-tions rage from age to age, we re-mem-ber who holds us fast: God's.

spir - it sings of the won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait. You
mer - cy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be. Your
king be - ware for your jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant from his throne. The
mer - cy must de - liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp. This

fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my weak - ness you did not spurn, So from
ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn, You will
hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can nev - er earn; There are
sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the prom - ise which holds us bound, 'Til the

east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn? My
show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a -
way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn!

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE POSTLUDE – “Toccata” from *Symphony #5* – Charles-Marie Widor

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