

# THE ORDINATION TO THE SACRED ORDER OF DEACONS

in Christ's One Holy Catholic  
and Apostolic Church

of

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Saturday, the Twenty-Fifth of March, Two Thousand Twenty-Three  
Two o'clock in the afternoon

## Preface to the Ordination Rites

The Holy Scriptures and ancient Christian writers make it clear that from the apostles' time, there have been different ministries within the Church. In particular, since the time of the New Testament, three distinct orders of ordained ministers have been characteristic of Christ's holy catholic Church. First, there is the order of bishops who carry on the apostolic work of leading, supervising, and uniting the Church. Secondly, associated with them are the presbyters, or ordained elders, in subsequent times generally known as priests. Together with the bishops, they take part in the governance of the Church, in the carrying out of its missionary and pastoral work, and in the preaching of the Word of God and administering his holy Sacraments. Thirdly, there are deacons who assist bishops and priests in all of this work. It is also a special responsibility of deacons to minister in Christ's name to the poor, the sick, the suffering, and the helpless.

The persons who are chosen and recognized by the Church as being called by God to the ordained ministry are admitted to sacred orders by solemn prayer and the laying on of episcopal hands. It has been, and is, the intention and purpose of this Church to maintain and continue three orders; and for this purpose services of ordination and consecration are appointed. No persons are allowed to exercise the offices of bishop, priest, or deacon in this Church unless they are so ordained, or have already received such ordination with the laying on of hands by bishops who are themselves duly qualified to confer Holy Orders.

It is also recognized and affirmed that the threefold ministry is not the exclusive property of this portion of Christ's catholic Church, but is a gift from God for the nurture of his people and the proclamation of his Gospel everywhere. Accordingly, the manner of ordaining in this Church is to be such as has been, and is, most generally recognized by Christian people as suitable for the conferring of the orders of bishop, priest, and deacon.

*Book of Common Prayer*



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*Silence is appropriate before the service begins.*

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*We invite you to participate in the worship of God. Our service is the Ordination of a Deacon, and the Holy Eucharist: Rite Two in The Book of Common Prayer. For ease of use, this booklet contains the congregational portions of the liturgy and service music. Congregational responses are printed in bold. Hymn numbers refer to The Hymnal 1982. Page numbers refer to the Prayer Book for those wishing to use it. Lesson and Gospel texts are taken from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible. Unless requested, applause isn't necessary; please give quiet thanks to God for the elements of worship that are meaningful for you.*

Prelude

*Toccata on Old Hundredth*

arr. Robert Lau  
(b. 1943)

Welcome

Opening Hymn

*Jesus Shall Reign*

*Duke Street*  
Hymnal 544

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun doth his successive journeys run;  
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown his head;  
his Name like sweet perfume shall rise with every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song;  
and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his Name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns: the prisoners leap to lose their chains,  
the weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring peculiar honors to our King;  
angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen.

*The people standing.*

*Bishop:* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People:* **His mercy endures for ever.**

*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. Priests and lay persons appointed stand before the Bishop and present each ordinand, saying:*

*Presenters:* Russell, Bishop in the Church of God, on behalf of the clergy and people of the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast, we present to you *N.N.*, to be ordained a deacon in Christ's holy catholic Church.

*Bishop:* Has *he/she* been selected in accordance with the canons of this Church? And do you believe *his/her* manner of life to be suitable to the exercise of this ministry?

*Presenters:* We certify to you that *he/she* has satisfied the requirements of the canons, and we believe *him/her* qualified for this order.

*Bishop:* *N.*, 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?

*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 Brad, Deborah, John, Jennie, Ryan, and Stephen for ordination to the sacred order of deacons. 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:*

Is it your will that they be ordained deacons?

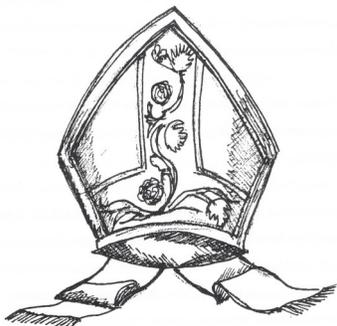
*People:* **It is.**

*Bishop:* Will you uphold them in this ministry?

*People:* **We will.**

*Bishop:* In peace let us pray to the Lord.

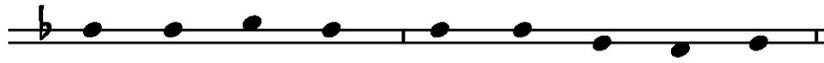
*All kneel.*



# The Litany for Ordinations

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*Cantor*                      *People*



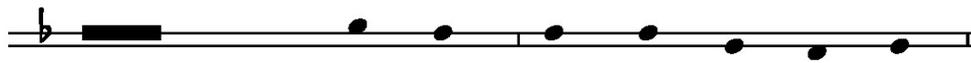
God the Fa - ther,      Have mer - cy      on      us.

*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*



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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 Michael, our Presiding 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 Brad, Deborah, John, Jennie, Ryan, and Stephen, chosen deacons 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.**



*Bishop:* Let us pray.

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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 Ministry of the Word

First Reading:

*Ecclesiasticus 39:1-8*

*Reader:* A Reading from Ecclesiasticus

He seeks out the wisdom of all the ancients, and is concerned with prophecies; he preserves the sayings of the famous and penetrates the subtleties of parables; he seeks out the hidden meanings of proverbs and is at home with the obscurities of parables. He serves among the great and appears before rulers; he travels in foreign lands and learns what is good and evil in the human lot. He sets his heart on rising early to seek the Lord who made him, and to petition the Most High; he opens his mouth in prayer and asks pardon for his sins. If the great Lord is willing, he will be filled with the spirit of understanding; he will pour forth words of wisdom of his own and give thanks to the Lord in prayer. The Lord will direct his counsel and knowledge, as he meditates on his mysteries. He will show the wisdom of what he has learned, and will glory in the law of the Lord's covenant.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 119:33-40 *Legem pone* *Please read in unison.*

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- <sup>33</sup> **Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, \***  
**and I shall keep it to the end.**
- <sup>34</sup> **Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; \***  
**I shall keep it with all my heart.**
- <sup>35</sup> **Make me go in the path of your commandments, \***  
**for that is my desire.**
- <sup>36</sup> **Incline my heart to your decrees \***  
**and not to unjust gain.**
- <sup>37</sup> **Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; \***  
**give me life in your ways.**
- <sup>38</sup> **Fulfill your promise to your servant, \***  
**which you make to those who fear you.**
- <sup>39</sup> **Turn away the reproach which I dread, \***  
**because your judgements are good.**
- <sup>40</sup> **Behold, I long for your commandments; \***  
**in your righteousness preserve my life.**

Second Reading:

*Acts 6:2-7*

*Reader:* A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

And the twelve called together the whole community of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should neglect the word of God in order to wait at tables. Therefore, friends, select from among yourselves seven men of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this task, while we, for our part, will devote ourselves to prayer and to serving the word." What they said pleased the whole community, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor,

Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. They had these men stand before the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. The word of God continued to spread; the number of the disciples increased greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn *Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, Glory to God*

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, keep your lamps trimmed and burning,  
keep your lamps trimmed and burning, for the time is drawing nigh.

**Refrain:** Children, don't grow weary, children, don't grow weary,  
children, don't grow weary, for the time is drawing nigh.

Darker midnight lies before us, darker midnight lies before us,  
darker midnight lies before us, for the time is drawing nigh. **Refrain**

Lo, the morning soon is breaking, lo, the morning soon is breaking,  
lo, the morning soon is breaking, for the time is drawing nigh. **Refrain**

Christian, journey soon be over, Christian, journey soon be over,  
Christian, journey soon be over, for the time is drawing nigh. **Refrain**

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, keep your lamps trimmed and burning,  
keep your lamps trimmed and burning, for the time is drawing nigh. **Refrain**

The Holy Gospel: *Luke 12:35-38*

*Celebrant:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People:* **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.”

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Reverend Deacon Carolyn J. Foster

The Nicene Creed

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**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

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

*The Bishop addresses the ordinands:*

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

*Answer:* I believe I am so called.

*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 and that of your family, 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

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

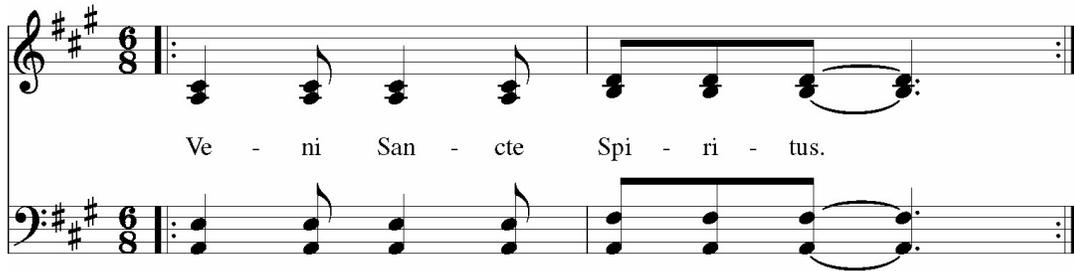
Hymn

*Veni Sancte Spiritus*

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**Refrain:** Veni Sancte Spiritus

*The assembly repeats this refrain as selected verses are sung.*



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

*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 the ordinand, and prays:*

*Bishop:*

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

Make *him/her*, O Lord, modest and humble, strong and constant, to observe the discipline of Christ. Let *his/her* life and teaching so reflect your commandments, that through *him/her* many may come to know you and love you. As your Son came not to be served but to serve, may this deacon 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 Bibles 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 Peace

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

*People:* **And also with you.**

## Welcome and Announcements

The Very Reverend Beverly F. Gibson

# The Holy Communion

*The offering this day is given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for the ministry of the ordinands.*

## The Offertory

John Rutter

(b. 1945)

*Gloria from "Missa Brevis"*

Cathedral Choir

Gloria in excelsis Deo.	Glory be to God in the highest.
Et in terra pax	And on earth peace
hominibus bonæ voluntatis.	to men of good will.
Laudamus te; benedicimus te;	We praise Thee; we bless Thee;
adoramus te; glorificamus te.	we worship Thee; we glorify Thee.
Gratias agimus tibi	We give thanks to Thee
propter magnam gloriam tuam.	for Thy great glory.
Domine Deus, Rex coelestis,	O Lord God, Heavenly King,
Deus Pater omnipotens.	God the Father Almighty.
Domine Fili unigenite Jesu Christe.	O Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son.
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei,	Lord God, Lamb of God,
Filius Patris.	Son of the Father.
Qui tollis peccata mundi,	Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have
miserere nobis.	mercy upon us.
Qui tollis peccata mundi,	Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive
suscipe deprecationem nostram.	our prayer.
Qui sedes ad dextram Patris,	Thou that sittest at the right hand of the Father,
O miserere nobis.	have mercy upon us.
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus,	For thou only art holy,
tu solus Dominus,	thou only art the Lord,
tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe.	thou only art the most high, Jesus Christ.
Cum Sancto Spiritu	Together with the Holy Ghost
in gloria Dei Patris.	in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.	Amen.

At the Presentation

*The Doxology*

*Old 100<sup>th</sup>*

The Great Thanksgiving

*Eucharistic Prayer B*

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*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. 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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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

*The people stand or kneel.*

*The Bishop then continues:*

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,

*Bishop and People:* **We remember his death,  
 We proclaim his resurrection,  
 We await his coming in glory;**

*The Bishop continues:*

And we offer this 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 all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the first-born 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 for ever. **Amen.**

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

## The Lord's Prayer

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**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 Breaking of the Bread

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*Celebrant:* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People:* **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

*Celebrant:* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## Music at Communion

### Hymn

*Beatitudes*  
Hymnal 560

*Remember your servants, Lord*

**Antiphon:** Remember your servants, Lord,  
when you come in your kingly power.

Blesséd are the poor in spirit;  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blesséd are those who mourn;  
for they shall be comforted.

Blesséd are the meek;  
for they shall inherit the earth.

Blesséd are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness;  
for they shall be satisfied.

Blesséd are the merciful;  
for they shall obtain mercy.

Blesséd are the pure in heart;  
for they shall see God.

Blesséd are the peacemakers;  
for they shall be called the children of God.

Blesséd are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake;  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blesséd are you when the world reviles you and persecutes you;  
and utters all manner of evil against you falsely for my sake:

Rejoice and be exceeding glad;  
for great is your reward in heaven.

## Hymn

*Vater unser im Himmelreich**Before thy throne, O God, we kneel*

Hymnal 575

Before thy throne, O God, we kneel: give us a conscience quick to feel,  
 a ready mind to understand the meaning of thy chastening hand;  
 whate'er the pain and shame may be, bring us, O Father, nearer thee.

Search out our hearts and make us true; help us to give to all their due.  
 From love of pleasure, lust of gold, from sins which make the heart grow cold,  
 wean us and train us with thy rod; teach us to know our faults, O God.

For sins of heedless word and deed, for pride ambitious to succeed,  
 for crafty trade and subtle snare to catch the simple unaware,  
 for lives bereft of purpose high, forgive, forgive, O Lord, we cry.

Let the fierce fires which burn and try, our inmost spirits purify:  
 consume the ill; purge out the shame; O God, be with us in the flame;  
 a new-born people may we rise, more pure, more true, more nobly wise.

## Hymn

*Gott sei Dank**Spread, O spread thou mighty word*

Hymnal 530

Spread, O spread, thou mighty word, spread the kingdom of the Lord,  
 that to earth's remotest bound all may heed the joyful sound;  
 word of how the Father's will made the world, and keeps it, still;  
 how his only Son he gave, earth from sin and death to save;  
 word of how the Savior's love earth's sore burden doth remove;  
 how forever, in its need, through his death the world is freed;  
 word of how the Spirit came bringing peace in Jesus' name;  
 how his never-failing love guides us on to heaven above.

Word of life, most pure and strong, word for which the nations long,  
 spread abroad, until from night all the world awakes to light.

## Hymn

*Ubi caritas (Murray)**God is love*

Hymnal 577

**Refrain:** God is love, and where true love is  
 God himself is there.

Here in Christ we gather, love of Christ our calling.  
 Christ, our love, is with us, gladness be his greeting.

Let us fear and love him, holy God eternal.

Loving him, let each love Christ in one another. **Refrain**

When we Christians gather, members of one Body,  
 let there be in us no discord but one spirit.

Banished now be anger, strife and every quarrel.

Christ, our God, be always present here among us. **Refrain**

Grant us love's fulfillment, joy with all the blessed,  
 when we see your face, O Savior, in its glory.

Shine on us, O purest Light of all creation,  
 be our bliss while endless ages sing your praises. **Refrain**

*Seek to Serve*Mollie Adams, *soprano*Myles Garver, *tenor*

May I live in the world

As one who always seeks to serve.

May I live as one who knows the love of God.

Lord, teach me how to live and how to serve.

With my ears may I hear,

With my eyes may I see.

With my lips may I speak

Make your Word be heard through me.

Thus as I live each day may love sustain the will to serve. Amen.

## Post Communion Prayer

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*After Communion, the Bishop says:* Let us pray.*Bishop and people:*

**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 Brad, Deborah, John, Jennie, Ryan, and Stephen 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 Bishop blesses the people.*

## Closing Hymn

*Cwm Rhondda*  
Hymnal 690*Guide me, O thou great Jehovah*

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;

I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand;

bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore, feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;

let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through;

strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield, be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;

death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side;

songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee, I will ever give to thee.

## Dismissal

*The new deacons dismiss the people:*

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

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

arr. Matt Limbaugh  
(b. 1949)*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

# THE MISSION OF CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

Christ Church Cathedral lovingly welcomes all people to traditional Episcopal worship, to deepen our relationships, serve our community, and grow closer to God.

## CORE VALUES

### Family Friendly

We offer a safe environment and engaging programs for all ages, guiding and helping each other grow closer to God.

### Hospitable

Christ Church Cathedral is a gracious, nurturing and inclusive place, where all members and guests feel at home and desire to belong.

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The Betty Coale Young Musician Scholarship grants financial awards to promising middle and high-school instrumentalists and singers. Recipients of this scholarship will be featured during Christ Church Cathedral's summer services and receive a scholarship of \$400. In addition, a Young Organist Award is available to an outstanding middle or high-school organist who demonstrates excellence in solo playing and hymnody in the amount of \$900. This organist will have the opportunity to play the Cathedral Organ and be a part of future educational programming at Christ Church.

We are deeply thankful for Harwell Coale's generous donation in memory of his late wife and for their long-standing support of the music ministry at Christ Church. Betty Coale was a cherished member of the Christ Church choir, and we are grateful that her memory lives on in the support of education and performance opportunities for Mobile-area music students.

If you or someone you know would like to submit an application to be considered for this scholarship, please contact Elizabeth Bemis at [ebemis@christchurchcathedralsmobile.org](mailto:ebemis@christchurchcathedralsmobile.org).

## Diocesan Acolyte Festival

Saturday, August 19

9:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

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Mobile, Alabama

We are excited to announce the 2023 Acolyte Festival. We have been waiting since 2020 to be able to invite your acolytes, clergy, and acolyte leaders back to their cathedral. This event is a very concrete way for our youth, especially those in our smaller churches, to witness the beauty and significance of our church in a deeper and wider way. The connections made and the community built can be more important than the instruction they will be given. Still, we intend for this event to be instructional and inspirational. We even have a surprise trip for them to tour the Cathedral including the secret catacombs under the altar!

We need your help to make it meaningful and successful. We are looking for clergy and lay leaders to join the planning team to make this the best festival ever. If you would like to join the planning team, please contact Carolyn Jeffers at [cjeffers@christchurchcathedralsmobile.org](mailto:cjeffers@christchurchcathedralsmobile.org).

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