

ORDINATION OF DEACONS

The Episcopal Diocese of Virginia



Church of the Holy Comforter | Richmond, Virginia

June 25, 2022

10:30 a.m.



THE ENTRANCE

Prelude

Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr, BWV 663

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

The Procession (*Sung by all, standing*)

Lift High the Cross

Hymn 473, *The Hymnal 1982*
Crucifer, Sydney Hugo Nicholson

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

***People* And Blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever. 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. The presenters, standing before the bishop, present the ordinands, saying

Susan, Bishop in the Church of God, on behalf of the clergy and people of the Diocese of Virginia, we present to you N.N. to be ordained a deacon in Christ's holy catholic Church.

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

Presenters We certify to you that they have satisfied the requirements of the canons, and we believe them to be qualified for this order.

The Bishop says to the 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 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 Sam, Maria, Blake and Kilpy 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

Bishop Is it your will that Sam, Maria, Blake and Kilpy be ordained deacons?

People It is.

Bishop Will you uphold them in this ministry?

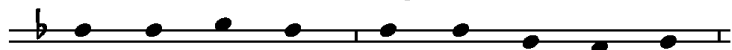
People We will.

Bishop In peace let us pray to the Lord.

THE LITANY FOR ORDINATIONS


All kneel.

Cantor *People*



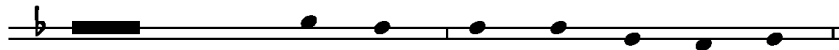
God the Fa - ther, Have mer - cy on us.

Cantor *People*



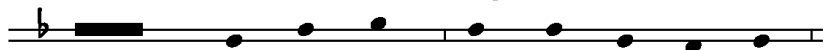
God the Son, Have mer - cy on us.

Cantor *People*



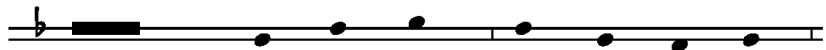
God the Holy Spir - it, Have mer - cy on us.

Cantor *People*



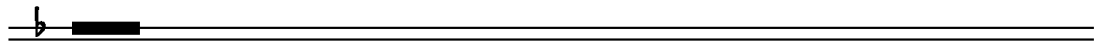
Holy Trini - ty, one God, Have mer - cy on us.

Cantor *People*



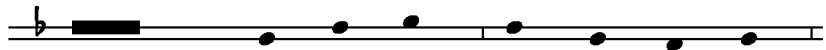
We pray to you, Lord Christ. Lord, hear our prayer.

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.

The Litany continues with the same response, until

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.

Setting: Ver. *Hymnal 1982*.
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Bishop The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Bishop 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 MINISTRY OF THE WORD (*All sit*)

The First Lesson

Jeremiah 1:4-9

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying,
"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

Then I said, “Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.” But the Lord said to me,

“Do not say, ‘I am only a boy,’
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,
and you shall speak whatever I command you.
Do not be afraid of them,
for I am with you to deliver you,
says the Lord.”

Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth, and the Lord said to me,

“Now I have put my words in your mouth.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm (*said responsively by whole verse*)

Psalm 84

1 How lovely is your dwelling place,
O Lord of hosts!

**2 My soul longs, indeed it faints,
for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh sing for joy
to the living God.**

3 Even the sparrow finds a home
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young,
at your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.

**4 Happy are those who live in your house,
ever singing your praise.**

5 Happy are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

**6 As they go through the valley of Baca,
they make it a place of springs;
the early rain also covers it with pools.**

7 They go from strength to strength;
the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

**8 O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer;
give ear, O God of Jacob! Selah**

9 Behold our shield, O God;
look on the face of your anointed.

**10 For a day in your courts is better
than a thousand elsewhere.**

**I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than live in the tents of wickedness.**

11 For the Lord God is a sun and shield;
he bestows favor and honor.

No good thing does the Lord withhold
from those who walk uprightly.

**12 O Lord of hosts,
happy is everyone who trusts in you.**

The Second Lesson

2 Corinthians 4:1-6

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful, underhanded ways; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing clearly the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus's sake. For it is the God who said, "Light will shine out of darkness," who

has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

At The Sequence (*Sung by all, standing*)

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Hymn 474, *The Hymnal 1982*

Isaac Watts

The Gospel

Luke 22:24-27

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them, "The kings of the gentiles lord it over them, and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather, the greatest among you must become like the youngest and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rt. Rev. Susan E. Goff

Bishop Suffragan & Ecclesiastical Authority

The Nicene Creed (*All stand*)

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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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 ordinands, who stand before the Bishop.
The Bishop addresses the ordinands as follows*

My sisters and brothers, 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.

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

Ordinands I believe I am so called.

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

Ordinands I do.

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

Ordinands I will.

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

Ordinands I will.

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

Ordinands 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?

Ordinands I will.

Bishop Will you in all things seek not your glory but the glory of the Lord Christ?

Ordinands I will.

Bishop May the Lord by his grace uphold you in the service he lays upon you.

Ordinands Amen.

THE CONSECRATION OF THE DEACONS

At the Consecration (*All now stand except the Ordinands, who kneel facing the Bishop*)

Come Holy Ghost, our souls inspire

Hymn 504, *The Hymnal 1982*

Veni creator spiritus, trans. John Cosin

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 this your servant to the order of deacons.

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

Therefore, Father, through Jesus Christ your Son, give your Holy Spirit to Sam, Maria, Kilpy and Blake; fill them with grace and power, and make them deacons in your Church.

The Bishop 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 ministrations of his holy Sacraments.

THE PEACE

The Bishop then says to the congregation

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

All greet the newly ordained.

THE OFFERTORY

The offering is designated for the discretionary funds of the new deacons. Please make checks payable to the Diocese of Virginia with "Ordination" in the memo line. To give via text, text DIOVA ORDAIN to 73256. To give via web, visit bit.ly/OrdinationOffering (case sensitive).

Offertory Anthem

Air, from "Suite for Organ"

Florence Price (1887-1953)

At the Presentation *(Sung by all, standing)*

Take My Life and Let It Be

Hymn 707, *The Hymnal 1982*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer D

The people remain standing. The Bishop faces them and says

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 God thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Bishop proceeds

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing (say),

Bishop and people

Sanctus

S130, *The Hymnal 1982*
Proulx (1937-2010)

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Bishop continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you

called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Bishop and People

***We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.***

The Bishop continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

People **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your 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.**

Fraction Anthem

S171, *The Hymnal 1982*



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.



1. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia,



is the com - mun - ion of the bo - dy of Christ. [Ant.]



2. One bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia,



for though man - y we share one bread. [Ant.]

THE COMMUNION

All baptized persons who receive Communion in their own churches are welcome to receive the Sacrament. Please follow the directions of the ushers.

Hymns During Communion

Be Thou My Vision

Hyman 488, *The Hymnal 1982*
Slane

Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

Hymn 711, *The Hymnal 1982*
Lafferty

Come, thou fount of every blessing

Hymn 686, *The Hymnal 1982*
Nettleton

After Communion, the Bishop and the people pray

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 Sam, Maria, Blake and Kilpy may be to us effective examples 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

At the Closing (*Sung by all, standing*)

How Firm a Foundation

Hymn 636, *The Hymnal 1982*
Melody from The Sacred Harp

The Dismissal

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

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

Postlude

Carillon-Sortie

Henri Mulet (1878-1967)

PARTICIPANTS

Celebrant & Preacher

The Rt. Rev. Susan Ellyn Goff
Bishop Suffragan & Ecclesiastical Authority

Deacon

The Rev. Deacon Joseph G. Klenzmann
Holy Comforter, Richmond

Bishop's Chaplain & Host Rector

The Rev. Dr. Hilary Borbón Smith
Holy Comforter, Richmond

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Nikki Bailey

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James McCoy

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