

THE DIOCESE OF SOUTHERN VIRGINIA

ORDINATION TO THE SACRED ORDER OF DEACONS

JUNE 6, 2026, 11:00 a.m.



Crystal Robin Brown
Sarah Mary Forti
Allison McGehee Miller Pace

CHRIST & ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, NORFOLK

THE PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN 525: The Church's one foundation

Aurelia

1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,
 4 Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war
 5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,

1 she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word:
 2 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
 3 by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed;
 4 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for ev - er - more;
 5 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.

1 from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 2 one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 3 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
 4 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blessed,
 5 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we

1 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 2 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
 3 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 4 and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.
 5 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.** *(please be seated)*

The Ordinands are each presented separately.

THE PRESENTATION

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

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

Presenters We certify to you that she has satisfied the requirements of the canons, and we believe her to be qualified for this order.

The Bishop then addresses the Ordinand.

THE DECLARATION

Bishop 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 Ordinand then signs the above Declaration in the sight of all present.

The Bishop addresses the Congregation.

Bishop Dear friends in Christ, you know the importance of this ministry, and the weight of your responsibility in presenting Robin, Sarah, and Allison 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 to the people.

Bishop Is it your will that Robin, Sarah, and Allison be ordained deacons?

People **It is.**

Bishop Will you uphold these persons in this ministry?

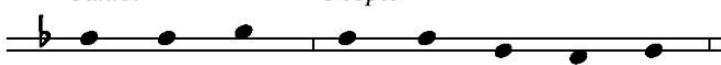
People **We will.**

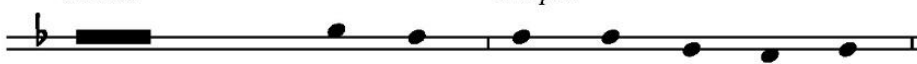
Bishop In peace let us pray to the Lord.

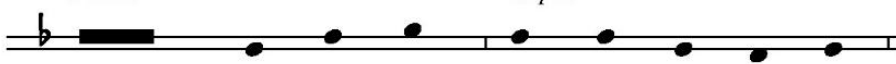
THE LITANY FOR ORDINATIONS: Hymnal S 390 (*please kneel*)

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.

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, Susan, our 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 Robin, Sarah, and Allison, 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.

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.

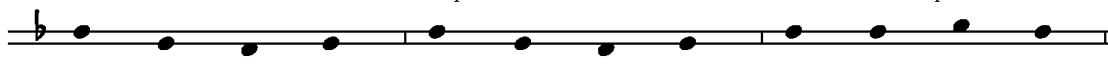
Rejoicing in the fellowship of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Luke, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another,

People



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

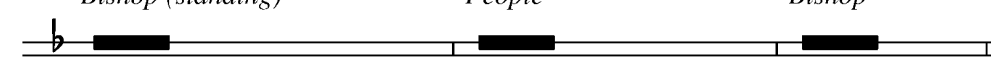
Cantor *People* *Cantor and People*



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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Bishop (standing) *People* *Bishop*



The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us pray.

The Bishop intones the Collect.

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.**
(please be seated)

THE FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 1:4-9

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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s People.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 119:33-40 (*read responsively by half verse*)

33 Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, *
and I shall keep it to the end.

34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; *
I shall keep it with all my heart.

35 Make me go in the path of your commandments, *
for that is my desire.

36 Incline my heart to your decrees *
and not to unjust gain.

37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; *
give me life in your ways.

38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, *
which you make to those who fear you.

39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, *
because your judgments are good.

40 Behold, I long for your commandments; *
in your righteousness preserve my life.

THE SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 4:1-6

SINCE it is by God’s mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; 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 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’ sake. For it is the

God who said, "Let light 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 Jesus Christ.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.
People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN: God, who summons through all ages

Julion



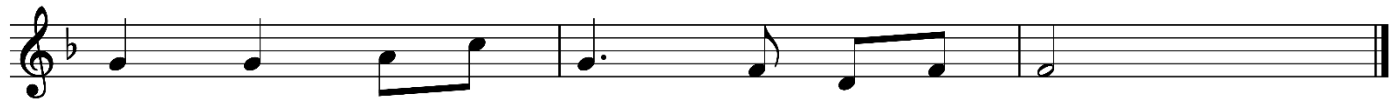
1. God, who sum-mons through all
2. Called to keep your house-hold's
3. God, E - ter - nal Word With-



a - ges men and wom - en to or - dain, now a - noint your cho - sen
mys - teries, guar-dian, coun - se - lor, and friend, bled with gifts u - nique and
-in Us, help us lis - ten so that we hear your call to be Christ's



ser - vants, join them to the a-pos - tles' train, Give them pa - tience, cour-age,
pre - cious, may they these with your grace blend. As they an - swer Christ's com -
bod - y, claim our gifts, serve faith - ful - ly. May we each in word and



wis - dom, as they serve your tri - une name.
-mis - sion, keep them stead - fast to life's end.
ac - tion join in mu - tual min - is - try!

THE GOSPEL

Luke 22:24-27

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

A dispute arose among the disciples as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But Jesus 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."

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

THE NICENE CREED (*please stand*)

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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 (*please be seated*)

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Bishop My 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.

My sisters, do you believe that you are truly called by God and the 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 and that of your family, 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.

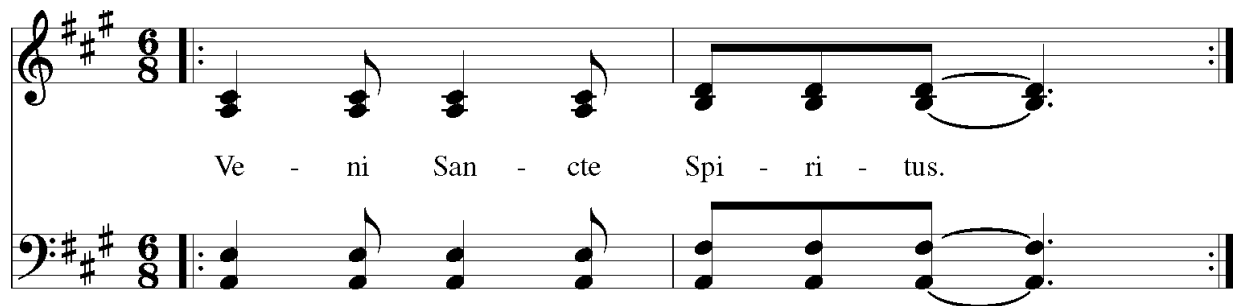
Bishop May the Lord by his grace uphold you in the service he lays upon you.

Ordinands Amen.

THE CONSECRATION OF THE DEACON

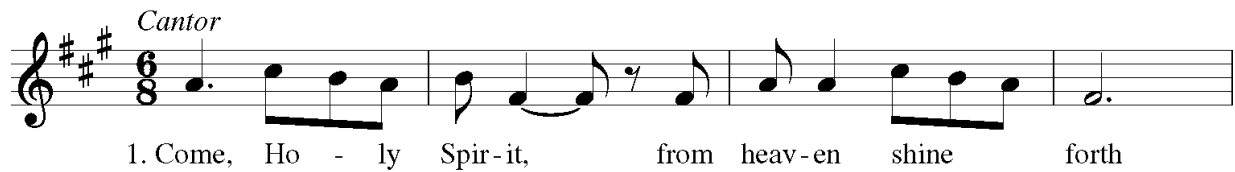
THE CONSECRATION MUSIC (*please stand*)

The Ordinands kneel before the Bishop.

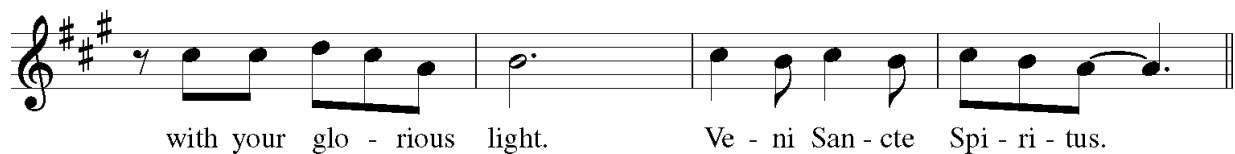


Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus.

Cantor



1. Come, Ho - ly Spi - rit, from heav - en shine forth



with your glo - rious light. Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus.



2. Come from the four winds, O Spi - rit, come breath of God; dis -



perse the shad - ows ov - er us, re - new and strength - en your



peo - ple. Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus.

Translation: Come, Holy Spirit.

A period of silent prayer follows the hymn.

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION FOR A DEACON

Bishop 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, in turn, upon the head of the ordinands, and prays

Therefore, Father, through Jesus Christ your Son, give your Holy Spirit to *N.*; 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 life 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.

Amen.

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

The Bishop 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 PEACE

Bishop The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: Draw us in the Spirit's tether

Harold Friedell

Draw us in the Spirit's tether, For when humbly in Thy name,
Two or three are met together Thou are in the midst of them;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Touch we now Thy garment's hem.
As the brethren used to gather in the name of Christ to sup,
Then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluia! Alleluia! So knit Thou our friendship up.
All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of Thee,
That by caring, helping, giving we may true disciples be.
Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve Thee faithfully.

Please stand as the Bishop approaches the altar.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Bishop continues with the Proper Preface...

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: Hymnal S 129

Robert Powell

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. _____

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Bishop Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Bishop continues...

...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.

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

Bishop Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION (*please be seated*)

Communion at Christ & St. Luke's:

- At the indication of the usher, please move to the center aisle and proceed up the altar rail. Move to the open spot filling in from the center of the rail to the wall.
- Kneel as you are able and place one hand over the other, palms up, to receive the bread.
- To sip from a chalice to receive the wine, consume the bread leaving your palms empty.
- To intinct (dip) your wafer into the wine, hold it between your thumb and forefinger.
- Once the chalices have passed, exit out the side and back down the side aisles to your pew.

Gluten free wafers are available, simply let the priest know you require one. If you prefer not to receive the bread or wine but would like a blessing, gently cross your arms across your chest.

A standing station is also available in front of the pulpit.

COMMUNION ANTHEM: If ye love me

Thomas Tallis

If ye love me, keep my commandments

And I will pray the Father,

And he shall give you another comforter.

That he may 'bide with you forever,

E'en the spirit of truth

-John 14:15-17

COMMUNION HYMN: Here I am Lord



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 dark and sin
 peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them.
 poor and lame. I will set a feast for them.



My hand will save. I who made the
 They turn a - way. I will break their
 My hand will save. Fin - est bread I



stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
 hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love a - lone.
 will pro - vide Till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my 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 heart.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Bishop Let us pray. (*please stand*)

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 Robin, Sarah, and Allison, 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

CLOSING HYMN: Lord, you give the great commission

Abbot's Leigh

1. Lord, you give the great com - mis - ion: "Heal the
 2. Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my
 3. Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my
 4. Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa - ther,
 5. Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am

sick and preach the word." Lest the church ne - glect its
 name bap - tize and teach." That the world may trust your
 bod - y, this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true
 what they do, for - give." Yet we hoard as pri - vate
 with you to the end." Faith and hope and love re -

mis - sion, and the gos - pel go un - heard,
 pro - mise, life a - bun - dant meant for each,
 glo - ry, dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward,
 trea - sure all that you so free - ly give.
 stor - ing, may we serve as you in - tend

help us wit - ness to your pur - pose with re -
 give us all new fer - vor, draw us clos - er
 ask - ing that the world a - round us share your
 May your care and mer - cy lead us to a
 and, a - mid the cares that claim us, hold in

newed in - teg - ri - ty. With the Spir - it's
 in com - mun - i - ty.
 chil - dren's lib - er - ty.
 just so - ci - e - ty.
 mind e - ter - ni - ty.

gifts em - power us for the work of min - is - try.

THE DISMISSAL

People Thanks be to God.

THE POSTLUDE

THE ORDINANDS

Crystal Robin Brown

The Reverend Charles Lane Cowen, *Presenter*

The Reverend Dr. Connie Jones, *Presenter*

Harper Bathel, *Presenter*

Penny Lewis, *Presenter*

Silas Longest, *Presenter*

The Reverend Canon Adrienne Koch, *Vester*

Perry Schneider, *Vester*

David Brown, *Vester*

Sarah Mary Forti

The Reverend Dr. Canon Jeunée Godsey, *Presenter*

The Reverend John Maher, *Presenter*

Beverley Buston, *Presenter*

Lydia Dyson, *Presenter*

Max Russo, *Vester*

Nino Russo, *Vester*

Thomas Forti, *Vester*

Allison McGehee Miller Pace

The Reverend Grace M. Rigby, *Presenter*

The Reverend Mary Margaret Winn, *Presenter*

The Reverend Steve Pace, *Presenter & Vester*

Chris Farrar, *Presenter & Vester*

Naomi Pace, *Presenter & Vester*

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

The Right Reverend Susan B. Haynes, *Celebrant*
The Reverend Deacon Dana VanVliet-Pullin, *Bishop's Chaplain*
The Reverend Deacon Steve Pace, *Gospeller*
The Reverend Canon Willis Foster, *Preacher*
The Reverend Canon Dr. Carla McCook, *Canon to the Ordinary*
The Reverend Noah Van Niel, *Rector, Christ & St. Luke's*
The Reverend Jared Grant, *Associate Rector, Christ & St. Luke's*

LECTORS

Stephanie Gross
Phillip Modisett

MUSIC

Marjorie Setnicky, *Organist*
Joseph Brown, *Conductor*
The Choir of Christ & St. Luke's



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