The Ordination of Adriene Bryant Wright

to the Sacred Order of Deacons

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THE PREFACE

The Holy Scriptures and ancient authors teach that, from the Apostles' time, these three orders of ministry have existed in Christ's Church: Bishops, Priests, and Deacons. From the earliest days of the Church, these offices were always held in such reverent estimation that no one might presume to execute any of them without being first called, tried, examined, and ascertained to have such qualities as are requisite. Candidates were approved and admitted to these offices by lawful authority, through public prayer and the imposition of hands by a Bishop. And therefore, to the end that these orders may be continued, and reverently used and esteemed in this Church, no one shall be accounted to be a lawful Bishop, Priest, or Deacon in this Church, or allowed to execute any of the said functions, without first being called, tried, examined, and admitted to such office according to the form set forth in this book, or having received Episcopal Consecration or Ordination already.

The Bishop may only admit a candidate as a Deacon or Priest after sufficient examination and testing to determine that the candidate meets the requirements of the Canons, and is of virtuous conduct, without crime or impediment, instructed in the Holy Scriptures, and fit for ministry in Christ's Church.

The Ordination of A Deacon with Holy Eucharist

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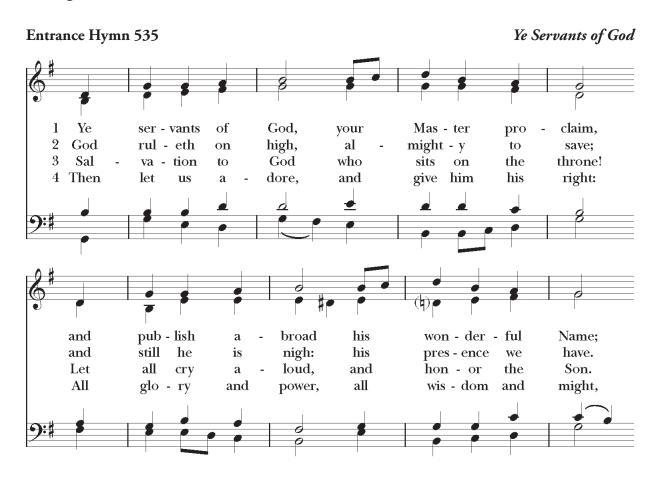
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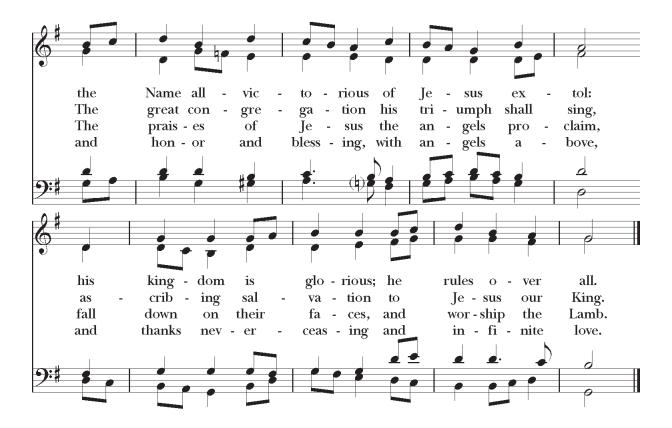
Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel

arr. M. Hayes

The Entrance Rite

Pealing of the Bells Please Stand.





The Opening Acclamation

Bishop: The Lord will pour out his Spirit upon all flesh, People: And your sons and daughters shall prophesy.

Bishop: Your old men shall dream dreams,

People: And your young men shall see visions.

Bishop: You shall know that the Lord is in the midst of his people,

People: That he is the Lord and there is none else.

Bishop: And it shall come to pass

People: That everyone who calls on the Name of the Lord shall be saved.

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant and People:

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, shall present the Ordinand, saying: Right Reverend Father in God, we present *N.N.* to be admitted to the Order of Deacons.

Bishop: Has this person 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 shall then require the Ordinand to take the Oath of Conformity saying:

The Canons require that no one may be ordained a Deacon in the Church until such person has subscribed without reservation to the Oath of Conformity. It is also required that each Ordinand subscribe without reservation to the Oath of Canonical Obedience. In the presence of this Congregation, I now charge you to make your solemn declaration of these oaths.

The Ordinand then declares:

I, N.N., 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 consequently hold myself bound to conform my life and ministry thereto, and therefore I do solemnly engage to conform to the Doctrine, Discipline, and Worship of Christ as this Church has received them.

The Ordinand then declares the following Oath of Canonical Obedience as well, saying:

And I do promise, here in the presence of Almighty God that I will pay true and canonical obedience in all things lawful and honest to the Bishop of the Gulf Atlantic Diocese, and his successors, so help me God.

The Ordinand then signs the Oath of Conformity and the Oath of Canonical Obedience in the sight of all present.

All stand. The Bishop says to the People:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, you know the importance of this ministry, and the weight of your responsibility in presenting this person for ordination to the sacred Order of Deacons. Therefore if any of you know of 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 this person be ordained as Deacon?

People: It is.

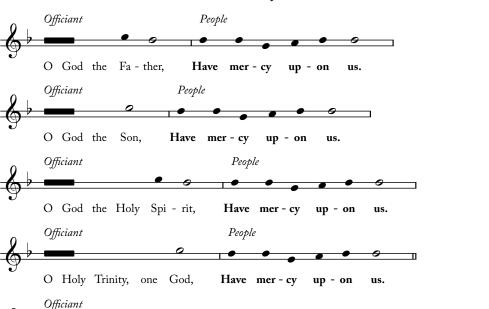
Bishop: Will you uphold her in her ministry?

People: We will.

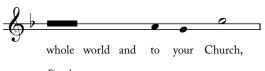
Bishop: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

All kneel.

The Litany for Ordinations



We beseech you to hear us, good Lord: That it may please you to grant peace to the





We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

Officiant: That it may please you to sanctify and bless your holy Church throughout the world,

People: We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

Officiant: That it may please you to inspire all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons with the love

of you and of your truth,

People: We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

Officiant: That it may please you to endue all ministers of your Church with devotion to

your glory and to the salvation of souls,

People: We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

Officiant: That it may please you to bless this your servant, now to be admitted to the

Order of Deacons, and to pour your grace upon her, that she may duly execute her office to the edification of your Church, and to the glory of your holy Name,

People: We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

Officiant: That it may please you to guide by your indwelling Spirit those whom you call

to the ministry of your Church; that they may go forward with courage, and

persevere to the end,

People: We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

Officiant: That it may please you to increase the number of ministers in your Church, that

the Gospel may be preached to all people,

People: We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

Officiant: That it may please you to grant us true repentance, amendment of life, and the

forgiveness of all our sins,

People: We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

Officiant: That it may please you to hasten the fulfillment of your purpose, that your

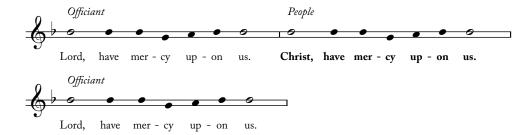
Church may be one,

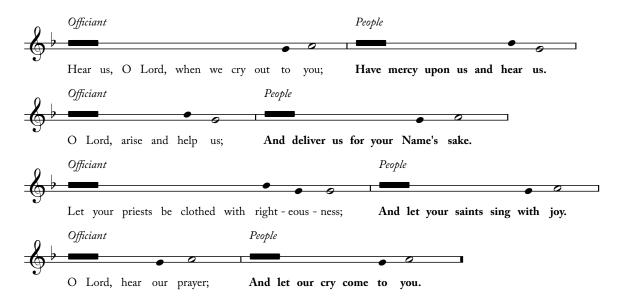
People: We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

Officiant: That it may please you to grant that we, with all your saints, may be partakers of

your everlasting kingdom,

People: We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.





At the conclusion of the Litany for Ordinations, the Bishop shall stand and pray the following collects, first saying

Bishop: The Lord be with you. *People:* **And with your Spirit.**

Bishop: Let us pray.

Almighty God, by your divine providence you appointed various Orders of Ministers in your Church, and you inspired your Apostles to appoint to the Order of Deacons the first martyr Stephen, with others: mercifully behold this your servant now called to the same office and administration; so fill her with the truth of your doctrine and adorn her with holiness of life, that by word and good example she may faithfully serve you in this office, to the glory of your Name and the edification of your Church; through the merits of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Lesson All are seated.

Jeremiah 1:4-10

⁴ Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ⁵ "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." ⁶ Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth." ⁷ But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a youth'; for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak. ⁸ Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, declares the LORD." ⁹ Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth. And the LORD said to me, "Behold, I have put my words in your mouth. ¹⁰ See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119:1-8 Chanted by the choir.

- ¹ Blessed are those who are undefiled in their ways, * and walk in the law of the Lord.
- ² Blessed are those who keep his testimonies * and seek him with their whole heart,
- ³ Even those who do no wickedness * and perfectly walk in his ways.
- ⁴ You have ordered your precepts *
 that we should diligently keep them.
- ⁵ O that my ways were made so direct * that I might keep your statutes!
- ⁶ Then would I not be put to shame * while I give heed unto all your commandments.
- ⁷ I will thank you with an upright heart, * when I have learned your righteous judgments.
- ⁸ I will keep your statutes; *
 O do not forsake me utterly.

The Second Lesson 1 Timothy 3:8-13

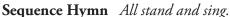
⁸ Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. ⁹ They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. ¹⁰ And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless. ¹¹ Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things. ¹² Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well. ¹³ For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.People: Thanks be to God.

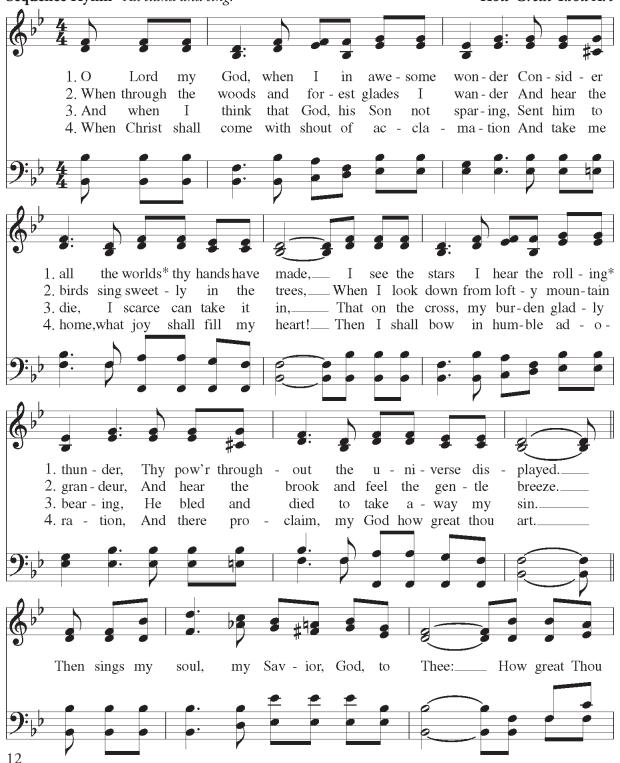


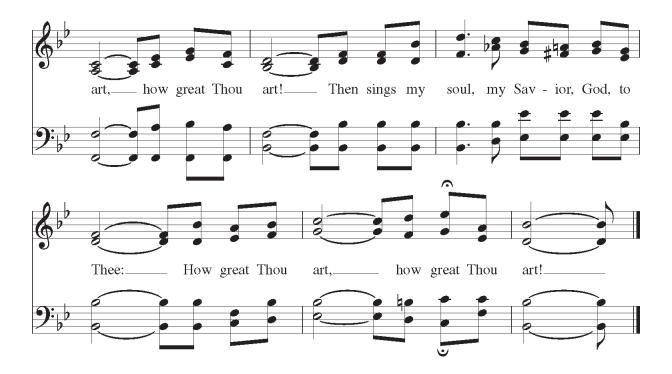






How Great Thou Art





The Gospel Remain standing.

Luke 12:35-40

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

³⁵ "Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, ³⁶ and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸ If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! ³⁹ But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Right Rev'd C. Alexander Farmer

The Nicene Creed All stand.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten 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 be came down from heaven.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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,

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 Exhortation

All are seated except the Ordinand, who stands before the Bishop.

Addressing the Ordinand, the Bishop says,

It belongs to the office of a Deacon to share in the humility and service of our Lord Jesus Christ, for the strengthening of the Church, which is his body. You are to read the Gospel and proclaim Christ at all times through your service, to instruct both young and old in the Catechism, and, at the direction of the Bishop or Priest, to baptize and preach. You are to assist the Priest in public worship, to guide the intercessions of the Congregation, to aid in the administration of Holy Communion and to carry the Sacrament to those who are kept from the Table by illness, infirmity, or imprisonment. Furthermore, you are to interpret to the Church the needs, concerns, and hopes of the world. It is the Deacon's office to encourage and equip the household of God to care for the stranger, to embrace the poor and helpless, and to seek them out, so that they may be relieved.

The Bishop examines the Ordinands as follows.

Bishop: Will you take up this charge gladly and willingly?

Answer: I will, the Lord being my helper.

Bishop: Do you trust that you are inwardly moved by the Holy Spirit to take upon

yourself this Office and ministry, to serve God for the promoting of his glory and

the edifying of his people?

Answer: I do so trust.

Bishop: Do you believe that you are truly called, according to the will of our Lord Jesus

Christ, and in accordance with the Canons of this Church, to this Office and

ministry?

Answer: I do so believe.

Bishop: Are you persuaded that the Holy Scriptures contain all things necessary for

salvation through faith in Jesus Christ?

Answer: I am so persuaded.

Bishop: Will you diligently read these Scriptures to the people assembled in the church

where you are appointed to serve?

Answer: I will.

Bishop: Will you be diligent to frame and fashion your own life and the life of your

family, according to the Doctrine of Christ, and to make yourself and them, as

much as you are able, wholesome examples and patterns to the flock of Christ?

Answer: I will, the Lord being my helper.

Bishop: Will you reverently obey your Bishop and other Ministers who, according to the

Canons of the Church, may have charge and authority over you, following with a glad mind and a good will their godly admonitions, and submitting yourself to

their godly judgments?

Answer: I will, the Lord being my helper.

The congregation shall pray silently for the fulfillment of these purposes.

The Bishop shall pray:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who has given you a good will to do all these things, grant you also the strength and power to perform them, accomplishing in you the good work which he has begun, that you may be found perfect and without reproach on the last day; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**







Veni, Creator Spiritus 504

All kneel for the Veni, Creator Spiritus. The Ordinand shall lie prostrate, facing the Bishop.



The Ordination of the Deacon

All now stand as witnesses, except the Ordinand, who kneels facing the Bishop.

The Bishop then prays the following prayer, first saying:

Let us pray.

O God, most merciful Father, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to take upon himself the form of a servant. He humbled himself, becoming obedient even to death on a Cross. Yet you have highly exalted him, and made him Lord of all. For this great mystery, and for this your servant whom you now call to obedience after his example, we offer you our most hearty thanks; and we ask that we may daily increase in humility and service, that by her ministry as well as by those with whom she serves, your holy Name may for ever be glorified, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Then the Bishop shall lay his hands upon the head of the individual humbly kneeling before him to be made a Deacon, and says

Receive the Holy Spirit for the Office and Work of a Deacon in the Church of God, now committed to you by the imposition of my hands; in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The Bishop then prays the following over the Ordinand.

In your great goodness, O Lord, make this your servant a Deacon in your Church; give her grace to be modest, humble, and constant in her ministry; give her a ready will to observe all spiritual discipline; and with the testimony of a good conscience always before her, may she continue stable and strong in the service of your Son Jesus Christ, to whom be glory and honor, world without end.

The People in a loud voice respond

AMEN.

The new Deacon is now vested according to the Order of Deacons.

As the Deacon is vested with the Stole, the Bishop says:

Receive this Stole as a sign of the yoke of Christ, your Savior.

As the Deacon is vested with the Dalmatic, the Bishop says:

Receive this Dalmatic as a sign that you must daily take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.

Then the Bishop shall deliver to the Deacon a Book of Gospels or New Testament saying:

Take the Authority to read the Gospel in the Church of God and to teach the same.

The Peace All stand and greet one another in the name of the Lord.

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

People: And with your Spirit.

The Holy Communion

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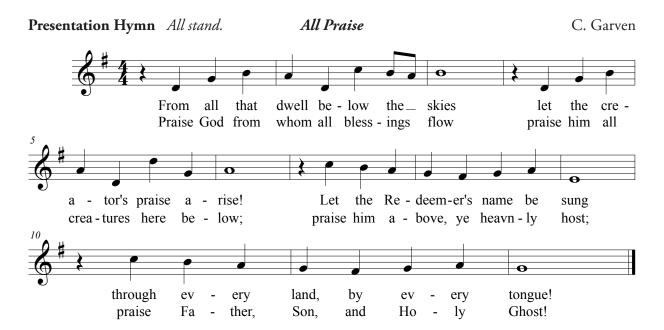
It is customary for offerings placed in the plate at an ordination service to be given to the newly ordained Deacon's discretionary account. Please write 'Deacon Ordination' in the Memo Line.

At the Offertory

If Ye Love Me

T. 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



The Sursum Corda

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.*People:* And with your spirit.*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

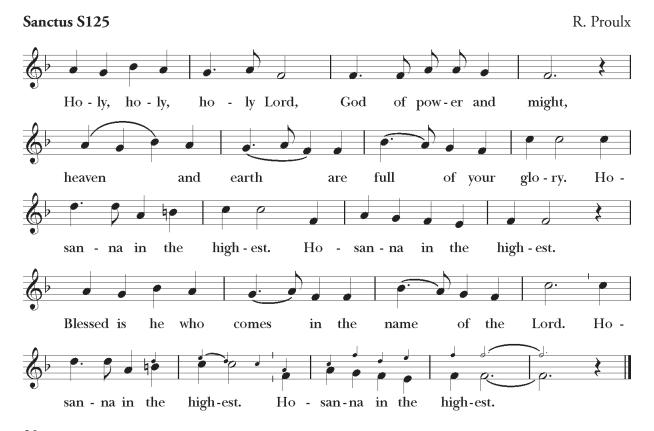
People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant:

It is right, our duty and our joy, 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:



All Kneel.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved.

By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People:

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

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN**.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

People: 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 Fraction

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

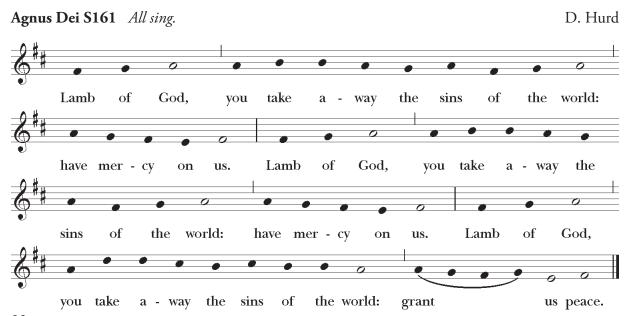
People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Prayer of Humble Access

Celebrant and People:

We do not presume to come to this, your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Invitation to Communion



Communion Hymn

Take My Life and Let it Be



Communion Hymn

Great Is Thy Faithfulness





The Post Communion Prayer All kneel.

Celebrant and People:

Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Bishop shall pray the following Collect:

Go before us, O Lord, in all our doings with your most gracious favor, and further us with your continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy Name, and finally, through your mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Bishop shall then bless the People saying:

Bishop: Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

People: The maker of heaven and earth.

Bishop: Blessed be the Name of the Lord; People: From this time forth for evermore.

Bishop: The blessing, mercy, and grace of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy

Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you for ever. Amen.



The Dismissal

The newly ordained Deacon dismisses the People saying

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

The People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.



SERVICES

9am Sunday* | Holy Communion in Contemporary Language
11:15am Sunday* | Holy Communion in Traditional Language
5pm Sunday | Holy Communion in Contemporary Language | St. Mary's Chapel
12:10pm Wednesday | Holy Communion & Prayers of Healing | Chancel
5:30pm Wednesday (during class semester) | Choral Evensong | Chancel
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4:30pm Monday | Tuesday | Thursday | Evening Prayer | Chancel
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