



THE ORDINATION TO  
THE SACRED ORDER OF DEACONS

in Christ's One Holy Catholic  
and Apostolic Church

of

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Saturday, the Second of May, Two Thousand Twenty-Six  
Eleven o'clock in the morning

## 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

*Choral*

Joseph Jongen  
(1873-1953)

Opening Hymn

*Lasst uns erfreuen*  
Hymnal 618

*Ye watchers and ye holy ones*

Ye watchers and ye holy ones, bright seraphs,  
cherubim, and thrones, raise the glad strain, Alleluia!

Cry out, dominions, principedoms, powers,  
virtues, archangels, angels' choirs,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O higher than the cherubim, more glorious than  
the seraphim, lead their praises, Alleluia!

Thou bearer of the eternal Word,  
most gracious, magnify the Lord,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Respond, ye souls in endless rest,  
ye patriarchs and prophets blest, Alleluia, alleluia!

Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong,  
all saints triumphant, raise the song,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O friends, in gladness let us sing,  
supernal anthems echoing, Alleluia, alleluia!

To God the Father, God the Son,  
and God the Spirit, Three in One,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*The people standing.*

BCP 537

*Bishop:* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People:* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*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

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*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 James, Ellen, and Jessica 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?

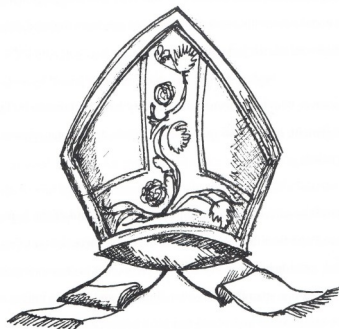
*People:* **It is.**

*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

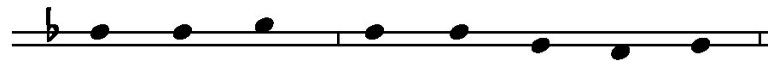
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*Cantor* *People*



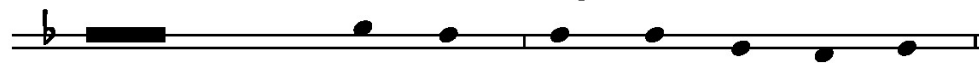
God the Fa - ther, Have mer - cy on us.

*Cantor* *People*




God the Son, Have mer - cy on us.

*Cantor* *People*



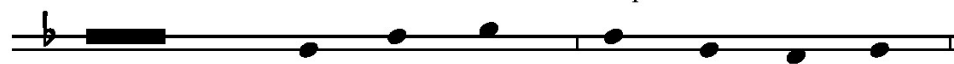
God the Holy Spir - it, Have mer - cy on us.

*Cantor* *People*



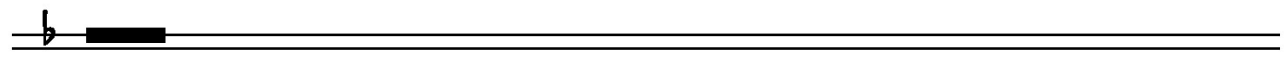
Holy Trini - ty, one God, Have mer - cy on us.

*Cantor* *People*




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

*Cantor*



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, 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 James, Ellen, and Jessica, 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.

BCP 540

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:

*Jeremiah 1:4-9*

*Reader:* A Reading from the Prophet of Jeremiah

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.**

Psalm 119:33-40

*Legem pone*

*Please read in unison.*

BCP 766

- <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

*Down Ampney*

Hymnal 516

*Come down, O Love divine*

Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine,  
and visit it with thine own ardor glowing; O Comforter, draw near,  
within my heart appear, and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn  
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming; and let thy glorious light  
shine ever on my sight, and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,  
shall far outpass the power of human telling; for none can guess its grace,  
till Love create a place wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

## The Holy Gospel:

*Luke 22:24-27*

*Celebrant:* 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."

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## The Sermon

The Reverend Pratt Paterson

## The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

**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

BCP 543

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

*The Bishop addresses the ordinands:*

My brother 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 brother 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.*

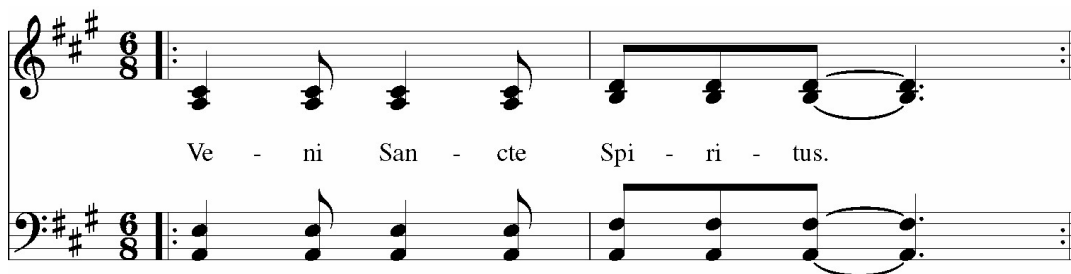
Hymn

*Veni Sancte Spiritus*

WLP 832

**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 Reverend Thomas K. Heard

# The Holy Communion

*The offering this day is given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for the ministry of the ordinands.  
It will be designated for their discretionary funds.*

## The Offertory

R. Vaughan Williams  
(1872-1958)

*O How Amiable*  
Cathedral Choir

O How amiable are thy dwellings: thou Lord of hosts!  
My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord:  
My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.  
Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house,  
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young:  
even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.  
Blessed are they that dwell in thy house:  
They will be always praising thee.  
The glorious Majesty of the Lord our God be upon us:  
prosper thou the work of our hands upon us.  
O prosper thou our handy work.  
O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home.

## At the Presentation

*Old 100th vs. 3*

Hymnal 380

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Eucharistic Prayer A*

BCP 361

*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:

*The people stand or kneel.*

## Sanctus

Hymnal S-128

**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 Bishop then continues:*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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:*   **Christ has died.**  
                              **Christ has risen.**  
                              **Christ will come again.**

*The Bishop continues:*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. 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.**

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

## The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

**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

BCP 364

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

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

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

*Celebrant:* Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

# Music at Communion

Peter Aston  
(1938-2013)

## *O sing unto the Lord* Cathedral Choir

O sing unto the Lord, sing a new song: sing, O sing unto the Lord, all the earth.  
O sing unto the Lord, bless his name; shew forth his salvation from day to day.  
For the Lord is great, and greatly to be praised. Declare his glory among the heathen,  
declare his wonders among all the peoples.

Hymn

*Slane*  
Hymnal 488

## *Be thou my vision*

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
all else be nought to me, save that thou art—  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.  
Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my great Father; thine own may I be;  
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.  
High King of heaven, when victory is won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Hymn

*Aurelia*  
Hymnal 525

## *The Church's one foundation*

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
she is his new creation by water and the word:  
from heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,  
her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
one holy Name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.  
Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed,  
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed;  
yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, "How long?"  
and soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.  
Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war  
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore;  
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blessed,  
and the great Church victorious shall be the church at rest.  
Yet she on earth hath union with God, the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.  
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we  
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

Organ Solo

*There is a Happy Land*

George Shearing  
(1919-2011)

Organ Solo

*Préambule*

Louis Vierne  
(1870-1937)

Post Communion Prayer

BCP 546

*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 James, Ellen, and Jessica 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

*Hyfrydol*

Hymnal 657

*Love divine, all loves excelling*

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be alway blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:  
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Dismissal

*The new deacons dismiss the people:*

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

*People:* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Postlude

*Allegro maestoso e vivace*

Felix Mendelssohn  
(1809-1847)



Clergy are asked to pause on the front steps of the Cathedral  
for a group photograph immediately following the recessional.

There will be a reception in the Chapter House following the service.



*In thanksgiving for our new seminarians and in support of future seminarians, I invite you to prayerfully consider a monetary gift to the "Episcopal Seminarian Educational Fund for the Central Gulf Coast." You may do so by mailing your check to the Community Foundation of South Alabama, Episcopal Seminarian Education Fund for the Central Gulf Coast, P.O. Box 990, Mobile, Alabama, 36601-0990. All gifts are tax deductible.*

Bishop Russell Kendrick

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# UPCOMING EVENTS



## Senior Warden Day

Saturday, May 9 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

At St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church, 1 St Francis Drive, Gulf Breeze

All senior wardens and anyone interested in learning about the role of senior warden are invited to attend this informative gathering. As the primary lay leader of your congregation, the role of senior warden is both sacred and significant. This workshop, led by Bishop Russell and your diocesan staff, will equip you with the essential skills and insights necessary to fulfill your responsibilities effectively and with grace. Another important aspect of this gathering is fellowship with other wardens from across the diocese, regardless of church size. Please RSVP to Jenn Roberts at [jenn@diocgc.org](mailto:jenn@diocgc.org) by May 5.



## Becoming Beloved Community: Sacred Conversations Workshop

Saturday, May 16 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Trinity Episcopal Church, 79 6th Street, Apalachicola

The workshop will provide insights into the causes and effects of racism. We explore ways to work together. We explore unconscious bias, prejudice, white privilege, and ways to work together to Become the Beloved Community. This offering is required for those in parish leadership (such as vestry members) and at the diocesan level (including those serving on commissions, committees, agencies, or boards). It also qualifies for eight hours of clergy training/education for those who complete the full-day course. There is no fee to participate, but it requires the commitment to be engaged for the full day. Limited to 28 participants. Registration closes on May 11. There is a minimum number of registrants that must be met in order to hold the workshop. If we do not meet the minimum, the workshop will be canceled. We will contact you approximately one week before the workshop to confirm your attendance. If we do not receive a confirmation response from you, we will assume that you have decided not to attend. If the workshop is canceled, we will notify you by phone and/or email, so please check your emails.

Sign up at <https://www.diocgc.org/event-registration>

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*Allegro maestoso e vivace*: Music: Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847).

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