

TODAY'S MINISTERS

Celebrant

The Rt. Rev. Alex Cameron

Preacher

The Rev. Ethan Magness

Master of Ceremonies

The Rev. Michael Husted

Chaplain

The Rev. Ethan Carlson

Deacon of the Liturgy

The Ven. Dr. Mark Stevenson

Litanist

The Rev. David Ney

Musicians

Brian Buckley, Cailee St. Jean

PRESENTERS

Melissa Patton

Thomas (TJ) Patton, the Rev. Elaine Storm, Danielle Iman, and Brittnee Busse

Matthew Ulrich

The Rev. Eric Rodes and the Rev. David Wilson

Thomas Verner

The Rev. Thomas R. Verner, the Rev. R. Andrew Verner, the Rev. Cody Lang,
and the Rev. Michael Husted

Ryan Wise

Marlene Wise and the Rev. Eric Rodes

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THE ORDINATIONS OF

Melissa Amber Patton,

Matthew Scott Ulrich,

Thomas Andrew Verner,

and

Ryan Christopher Wise

TO THE ORDER OF DEACONS

The Trophimus Center | Ambridge, Pennsylvania

Saturday, June 6, 2026

THE DISMISSAL

The newly ordained Deacons together dismiss the People saying

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

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

Thank you for joining us.

Please silence all electronics and
refrain from flash photography during the service.

Want to learn more about discerning a call to ordained ministry?

Visit www.adpgh.org/discern-a-call.

THE BLESSING

The Bishop then blesses the People saying

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.**

Please stand and join in singing.

THE EXIT HYMN

Praise to the Lord the Almighty

Hymnal #390

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:
join the great throng, psaltery, organ, and song,
sounding in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, over all things he gloriously reigneth;
borne as on eagle wings, safely his saints he sustaineth.
Hast thou not seen how all thou needest hath been
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy way and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy shall ever attend thee;
ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
who with his love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
gladly forever adore him.

The Preface to the Ordinal

of the Anglican Church in North America

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 Book of Common Prayer (2019) p. 470

The Form and Manner of Ordaining Deacons

Please stand and join in singing.

THE ENTRANCE HYMN

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Hymnal #450

All hail the power of Jesus' Name!

Let angels prostrate fall;

bring forth the royal diadem,

and crown him Lord of all!

bring forth the royal diadem,

and crown him Lord of all!

Crown him ye martyrs of our God,

who from his altar call:

praise him whose way of pain ye trod,

and crown him Lord of all!

praise him whose way of pain ye trod,

and crown him Lord of all!

Hail him, the Heir of David's line,

whom David Lord did call,

the God incarnate, Man divine,

and crown him Lord of all!

the God incarnate, Man divine,

and crown him Lord of all!

Ye heirs of Israel's chosen race,

ye ransomed of the fall,

hail him who saves you by his grace,

and crown him Lord of all!

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THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

The People may stand, sit, or kneel.

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.

CLOSING COLLECT

The Bishop prays

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.**

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

What is our hope in life and death
Christ alone Christ alone
What is our only confidence
That our souls to Him belong
Who holds our days within His hand
What comes apart from His command
And what will keep us to the end
The love of Christ in which we stand

Chorus O sing hallelujah
 Our hope springs eternal
 O sing hallelujah
 Now and ever we confess
 Christ our hope in life and death

What truth can calm the troubled soul
God is good God is good
Where is His grace and goodness known
In our great Redeemer's blood
Who holds our faith when fears arise
Who stands above the stormy trial
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore the rock of Christ

Unto the grave what will we sing
Christ He lives Christ He lives
And what reward will heaven bring
Everlasting life with Him
There we will rise to meet the Lord
Then sin and death will be destroyed
And we will feast in endless joy
When Christ is ours forevermore

hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all!

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
the wormwood and the gall,
go, spread your trophies at his feet,
and crown him Lord of all!
go, spread your trophies at his feet,
and crown him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe,
on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all!
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all!

THE 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

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 CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN

The Deacon or other person appointed says the following

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Silence

The Deacon and People kneel as able and pray

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Bishop or Priest stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

Chorus We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things, we will say together
We will feast and weep no more

We will not be burned by the fire
He is the Lord, our God
We are not consumed by the flood
Upheld, protected, gathered up

In the dark of night, before the dawn
My soul, be not afraid
For the promised morning, oh, how long?
Oh, God of Jacob, be my strength

Every vow we've broken and be-trayed
You are the faithful one
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together, bring shalom

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COMMUNION MUSIC

Come Ye Sinners

Come ye sinners poor and needy
Weak and wounded sick and sore
Jesus ready stands to save you
Full of pity love and power

Chorus I will rise and go to Jesus
He will embrace me in His arms
And in the arms of my dear Savior
Oh there are ten thousand charms

Come ye thirsty, come and welcome
God's free bounty glorify
True belief and true repentance
Every grace that brings us nigh

Come ye weary heavy-laden
Lost and ruined by the fall
If you tarry until you're better
You will never come at all

Feel Him prostrate in the garden
On the ground your Maker lies
On the bloody tree behold Him
Sinner, will this not suffice?

Lo! Incarnate God ascended
Pleads the merit of His blood
Venture on Him, venture wholly
Let no other trust intrude

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THE PRESENTATION

The Bishop and People sit. The Presenters, standing before the Bishop, present each Ordinand, saying

Reverend Father in God, we present *N.N.* to be admitted to the Order of Deacons.

Bishop Have these persons been selected in accordance with the Canons of this Church? And do you believe their manners 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 then requires the Ordinands to take the Oath of Conformity and the Oath of Canonical Obedience saying

The Canons require that no one may be ordained a Deacon in the Church before subscribing 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 Ordinands then declare

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.

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

The Ordinands then sign 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 these persons 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

Is it your will that these persons be ordained as 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. The Ordinands either kneel or lie prostrate during the Litany.

Litanist People

O God the Fa-ther, **have mer-cy up-on us.**

Litanist People

O God the Son, **have mer-cy up-on us.**

Litanist People

O God the Holy Spi-rit, **have mer-cy up-on us.**

Litanist People

O Holy Trini-ty, one God, **have mer-cy up-on us.**

Litanist We beseech you to hear us, good Lord: That it may please you to grant peace to the whole world and to your Church,

People **We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.**

THE FRACTION

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed, once for all upon the cross.

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

THE AGNUS DEI

O Lamb of God

Hymnal #S 158

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

The Celebrant gives this invitation

The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized and believing Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion unless prohibited by their own tradition. Inform the Bread Bearer if you need a gluten-free wafer. If for any reason you are not receiving today, we still invite you to come forward. Simply cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing instead of the bread and wine.

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

The Celebrant continues

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, so 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 fullness 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:

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.

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

People **We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.**

Litanist 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.**

Litanist 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.**

Litanist That it may please you to bless these your servants, now to be admitted to the Order of Deacons, and to pour your grace upon them, that they may duly execute their office to the edification of your Church, and to the glory of your holy Name,

People **We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.**

Litanist 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.**

Litanist 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.**

Litanist That it may please you to grant us true repentance, amendment of life, and the forgiveness of all our sins,

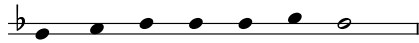
People **We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.**

Litanist That it may please you to hasten the fulfillment of your purpose, that your Church may be one,

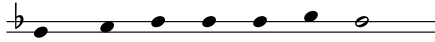
People **We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.**

Litanist That it may please you to grant that we, with all your saints, may be partakers of your everlasting kingdom,

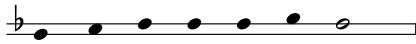
People **We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.**



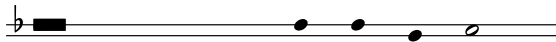
Litanist Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.



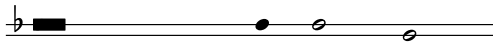
People **Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.**



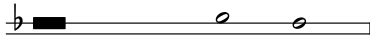
Litanist Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.



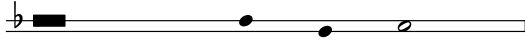
Hear us, O Lord, when we cry out to you;



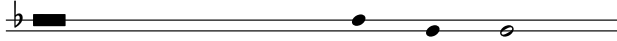
People **Have mercy upon us and hear us.**



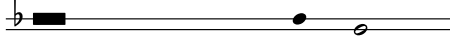
Litanist O Lord, arise and help us;



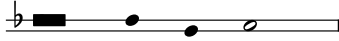
People **And deliver us for your Name's sake.**



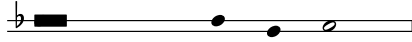
Litanist Let your priests be clothed with right - eous - ness;



People **And let your saints sing with joy.**



Litanist O Lord, hear our prayer;



People **And let our cry come to you.**

THE SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Hymnal #S 130

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues.

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 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:

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise him, all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Celebrant All things come from you, O Lord,
People **And of your own have we given you.**

THE SURSUM CORDA

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says

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.**

The Celebrant continues

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

Old Hundredth

The Bishop stands and prays the collect for ordinations, first saying

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
these your servants now called to the same office and administration; so fill
them with the truth of your doctrine and adorn them with holiness of life,
that by word and good example they 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 People are seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Jacob Wise

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! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am
only a youth.” 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.
Do not be afraid of them,
for I am with you to deliver you,
declares the Lord.”

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.
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.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

Psalms 119:1-8

The Rev. Ned Suffern

- 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.

For Christ has paid for every failing
I am His forevermore

Mine are tears in times of sorrow
Darkness not yet understood
Through the valley I must travel
Where I see no earthly good

But mine is peace that flows from heaven
And the strength in times of need
I know my pain will not be wasted
Christ completes His work in me

Mine are days here as a stranger
Pilgrim on a narrow way
One with Christ I will encounter
Harm and hatred for His name

But mine is armour for this battle
Strong enough to last the war
And He has said He will deliver
Safely to the golden shore

And mine are keys to Zion city
Where beside the King I walk
For there my heart has found its treasure
Christ is mine forevermore

Come rejoice now O my soul
For His love is my reward
Fear is gone and hope is sure
Christ is mine forevermore

ministry; give them a ready will to observe all spiritual discipline; and with the testimony of a good conscience always before them, may they 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 People remain standing as the new Deacons are vested according to the Order of Deacons.

As the Deacons are vested with a maniple, the Bishop says

Receive this maniple as a sign of your service, for your Lord came among us as one who served.

As the Deacons are vested with a stole, the Bishop says

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

The Bishop then gives the new Deacons 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

Bishop The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

THE OFFERTORY

Christ Is Mine Forevermore

Mine are days that God has numbered

I was made to walk with Him

Yet I look for worldly treasure

And forsake the King of kings

But mine is hope in my Redeemer

Though I fall His love is sure

THE SECOND LESSON

Acts 6:1-7

Bethany McKinney

Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied 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.**

Please stand and join in singing, turning as the cross passes.

SEQUENCE HYMN

Breathe On Me, Breath of God

Hymnal #508

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will,
to do or to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
till I am wholly thine,
till all this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
so shall I never die;
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 12:35-40

The Ven. Dr. Mark Stevenson

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

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

“Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, 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. 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. If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! But know this, that if



The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Breathe On Me, Breath of God'. It consists of two staves, a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom, both in a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. Below the staves, there are five numbered lines of lyrics, each corresponding to a measure of the music. The lyrics are: 1 ate, re - new, in - spire; come, kin - dle in our hearts your fire. 2 in the midst of strife, the giv - er and the Lord of life. 3 speak, teach us to hear; yours is the tongue and yours the ear. 4 whole cre - a - tion fills; con - firm our weak, un - cer - tain wills. 5 life your peo - ple bring that as one bo - dy we may sing:

6 Praise to the Father, Christ, his Word,
and to the Spirit: God the Lord,
to whom all honor, glory be
both now and for eternity.

THE ORDINATION OF THE DEACONS

All now stand as witnesses, except the Ordinands, who kneel 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 these your servants 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 their ministry as well as by those with whom they serve, your holy Name may for ever be glorified, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Then the Bishop lays his hands upon the head of each one to be made Deacon, who humbly kneel before him, 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 Ordinands.

In your great goodness, O Lord, make these your servants Deacons in your Church; give them grace to be modest, humble, and constant in their

their godly admonitions, and submitting yourself to their godly judgments?

Answer I will, the Lord being my helper.

The Congregation may kneel and pray silently for the fulfillment of these purposes.

The Bishop prays

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.**

The Ordinands kneel or lie prostrate, facing the Bishop.

VENI, CREATOR SPIRITUS

O Holy Spirit, by whose breath

Hymnal #501

1 O Ho - ly Spi - rit, by whose breath life
 2 You are the seek - er's sure re - source, of
 3 In you God's en - er - gy is shown, to
 4 Flood our dull sens - es with your light; in
 5 From in - ner strife grant us re - lease; turn

1 ris - es vi - brant out of death; come to cre -
 2 burn - ing love the liv - ing source, pro - tec - tor
 3 us your var - ied gifts make known. Teach us to
 4 mu - tual love our hearts u - nite. Your power the
 5 na - tions to the ways of peace. To ful - ler

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. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Ethan Magness

THE NICENE CREED

All stand to recite the Nicene Creed, the Bishop first saying

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

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

**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 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,
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 EXHORTATION

All are seated except the diaconal Ordinands, who stand before the Bishop.

The Bishop addresses the Ordinands as follows

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 EXAMINATION

The Bishop examines the Ordinands as follows

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 lives and the lives of your family, according to the Doctrine of Christ, and to make yourselves 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