

THE ORDINATION OF A PRIEST

Martina Duncan

Angus Muir

St Patrick's DAY

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4 pm

St Paul's Cathedral

Kamloops, BC

*Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me.
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.
I bind unto myself the Name,
The strong Name of the Trinity,*

The Ordination of a Priest

HYMN: CP 505 "Be Thou My Vision"

All stand. The bishop greets the community.

Bishop The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People And also with you.

Bishop Almighty God,

All to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. 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 Collect → *Dean Ken.*

O God, we thank you for Patrick, whom you took into your service, to bring within the freedom of your household those who once enslaved him. Encourage us through his example, that we may know your power made perfect in our weakness, and delight in serving others for the sake of him who became servant of all, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light, look favourably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery. By the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquillity 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 Readings

First Reading: 2 Corinthians 12.14–16, 19

Psalm 131

O Lord, I am not proud; * **I have no haughty looks.**

I do not occupy myself with great matters, * **or with things that are too hard for me.**

But I still my soul and make it quiet, like a child upon its mother's breast; * **my soul is quieted within me.**

O Israel, wait upon the Lord, * **from this time forth for evermore.**

Psalm Prayer - together

God of earthquake, wind, and fire, may we know you also in the voice of silence. Teach us the way of quiet, that we may find our peace in your presence, in the pattern of our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

Hymn: CP 408 "Wind upon the Waters"

Gospel *All stand for the Gospel.*

Reader The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to . . . *Matthew 5.43–48*

People Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

At the conclusion of the Gospel, the reader says,

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon The Venerable Peter Zimmer

The Nicene Creed

Bishop Let us confess our faith, as we say,

All 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped 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 Presentation

Presenters standing before the bishop, present the ordinand, saying,

Barbara, bishop in the Church of God, on behalf of the clergy and people of Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior – The Territory of the People, we present you Angus Muir/Martina Duncan to be ordained a priest in Christ's holy catholic Church.

Bishop Has **Martina /Angus** been selected in accordance with the canons and customs 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 been duly selected, and we believe him/her to be qualified for this order.

The bishop says to the ordinand,

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?

Martina/Angus: 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 promise to conform to the doctrine, discipline, and worship of the Anglican Church of Canada.

The ordinand then signs the above declaration in the sight of all present.

Dear friends in Christ, you know the importance of this ministry, and the weight of your responsibility in presenting Angus and Martina for ordination to the sacred priesthood. Therefore, if any of you know any impediment or crime for 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 Martina/Angus be ordained a priest?

People It is.

Bishop Will you uphold him/her in this ministry?

People We will.

The Examination

The bishop addresses the ordinand as follows:

Martina and Angus, the Church is the family of God, the body of Christ, and the temple of the Holy Spirit. All baptized people are called to make Christ known as Saviour and Lord, and to share in the renewing of his world. Now you are called to work as a pastor, priest, and teacher, together with your bishop and fellow presbyters, and to take your share in the councils of the Church.

As a priest, it will be your task to proclaim by word and deed the gospel of Jesus Christ, and to fashion your life in accordance with its precepts. You are to love and serve the people among whom you work, caring alike for young and old, strong and weak, rich and poor. You are to preach, to declare God's forgiveness to penitent sinners, to pronounce God's blessing, to preside at the administration of holy baptism and at the celebration of the mysteries of Christ's body and blood, and to perform the other ministrations entrusted to you.

In all that you do, you are to nourish Christ's people from the riches of his grace, and strengthen them to glorify God in this life and in the life to come.

Do you believe that you are truly called by God and his Church to this priesthood?

Answer I believe I am so called.

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

Answer I do.

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

Answer I will.

Will you be diligent in the reading and study of the Holy Scriptures, and in seeking the knowledge of such things as may make you a stronger and more able minister of Christ?

Answer I will.

Will you endeavour so to minister the word of God and the sacraments of the new covenant, that the reconciling love of Christ may be known and received?

Answer I will.

Will you undertake to be a faithful pastor to all whom you are called to serve, labouring together with them and with your fellow ministers to build up the family of God?

Answer I will.

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 your people?

Answer I will.

Will you persevere in prayer, both in public and in private, asking God's grace, both for yourself and for others, and offering all your labours to God, through the mediation of Jesus Christ, and in the sanctification of the Holy Spirit?

Answer I will.

May the Lord who has given you the will to do these things give you the grace and power to perform them.

Answer Amen.

The Consecration of the Priest

Now all stand except the ordinand, who kneels facing the bishop and the presbyters, who stand to the right and left of the bishop. The bishop calls the people to prayer with these or similar words.

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

The Litany for Ordinations is sung, according to Litany B -Isabel

God the Father, **Have mercy on us.**

God the Son, **Have mercy on us.**

God the Holy Spirit, **Have mercy on us.**

Holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, **Have mercy on us.**

From all evil and mischief; from pride, vanity, and hypocrisy;
from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all evil intent,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From sloth, worldliness, and love of money; from hardness of heart and
contempt for your word and your laws,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From sins of body and mind; from the deceits of the world, the flesh,
and the devil,

Good Lord, deliver us.

In all times of sorrow, in all times of joy; in the hour of death, and at the
day of judgement,

Good Lord, deliver us.

Govern and direct your holy Church; fill it with love and truth; and grant
it that unity which is your will.

Hear us, good Lord.

Give us boldness to preach the gospel in all the world, and to make
disciples of all the nations.

Hear us, good Lord.

Enlighten your ministers with knowledge and understanding, that by
their teaching and their lives they may proclaim your word.

Hear us, good Lord.

Bless your servant now to be made priest, that she may serve your Church and reveal your glory in the world.

Hear us, good Lord.

Give your people grace to hear and receive your word, and to bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

Hear us, good Lord.

Bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived.

Hear us, good Lord.

Strengthen those who stand; comfort and help the fainthearted; raise up the fallen; and finally beat down Satan under our feet.

Hear us, good Lord.

Give us true repentance; forgive our sins of negligence and ignorance, and our deliberate sins; and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, to amend our lives according to your holy word.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal one, have mercy upon us.

The bishop prays,

Almighty God, you have promised to hear those who pray in the name of your Son. Grant that what we have asked in faith we may obtain according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn: CP 637 Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire

A period of silent prayer follows.

The bishop stands with the priests who assist her, the ordinand kneeling,

Prayer of Consecration.

We praise and glorify you, almighty Father, because you have formed throughout the world a holy people for your own possession, a royal priesthood, a universal Church.

We praise and glorify you because you have given us your only Son Jesus Christ to be the Apostle and High Priest of our faith, and the Shepherd of our souls.

We praise and glorify you that by his death he has overcome death; and that, having ascended into heaven, he has given his gifts abundantly to your people, making some, apostles; some, prophets; some, evangelists; some, pastors and teachers; to equip them for the work of ministry and to build up his Body.

And now we give you thanks that you have called this your servant to share this ministry entrusted to your Church.

Here the bishop and priests lay their hands on the head of each ordinand, and the bishop says,

Send down your Holy Spirit upon your servant Martina/Angus, whom we consecrate in your name to the office and work of a priest in the Church.

The bishop then continues, with hands extended,

Almighty Father, give to this your servant grace and power to fulfil their ministry among the people committed to her charge; to watch over them and care for them; to absolve and bless them in your name; and to proclaim the gospel of your salvation. Set them among your people to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable in your sight, and as you have called them to your service, make them by the gift of your Holy Spirit worthy of their calling. Give them wisdom and discipline to work faithfully with all their fellow servants in Christ that the world may come to know your glory and your love.

Accept our prayers, most merciful Father, through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and your Holy Spirit, belong glory and honour, worship and praise, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

*Dean + Isabel
= vest the newly ordained*

The new priest is now vested according to the order of priests. The bishop hands a Bible and a chalice and paten to each new priest, saying,

Receive this Bible and this chalice and paten as signs of the authority given you to preach the word of God and to administer his holy sacraments. Do not forget the trust committed to you as a priest of the Church of God.

** Read "Orders" = Isabel.*

The Peace

The bishop presents the new priest to the congregation. A new priest then says to the congregation,

Angus/Martina The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn: 418 "**Draw the Circle Wide**" led by **Bp. Gordon Light**

The offering this evening is designed to support theological education.

Let us pray:

Merciful God, through the death of your beloved Son you transformed an instrument of shame into a sign of hope and glory. Receive all we offer you this day, and renew in us the mystery of his love; through the same Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory.

Communion

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair.

By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence. Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

All: 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.

Celebrant Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you."

In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth,

that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever.

People Amen.

Celebrant: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Communion Hymns: Here I am Lord,

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain:
Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord?
I have heard you calling
in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead
me.
I will hold your people in my
heart.

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them,
Whom shall I send? [Refrain]

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send? [Refrain]

Spirit, Open My Heart

Words: Ruth Duck, 1994

1. God, replace my stony heart
with a heart that's kind and tender.
All my coldness and fear
to your grace I now surrender.

Refrain: Spirit, open my heart
to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love,
in receiving and in giving,

Spirit, open my heart.

2. Write your love upon my heart
as my law, my goal, my story.
In each thought, word and deed,
may my living bring your glory.
3. May I weep with those who weep,
share the joy of sister, brother.
In the welcome of Christ,
may we welcome one another.

Choral Anthem: "I Will Serve the Lord All My Days"

Prayer After Communion

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 Angus and Martina may be to us a godly example in word and action, in love and patience, and in holiness of life. Grant that we, with him/her, 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, first 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.

People Amen.

Hymn: CP 602 “Lift High the Cross”

A deacon dismisses the people with these words.

Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God.

Participating in the Service

Officiant: The Right Reverend Barbara J. Andrews

Bishop's Chaplain: The Reverend Jo Ann Hinter

Dean of the Cathedral: The Very Reverend Ken Gray

Deacon: The Reverend Lois Petty

Preacher: The Venerable Peter Zimmer

Litanist: The Reverend Isabel Healy-Morrow

Music Ministry: Norris and Heather Berg & St Paul's Cathedral Choir

Readers: Diana Henstock

Creeter: Alison McKinnon,

Presenters for Martina Duncan

Clergy Presenters: The Reverend Peter van der Leelie,

The Reverend Keith Denman

The Reverend Lois Petty

Lay Presenters: Jean Huba

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The Venerable Peter Zimmer,

The Reverend Joan Scandrett

Lay Presenters: Sylvia Strathearn

Doreen Chutter

Patrick 17 March

Missionary Bishop in Ireland, 461 — Memorial

Today we honour Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, who brought Christianity to the northern tribes of that country in the early fifth century.

A native of Cornwall or Devon, he was kidnapped by Irish pirates who sold him into slavery in their homeland. Six years later he fled his Irish masters, returned to Britain, and was eventually ordained to the priesthood. He had a vision that he would return to the land of his former captivity, and around the year 438 the vision came true. He was made a bishop and given charge over the mission to the Irish.

Despite his chronic sense of personal unworthiness, Patrick proved to be an effective organizer, and his mission quickly evolved into a vibrant institution. He also encouraged the growth of Irish monasticism, and within a few generations of his death monks and nuns had replaced warriors as the heroes of the Irish people.

The great hymn called “St. Patrick’s Breastplate” was probably not composed by him, but it does reflect the kind of Christian spirituality which he planted in the heart of the Irish nation — a spirituality deeply penitential, but still more deeply alive to the sustaining presence of Jesus Christ. *For all the Saints, page 110*

Thank you for all who participated in this evening service.

Thank you for all who prepared for this evening, most especially those who are providing the reception following this service.