



The Ordination
of
Sarah Ann Earl
Robert Bruce Gordon Stewart
Pamela Olive Sweet

to be
Deacons
in Christ's holy catholic church

Ordinant
The Rt. Revd William G. Cliff
Bishop of Ontario

Preacher
The Venerable Blair Peever
Archdeacon of Kingston

on
May 12, 2026
Commemoration of Florence Nightingale

at
St. George's Cathedral
Kingston, Ontario
7:00 p.m.

The Choir Crucifer
The Cathedral Choir

The Crucifer
Deacons and Priests
Retired Canons and Archdeacons
The Cathedral Chapter of Canons
The Archdeacons of the Diocese of Ontario

Gospel and Epistle Servers
The Preacher
The Cathedral Staff
The Chancellor
Verger
The Dean

Marshall
The Ordinands and their Presenters

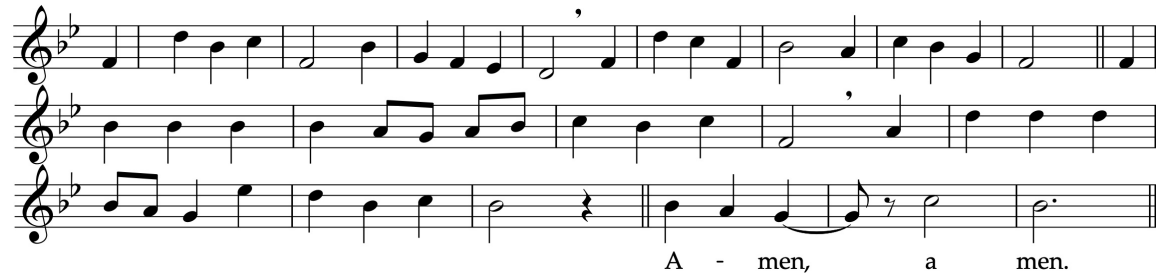
The Bishop's Chaplains
The Bishop of Ontario



We acknowledge that we are gathered on the traditional territory of the Anishinaabeg, Haudonosaunee, Algonquin and Huron Wendat peoples. Nations who have sought to walk gently on this land. We seek a new relationship with the original Peoples of this land, one rooted in and based on honour and deep respect.



Hymn O Praise Ye the Lord



1 O praise ye the Lord! Give praise in the height;
rejoice in God's word, ye angels of light;
ye heavens adore him by whom ye were made,
and worship before him, in brightness arrayed.

2 O praise ye the Lord! Give praise upon earth,
in tuneful accord, give thanks for new birth;
praise God who hath brought you his grace from above,
praise God who hath taught you to sing of his love.

3 O praise ye the Lord, all things that give sound;
each jubilant chord re-echo around;
loud organs, God's glory forth tell in deep tone,
and, sweet harp, the story of what God hath done.

4 O praise ye the Lord! Thanksgiving and song
be ever outpoured all ages along:
for love in creation, for heaven restored,
for grace of salvation, O praise ye the Lord!

The Bishop greets the people in these or similar words

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

The Lord is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

May his grace and peace be with you!

May he fill our hearts with joy!

Almighty God,

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 might perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen

The Collect of the Day

Life-giving God, you alone have power over life and death, over health and sickness. Give power, wisdom, and gentleness to those who follow the lead of Florence Nightingale, that they, bearing with them your presence, may not only heal but bless, and shine as lanterns of hope in the darkest hours of pain and fear; through Jesus Christ, the healer of body and soul, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Collect for the Church

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light, look favourably upon 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 that 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 Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Lesson: Micah 6.6-8

read by Rory Joseph Earl

“With what shall I come before the LORD

and bow myself before God on high?

*Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?*

*Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?*

*Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”*

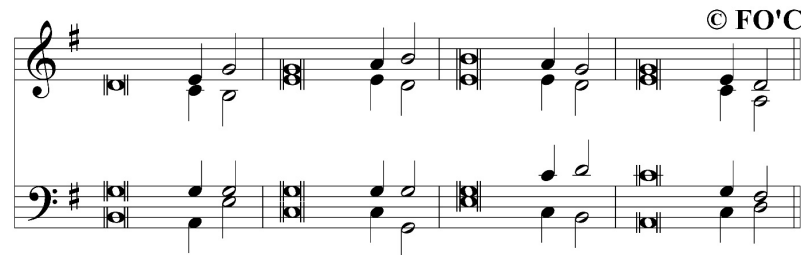
He has told you, O mortal, what is good,

*and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice and to love kindness
and to walk humbly with your God?*

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 73: 23-29

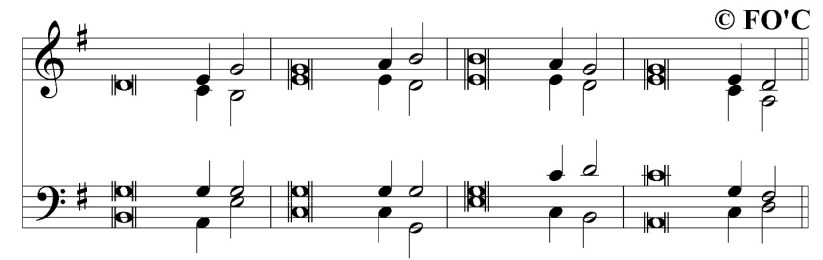


Yet I am always with you; *

you hold me by my right hand.

You will guide me by your counsel, *

and afterwards receive me with glory.



Whom have I in heaven but you? *

And having you I desire nothing upon earth.

Though my flesh and my heart should waste away, *

God is the strength of my heart and my portion for ever.

Truly, those who forsake you will perish; *

you destroy all who are unfaithful.

But it is good for me to be near God; *

I have made the Most High my refuge.

I will speak of all your works * (1)

in the gates of the city of Zion. (4)

The Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 4.1-10

read by Sue Orgill

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful, underhanded ways; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing clearly the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus's sake. For it is the God who said, "Light will shine out of darkness," who has shone in

our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way but not crushed, perplexed but not driven to despair, persecuted but not forsaken, struck down but not destroyed, always carrying around in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies.

Gradual Hymn: Come Down O Love Divine



Come down, O Love divine,
 seek thou this soul of mine,
 and visit it with thine own ardour 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.

Let holy charity
 mine outward vesture be,
 and lowliness become mine inner clothing;

true lowliness of heart,
 which takes the humbler part,
 and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

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 they become the place
 wherein the Holy Spirit finds a dwelling.

The Holy Gospel Matthew 25.31-40

Gospeller: The Revd Canon Fran Langlois

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.’”

The Sermon

The Venerable Blair Peever
 Archdeacon of Kingston

The Nicene Creed

Bishop
All

Let us confess our faith as we say,
**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.**

Presentation Hymn

GRAFTON



In the name of Christ we gather,
in the name of Christ we sing!
Celebrate new vows, new promise
of a life's whole offering,
here ordained to lead God's people
at the Gospel's beckoning.

The Presentation

The congregation is seated. The presenters and ordinands gather and face the Bishop who stands at the chancel steps.

Presenters: William, Bishop in the church of God, on behalf of the clergy and people of the Diocese of Ontario we present you Sarah Ann Earl, Robert Bruce Gordon Stewart and Pamela Olive Sweet to be ordained deacons in Christ's holy catholic Church.

Bishop: Have they been selected in accordance with the canons and customs of this church? And do you believe their manner of life to be suitable to the exercise of this ministry?

Presenters: We certify to you that they have been duly selected, and we believe them to be qualified for this order.

the Bishop says to the ordinands

Bishop: Will you be loyal to the doctrine, discipline and worship of Christ as this Church has received them? And will you, in accordance with the canons of this Church, obey your bishop and other ministers who may have authority over you and your work?

The ordinands answer

I am ready and willing 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 ordinands, sign the above in the presence of all present, the congregation continues to sing



Sons and daughters of the Spirit --
these are called to teach and care,
called as were the first disciples,
commonwealth of Christ to share,
by the bread and wine and water
sacraments of grace declare.

In the ministry of preaching
may the Word spring into life,
in the time of doubt and challenge
may its truth affirm belief,
in the day of pain and darkness
heal the hurt of guilt and grief.

Now within this solemn moment
we invoke the power of God --
by the hands laid on in blessing
be there strength to take the load,
be there faithfulness in loving,
be there courage for this road.

Word of joy, enlivening Spirit,

more than lover, parent, friend,
born in Jesus, born in Mary,
born in us, that love extend,
grow within your chosen servant,
life of God that has no end!

All stand. The ordinands face the people, the Bishop then says:

Dear friends in Christ, you know the importance of this ministry, and the weight of your responsibility in presenting Sarah, Robert and Pamela for ordination to the sacred order of deacons. 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 these persons be ordained deacons?

People **It is.**

Bishop Will you uphold them in this ministry?

People **We will**

The Examination of the Deacon

All now sit except the ordinands, who stand before the bishop. The bishop addresses the ordinands as follows

Sarah, Robert, and Pamela, 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 the authority of 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 ministrations 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.

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 in accordance with the teachings of Christ, so that you may be a *wholesome example* to your 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 to which you are called.

Answer Amen.

The Litany for Ordinations

Litanist: The Revd Canon Dr. Gordon Maitland

The people remain standing or kneel.

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.

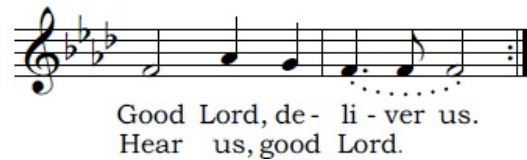
From sloth, worldliness and love of money; from hardness of heart and contempt for your word and your laws.

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 deacon, 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 us 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,
have mercy upon us.**

The bishop prays,

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Veni Creator Spiritus

all kneel in prayer-the hymn is sung antiphonally, with the bishop leading and being answered by the people



Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire
and lighten with celestial fire;
thou the anointing Spirit art,
who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.

Thy blessed unction from above
is comfort, life, and fire of love;
enable with perpetual light
the dullness of our blinded sight;

anoint and cheer our soiled face
with the abundance of thy grace;
keep far our foes; give peace at home:
where thou art guide, no ill can come.

Teach us to know the Father, Son
and thee of both to be but one,
that through the ages all along
this may be our endless song:
praise to thy eternal merit,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The Consecration of the Deacons

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The Bishop stands, the ordinands kneeling before him; he stretches out his hands toward them and begins the prayer of consecration

We praise and glorify you, most merciful Father, because in your great love of our human race you sent your only Son Jesus Christ to take the form of a servant; he came to serve and not to be served; and to teach us that he who would be great among us must be the servant of all; he humbled himself for our sake, and in obedience accepted death, even death on a cross; therefore you highly exalted him and gave him the name which is above every name.

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

Here the bishop lays his hands on the head of each ordinand.

Send down your Holy Spirit upon your servant Sarah...Robert...Pamela, whom we now consecrate in your name to the office and work of a deacon in the Church.

The bishop continues.

Almighty Father, give to *these your servants* grace and power to fulfil *their* ministry. Make *them* faithful to serve, ready to teach, and constant to advance your gospel; and grant that always having full assurance of faith, abounding in hope, and being rooted and grounded in love, *they* may continue strong and steadfast in 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.

The Vesting and Presentations

the newly ordained are now vested according to the order of Deacons. Each new Deacon is handed a bible with the following words

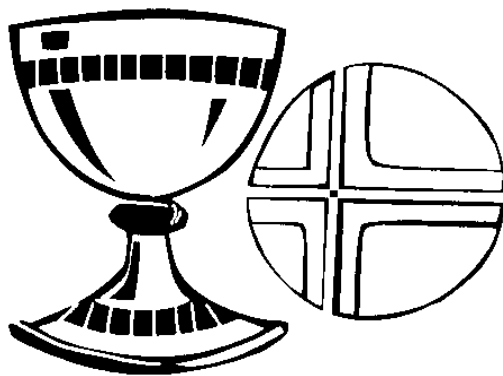
Receive this Bible as a sign of your authority to proclaim God's word and to assist in the ministration of his holy sacraments.

the Bishop then presents the new Deacons to the congregation.

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

All: And also with you.

The people may greet one another



Offertory Hymn: Before the Throne of God Above



1. Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea:
A great High Priest whose name is Love,
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands,
My name is written on his heart.
I know that while in Heav'n he stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

2. When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see him there,
Who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died,
My sinful soul is counted free,
For God the just is satisfied
To look on him and pardon me,
To look on him and pardon me.

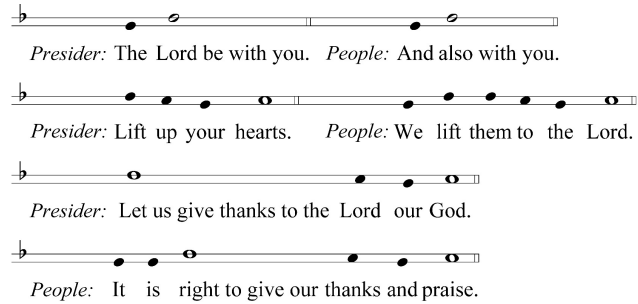
3. Behold him there, the risen Lamb,
My perfect, spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM,
The King of glory and of grace.
One with himself I cannot die;
My soul is purchased by his blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ, my Savior and my God,
With Christ, my Savior and my God.

The Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord God, grant us such faithfulness in offering the service of these gifts that this table may bear your glory and our lives may receive your healing. We ask this in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving



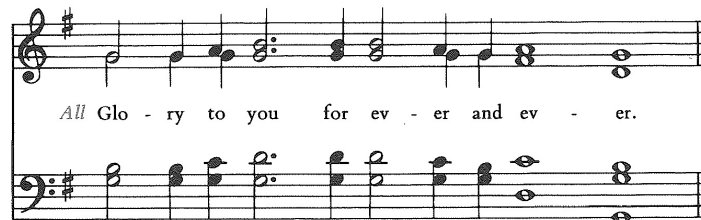
Presider: The Lord be with you. People: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts. People: We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, for the gift of a world full of wonder, and for our life which comes from you. By your power you sustain the universe.



All Glo - ry to you for ev - er and ev - er.

You created us to love you with all our heart, and to love each other as ourselves, but we rebel against you by the evil that we do. In Jesus, your Son, you bring healing to our world and gather us into one great family. Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven, we praise your wonderful name, as we sing,

Music by George Black



Cantor Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might.

All Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might.

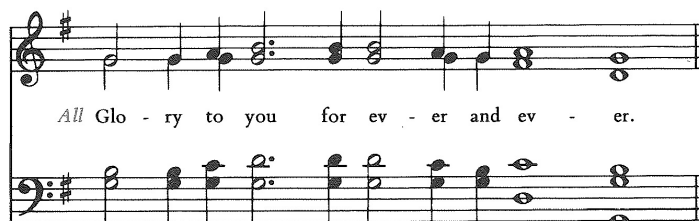
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est.

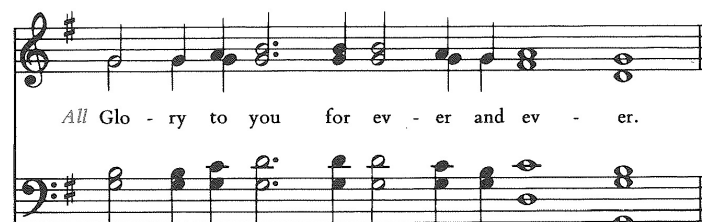
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high - est.

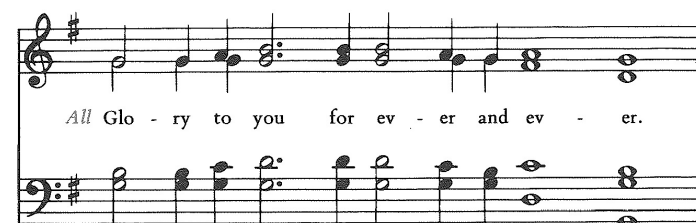
We give you thanks and praise, loving Father, because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us you showed us how much you love us. He cares for the poor and the hungry. He suffers with the sick and the rejected. Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back but overcame hatred with love. On the cross he defeated the power of sin and death. By raising him from the dead you show us the power of your love to bring new life to all your people.



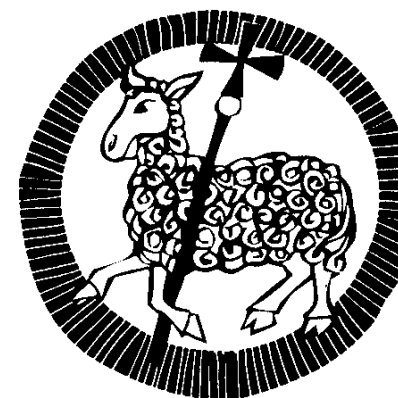
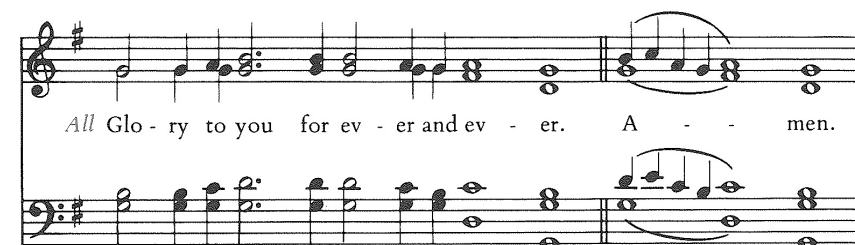
On the night before he gave up his life for us, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you." After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which is shed for you and for many, so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me."



Gracious God, with this bread and wine we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you in him. Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, that we may know the presence of Jesus in the breaking of bread, and share in the life of the family of your children.



Father, you call us to be your servants; fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that all the world may gather in joy at the table of your kingdom. We sing your praise, almighty Father, through Jesus, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.



The Lord's Prayer

Common Praise 744

Our Fa - ther in heaven, hal - lowed be your name,

your king - dom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.

Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins

Save us from the time of trial, and de - li - ver us from e - vil.

For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours,

now and for - ev - er. A - men.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ

All: **We, being many, are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.**

The Agnus Dei:

The Communion

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God

All: **Thanks be to God.**

The people receive Communion

Music during Communion

Locus Iste - Bruckner



Ablutions Hymn

1. There is a Re - deem - er— Je - sus, God's own Son;
2. Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, name a - bove all names;
3. When I stand in Glo - ry, I will see His face;

Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah, Ho - ly One.
Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah, Hope for sin - ners slain.
There I'll serve my King for - ev - er in that ho - ly place.

Thank You, O my Fa - ther, for giv - ing us Your Son, And
leav - ing Your Spir - it till the work on earth is done.

Prayer after Communion

the Celebrant says the following prayer

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 they may be to us a godly 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 forever.

People: **Amen.**

Letters of Orders will be presented at this time.

The Bishop blesses the people

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**

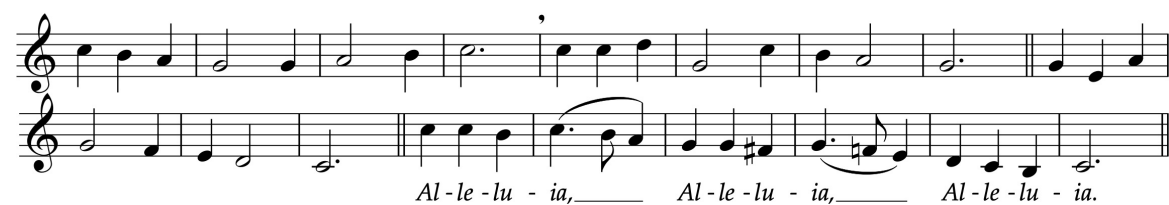
Bishop The blessing, mercy, and grace of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you forever.

People **Amen**

Dismissal

Go forth in the name of Christ, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! —
Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Recessional Hymn: The Strife is O'er



The strife is o'er, the battle done;
now is the victor's triumph won;
O let the song of praise be sung: alleluia!

Death's mightiest powers have done their worst,
and Jesus hath his foes dispersed;
let shouts of praise and joy outburst: alleluia!

He closed the yawning gates of hell;
the bars from heaven's high portals fell.
Let songs of praise his triumph tell: alleluia!

On the third morn he rose again,
glorious in majesty to reign.
O let us swell the joyful strain: alleluia!

Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee,
from death's dread sting thy servants free,
that we may live, and sing to thee: alleluia!

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“If I could give you information of my life it would be to show how a woman of very ordinary ability has been led by God in strange and unaccustomed paths to do in His service what He has done in her. And if I could tell you all, you would see how God has done all, and I nothing. I have worked hard, very hard, that is all; and I have never refused God anything.”

– Florence Nightingale

Florence Nightingale

Nurse, Social Reformer, 1910 – Commemoration

We remember Florence Nightingale chiefly for her work during the Crimean War, which took place between 1854 and 1856. Hearing the voice of God and animated by the spirit of service, she organized the first modern nursing service in the British field hospitals at Scutari and Balaclava. In the midst of appalling conditions she was tireless in her efforts to relieve the sufferings of wounded and dying soldiers. Her solitary vigils in the hospital wards led the popular press to call her “the Lady of the Lamp” and “the Angel of Scutari.” Within four years of her return from the Crimea, Nightingale’s health broke down, and she eventually became a house-bound invalid. But she continued to influence public policy, and her labours helped to disperse the age-old prejudice against nurses, giving their profession high respectability. Her example also helped to liberate middle-class women from their subordinate and passive role in society. By the time of her death at the age of ninety, her reputation had assumed mythical proportions, and to this day she is still honoured as the founder of the modern profession of nursing.

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