

**Ordination and Consecration of
Commander (Retired) the Venerable
Jennifer Gosse-Vingerhoeds
as a Bishop in the Church of God
and her Installation as
the Bishop Ordinary to the Canadian Armed Forces**



**Tuesday | September 15th, 2026 | 7 pm
Holy Cross Day (tr)
Christ Church Cathedral Ottawa**

Welcome to Christ Church Cathedral

Thank you for joining in this celebration!

Sidespeople can provide headsets for those who need hearing assistance and can ensure that communion is brought to you in the pew if required.

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All are welcome at the reception following the service.

Liturgical Leaders

Presiding Celebrant | The Most Reverend Shane Parker | *Primate of All Canada*

Concelebrant | The Right Reverend Jennifer Gosse-Vingerhoeds | *Bishop Ordinary*

Dean | The Very Reverend Beth Bretzlaff

Deacon | Major the Reverend Anne Morrisette

Preacher | The Right Reverend Samuel Rose

Readers | Lieutenant-Commander Glenndon Whitaker | Captain the Reverend Jennifer Renouf | Chaplain General Colonel the Reverend Canon Lisa Pacarynuk

Presenters | Lieutenant-Colonel the Reverend Canon Judson Bridgewater | Benett Sceviour

Smudging | Lieutenant-Colonel the Reverend Canon Catherine Askew

Chancellors | Canon Ann Bourke | The Reverend Ken Brooks

Music Director | James Calkin

Choir | Cathedral Lay Clerks

Organist | Nick Veltmeyer

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude | *Intrada* | *Grayston Ives*

Hymn 355 | *All Creatures of our God and King*

Greeting

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

And also with you.

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

Collect

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 Proclamation of the Word

First Reading | *Numbers 21:4b-9*

A reading from the book of Numbers.

The people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the

Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm | 98:1-5

Sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvellous things, whose mighty hand and holy arm have won the victory. O Lord, you have made known the victory; you have openly shown your righteousness in the sight of the nations. You remember your mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, and all the ends of the earth have seen your victory, O God. Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice and sing.

Second Reading | 1 Corinthians 1:18-24

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 491 | The Head that Once was Crowned with Thorns

Holy Gospel | *John 3:13-17* | *Read in French*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, "No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Hymn | *I Feel the Winds of God Today*

*I feel the winds of God today; today my sail I lift,
though heavy oft with drenching spray, and torn with many a rift;
if hope but light the water's crest, and Christ my bark will use,
I'll seek the seas at his behest, and brave another cruise.*

*It is the wind of God that dries my vain regretful tears,
until with braver thoughts shall rise the purer, brighter years;
if cast on shores of selfish ease or pleasure I should be,
Lord, let me feel thy freshening breeze, and I'll put back to sea.*

*If ever I forget thy love and how that love was shown,
lift high the blood-red flag above: it bears thy Name alone.
Great Pilot of my onward way, thou wilt not let me drift;
I feel the winds of God today, today my sail I lift.*

The Ordination and Consecration of a Bishop

The Presentation

All remain seated while representatives of the Anglican Military Ordinariate present the Bishop-Elect:

Shane, bishop in the Church of God, the clergy and people of the Anglican Military Ordinariate, trusting in the guidance of the Holy Spirit, have chosen Jennifer Gosse-Vingerhoeds to be a bishop and chief pastor. We therefore ask you to lay your hands upon her and in the power of the Holy Spirit to consecrate her a bishop in the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.

The testimonials of the election be read by the Chancellors of the Anglican Military Ordinariate. After the testimonials are read, the following promise from the Bishop-Elect.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, I, Jennifer Gosse-Vingerhoeds, chosen bishop of the Church and see of the Anglican Military Ordinariate, 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; I do solemnly promise to conform to the doctrine, discipline, and worship of the Anglican Church of Canada; and I do pledge myself to render due obedience to the Primate of All Canada and to his successors. So help me God, through Jesus Christ.

The Bishop-Elect signs this declaration, and witnesses add their signatures.

Motet | *Vidi aquam* | Michael McCarthy

Vidi aquam egredientem de templo, a latere dextro, et omnes ad quos pervenit aqua ista, salvi facti sunt, confitemini Domino, quoniam bonus, Alleluia. | I saw water flowing out of the temple, from its right side, and all to whom this water came were saved, give thanks to the Lord for he is good, Alleluia.

All stand. The Primate then asks the response of the people:

Siblings in Christ Jesus, you have heard testimony given that Jennifer Gosse-Vingerhoeds has been duly and lawfully elected to be a bishop of the Church of God to serve in the Anglican Military Ordinariate. You have been assured of her suitability and that the Church has approved her for this sacred responsibility.

Nevertheless, if any of you know any reason why we should not proceed, let it now be made known.

If no objections are made, the Primate continues:

Is it your will that we ordain Jennifer a bishop?

It is.

Will you uphold Jennifer as bishop?

We will.

The Examination

All sit. The Bishop-Elect stands facing the Bishops, who gather around the Primate. The Primate addresses the Bishop-Elect:

Jennifer, the people have chosen you and have affirmed their trust in you by acclaiming your election. A bishop in God's holy Church is called to be one with the apostles in proclaiming Christ's resurrection and interpreting the Gospel, and to testify to Christ's sovereignty as Lord of lords and King of kings.

You are called to guard the faith, unity, and discipline of the Church; to celebrate and to provide for the administration of the sacraments of the New Covenant; to ordain priests and deacons and to join in ordaining bishops; and to be in all things a faithful pastor and wholesome example for the entire flock of Christ.

With your fellow bishops you will share in the leadership of the Church throughout the world. Your heritage is the faith of patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and those of every generation who have looked to God in hope. Your joy will be to follow him who came, not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.

Are you persuaded that God has called you to the office of bishop?

I am so persuaded.

The following questions are then addressed to the Bishop-Elect by one or more of the other Bishops:

Will you accept this call and fulfill this trust in obedience to Christ?

I will obey Christ, and will serve in his name.

Will you be faithful in prayer, and in the study of Holy Scripture, that you may have the mind of Christ?

I will, for he is my help.

Will you boldly proclaim and interpret the Gospel of Christ, enlightening the minds and stirring up the conscience of your people?

I will, in the power of the Spirit.

As a chief priest and pastor, will you encourage and support all baptized people in their gifts and ministries, nourish them from the riches of God's grace, pray for them without ceasing, and celebrate with them the sacraments of our redemption?

I will, in the name of Christ, the Shepherd and Bishop of our souls.

Will you guard the faith, unity, and discipline of the Church of God?

I will, for the love of God.

Will you share with your fellow bishops in the government of the whole Church; will you sustain your fellow presbyters and take counsel with them; will you guide and strengthen the deacons and all others who minister in the Church?

I will, by the grace given me.

Will you be merciful to all, show compassion to the poor and strangers, and defend those who have no helper?

I will, for the sake of Christ Jesus.

All stand. The Primate then says:

Jennifer, through these promises you have committed yourself to God, to serve his Church in the office of bishop. We therefore call upon you, chosen to be a guardian of the Church's faith, to lead us in confessing that faith.

The Bishop-Elect leads the Nicene Creed.

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 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 Consecration

The Scriptures tell us that our Saviour Christ spent the whole night in prayer before he chose and sent forth his twelve apostles. Likewise, the apostles prayed before they appointed Matthias to be one of their number. Let us, therefore, follow their examples, and offer our prayers to Almighty God before we ordain Jennifer for the work to which we trust the Holy Spirit has called her. Let us pray.

The people kneel. All the Bishops join the Primate around the Bishop-Elect as the litany is sung.

Ordination Litany

God the Father,
Have mercy on us.

God the Son,
Have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit,
Have mercy on us.

Holy Trinity, one God,
Have mercy on us.

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

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, 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 Shane, our archbishop, 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 Jennifer, chosen bishop in your Church, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That she may faithfully fulfil the duties of this ministry, build up your Church, and glorify your name, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit he/she may be sustained and encouraged to persevere to the end, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For ourselves: for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who have died in the communion of the Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord.

The Primate 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.**

Hymn | *Veni creator spiritus*

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

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

***Anoint and cheer our soilèd 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.***

A period of silent prayer follows.

The Bishop-Elect is smudged.

Standing with the assisting Bishops, stretching out his hands toward the Bishop-Elect who kneels before him, the Primate prays:

We praise and glorify you, almighty God, 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 thank 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 Jennifer to share in the ministry entrusted to your Church.

The Primate and other Bishops lay their hands on the head of the Bishop-Elect, and the Primate prays:

Send down your Holy Spirit upon your servant Jennifer, whom we consecrate in your name for the office and work of a bishop in your Church.

The Primate continues to pray:

Almighty Father, fill this your servant with the grace and power which you gave to your apostles, that she may lead those committed to her charge in proclaiming the gospel of salvation. Through her, increase your Church, renew its ministry, and unite its members in a holy fellowship of truth and love. Enable her as a true shepherd to feed and govern your flock; make her wise as a teacher, and steadfast as a guardian of its faith and sacraments. Guide and direct her in presiding at the worship of your people. Give her humility, that she may use her authority to heal, not to hurt; to build up, not to destroy. Defend her from all evil, that, as a ruler over your household and an ambassador for Christ, she may stand before you blameless, and finally, with all your servants, enter your eternal joy.

Accept our prayers, most merciful God, 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. **Amen.**

The new bishop is vested according to the order of bishops.

The new bishop is presented with a Bible, with the following words:

Here are words of eternal life. Take them for your guide and, with all the baptized, proclaim them to the world.

Installation as Bishop Ordinary

The new bishop is installed and presented with a pastoral staff by the Primate, with the following words:

Jennifer, I welcome you as a Bishop of the Anglican Church of Canada and as a Bishop in the worldwide Anglican Communion; and I formally install you as the Bishop of the Anglican Military Ordinariate. Shepherd the flock of Christ with wisdom and compassion, and do not forget the trust committed to you as a bishop in the Church of God.

The Primate then presents the new bishop, saying:

I present Jennifer, bishop in the Church of God.

All greet the new bishop.

Bishop Jennifer makes some personal comments before saying:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

The Dean escorts Bishop Jennifer to the chair of the Bishop Ordinary in the Sanctuary.

Hymn 374 | *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts

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. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; you are the source of light and life for all your creation, you made us in your own image, and call us to new life in Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices to proclaim the glory of your name. *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.*

We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, 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, Father, according to his command,
we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father,
in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

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

The gifts of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Agnus Dei

Communion

All are welcome to come to the altar rail. If you wish prayers for healing before receiving Communion, please carry an Order of Service with you; to receive a blessing, cross your hands over your chest; for a gluten-free wafer, hold out one hand; for a regular wafer, hold out two hands. Please do not dip the bread in the wine.

Motet | Ave Verum Corpus | W.A. Mozart

Ave verum Corpus, natum de Maria Virgine, vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine: cuius latum perforatum unda fluxit et sanguine, esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine. | Hail the true body, born of the Virgin Mary: You who truly suffered and were sacrificed on the cross for the sake of man: From whose pierced side flowed water and blood: Be a foretaste for us in the trial of death.

Hymn 629 | Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

Hymn 386 | When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Motet | Be thou my vision | Bob Chilcott

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart, Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art; Be thou my best thought in the day and the night, Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light. Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word; Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord; Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son; Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one. Be thou and thou only the first in my heart; O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art; Great heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

The Sending of the Community

Prayer after Communion

Almighty God,
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 Jennifer may be to us a godly example in word and

action, in love and patience, and in holiness of life. Grant that we, with 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.

Episcopal Blessing

Bishop Jennifer blesses the people:

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.

Blessed be the name of the Lord,
from this time forth for evermore.

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit, we may abound in hope through faith in Christ Jesus. And the blessing of God, Creator, Word, and Spirit be with you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Dismissal

Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Hymn | *Shout for joy!*

*Shout for joy! The Lord has let us feast;
heaven's own fare has fed the last and least;
Christ's own peace is shared again on earth;
God the Spirit fills us with new worth.*

*No more doubting, no more senseless dread:
God's good self has graced our wine and bread;
all the wonder heaven has kept in store
now is ours to keep for evermore.*

*Celebrate with saints who dine on high,
witnesses that love can never die.
"Hallelujah!" - thus their voices ring:
nothing less in gratitude we bring.*

***Praise the Maker, praise the Maker's Son,
praise the Spirit – Three yet ever One;
praise the God whose food and friends avow
heaven starts here! The kingdom beckons now!***

Postlude | *Carillon de Westminster* | *Louis Vierne*

All are welcome to a reception in the Great Hall following the service.

Thank You

Bishop Jennifer offers her gratitude to those who contributed to her episcopal regalia and to those who vested her and presented the symbols of office:

Stole, Cope and Mitre | Gifted by Brigadier-General (retired) the Venerable John Fletcher and Nelson Usher, originating from the Right Reverend Eric and Patricia Bays

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