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The
Ordination
of

Kara Dawn Maslowski

to the Sacred Order of Deacons

and

George Vincent Swenson

to the Sacred Order of Priests

The Feast of Francis of Assisi

October 4, 2025 Ten o'clock in the morning

Grace Episcopal Church, Manchester, New Hampshire

Preface to the Ordination Rites

adapted from the Book of Common Prayer

The Holy Scriptures and ancient Christian writers make it clear that from the apostles' time, there have been different ministries within the Church. In particular, since the time of the New Testament, three distinct orders of ordained ministers have been characteristic of Christ's holy catholic Church.

First, there is the order of bishops, who carry on the apostolic work of leading, supervising, and uniting the Church. Secondly, associated with them are the presbyters, or ordained elders, generally known as priests. Together with the bishops, they take part in the governance of the Church, in the carrying out of its missionary and pastoral work, and in the preaching of the Word of God and administering the holy Sacraments. Thirdly, there are deacons who assist bishops and priests in all of this work. It is also a special responsibility of deacons to minister in Christ's name to the poor, the sick, the suffering, and the helpless.

The persons who are chosen and recognized by the Church as being called by God to the ordained ministry are admitted to these sacred orders by solemn prayer and the laying on of episcopal hands. It has been, and is the intention and purpose of this Church, to maintain and continue these three orders; and for this purpose these services of ordination and consecration are appointed. No persons are allowed to exercise the offices of bishop, priest, or deacon in this Church unless they are so ordained, or have already received such ordination with the laying on of hands by bishops who are themselves duly qualified to confer Holy Orders.

It is also recognized and affirmed that the threefold ministry is not the exclusive property of this portion of Christ's catholic Church, but is a gift from God for the nurture of God's people and the proclamation of God's Gospel everywhere. Accordingly, the manner of ordaining in this Church is to be such as it has been, and is generally recognized by Christian people as suitable for the conferring of the sacred orders of bishop, priest, and deacon.

Preludes

Grand Choeur Theodore Dubois

Now Thank We All Our God J.S. Bach/Fox

Hymn in Procession

Immortal, Invisible, God only wise *Hymnal* 1982, #423

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,
 all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908), alt. Music: *St. Denio*, Welsh hymn, from *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839; adapt. John Roberts (1822-1877); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.

The people remain standing.

Bishop Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Bishop Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from
you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your
Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name;
through Christ our Lord.
People **Amen.**

The Presentations

The people are seated. The presenters stand before the Bishop and present the ordinands, one at a time.

Presenters Rob, Bishop in the Church of God, on behalf of the clergy and people of the
Diocese of New Hampshire, we present to you Kara Dawn Maslowski to be ordained
a deacon in Christ's holy catholic Church.

Bishop Has she been selected in accordance with the canons of this Church? And
do you believe her manner of life to be suitable to the exercise of this ministry?

Presenters We certify to you that Kara has satisfied the requirements of the
canons, and we believe her to be qualified for this order.

Bishop Kara, 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?

Ordinand I am willing and ready to do so; and I solemnly declare that I do believe the Holy
Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, and to contain
all things necessary to salvation; and I do solemnly engage to conform to the
doctrine, discipline, and worship of The Episcopal Church.

The ordinand and her presenters sign the Declaration of Conformity and return to the altar rail.

The ordinand to the priesthood is presented.

Presenters Rob, Bishop in the Church of God, on behalf of the clergy and people of the Diocese of New Hampshire, we present to you George Vincent Swenson to be ordained a priest in Christ's holy catholic Church.

Bishop Has he been selected in accordance with the canons of this Church? And do you believe his manner of life to be suitable to the exercise of this ministry?

Presenters We certify to you that George has satisfied the requirements of the canons, and we believe him to be qualified for this order.

Bishop George, 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?

Ordinand I am willing and ready to do so; and I solemnly declare that I do believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, and to contain all things necessary to salvation; and I do solemnly engage to conform to the doctrine, discipline, and worship of The Episcopal Church.

The ordinand and presenters sign the Declaration of Conformity.

Afterwards, the people stand.

Bishop Dear friends in Christ, you know the importance of this ministry, and the weight of your responsibility in presenting Kara for ordination to the sacred order of deacons, and George for ordination to the sacred order of priests. Therefore if any of you know any impediment or crime because of which we should not proceed, come forward now and make it known.

Silence. If no objection is made, the bishop continues:

Bishop Is it your will that Kara be ordained deacon?

People **It is.**

Bishop Is it your will that George be ordained priest?

People **It is.**

Bishop Will you uphold them in these ministries?

People **We will.**

Bishop In peace let us pray to the Lord.

The presenters return to their pews. The people sit or kneel as they are able.

The Bishop and the ordinands kneel.

The Litany for Ordinations

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

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

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

Litanist Holy Trinity, one God,
People **Have mercy on us.**

Litanist We pray to you Lord Christ.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Litanist 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.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Litanist For the 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.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Litanist For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Rob our Bishop, and for all bishops, priests, and
deacons, that they may be filled with your love, may hunger for truth, and may
thirst after righteousness, we pray to you, O Lord.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Litanist For Kara, chosen deacon in your Church, we pray to you, O Lord.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Litanist For George, chosen priest in your church, we pray to you, O Lord.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.** *(repeat after each petition)*

Litanist That they may faithfully fulfill the duties of their ministry, build up your church,
and glorify your Name, we pray to you, O Lord.

Litanist For their households, that they may be adorned with all Christian virtues, we pray
to you, O Lord.

<i>Litanist</i>	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.
<i>Litanist</i>	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.
<i>Litanist</i>	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.
<i>Litanist</i>	For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.
<i>Litanist</i>	For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.
<i>Litanist</i>	For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.
<i>Litanist</i>	For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.
<i>Litanist</i>	For all who have died in the communion of your 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.
<i>Litanist</i>	Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.
<i>People</i>	To you, O Lord our God.
<i>Litanist</i>	Lord have mercy.
<i>People</i>	Christ have mercy.
<i>All</i>	Lord have mercy.

The Collects of the Day

<i>Bishop</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Bishop</i>	Let us pray.

Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may, for love of you, delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The Ministry of the Word

The First Reading

Job 39:1–18

“Do you know when the mountain goats give birth?
Do you observe the calving of the deer?
Can you number the months that they fulfil,
and do you know the time when they give birth,
when they crouch to give birth to their offspring,
and are delivered of their young?
Their young ones become strong, they grow up in the open;
they go forth, and do not return to them.

“Who has let the wild ass go free?
Who has loosed the bonds of the swift ass,
to which I have given the steppe for its home,
the salt land for its dwelling-place?
It scorns the tumult of the city;

it does not hear the shouts of the driver.
It ranges the mountains as its pasture,
and it searches after every green thing.

“Is the wild ox willing to serve you?
Will it spend the night at your crib?
Can you tie it in the furrow with ropes,
or will it harrow the valleys after you?
Will you depend on it because its strength is great,
and will you hand over your labor to it?
Do you have faith in it that it will return,
and bring your grain to your threshing-floor?

“The ostrich’s wings flap wildly,
though its pinions lack plumage.
For it leaves its eggs to the earth,
and lets them be warmed on the ground,
forgetting that a foot may crush them,
and that a wild animal may trample them.
It deals cruelly with its young, as if they were not its own;
though its labor should be in vain, yet it has no fear;
because God has made it forget wisdom,
and given it no share in understanding.
When it spreads its plumes aloft,
it laughs at the horse and its rider.”

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

Psalm 121: responsively by whole verse

from the St. Helena Psalter

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 God will not let your foot be moved; *
the One who watches over you will not fall asleep.

- 4 Behold, the One who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The Holy One watches over you; *
and is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.
- 7 God shall preserve you from all evil; *
and is the One who shall keep you safe.
- 8 God shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

The Second Reading

Ephesians 4:1-16

I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. This is why it says:

“When he ascended on high,
he took many captives
and gave gifts to his people.”

(What does “he ascended” mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

All creatures, worship God most high ELW, #835



1 All crea-tures, wor-ship God most high! Sound ev - 'ry voice in earth and
2 Sing, broth - er wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and
3 Sing, broth - er fire, so mirth-ful, strong; drive far the shad-ows, join the
4 All who for love of God for-give, all who in pain or sor-row



sky: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Sing, broth - er sun, in splen-dor
grain: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear sis - ter wa - ter, use - ful,
throng: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear moth - er earth, so rich in
grieve: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ bears your bur-dens and your



bright; sing, sis - ter moon and stars of night:
clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to hear: Al-le - lu - ia, al-le -
care, praise God in col - ors bright and rare:
fears; still make your song a - mid the tears:



lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!

5 And you, most gentle sister death,
waiting to hush our final breath:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,
fair is the night that leads us home.
Alleluia.

6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,
and worship God with humble heart:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One:
Alleluia.

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The Gospel

Luke 12:13-21

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Ven. Geof Smith

The People stand as able for

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 and the Son.
 With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
 He has spoken through the Prophets.
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Examinations

The People are seated and the ordinands stand before the Bishop.

The Examination of the Deacon

Bishop My sister, every Christian is called to follow Jesus Christ,
 serving God the Creator, through the power of the Holy Spirit. God now calls you
 to a special ministry of servanthood directly under your bishop. In the name of Jesus
 Christ, you are to serve all people, particularly the poor, the weak, the sick, and the
 lonely.

As a deacon in the Church, you are to study the Holy Scriptures, to seek
 nourishment from them, and to model your life upon them. You are to make Christ
 and his redemptive love known, by your word and example, to those among whom
 you live, and work, and worship. You are to interpret to the Church the needs,
 concerns, and hopes of the world. You are to assist the bishop and priests in public
 worship and in the ministration of God's Word and Sacraments, and you are to carry
 out other duties assigned to you from time to time. At all times, your life and

teaching are to show Christ's people that in serving the helpless they are serving Christ himself.

Bishop My sister, do you believe that you are truly called by God and the Church to the life and work of a deacon?

Ordinand I believe I am so called.

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

Ordinand I do.

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

Ordinand I will.

Bishop Will you be faithful in prayer, and in the reading and study of the Holy Scriptures?

Ordinand I will.

Bishop Will you look for Christ in all others, being ready to help and serve those in need?

Ordinand I will.

Bishop Will you do your best to pattern your life and that of your household in accordance with the teachings of Christ, so that you may be a wholesome example to all people?

Ordinand I will.

Bishop Will you in all things seek not your glory but the glory of the Lord Christ?

Ordinand I will.

Bishop May the Lord by his grace uphold you in the service he lays upon you.

Ordinand Amen.

The Examination of the Priest

Bishop My brother, 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 Savior 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 share in the

administration of Holy Baptism and in 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.

Bishop My brother, do you believe that you are truly called by God and the Church to this priesthood?

Ordinand I believe I am so called.

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

Ordinand I do.

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

Ordinand I will.

Bishop 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?

Ordinand I will.

Bishop Will you endeavor 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?

Ordinand I will.

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

Ordinand I will.

Bishop Will you do your best to pattern your life and that of your household in accordance with the teachings of Christ, so that you may be a wholesome example to your people?

Ordinand I will.

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

Ordinand I will.

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

Ordinand Amen.

The Consecrations

The people stand, and the ordinands kneel facing the bishop.

All sing.

Veni Creator Spiritus

Come, Holy Ghost Hymnal 1982 #504

1. Come, Ho - ly Ghost, our souls in - spire, and light - en
 3. Thy bless - ed unc - tion from a - bove is com - fort,
 5. A - noint and cheer our soil - ed face with the a -

with ce - les - tial fire. 2. Thou the a - noint - ing
 life, and fire of love. 4. En - a - ble with per -
 bun - dance of thy grace. 6. Keep far our foes, give

Spi - rit art, who dost thy seven - fold gifts im - part.
 pet - ual light the dull - ness of our blind - ed sight.
 peace at home: where thou art guide, no ill can come.

7. Teach us to know the Fa - ther, Son, and thee, of
 both, to be but One, 8. that through the a - ges
 all a - long, this may be our end - less song:
 9. praise to thy e - ter - nal mer - it,
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit.

Words: Latin, 9th cent.; tr. John Cosin (1594-1672); para. of *Veni Creator Spiritus*. Music: *Veni Creator Spiritus*, plainsong, Mode 8; acc. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944).

The Consecration of the Deacon

After the hymn, a period of silent prayer follows, the people still standing.

Bishop O God, most merciful Creator, we praise you for sending your Son Jesus Christ, who took on himself the form of a servant, and humbled himself, becoming obedient even to death on the cross. We praise you that you have highly exalted him, and made him Lord of all; and that, through him, we know that whoever would be great must be servant of all. We praise you for the many ministries in your Church, and for calling this your servant to the order of deacons.

The Bishop laying hands upon the head of the ordinand prays:

Therefore, God, through Jesus Christ your Son, give your Holy Spirit to Kara. Fill her with grace and power, and make her a deacon in your Church.

The Bishop continues:

Make her, O Lord, modest and humble, strong and constant, to observe the discipline of Christ. Let her life and teaching so reflect your commandments, that through them many may come to know you and love you. As your Son came not to be served but to serve, may this deacon share in Christ's service, and come to the unending glory of him who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

People (proclaim in a loud voice) **Amen.**

The people are seated. The deacon's vesters come forward and the newly ordained deacon is vested. The vesters return to their pews.

The bishop presents a Bible to the newly ordained deacon saying:

Kara, receive this Bible as the sign of your authority to proclaim God's Word and to assist in the ministration of his holy Sacraments.

The Consecration of the Priest

All now stand, as the priests who are present come forward to stand to the right and left of the Bishop. The ordinand kneels facing the Bishop.

The Bishop then says this Prayer of Consecration:

Bishop God and Father of all, we praise you for your infinite love in calling us to be a holy people in the kingdom of your Son Jesus our Lord, who is the image of your eternal and invisible glory, the firstborn among many brethren, and the head of the Church. We thank you that by his death he has overcome death, and, having ascended into heaven, has poured his gifts abundantly upon your people, making some apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry and the building up of his body.

Here the Bishop lays hands upon the head of the ordinand, the priests who are present also laying on their hands. At the same time the Bishop prays

Therefore, Father, through Jesus Christ your Son, give your Holy Spirit to George; fill him with grace and power, and make him a priest in your Church.

The Bishop then continues

May he exalt you, O Lord, in the midst of your people; offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to you; boldly proclaim the gospel of salvation; and rightly administer the sacraments of the New Covenant. Make him a faithful pastor, a patient teacher, and a wise councilor. Grant that in all things he may serve without reproach, so that your people may be strengthened and your Name glorified in all the world. All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

People (proclaim in a loud voice) **Amen.**

The people are seated. The new priest is vested according to the order of priests.

The vesters and the gathered priests return to their pews.

Bishop Hirschfeld presents a Bible to the newly ordained priest saying:

Bishop George, receive this Bible as the sign 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.

The bishop presents the new deacon and priest to the people, who offer their acclamation and applause.

The Peace

Bishop The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The bishop greets the newly ordained. The newly ordained then exchange greetings with their households and others. All greet one another.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory

Bishop Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and
 sacrifice to God.

The collection from today's offertory will go to American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem (AFEDJ). Information on how to give can be found on page 27 of this booklet.

Offertory Anthem

"Here I am, Lord," Daniel L. Schutte

Offertory Hymn

Come, thou fount of every blessing *Hymnal 1982, #686*



1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my
2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly



heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er
by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good
I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a



ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering
prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to



flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me
from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from
leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and



on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Words: Robert Robinson (1735-1790), alt. Music: Nettleton, melody from *A Repository of Sacred Music, Part II*, 1813; harm.
Gerre Hancock (b. 1934).

All sing as the gifts are presented at the altar:



Praise God, from whom all bles-sings flow; praise God all crea-tures here be - low; praise



God a-bove ye heav' - nly host: praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving

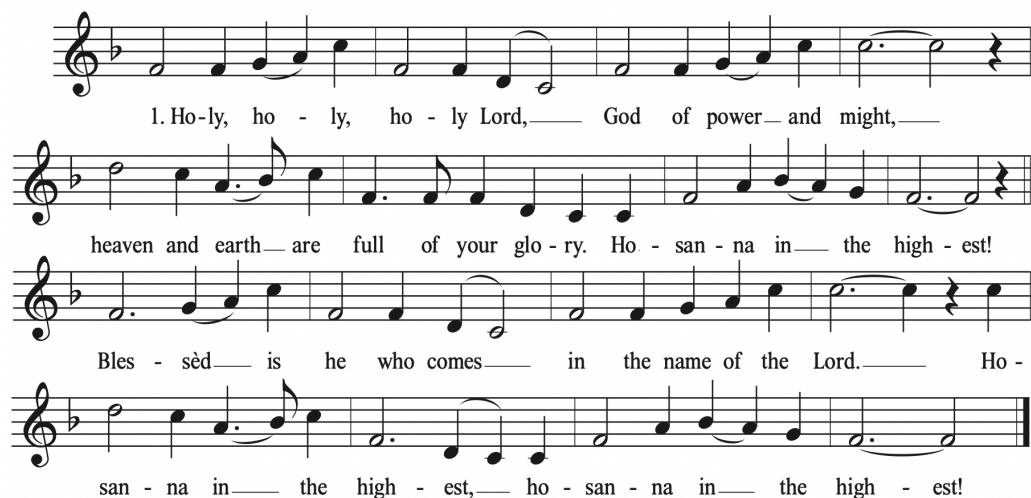
Eucharistic Prayer I from *Enriching Our Worship*

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 It is truly right, and good and joyful,
to give you thanks, all-holy God,
source of life and fountain of mercy.

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, joining with Angels and Archangels
and with the faithful of every generation,
we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:



1. Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, — God of power — and might, —
heaven and earth — are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in — the high - est!
Bles - sed — is he who comes — in the name of the Lord. — Ho -
san - na in — the high - est, — ho - san - na in — the high - est!

Holy, holy, holy Lord (Sanctus) WLP 858

Music: American folk melody; arr. Marcia Pruner, harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983).

The Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image
and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care
that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image
in one another and in ourselves;
we would not see your goodness in the world around us;

and so we violated your creation,
abused one another,
and rejected your love.
Yet you never ceased to care for us,
and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah
you called us into covenant with you.
You delivered us from slavery,
sustained us in the wilderness,
and raised up prophets
to renew your promise of salvation.
Then, in the fullness of time,
you sent your eternal Word,
made mortal flesh in Jesus.
Born into the human family,
and dwelling among us,
he revealed your glory.
Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil,
opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us,
Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said:
"Take, eat:
This is my Body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.”
Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues
Remembering his death and resurrection,
we now present to you from your creation
this bread and this wine.
By your Holy Spirit may they be for us
the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that we who share these gifts
may be filled with the Holy Spirit
and live as Christ's Body in the world.
Bring us into the everlasting heritage
of your daughters and sons,
that with Francis and all your saints,
past, present, and yet to come,
we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honor, glory, and praise,
for ever and ever.

People **AMEN.**

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

All 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.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Celebrant gives the following 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.

The people are invited to receive communion. Please follow the directions of the ushers, coming forward by the center aisle, and returning via a side aisle. Gluten-free wafers are available. Receiving either the bread or the wine is considered a full communion. If you choose not to receive, you are invited to come forward for a blessing. Please notify an usher if you need communion brought to you where you are seated.

Communion Hymns (See Booklet page 30)

Let us break bread together (*Hymnal 1982 #325*)
All who hunger, gather gladly (*ELW #461*)

After Communion, all stand and join in saying the following prayer:

Almighty Creator, 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 Kara and George may be to us effective examples in word and action, in love and patience, and in holiness of life. Grant that we, with them, may serve you now, and always rejoice in your glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

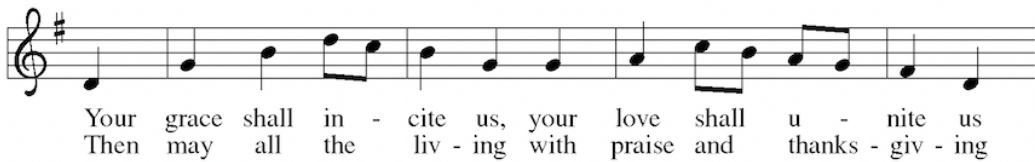
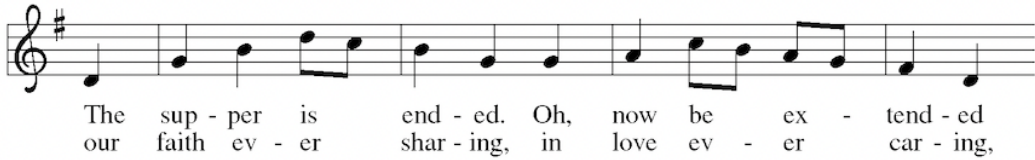
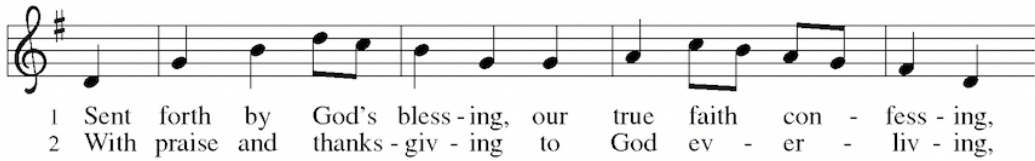
At the bishop's invitation, the new priest blesses the people.

Priest The blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you,
and remain with you always. Amen.

There is no procession during the final hymn. Please remain where you are, until you are dismissed by the new deacon, after the hymn has been sung.

Sending Hymn

Sent forth by God's blessing ELW #547



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Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune
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The new deacon dismisses the people.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Fanfare Jacques Lemmens

Reception follows, The Great Hall.

How to Give to the American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem (AFEDJ)

The American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem (AFEDJ) is a longstanding agency of reconciliation and assistance to the Episcopal/Anglican Bishop of the Holy Land. The mission of AFEDJ is the hard work of building hope and peace in the region by transforming lives of the vulnerable and displaced in the Middle East through support of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and its schools, hospitals, and centers for children with disabilities. During this time of great strife and crisis, the AFEDJ is offering life-saving medical and humanitarian aid to those caught in the conflict in the Holy Land. Cash collected at the offertory will be sent to AFEDJ for their “Standing for Love” campaign. Access more information and direct giving options for the AFEDJ at afedj.org

Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge the spiritual and physical connection the Pennacook, Abenaki, and Wabanaki Peoples have maintained to N'dakinna (N-DAH-kee-nah) and the aki (land), nebi (water), olakwika (flora), and awaasak (fauna) which the Episcopal Church of New Hampshire strives and learns to steward today. We also acknowledge the hardships they continue to endure after the loss of unceded homelands. We reaffirm The Episcopal Church's renunciation of the Doctrine of Discovery. We repent of these sins and take responsibility for working to repair these damages ecumenically. We seek to foster relationships and opportunities that strengthen the well-being of the Indigenous People who carry forward the traditions of their ancestors.

Building Resources and Emergencies

There is an accessible, all-gender restroom in the church entrance hall. An AED and Narcan are also located in that hallway. Ushers are available to direct or assist you.

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HYMNS FOR CONGREGATIONAL SINGING DURING COMMUNION BEGIN ON THE NEXT PAGE

Let us break bread together

Hymnal 1982 #325

1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; _____
2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; _____

let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; _____
let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; _____

Refrain
when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,

O Lord, have mer-cy on me. _____

3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; _____

let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; _____

Refrain
when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,

O Lord, have mer-cy on me. _____

Detailed description: The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Let Us Break Bread Together'. It is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The score is arranged for a choir or congregation, with parts for two voices (1 and 2) and a three-part setting. The lyrics are: 'Let us break bread together on our knees; Let us drink wine together on our knees; when I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me. 3 Let us praise God together on our knees; let us praise God together on our knees; when I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.' The music features a simple, melodic line with some rests and a final cadence. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated across measures. The score is arranged in a single system with multiple staves.

Words: African-American spiritual. Music: *Let Us Break Bread*, Afro-American spiritual; arr. and harm. David Hurd (b. 1950).



1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na is our bread.
 2 All who hun-ger, nev - er strang-ers; seek - er, be a wel-come guest.
 3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil-der - ness and wan - d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.
 Come from rest-less - ness and roam - ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.
 Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.
 We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.
 Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat-i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.
 Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.
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Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

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