



The Episcopal Diocese of Olympia

THE HOLY EUCHARIST
with ORDINATIONS
TO THE ORDER OF DEACONS

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SAINT MARK'S
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

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2:30 PM

commemorating Hiram Hisanori Kano, priest and missionary



SAINT MARK'S EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

To all members of the community of the Diocese of Olympia, and visitors and guests near and far, welcome to Saint Mark's Cathedral's livestream service of Holy Eucharist with Ordinations to the Order of Deacon.

Please join in singing the hymns, saying the responses, and participating in the prayers fully, even while unable to be present in the cathedral during the liturgy. A complete video will be available online after the service as well. Again, welcome to your cathedral!

The Right Reverend Gregory H. Rickel, Bishop of the Diocese of Olympia, *Presider & Preacher*

ABOUT HIRAM HISANORI KANO

The Rev. Hiram Hisanori Kano, an Episcopal priest known by some as the "Saint of Nebraska and Colorado," was an agricultural missionary among Japanese Americans in western Nebraska and, while himself a prisoner during the incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II, a pastor to American soldiers imprisoned for having been AWOL.

Fr. Kano, born into a Japanese noble family in Tokyo on January 30, 1889, suffered a ruptured appendix while studying agricultural economics at the Imperial University of Tokyo. During the medical procedure, he received a vision of God and "surrendered" himself. When he began reading the Bible as a result of the experience, he became convinced that his vision had been of the risen Christ. In 1910, he was baptized by Dutch Reformed missionaries.



In 1916, he felt God calling him to America to assist the Japanese settlers making a home in the Midwest to farm. In the early 1920s, Bishop George Allen Beecher of the Missionary District of Western Nebraska discerned, in farmer and educator Kano, the evangelist he was seeking to call Nebraska's Japanese to be God's people. A lay missionary first, Kano was ordained deacon in 1928 and priest in 1936. By the spring of 1934, 250 people had been baptized and 50 confirmed through his ministry.

After arrest on the morning of the Pearl Harbor attack despite his own defense and pleas from his bishop, he spent the next two years in incarceration camps. He spent time in four different states, always working to help the other internees and imprisoned AWOL soldiers. He served as dean of a school for the internees and taught many courses in agricultural study and English, and he preached the gospel.

After Fr. Kano's release in 1944, he was sent to study at Nashotah House, the Episcopal seminary in Wisconsin, where he earned a master's degree in 1946. He then returned to his ministry in Nebraska. When the U.S. government finally offered reparations for the incarcerations, Fr. Kano told his bishop, "I don't want the money. God just used that as another opportunity for me to preach the gospel."

Fr. Kano retired in 1957 and moved with his wife to a small farm in Fort Collins, Colorado. He died on October 24, 1988, just short of his 100th birthday.

—adapted from A Great Cloud of Witnesses, 2016

PRELUDE

Theme and three variations from *Choral varié sur le thème du "Veni Creator,"* Op. 4
[based on the tune of Hymn #504, "Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire"] Maurice Duruflé (1902–1986)

WELCOME

THE GATHERING

As the opening hymn is introduced, all rise as able.

HYMN 778

We are all one in mission

WORDS: Rusty Edwards (b. 1955)

TUNE: *Aurelia*, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

1. We all are one in mission, we all are one in call,
 2. We all are called for service to witness in God's name.
 3. We all be - hold one vi - sion, the truth that sets us free:
 4. Now let us be u - nit - ed and let our song be heard.

our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
 Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent, our pur - pose is the same:
 the stew - ard of sal - va - tion was nailed up - on a tree.
 Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.

A sin - gle, great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
 to touch the lives of oth - ers by God's sur - pris - ing grace,
 Yet res - ur - rect - ed Jus - tice gives rise that we may share
 We all are one in mis - sion, we all are one in call,

to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
 so peo - ple of all na - tions may feel God's warm em - brace.
 free re - con - cil - i - a - tion and hope a - mid de - spair.
 our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

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Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Assembly **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Presider 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.

All Amen.

All are seated.

THE PRESENTATION

Those who seek ordination to the diaconate are nominated by their own congregation, recommended to the Bishop by the diocesan Commission on Ministry, and approved by the Bishop and the Standing Committee of the Diocese. The Presenters are joining remotely and are visible to the Bishop and Ordinand in the nave.

For each ordinand in turn:

Presenters Greg, Bishop in the Church of God, on behalf of the clergy and people of the Diocese of *Olympia*, we present to you N.N. to be ordained a deacon 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 *he* has satisfied the requirements of the canons, and we believe *him* qualified for this order.

The Bishop addresses the ordinand:

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?

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 the Bishop then sign the above declaration in the sight of all present.

After all the ordinands have been presented and examined, all rise as able.

The Bishop addresses the entire Assembly:

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

If no objection is made, the Bishop continues:

Bishop Is it your will that Alan and Laura be ordained deacons?

Assembly It is.

Bishop Will you uphold them in this ministry?

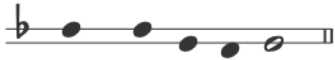
Assembly We will.

Bishop In peace let us pray to the Lord.

THE LITANY FOR ORDINATIONS



Cantor God the Father,



Assembly **Have mercy on us.**

Cantor God the Son,

Assembly **Have mercy on us.**

Cantor God the Holy Spirit,

Assembly **Have mercy on us.**

Cantor Holy Trinity, one God,

Assembly **Have mercy on us.**



Cantor We pray to you, Lord Christ.



Assembly **Lord, hear our prayer.** (*This response is sung after each petition.*)

Cantor 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.

Assembly **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Cantor 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.

Assembly **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Cantor For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Greg 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.

Assembly **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Cantor For Alan and Laura, chosen deacons in your Church, we pray to you O Lord.

Assembly **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Cantor That they may faithfully fulfill the duties of this ministry, build up your Church, and glorify your Name, we pray to you, O Lord.

Assembly **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

Assembly **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Cantor For their families and communities, that they may be adorned with all Christian virtues, we pray to you, O Lord.

Assembly **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Cantor 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.

Assembly **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Cantor 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.

Assembly **Lord, hear our prayer.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING

Genesis 8:12-17,20-22

NOAH waited another seven days, and sent out the dove; and it did not return to him any more.

In the six hundred first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and saw that the face of the ground was drying. In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry. Then God said to Noah, “Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons’ wives with you. Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh—birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth—so that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth.”

Then Noah built an altar to the LORD, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird, and offered burnt offerings on the altar. And when the LORD smelled the pleasing odor, the LORD said in his heart, “I will never again curse the ground because of humankind, for the inclination of the human heart is evil from youth; nor will I ever again destroy every living creature as I have done.

As long as the earth endures,
seedtime and harvest, cold and heat,
summer and winter, day and night,
shall not cease.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

Assembly **Thanks be to God.**



PSALM*Psalm 51:1-2,11-16*

Peter R. Hallock (1924-2014)

*The cantor introduces the antiphon; all repeat it.**The cantor chants the psalm verses, all repeating the antiphon as indicated.*

Create in me a clean heart, O God.

Miserere mei, Deus

HAVE mercy on me, O God, according to your
 loving-kindness; *
 in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness *
 and cleanse me from my sin. **ANTIPHON**

11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
 and renew a right spirit within me.

12 Cast me not away from your presence *
 and take not your holy Spirit from me. **ANTIPHON**

13 Give me the joy of your saving help again *
 and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

14 I shall teach your ways to the wicked, *
 and sinners shall return to you. **ANTIPHON**

15 Deliver me from death, O God, *
 and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness,
 O God of my salvation.

16 Open my lips, O LORD, *
 and my mouth shall proclaim your praise. **ANTIPHON**

READING*Hebrews 4:12-16*

INDEED, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword,
 piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the
 thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all
 are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus,
 the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest
 who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every
 respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the
 throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help
 in time of need.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Assembly **Thanks be to God.**

After a brief silence the Presider stands; all rise as able for the proclamation of the Gospel.

SEQUENCE HYMN

MUSIC: *Lasst uns erfreuen*



Through north and south and east and west May God's im-mor-tal name be blessed:



Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia! Till ev'rywhere beneath the sun, God's reign begins; God's will is done:



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

MUSIC: melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesang*, 1623, adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) alt., © Oxford University Press
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THE HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 23:32-43*

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

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

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with Jesus. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

The Right Reverend Gregory H. Rickel

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

The Bishop reminds the Assembly that the foundation of all ministry is in Baptism and invites the entire Assembly, along with the ordinands, to renew their Baptismal Covenant. All are invited to stand as able and face the baptismal font.

Presider Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Assembly I do.

Presider Do you believe in God the Father?

Assembly I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Presider Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

Assembly I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Presider Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

Assembly I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Presider Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

Assembly I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

Assembly I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

Assembly I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

Assembly I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you strive for justice and peace among all people,
and respect the dignity of every human being?

Assembly I will, with God's help.

Presider May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

All Amen.

The Bishop sprinkles the Assembly with water from the font as a sign and reminder of our Baptism.

THE EXAMINATION

All are seated, except for the ordinands, who stand before the Bishop. The Bishop addresses the ordinands:

Bishop My brother and sister, 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 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.

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

Ordinands I believe I am so called.

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

Ordinands I do.

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

Ordinands I will.

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

Ordinands I will.

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

Ordinands I will.

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

Ordinands I will.

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

Ordinands I will.

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

Ordinands Amen.

THE CONSECRATION OF THE DEACONS

All rise as able.

HYMN *Veni Creator Spiritus* (sung by the Cantor alone)

Latin, 9th century; Plainsong Mode 8
trans. John Cosin (1594-1672)

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.

A period of silent prayer follows, the Assembly still standing.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Book of Common Prayer, p. 544

Bishop O God, most merciful Father, 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 these your servants to the order of deacons.

Here the Bishop lays hands upon the head of the ordinand, and prays:

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

The Bishop then continues:

Make them, O Lord, modest and humble, strong and constant, to observe the discipline of Christ. Let their lives 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 these deacons 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.

The Assembly, in a loud voice, responds: Amen.

All are seated. The new deacons are now vested according to the order of deacons.

The Bishop then gives a Bible to the newly ordained, saying:

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 PEACE

Bishop The peace of the Lord be always with you.

Assembly **And also with you.**

All greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

An offering of money is received. The funds collected during this service will go to the BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) Ministry Fund as put forth in resolution #7 at diocesan convention.

Links to donate to Saint Mark's online are located on the livestream page. Visit saintmarks.org/give, or use the Venmo mobile app (@SaintMarksCathedralSeattle, or scan the code at right).

You may also mail your gift to the cathedral: 1245 10th Ave. E, Seattle, WA 98102. Please make checks payable to The Diocese of Olympia, and notate donations as "convention 2020" in the memo or comment.



All rise as able.

HYMN 676 *There is a balm in Gilead*

WORDS: Afro-American Spiritual
TUNE: *Balm in Gilead*, Afro-American Spiritual

Refrain

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad, to make the wound-ed whole, there is a

Verse 1

balm in Gil-e-ad, to heal the sin-sick soul. Some times I feel dis-cour-aged, and

think my work's in vain, but then the Ho-ly Spi-rit re-vives my soul a-

Refrain

gain. There is a balm in Gil-e-ad, to make the wound-ed whole, there is a

Verse 2

balm in Gil-e-ad, to heal the sin-sick soul. If you can-not preach like Pe-ter, if you

can-not pray like Paul, you can tell the love of Je-sus, and say, "He died for

Refrain

all." There is a balm in Gil-e-ad, to make the wound-ed whole, there is a

balm in Gil-e-ad, to heal the sin-sick soul.

Presider *Assembly*

The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.

Presider *Assembly*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Presider *Assembly*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because by the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ you have reconciled all things to yourself, not counting our sins against us and renewing our hearts to forgive as we have been forgiven. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS *A Community Mass*

Richard Proulx (1937–2010)

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, heav'n_ and earth_ are full_ of your
 glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the highest. Ho-san-na in the highest. Blest is he who comes in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Ho - san-na in the high-est.

The Hymnal 1982 #8-125, WORDS & MUSIC: public domain.

Presider We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of 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 Savior 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.

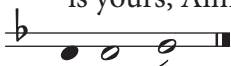
On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.” After Supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had 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.”

Presider Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

Presider And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O 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 may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mary, Mark, Hiram Hisanori Kano and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of 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 him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.



All AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

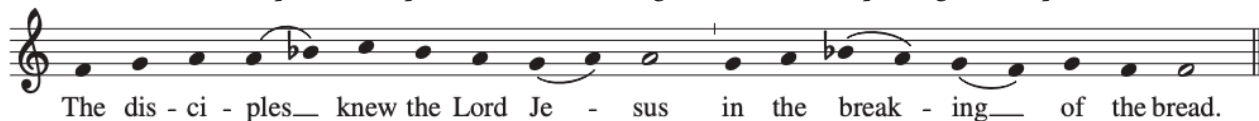
All Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory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

In silence, the Presider breaks the consecrated bread.

FRACTION ANTHEM

Plainsong Mode 6

The cantor introduces the antiphon, all repeat it. The cantor sings the verses, all repeating the antiphon as indicated.



✠. One body are we, alleluia, for though many we share one bread. **ANTIPHON**

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All rise as able.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER & BLESSING

Presider Lord,

**All you have taught us
to seek you and to find you
in the bread and the wine of your table;
season after season we have returned to you there.
But now we are living in a season of isolation:
from one another,
from the lives we have known,
and even from the community of your table.**

Presider Yet, even in this season, you have not left us alone. Formed in your image, you met us through your Christ – in the womb of Mary, beside the sea, at Golgotha and in every tomb. Through the mystery of his death and resurrection, we are now one with you. In our days, as with a mother’s milk, you have been forming our bodies to become your body, through the Sacrament of Christ’s Body and Blood. Our flesh is now yours, shaped for these days in which we are living.

Presider Nourished by Christ,

**All teach Alan, Laura, and us also
to be broken with Christ
and shared with this hungry world. Amen.**

Presider The Lord soften your hearts and strengthen your resolve; the Lord meet you on the road and open your eyes to see afresh the abundance of God’s grace, alive and at hand throughout this sacred and hurting world, through Christ our Lord.

All Amen.



HYMN

Rise, O church

WORDS: Susan P. Cherwien (b. 1953)
TUNE: *Lauda anima*, John Goss (1800-1880)

1 Rise, O church, like Christ a - ris - en, from this meal of love and grace;
2 Rise, trans-formed, and choose to fol - low af - ter Christ, though wound-ed, whole;
3 Rise, re - mem - ber well the fu - ture God has called us to re - ceive;
4 Ser - vice be our sure vo - ca - tion; cour - age be our dai - ly breath;

may we through such love en - vi - sion whose we are, and whose, our praise.
brot - en, shared, our lives are hal - lowed to re - lease and to con - sole.
pre - sent by God's lov - ing nur - ture, Spi - rit - ed then let us live.
mer - cy be our des - ti - na - tion from this day and un - to death.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia; God, the won - der of our days.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia; Christ, our pre - sent, past, and goal.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia; Spi - rit, grace by whom we live.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia; Rise, O church, a liv - ing faith.

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encouraging all to show God's love.
walking with those in crisis.
providing care to tired feet.
offering a restorative presence.
supporting those who are alone.
feeding the hungry with dignity.
providing shelter for those without homes.
being with the dying.
serving the neighborhood with interfaith partners.
in peace with those of all beliefs.
reaching out to all in hope and love.
opening our eyes to the hungry.

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ALAN CHRISTENSEN grew up in Milwaukie, Oregon and came to Seattle in 1978 to attend Seattle Pacific University, where he received a BA in English in 1982. He and his wife Janice met in 1985 and married the following year. They have three children: Daniel, who lives in New York City with his wife Rachel and their daughter; Brian, who lives in Seattle; and Amanda, who recently moved to Tonasket with her husband Jacob and two children. Since 1986 Alan has worked in King County's AFIS (Automated Fingerprint Identification System) program.

As for his spiritual journey, Alan had a "born-again" experience at age 13. During his teenage years his family attended a large non-denominational church in Portland. In college he visited St. Luke's in Ballard, which at the time was part of the charismatic movement, and found a home in the Episcopal Church. For over thirty years Alan was a member of Christ Church in the University District, where he and his wife were married and their children were baptized. During these years, he was involved in a number of ministries, and for a long time felt a tug toward becoming a deacon. Alan finally began formal discernment in 2015. He was accepted as a postulant in 2018 and assigned to St. Dunstan's, Shoreline, where he's found great joy participating in the feeding ministry and serving at the altar. Over the past several years he's also volunteered with Operation Nightwatch and served on the board of Camp United We Stand. Alan is excited about this new chapter in his life as a deacon!

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Laura EBERLY is a community organizer, facilitator, and healer dedicated to building people power and creating spaces for collective liberation. She is sponsored for ordination by Brent House, the Episcopal Chaplaincy at University of Chicago and her first home in the Episcopal Church. Laura currently serves on vestry at All Souls Episcopal Parish in Berkeley, CA. She holds a Certificate in Anglican Studies from Church Divinity School of the Pacific, as well as BA in Public Policy and a Masters in Social Work from the University of Chicago.

After ten years as a social worker and community organizer in Chicago and the San Francisco Bay Area, Laura recently founded *Mountaintop Coaching & Consulting*, a strengths-based, anti-racist coaching practice that helps people and organizations live into their values of equity and inclusion. As a queer white woman, her life is richer and freer and more deeply faithful for having taken steps on this journey and it is lifegiving for her to support others to do the same.

From the church to the office to the streets, Laura relies on her wife Jane Thomason for grounding and grace, along with a wide community of fellow poets, prophets, and servants with whom they are blessed to break bread.



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