

The Episcopal Diocese of Olympia

ORDINATIONS

TO THE SACRED ORDER OF DEACONS

on the Feast of Nicholas of Myra (tr.)

Phillip Lienau
Theresa Lynn Newell
Lisa Bozarth Ozaeta
Martin William Pommerenke, III
Myra Ryneheart Corcorran
Robert Gary Stevens



December 9, 2023 10:30 AM



Saint Mark's Cathedral acknowledges that we gather on the traditional land of the first people of Seattle, the Duwamish People, who are still here, and we honor with gratitude the land itself and the life of all the Coast Salish tribes.

Visitors from across the Diocese of Olympia, welcome to your cathedral! We hope that you will feel at home in this place and in this liturgy. Ushers are available during the liturgy should you have any questions or concerns.

Please be aware that as part of our effort to serve those who cannot attend worship, this service will be livestreamed on the internet at saintmarks.org/livestream. Out of respect for the liturgy we are about to celebrate, please turn off all cell phones and audible devices and refrain from flash photography.

ABOUT NICHOLAS OF MYRA

Pery little is known about the life of Nicholas, except that he suffered torture and imprisonment during the persecution under the Emperor Diocletian. It is probable that he was one of the bishops attending the Council of Nicaea in 325. According to popular tradition, he famously lost his temper at the council and punched the heretic Arius, but this story dates to more than 1,000 years after his death and is almost certainly apocryphal.

He was honored as a saint in Constantinople in the sixth century by the Emperor Justinian. His veneration also became immensely popular in the West after the supposed removal of his body to Bari, Italy, in the late eleventh century. In England, almost 400 churches were dedicated to him.

Nicholas is famed as the traditional patron of seafarers and sailors, and, more especially, of children. Many of the accounts of Nicholas's life recount his habit of secret gift-giving to those in need, a tradition that many Christians have felt inspired to continue in his honor.

As a bearer of gifts to children, his name was brought to America by the Dutch colonists in New York, from whom he is popularly known as Santa Claus.

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THE ORDINATION OF A DEACON

PRELUDE Meditation on *Kingsfold* (Tune of Hymn 480, "When Jesus left his Father's throne")

Carson Cooman



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OPENING ACCLAMATION

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 537

Bishop Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.

All Amen.

Please be seated.

THE PRESENTATIONS

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 bishop and people are seated. For each ordinand in turn:

Presenters Melissa, 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 she 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 *she* has satisfied the requirements of the canons, and we believe *him* qualified for this order.

The Bishop addresses the ordinand:

Bishop N., 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 stand, 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 Phillip Lienau, Theresa Newell, Lisa Ozaeta, Martin Pommerenke, Myra Corcorran, and Robert Stevens 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 Phillip, Theresa, Lisa, Martin, Myra, and Robert be ordained deacons?

People It is.

Bishop Will you uphold them in this ministry?

People We will.

Bishop In peace let us pray to the Lord.

The Assembly stands or kneels, as able, for the Litany.

THE LITANY FOR ORDINATIONS



Cantor God the Father,



People Have mercy on us.

Cantor God the Son,

People Have mercy on us.

Cantor God the Holy Spirit,

People Have mercy on us.

Cantor Holy Trinity, one God,

People Have mercy on us.



Cantor We pray to you, Lord Christ.



People 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.

People 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.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Cantor For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Melissa and Brian our Bishops, 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.

Cantor For Phillip, Theresa, Lisa, Martin, Myra, and Robert, chosen deacons in your Church, we pray to you O Lord.

People 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.

People 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.

People 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.

People 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.

People 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.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Cantor 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.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Cantor 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.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Cantor 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.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Cantor 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.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Cantor 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.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

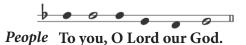
Cantor For ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Cantor 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.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Cantor Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Mark, blessed Nicholas, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.





COLLECT FOR ORDINATIONS

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 540

Bishop The Lord be with you. **People And also with you.**

Bishop Let us pray.

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 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.

All Amen.

Please be seated for the Liturgy of the Word.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING 1 John 4:7-14

Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world.

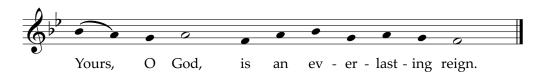
Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 148:8-15 ◆ Saint Helena Psalter

Plainsong, Tone VIII.2

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



Exaltabo te, Deus

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m ou}$ are gracious and full of compassion, * slow to anger and of great kindness.

You are loving to everyone, * and your compassion is over all your works. ANTIPHON

All your works praise you, O God, * and your faithful servants bless you.

They make known the glory of your realm * and speak of your power,

That the peoples may know of your power * and the glorious splendor of your dominion. ANTIPHON

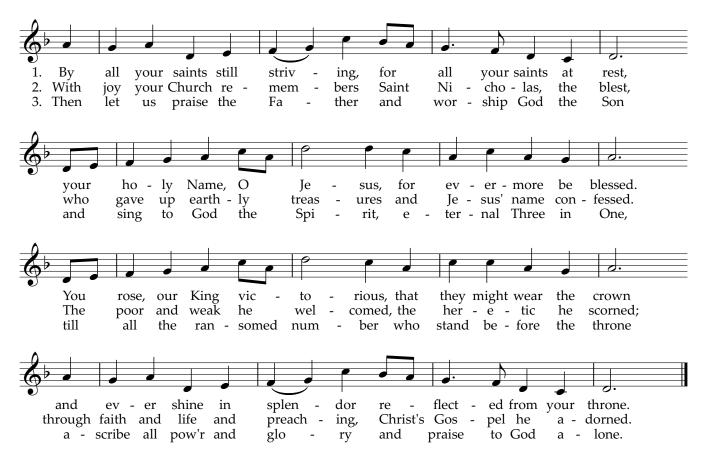
Yours, O God, is an everlasting reign; * your dominion endures throughout all ages.

You are faithful in all your words * and merciful in all your deeds.

You uphold all those who fall; * you lift up those who are bowed down. ANTIPHON

SEQUENCE HYMN By all your saints still striving

King's Lynn



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Music: King's Lynn, English melody; adapt. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

THE HOLY GOSPEL Mark 10:13-16

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

PEOPLE were bringing little children to Jesus in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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 stand, as able, and turn to face the baptismal font in the rear of the nave.

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 292

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

People I do.

Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

People 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.

Bishop Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People 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.

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

People I will, with God's help.

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

People I will, with God's help.

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

People I will, with God's help.

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

People I will, with God's help.

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

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect the beauty and integrity of all creation?

People 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 ordinands and bishop sprinkle the Assembly with water from the font as a sign and reminder of our Baptism.

THE EXAMINATIONS

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

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 543

Bishop My sisters and brothers, 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 brothers and sisters, 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 stand, as able. The cantor sings the Veni Creator Spiritus.

VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire

words: Latin, 9th cent.; tr. John Cosin; para. of *Veni Creator Spiritus*. MUSIC: *Veni Creator Spiritus*, plainsong, Mode 8

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 remains standing.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 544

Bishop

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 each ordinand, and prays:

Therefore, Father, through Jesus Christ your Son, give your Holy Spirit to *N*.; fill *her* 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.

People 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 establish discretionary funds for the newly ordained deacons at the churches where they will be appointed.

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).

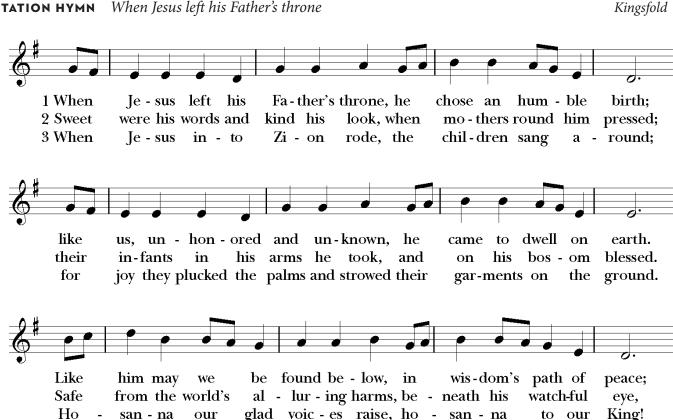
You may also mail your gift to the cathedral: 1245 10th Ave. E, Seattle, WA 98102. Please make checks payable to Saint Mark's Cathedral, and notate donations as "new deacons" in the memo or comment.

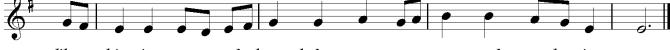


OFFERTORY VOLUNTARY Comfort, comfort ye, my people (Freu dich sehr, O meine Seele, Variation 12) Georg Böhm

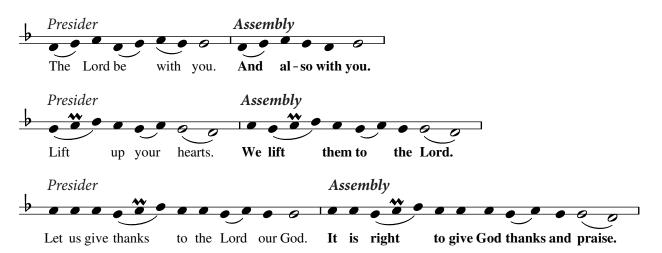
All stand, as able, as the gifts of bread and wine, and the offering, are presented at the altar.

PRESENTATION HYMN When Jesus left his Father's throne



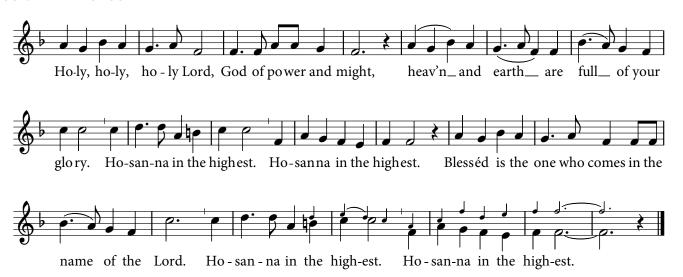


like him in grace and know-ledge grow and strength years in - crease. in the cir thus cle of his arms may we for lie. ev Should we for - get Sa - vior's praise, the stones them - selves our



Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, the Creator of heaven and earth, through the great shepherd of your flock Jesus Christ our Lord; who after his resurrection sent forth the 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 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



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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. Through Mary's Holy Child, you have delivered us from evil and made us worthy to stand before you. 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, Jesus 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, 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 shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O God:

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, Dear One; 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, gather all things into the circle of Christ's love, and bring us to that heavenly country where with Mary, Mark, Nicholas, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of all your children; through Jesus Christ, 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 honor and glory is yours, Most Blessed One, now and for ever.



All A-MEN.

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Mason Martens (b. 1933)

The cantor chants the antiphon, all repeat. The cantor chants the verses, all repeating the antiphon where indicated.



Verse: The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ. ANTIPHON

Verse: 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 may be seated for the time of Communion.

All seeking God are welcome at Christ's Table.

Please follow the directions of the Liturgical Ministers. Bread and wine are distributed at standing stations at the head of three aisles. The bread will placed into your outstretched palm. If you prefer a gluten-free wafer, simply ask for one at the time of Communion. If you wish to receive a blessing instead, please cross your arms in front of your chest.

Intinction (dipping the bread in the wine) is not available at this time. If you do not wish to drink from the common cup, please cross your arms in front of your chest as you pass by the chalice. The full grace of the sacrament is received with only the bread.

COMMUNION HYMN Loving Spirit, you have chosen me to be

Omni die



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Music: Omni die, melody From Gross Catolisch Gesangbuch, 1631; harm. William Smith Rockstro (1823-1895).

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Bishop Almighty Father,

All 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 Phillip, Theresa, Lisa, Martin, Myra, and Robert 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.

EPISCOPAL BLESSING

Bishop Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

People The maker of heaven and earth.

Bishop Blessed be the Name of the Lord.

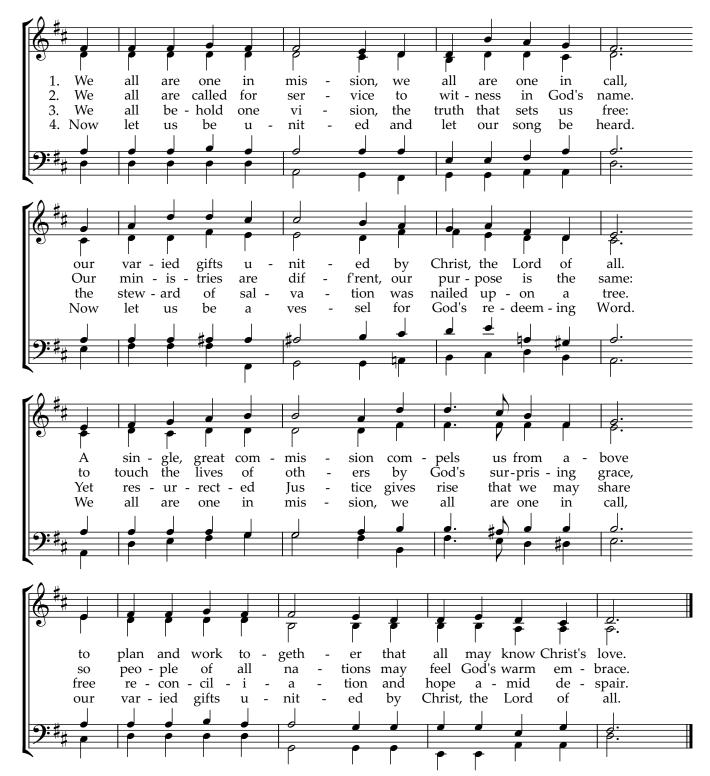
People From this time forth for ever more.

Bishop The blessing of God Almighty,

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

All Amen.

HYMN IN PROCESSION We are all one in mission



Hymn 778 from Wonder, Love, and Praise; Words: Rusty Edwards (b. 1955), copyright 1986 Hope Publishing Co. Used by permission; Music: *Aurelia*, Samuel Sebastian Wesley, Public Domain

DISMISSAL

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

People Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY Comfort, comfort ye, my people (Freu dich sehr, O meine Seele, Variation 11)

Georg Böhm





Phillip Lienau

PRESENTERS

Hisako Beasley, Saint Mark's Cathedral
Nathan Clark, Trinity, Seattle
The Reverend Canon Jennifer Daugherty, Saint Mark's Cathedral
Phil Haas, Saint Mark's Cathedral
Cheryl H. Herzog
Susan Knirk, Saint Mark's Cathedral
Sue Tait, Saint Mark's Cathedral
The Very Reverend Steven L. Thomason, Saint Mark's Cathedral

VESTER

Jeremy Crawford

PHILLIP LIENAU grew up in the San Francisco Bay Area, and was active in the Roman Catholic Church as a teenager. He began to discern a call to ordained ministry while in high school and college, but did not see a way forward at the time. Phillip instead pursued Architecture and Scenic Design. During this time Phillip met his husband Jeremy, and in 2007 they moved to Seattle.

In Seattle, Phillip designed sets for Seattle Opera, Seattle Shakespeare Company, Opera Colorado, and others. From 2011 to 2015 he taught in the UW School of Drama, and briefly also taught and designed at Seattle University.

In 2015 Phillip was overjoyed to discover the welcoming spirit of The Episcopal Church and he and Jeremy joined the worshiping community at Saint Mark's Cathedral. Soon thereafter Phillip reengaged the process of discernment. During the discernment process, Phillip was active in liturgical ministries, contemplative prayer, providing and serving meals to people experiencing homelessness, and the initial planning and training stages of the Sanctuary ministry.

Phillip was admitted to Postulancy and sent to seminary at the Church Divinity School of the Pacific in Berkeley in 2021. While in school Phillip has undergone an immersion trip in Kenya, participated in an exchange program at a Church of England seminary near Oxford, and joined other members of the Diocese of Olympia on pilgrimage to the Holy Land this past January. Phillip expects to graduate in May 2024, and looks forward to coming home to serve in Washington. •



Theresa Lynn Newell

PRESENTERS

The Reverend Rachel Endicott, Rector (interim), St. Andrew's, Seattle
The Reverend Rich Weyls, Manager (interim) for Spiritual Care, Swedish Hospital
Mary Katka, St. Andrew's, Seattle
Laurie Stewart, St. Andrew's, Seattle
Alice Speers, St. Andrew's, Seattle

VESTERS

Dave & Sam Newell

Theresa Lynn Newell grew up in southern Illinois. As a Roman Catholic attending parochial school, she developed a deep sense of God's presence in all things and a deep love for the saints, especially her own patron saint, Therese of Lisieux. Her experiences in the Roman Catholic tradition were truly formational, allowing her to explore her relationship with God and her place in the world in a deep, meaningful, and sacramental way.

After marrying her husband, Dave, she moved to Alaska and began attending the Episcopal Church. She found this to be a place which retained the elements of liturgy and respect for Mary and the saints that she loved in the Catholic tradition, and additionally provided a felt sense of God's unconditional grace. In this way the Episcopal tradition was not merely a "coming home," but also an opportunity for Theresa to grow into a new, more adult relationship with God.

In Alaska, Theresa also followed her heart's desire to serve those who need it most. Theresa taught elementary school in places that she could serve dyslexic or low-income students. Before having their own biological children, Theresa and her husband adopted and fostered children who had disabilities and early childhood experiences of trauma.

It was after moving to California, while raising children who had experienced trauma, that Theresa began to recognize a call to ordained ministry. She felt a growing sense of urgency to use God's word and sacrament to impress upon people how deeply they are loved as a means of promoting healing and wholeness.

After the family moved to Nebraska, Theresa began a formal discernment process and education which continued after moving to the Seattle metro area. She now serves those in spiritual or emotional distress in her capacity as a chaplain at Swedish Edmonds Hospital. She hopes to continue in her call to love people into wholeness through word and sacrament. •



Lisa Bozarth Ozaeta

PRESENTERS

The Reverend Patty Baker, St. Clare's, Snoqualmie
Andrew Varhley, St. Clare's, Snoqualmie
The Reverend Doyt Conn, Epiphany Parish, Seattle
Kelli Martin, Epiphany Parish, Seattle
Susan Pitchford, Epiphany Parish, Seattle
Frank Stalling, Jr.

VESTERS

Mary, Haley, & Francie Ozaeta

LISA BOZARTH OZAETA serves as the Associate Rector at Epiphany Seattle. In this role, she oversees adult and children formation, working closely with families, teaching Bible studies, leading retreats, and preaching. Lisa's home parish is St. Clare's Episcopal Church in Snoqualmie, WA.

Over the last 25 years, Lisa has worked in several roles including as a lawyer, healthcare executive, and assistant professor at the University of Southern California. Her years of leadership and executive experience inform her ministry and perspective.

Lisa is committed to creating opportunities for people to know and experience God. Through her teachings and ministry, she aspires to facilitate a transformative journey where the sacred is woven into the fabric of daily existence, fostering a renewed and profound connection to the Divine.

Lisa and her wife, Myra, live in Snoqualmie, WA. They have four children, Haley (2000), John Mark (2001), Heath (2005), and Francie (2006). Lisa has a passion for congregational vitality and the future of The Episcopal Church. She enjoys reading, writing, and drawing silly cartoons. She loves Oklahoma football and spending time on the water. •



Martin William Pommerenke, III

PRESENTERS

Laura Griffin, Marilynne Scott, Michael Zubits; St. Paul's, Seattle
The Reverend Meghan Mullarkey, Carmen Olfert; St. Columba's, Kent
The Reverend Canon Alissabeth Newton, Canon for Congregational Development, Diocese of Olympia
The Reverend. Kevin Pearson, St. Luke's, Renton
The Reverend Lindsay Ross-Hunt, St. Paul's, Bellingham
Paula Womack, Faith, Poulsbo

VESTER

Christopher M. Wagner

MARTIN POMMERENKE (he/him) is grateful to God and the many people, schools, and congregations that have formed him for ministry. Martin loves the desert and the water. His ancestry is Pomeranian, from the northern seacoast of Germany, and his dad and grandmother in Arizona raised him. Dropped off at church as a child, Martin made the Christian faith his own when he was baptized at age sixteen in a Baptist congregation.

Acknowledging a call, Martin went to college to be a music minister, attending Grand Canyon University—then a small liberal arts college. He graduated with a Bachelor of Music in Church Music, receiving the highest academic award. Midway through college, he was welcomed home in the liturgy, music, and theological breadth of The Episcopal Church. Martin's call to ministry has found its expression as a lay professional in Episcopal congregations for over twenty years in both Washington and Arizona. He now is the Associate for Liturgy and Music at St. Columba's in Kent.

Martin felt a call to the priesthood before relocating to Seattle in 2009 to explore his call in this diocese. In 2019, Martin moved to Point Roberts, an American peninsula cut off by the Canadian border, to continue studies at the Vancouver School of Theology. He earned his Master of Divinity in 2021, receiving prizes in preaching, New Testament studies, and for distinction in divinity. Since then, Martin launched a visibility and community-building group for 2SLGBTQIA+ people on "the Point," having done outreach there during the COVID border shutdowns as part of his fieldwork at St. Paul's in Bellingham.

Together since 2009—and married since 2022—Martin and his husband Christopher divide their time between Point Roberts and Renton. Martin believes the diaconate is foundational for all ordained ministry and wants to help the church and the world find Christian spiritual resources to acknowledge grief and discover hope amidst the climate apocalypse. •



Myra Ryneheart Corcorran

PRESENTERS

The Reverend Rilla Barrett, St. James, Sedro-Woolley & Christ Church, Anacortes
The Reverend Dawn Campbell-Foisie, St. Philip's, Marysville
April & Susan Thomson, Christ Church, Blaine
The Reverend Jonathan Weldon and Sharon Weldon, St. Paul's, Bellingham

VESTERS

Jeane Austin, The Reverend Cheryl A. Fear, The Reverend Kris Paul

MYRA RYNEHEART CORCORRAN was born and raised on a family farm in rural Florida, where she embraced the values of cherishing relationships, cultivating community, and caring for creation. After graduating from Sewanee with a BA in Philosophy in 1991, her early adult years were spent working in nonprofit community action and United Way in Bellingham, writing grants and fostering partnerships to meet the needs of people who were unhoused, abused, and hungry.

After ten years in the nonprofit sector, Myra discerned a call to labyrinth ministry. She founded Laughing Flower Labyrinth Company and became a Veriditas Certified Labyrinth Facilitator in 2007. She was a founding board member of Stillpoint at Beckside, an ecumenical retreat center in Bellingham. Over the years, she co-authored a labyrinth pilgrimage booklet that was distributed around the globe, installed over 65 labyrinths around the country, and developed labyrinth prayers and meditations for retreats, Christian preschools, Sunday Schools, support groups, and churches in Methodist, ELCA, and Episcopal traditions.

Myra began attending Christ Church, Blaine in 2013, where she began her discernment process in 2017 while concurrently working at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Bellingham. She completed CPE in the ICU and Surgical Units at Peacehealth, Bellingham in 2022; and Field Education at Church of the Good Shepherd, Decatur, AL from 2022-2023.

Myra will graduate with an M.Div. in May 2024. During her time at Sewanee, Myra has been engaged in labyrinth ministry, chapel/sacristan ministry, seminary and Spanish choirs, the University's Indigenous Engagement Initiative, and the School of Theology's Diversity & Reconciliation Committee. This fall, Myra was able to integrate her Cherokee heritage, labyrinth ministry, and priestly calling as she created inaugural Indigenous People's Day observances that included an Indigenous sunrise service, native labyrinth installations, and a Trail of Tears remembrance. Myra and her husband Peter have five children and five grandchildren, with one teenager and two beloved rescue dogs still living at home. •



Robert Gary Stevens

PRESENTERS

The Reverend Cristi Chapman, St. David's, Friday Harbor
The Reverend James Kress, Center for Spiritual Living
Sarah McCord, Saint Mark's Cathedral
Scott Hulet, Saint Mark's Cathedral
Vinh Do, Saint Mark's Cathedral
Lynne Markova, St. Dunstan's, Shoreline

VESTERS

Carlos Vargas Valdes, LeRoy R. & Kenneth D. Stevens, The Reverend Susan Dean, The Reverend Richard Weyls

ROBERT grew up outside Los Angeles in Duarte, California, with his three older brothers and moved to the Pacific Northwest with his parents after high school. Other than spending several years working and living in Honolulu, Hawaii, the only extended time he has spent living outside of Washington state has been while in seminary at Church Divinity School of the Pacific in Berkeley, California. He can't wait to return home to the Pacific Northwest!

In 2021, Robert ended a twenty-eight-year career in legal administration to follow a vocation that he first discerned while serving on the staff for a Member of Congress and participating in "Soundings," a vocational discernment program offered through the Archdiocese of Seattle. Before his career in legal administration, Robert worked for Catholic Community Services - SW in Parish Ministry and Human Resources Management and completed a Master of Pastoral Ministry Degree from Seattle University. Robert's call was rekindled when he and his husband, Carlos, found their spiritual home in the Episcopal Church.

Robert's volunteer contributions to the community and church have been varied. In the Association of Legal Administrators, he volunteered in leadership roles developing initiatives focused on Diversity, Inclusion, & Equity in the legal profession, both locally and nationally, and locally in Human Resources Management. Robert's early church ministry was with Youth and Young Adult Ministry, Adult Formation, and most recently, Peace & Justice, Immigration Rights, Sanctuary, Vestry service, as a Verger, and Co-Convener of Stewardship. Robert is grateful for the mentorship and support from his home parish, St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral, Seattle, and his field education parishes, St. Francis Episcopal Church, San Francisco, and The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, Berkeley, California. •

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