



*The Episcopal Diocese of Olympia*

# ORDINATIONS

TO THE SACRED ORDER OF DEACONS  
*on the Feast of Katharina von Bora, Church Reformer*

Vincent James Booth  
Tina Francis  
Elizabeth Ann Holland  
Alison Lynn Elizabeth Leary  
Gabriel Louise Oakes



SAINT MARK'S  
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL  
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

December 20, 2025

10:30 AM



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*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.*

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## THE ORDINATION OF A DEACON

**PRELUDE** Two settings of *in feste burg ist unser Gott* ("A mighty fortress is our God")  
Dieterich Buxtehude (BuxWV 184)  
J. S. Bach (BWV 720)

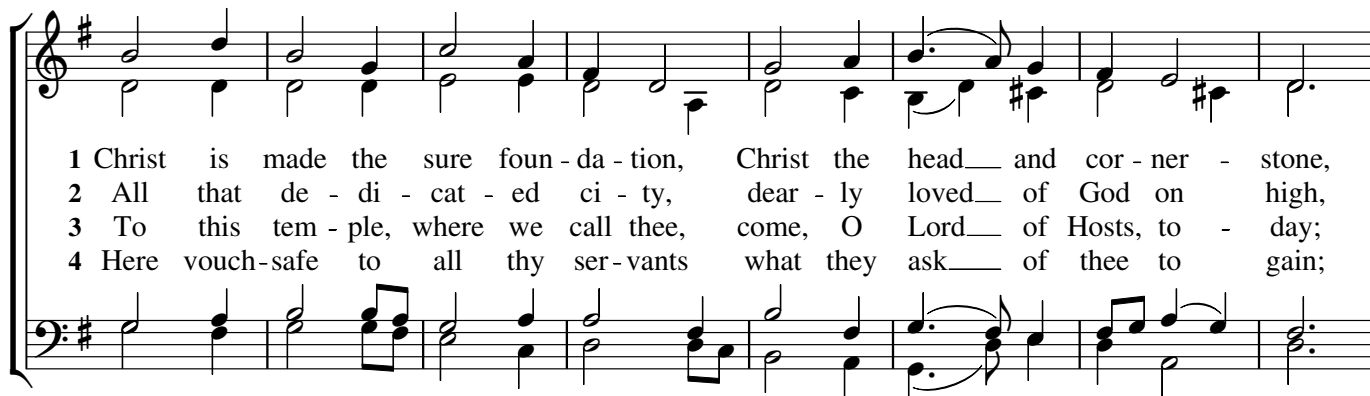
**WELCOME & LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

The Very Reverend Steven L. Thomason, *Cathedral Dean*

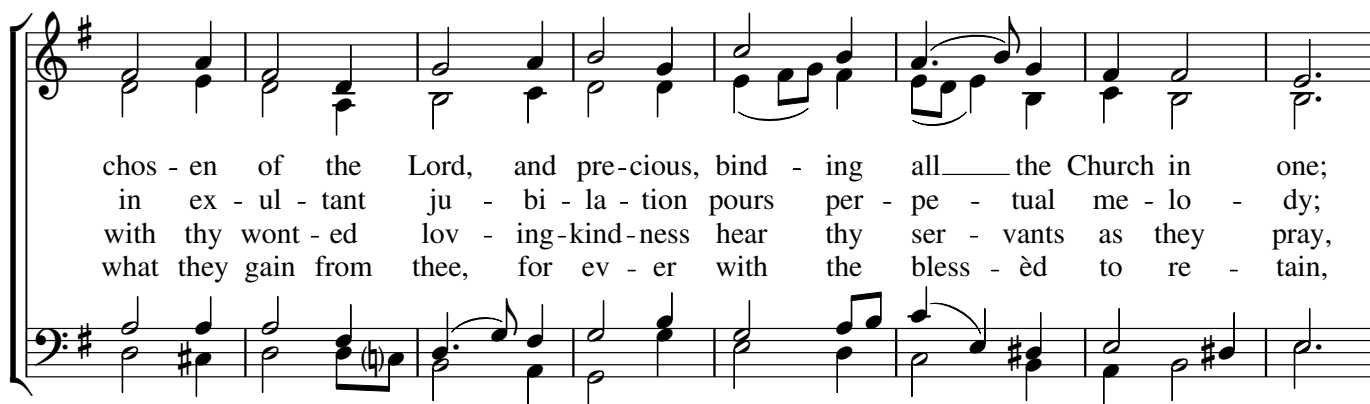
All stand, as able, for the opening hymn in procession.

**HYMN IN PROCESSION** *Christ is made the sure foundation*

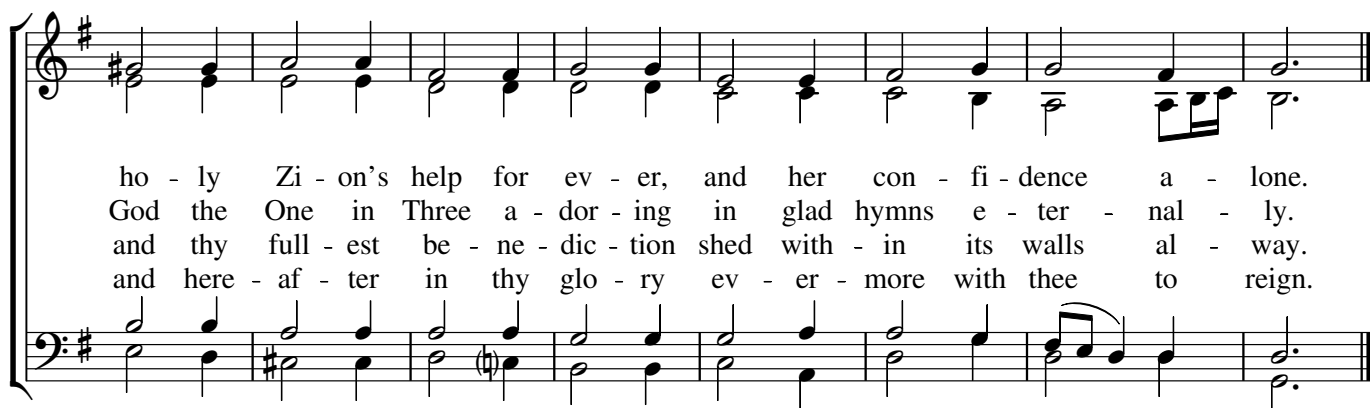
Westminster Abbey



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and cor - ner - stone,  
2 All that de - di - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved of God on high,  
3 To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of Hosts, to - day;  
4 Here vouch - safe to all thy ser - vants what they ask of thee to gain;



chos - en of the Lord, and pre - cious, bind - ing all the Church in one;  
in ex - ul - tant ju - bi - la - tion pours per - pe - tual me - lo - dy;  
with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness hear thy ser - vants as they pray,  
what they gain from thee, for ev - er with the bless - èd to re - tain,



ho - ly Zi - on's help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.  
God the One in Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.  
and thy full - est be - ne - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.  
and here - af - ter in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

The Hymnal 1982 # 518; Words: Latin, ca. 7th cent.;

tr. Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1861, after John Mason Neale (1818-1856), alt.

**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* Phil, 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 Vince Booth, Tina Francis, Elizabeth Holland, Alison Leary, and Gabriel Oakes 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 Vince, Tina, Elizabeth, Alison, and Gabriel be ordained deacons?

**People It is.**

*Bishop* Will you uphold them in this ministry?

**People We will.**

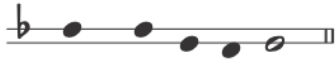
*Bishop* In peace let us pray to the Lord.

*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 Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Phil 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.

*Cantor* For Vince, Tina, Elizabeth, Alison, and Gabriel, 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, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.



**People** To you, O Lord our God.



*Cantor* Lord, have mercy.

**People:** Christ, have mercy.

*Cantor:* Lord, have mercy.

## 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.

**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 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

*Isaiah 55:6-11*

**S**EEK the Lord while he may be found,  
call upon him while he is near;  
let the wicked forsake their way,  
and the unrighteous their thoughts;  
let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,  
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.  
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.  
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.  
As the rain and the snow come down from heaven,  
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,  
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,  
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

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

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

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



The God of hosts is with us; the God of Ja - cob is our strong - hold.

God is our refuge and strength, \*  
a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, \*  
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;  
Though its waters rage and foam, \*  
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult. **ANTIPHON**

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, \*  
the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of the city;  
it shall not be overthrown; \*  
God shall help it at the break of day.  
The nations make much ado, and the realms are shaken; \*  
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away. **ANTIPHON**

Come now and look upon the works of the Most High, \*  
who does awesome things on earth.

It is God who makes war to cease in all the world, \*  
who breaks the bow and shatters the spear,  
and burns the shields with fire.

“Be still, then, and know that I am God; \*  
I will be exalted among the nations;  
I will be exalted in the earth.” **ANTIPHON**

**READING**

*Romans 3:21-28*

**B**UT NOW, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

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

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

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

**SEQUENCE HYMN** Like the murmur of the dove's song

Bridegroom



1 Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the  
2 To the mem - bers of Christ's Bo - dy, to the  
3 With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the



chal - lenge of her flight, like the vig - or of the  
branch - es of the Vine, to the Church in faith as -  
cease - less voice of prayer, with the power to love and



wind's rush, like the new flame's ea - ger  
sem - bled, to her midst as gift and  
wit - ness, with the peace be - yond com -



might: come, \_\_\_\_\_ Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.  
sign: come, \_\_\_\_\_ Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.  
pare: come, \_\_\_\_\_ Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.

WORDS: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944)

MUSIC: *Bridegroom*, Peter Cutts (1937-2024)

**THE HOLY GOSPEL** John 15:1-11

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

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

**J**ESUS said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete."

*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 siblings, 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 siblings, 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* **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 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](http://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 SOLO** *I will sing of thy great mercies, O Lord*

WORDS: Psalm 89:1;  
MUSIC: Felix Mendelssohn  
(from his Oratorio, *St. Paul*)

I will sing of thy great mercies, O Lord, my Savior,  
and of thy faithfulness evermore.



*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."

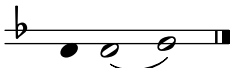
Therefore, according to his command, O God:

**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, 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**

*The Hymnal 1982 #S-167, © 1971 by Mason Martens.*

## 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 be 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 SOLO *O frondens virga*

Hildegard von Bingen

*O frondens virga,  
in tua nobilitate stans  
sicut aurora procedit:  
nunc gaude et letare  
et nos debiles dignare  
a mala consuetudine liberare  
atque manum tuam porrige  
ad erigendum nos.*

O blooming branch,  
you stand upright in your nobility,  
as breaks the dawn on high:  
Rejoice now and be glad,  
and deign to free us, frail and weakened,  
from the wicked habits of our age;  
stretch forth your hand  
to lift us up aright.

COMMUNION HYMN *Christ the vine, and God, the gardener*

*Introduction*



1. Christ, the vine, and God, the gard - 'ner, we the branch-es bear - ing fruit.  
2. Christ, may we sub - mit to prun - ing that we bear more grapes for wine.



We can bring forth shoots of prom - ise when our lives in Christ take root.  
Help us, when we're ov - er - bur - dened, draw new strength from you, the vine.



Christ, the fruit from Jes - se spring - ing, you ful-filled the pro-phet's  
You in - vite us to be part - ners, grow-ing Spir - it's fruit a -



trust. And you pray that we, your bo - dy, will ful - fill your trust in  
new. Keep us one in love to - geth - er: you in us, and we in

*Interlude/Conclusion*



us.  
you!

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*All stand, as able.*

**POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER**

*The Book of Common Prayer, p. 546*

*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 Vince, Tina, Elizabeth, Alison, and Gabriel  
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.**

**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 *A mighty fortress is our God*

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er fail - ing;  
 2 If we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing turns to los - ing;  
 3 God's Word shall stand a - bove all pow'rs, shall end all their thanks - giv - ing.

our help - er frees us from the flood of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing.  
 the right - eous one fights by our side, the one of God's own choos - ing.  
 The Spi - rit and the gifts are ours, for God with us is liv - ing.

For still our an - cient foe, for - sworn to work us woe, with guile and dread - ful  
 You ask who this may be: Christ Je - sus, it is he, the Lord of hosts by  
 Let goods and kin - dred go, this mor - tal life al - so; though all of these be

might is armed to wage the fight: on earth there is no e - qual.  
 name. No oth - er God we claim! None else can win the bat - tle.  
 gone, the pow'rs have no - thing won. God's realm is ours for - ev - er!

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**DISMISSAL**

*New Deacons* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

**VOLUNTARY** *Ein feste burg ist unser Gott* (“A mighty fortress is our God”)  
From the *Lüneberger Orgeltabulatur* (ca. 1650)



# ABOUT THE ORDINANDS



## Vincent James Booth

### PRESENTERS

The Rev. Doyt Conn, *Epiphany, Seattle*  
The Rev. Canon Britt Olson, *St. Luke's, Seattle*  
Alice Rowe, *St. Luke's, Seattle*  
Kelli Martin, *Epiphany, Seattle*

### VESTER

Sam & Nancy Booth

VINCE BOOTH grew up in beautiful Yakima as the third of four siblings and has been living in Seattle since 2014. He studied philosophy at Whitman College and attempted to write his senior paper on neighborly love. Vince spent the remainder of his twenties growing food in Nevada City, CA and Walla Walla, WA, and the majority of his thirties serving wonderful meals at Canlis.

Early on it was clear it wasn't just good food he was after, but good meals: a relationship to one's sustenance and heart-forward fellowship; communion. Vince started attending Epiphany in 2018 and was baptized in 2019. He has been serving as an intern at St. Luke's in Ballard while finishing school in the hybrid program at Church Divinity School of the Pacific. In his free time, he enjoys fixing/breaking his house while listening to the Mariners, going on long runs around town or in the mountains, swimming in Lake Washington, and making sure his 13-year old dog, Billie, gets all the love she deserves, which is a lot. Vince married the wonderful Keiko Budech in 2025 and they live in the Hillman City neighborhood of South Seattle. ♦

# ABOUT THE ORDINANDS



## Tina Francis

### PRESENTERS

The Rev. Josefina Beecher  
The Rev. Sabeth Fitzgibbons, *Trinity, Seattle, WA*  
Katya Nemec, *St. Peter's, Seattle, WA*  
The Rev. Polly Shigaki, *Diocese of Olympia*

### VESTERS

Kupa Mutungu & Ezra Francis Mutungu

**T**INA FRANCIS is pursuing her Master of Divinity at the Seminary of the Southwest in Austin, Texas, as a Postulant for Holy Orders from the Diocese of Olympia. Born to South Indian parents and raised in Dubai, her childhood was shaped by many tongues and the pull of many homelands. In those early crossings between cultures, she learned that God gathers scattered stories and teaches belonging by braiding lives together.

At seventeen, she moved to Canada to earn a B.A. in Communications, followed by a diploma in Television Broadcasting, before spending more than a decade writing, photographing, speaking, and listening to the stories. Along the way, she discovered that storytelling was not only her life's work but also her way of loving the world. It became a way of helping people feel seen and of walking gently with them through the beautiful and bewildering terrain of being alive.

Her contemplative formation at the Living School for Action and Contemplation deepened this knowing. Guided by Richard Rohr, Cynthia Bourgeault, and James Finley, she was steeped in the ancestral wisdom of Christian mysticism. She learned that God is both vast and intimate, both thunder and breath, and that holiness often appears in the ordinary: a laugh, a cup of chai, a forgiveness you did not think you had in you.

Tina now serves at St. Julian of Norwich Episcopal Church in Austin, where she shares life with her husband, Kupa, and their son, Ezra. Her ministry is rooted in the conviction that every soul carries a story worth honoring, that healing begins with being seen, and that even fractured stories can be gathered into God's tenderness.

She loves her mom's piping hot dosas and masala chai, poetry, and a good underdog story. She walks toward the priesthood with a grateful, listening heart. ♦

# ABOUT THE ORDINANDS



## Elizabeth Ann Holland

### PRESENTERS

The Rev. Kendall Haynes, *St. Andrew's, Seattle, WA*

The Rev. Katherine Sedwick, *St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church, Issaquah, WA*

Terry Elofson, *St. Matthew's, Browns Point*

The Rev. Nancy Frausto, *Diocese of Los Angeles & Seminary of the Southwest*

### VESTER

Lee Holland, Jannie Holland, & EJ Hurst

**E**LIZABETH HOLLAND was born and raised in the Pacific Northwest and grew up in the Episcopal Church. A Child of a Deaf Adult (CODA), Elizabeth is fluent in ASL and English. The Deaf and Hearing communities shaped her earliest experiences of belonging. Within various communities and the Episcopal Conference of the Deaf, Elizabeth has witnessed the unique and varied ways people express their faith, which has remained central to her identity and ministry.

After completing her BA in ASL/English Interpreting at Western Oregon University, Elizabeth began a ten-year career as an ASL Interpreter, becoming nationally certified. Prior to that, she spent just over a decade supporting adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. These experiences deepened her commitment to accessibility, pastoral presence, and the belief that every person reflects the image of God.

Elizabeth has been active in the Episcopal Church since childhood, serving at various times in youth and children's ministries, Altar Guild, Lay Eucharistic Ministry, on multiple Cursillo teams (including the Diocese of Olympia's Come and See Secretariat as treasurer), and more. Over the years, she recognized a call to the priesthood. Supported by her sending parish, St. Matthew in Browns Point, she started the discernment process and left for the hot state of Texas to begin seminary in 2023.

Elizabeth is completing her Master of Divinity at the Seminary of the Southwest in Austin, Texas, with a concentration in Latinx Ministry, and is starting to learn Spanish while exploring bilingual and intercultural ministry. Her time in seminary has strengthened her love for preaching, liturgy, and accessible worship practices that honor the diverse Body of Christ.

Elizabeth looks forward with gratitude and joy to beginning her ordained ministry, trusting in God's steady guidance and the many communities who have formed her along the way. ♦

# ABOUT THE ORDINANDS



## Alison Lynn Elizabeth Leary

### PRESENTERS

The Rev. Elise Johnstone, *St. John the Baptist, Seattle*  
The Rev. Canon Richard C. Weyls, *St. Mark's Cathedral, Seattle*  
Dan Johnson, *St. John the Baptist, Seattle*  
Maria Weber, *St. John the Baptist, Seattle*

### VESTER

Stephanie Abbott

Alison Leary has been shaped for ordained ministry through parish leadership, theological study, and professional experience in communications. She currently serves as a seminarian intern at St. Mark's Cathedral. Before beginning formal seminary training, Alison was an active lay leader at St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church in West Seattle, the place where her discernment around ordination took root. She served as senior warden there and helped guide the parish through a clergy transition and support the call of a new priest in charge. Her efforts focused on stabilizing parish operations, strengthening communication, and supporting vestry governance.

Alison is completing clinical pastoral education at Providence Mount St. Vincent in West Seattle. In this role, she provides chaplaincy support to residents in long-term care and hospice contexts and participates in supervised formation in reflective practice and care for those experiencing illness and end of life.

In addition to her ministry experience, Alison has had a career in higher education communications, serving as a senior communications executive at Seattle Pacific University, where she oversees marketing, media relations, digital strategy, and institutional messaging, including during periods of organizational change.

A resident of West Seattle for 35 years, she treasures her relationships as a daughter, mother, grandmother, and partner. She also plays violin with a chamber music group affectionately known as The Lost Girls. Alison is completing a Master of Divinity through General Theological Seminary, following earlier graduate theological studies at Seattle Pacific Seminary. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in English from the University of Michigan.

Alison is grateful to the people of St. John the Baptist and for the broad and supportive community of friends, parishioners, priest mentors, professors, colleagues, family, and loved ones who have accompanied her throughout her discernment and formation. ♦

# ABOUT THE ORDINANDS



## Gabriel Louise Oakes

### PRESENTERS

The Rev. Nat Johnson, *St. Peter's, Seattle*

Megan McIntyre, *St. Peter's, Seattle*

Kyle Kumasaka, *St. Peter's, Seattle*

The Rev. Edmund Harris, *St. Thomas, Medina*

### VESTERS

Rachel Oakes, Jim Oakes, & Lisa Oakes

**G**ABRIEL (GABE) OAKES is in their final year of study at Virginia Theological Seminary, and is sponsored for ordination by St. Peter's in Seattle. They grew up in California, and came to Washington for college, where they were involved in Seattle University's Campus Ministry — a deeply formative place for them in shaping their ministry. After college, they completed a year of Episcopal Service Corps at Deaconess Anne House in St. Louis, living in an intentional community and working at a food pantry. Throughout their time in seminary, they have been involved in organizing work both on and off campus, and understand their faith as necessarily leading into engagement with justice in local communities. They are deeply committed to honoring the Body of Christ as it shows up both on the altar and in their neighbors, and in helping the church to do the same. Gabriel is so grateful for the support of their family, St. Peter's, and all of the communities that have helped formed them in their path to ordained ministry. ♦

## ABOUT KATHARINA VON BORA

*Katharina von Bora was born in 1499, the daughter of impoverished German nobles, and was educated at the Benedictine convent in Brehna. Instinctively devout, she initially felt deeply drawn to the monastic life, and as a teenager took vows at a Cistercian convent in Nimbschen.*

*As a young woman, however, Katharina became increasingly critical of many of the abuses that she perceived in the church, and became keenly interested in the movements of ecclesiastical reform. In 1523, she and 11 other sisters secretly contacted Martin Luther and asked for his help in escaping from the convent. Smuggled out in a fish wagon, they soon found that they had nowhere to go, because their families refused to take them back. Several of the Protestant reformers sheltered the women, and Katharina found a temporary home with the family of the famous painter Lucas Cranach.*

*Eventually all of the women found husbands within the new community of church reformers, but for Katharina no match was found. Most of her potential suitors found her intellect intimidating and her assertiveness off-putting. Eventually, she expressed a desire to wed Martin Luther himself, and rather to the surprise of most of his friends, he agreed.*

*Many within the early Lutheran community were opposed to Luther's marriage, fearing that it would open him to criticism that he had only left the monastic life because he did not want to fulfill his vow of celibacy, rather than because he was genuinely concerned about abuses within the church. But Luther came to believe that married life was itself a vocation from God, and also that clerical marriage gave women the opportunity to assist in the work of the Reformation as coworkers and colleagues.*

*Katharina therefore became an early model for the vocation of a pastor's spouse, assisting Martin in his ministry and providing hospitality to many, as well as raising six children and opening their home to a number of orphans. The family regularly hosted dozens of people at dinner, which would involve heated theological debates. Katharina was an active participant in these, knowing both the scriptures and Latin as well as many of the men, and Martin encouraged her contributions. He gave her a degree of authority that was unprecedented in that time, including allowing her to handle the publication of his works, and naming her as his sole heir upon his death. She died on December 20, 1552.*

—from Lesser Feasts and Fasts 2024

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