

Diocese of Central Pennsylvania

The Ordination  
to the  
Sacred Order of Deacons  
of  
Martha Lester Harris  
and  
Edward Barse Christopher



St. Stephen's Cathedral  
Harrisburg

11:00 a.m.  
May 7, 2022

# The Ordination of Deacons

## Order of Service

Prelude "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

arr. Lloyd Larson

*Please stand as you are able as the procession enters the church and join in the singing of the hymn.*

Hymn at the Processional

"Praise the Spirit in Creation"



1 Praise the Spi - rit in cre - a - tion, breath of God, life's  
 2 Praise the Spi - rit, close com - pan - ion of our in - most  
 3 Praise the Spi - rit, who en - light - ened priests and pro - phets  
 4 Tell of how the a - scend - ed Je - sus armed a peo - ple  
 5 Pray we then, O Lord the Spi - rit, on our lives de -  
 6 Praise, O praise the Ho - ly Spi - rit, praise the Fa - ther,



1 or - i - gin: Spi - rit, mov - ing on the wa - ters,  
 2 thoughts and ways; who, in show - ing us God's won - ders,  
 3 with the word; his the truth be - hind the wis - doms  
 4 for his own; how a hun - dred men and wo - men  
 5 scend in might; let your flame break out with - in us,  
 6 praise the Word, Source, and Truth, and In - spi - ra - tion,



1 quick - ening worlds to life with - in, source of breath to  
 2 is him - self the power to gaze; and God's will, to  
 3 which as yet know not our Lord; by whose love and  
 4 turned the known world up - side down, to its dark and  
 5 fire our hearts and clear our sight, till, white - hot in  
 6 Trin - i - ty in deep ac - cord: through your voice which



1 all things breath - ing, life in whom all lives be - gin.  
 2 those who lis - ten by a still small voice con - veys.  
 3 power, in Je - sus God him - self was seen and heard.  
 4 fur - thest cor - ners by the wind of hea - ven blown.  
 5 your pos - ses - sion, we, too, set the world a - light.  
 6 speaks with - in us we, your crea - tures, call you Lord.

*Once the participants are in place, the Bishop begins by saying*

*Alleluia. Christ is risen.*

*People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

*The Bishop then says*

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. *Amen.*

## The Presentation

*The Bishop and people sit. The presenters, standing before the Bishop, present Martha Lester Harris, saying*

Audrey, Bishop in the Church of God, on behalf of the clergy and people of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania, we present to you Martha Lester Harris to be ordained a deacon in Christ's holy catholic Church.

*Bishop*

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

*Presenters*

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

*The Bishop says to the ordinand*

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?

*Answer*

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.

*Then, the Bishop addresses the Presenters for Edward (Ted) Barse Christopher, saying*

Audrey, Bishop in the Church of God, on behalf of the clergy and people of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania, we present to you Edward (Ted) Barse Christopher 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 to be qualified for this order.

*The Bishop says to the ordinand*

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?

*Answer*

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 Ordinands then sign the above Declaration in the sight of all present.*

*Please stand as you are able. The Bishop says to the people*

Dear friends in Christ, you know the importance of this ministry, and the weight of your responsibility in presenting Martha and Ted 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*

Is it your will that Martha and Ted be ordained as deacons?

*The People respond in these words*

*It is.*

*Bishop*

Will you uphold them in this ministry?

*The People respond in these words*

*We will.*

*The Bishop then calls the people to prayer with these words*

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

*Please kneel as you are able for the litany.*

# The Litany for Ordinations

*Cantor*                      *People*



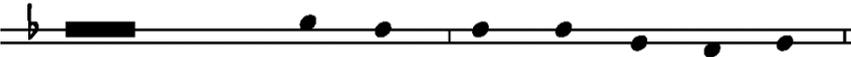
God the Fa - ther, Have mer - cy on us.

*Cantor*                      *People*



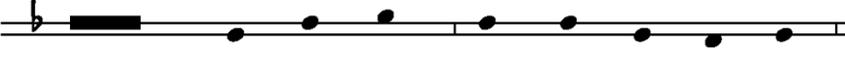
God the Son, Have mer - cy on us.

*Cantor*                      *People*



God the Holy Spir - it, Have mer - cy on us.

*Cantor*                      *People*



Holy Trini - ty, one God, Have mer - cy on us.

*Cantor*                      *People*



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

*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,

For all members of your Church in their vocation and ministry, that they may serve you in a true and godly life, we pray to you, O Lord.  
*Lord, hear our prayer.*

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and for Audrey 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.  
*Lord, hear our prayer.*

For Martha and Ted, chosen deacons in your Church, we pray to you, O Lord.  
*Lord, hear our prayer.*

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

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

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

For their families, friends, and the members of their community, that they may be adorned with all Christian virtues, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

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

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

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

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

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

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

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.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

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.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

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

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

For all who have died in the communion of 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.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*



filled with the spirit of understanding; they will pour forth words of wisdom of their own and give thanks to the Lord in prayer. The Lord will direct their counsel and knowledge, as they meditate on his mysteries. They will show the wisdom of what they have learned, and will glory in the law of the Lord's covenant

*Reader* Here ends the reading.

## The Psalm

Psalm 84

*The refrain is sung first by the Cantors, then by the people. The Psalm verses are then chanted by the Cantors, the people joining in the Refrain.*

### *Refrain*

How dear to me is your dwell - ling, O Lord of hosts.

Refrain composed by The Rt. Rev. Daniel H. Martins.

### *Psalm Tone*

- 1 *How dear* to me is your dwelling, O Lord / of hosts!\*  
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice /in the **liv**-ing God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house  
and the swallow a nest where she may lay/her young;\*  
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my /King and **my** God.  
*Refrain*
- 3 *Hap-py* are they who dwell in /your house!\*  
they will al/ways be **prais**-ing you.

4 Happy are the people whose strength is /in you! \*  
whose hearts are set /on the **pil**-grims' way.

*Refrain*

5 *Those who* go through the desolate valley will find it a place /of springs,\*  
for the early rains have covered it with /pools of **wa**-ter.

6 They will climb from height /to height,\*  
and the God of gods will reveal him-/self in **Zi**-on.

*Refrain*

7 *Lord God* of hosts, hear /my prayer;\*  
hearken, O /God of **Ja**-cob.

8 Behold our defender, /O God;\*  
and look upon the face of /your a-**noint**-ed.

*Refrain*

9 *For one* day in your courts is better than a thousand in my /own room,\*  
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God  
than to dwell in the tents /of the **wick**-ed.

10 For the Lord God is both sun /and shield;\*  
he will give /grace and **glo**-ry;

*Refrain*

11 No good thing will the Lord /withhold\*  
from those who walk /with **inte**-grity.

12 O /Lord of hosts,\*  
happy are they who /put their **trust** in you!

*Refrain*

## The Second Lesson

II Corinthians 5:16 – 21

*Reader* A reading from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be

reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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

## Hymn Before the Gospel                      “Open Your Ears, O Faithful People”

*Verses one and two of the hymn will be sung before the reading of the Gospel. Verses three and four will follow the reading.*

1 O - pen your ears, O faith - ful peo - ple,  
 2 They who have ears, to hear the mes - sage,  
 3 Is - ra - el comes to greet the Sa - vior,  
 4 O - pen your ears, O faith - ful peo - ple,

o - pen your ears and hear God's word. O - pen your hearts, O  
 they who have ears, then let them hear. They who would learn the  
 Ju - dah is glad to see his day. From east and west the  
 o - pen your ears and hear God's word. O - pen your hearts, O

roy - al priest - hood, God has come to you. *Fine*  
 way of wis - dom, let them hear God's word.  
 peo - ples trav - el, he will show the way.  
 roy - al priest - hood, God has come to you.

God has spo - ken to his peo - ple, Hal - le - lu - jah!

And his words are words of wis - dom, Hal - le - lu -

jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! God has spo - ken to his peo - ple,  
 To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra,

Hal - le - lu - jah! And his words are  
 To - rah o - ra,

words of wis - dom, Hal - le - lu - jah!  
 To - rah o - ra, Hal - le - lu - jah! *Da Capo*

“Torah ora” is Hebrew for, “The Law is our Light.”

*Please stand as you are able for the Gospel.*

# The Holy Gospel

Luke 22:24 – 27

*The Deacon reads the Gospel, first saying*

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

*People Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

A dispute arose among the disciples as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But Jesus said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

*Please be seated.*

## The Sermon

The Very Rev. Robyn Szoke-Coolidge  
Dean (Retired), Stevenson School for Ministry

*Please stand as you are able and join in saying the Nicene Creed.*

## The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## The Examination

*All are seated except the Ordinands, who stand before the Bishop. The Bishop addresses them as follows*

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

*Answer* I believe I am so called.

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

*Answer* I do.

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

*Answer* I will.

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

*Answer* I will.

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

*Answer* 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?

*Answer* I will.

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

*Answer* I will.

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

*Answer* Amen.

## The Consecration of the Deacons

*Please stand as you are able. The Ordinands kneel facing the Bishop.*

*The hymn, Veni Sancte Spiritus, is sung by the soloists.*

Come, thou Holy Spirit bright;  
come with thy celestial light;  
pour on us thy love divine.  
Come, protector of the poor;  
come, thou source of blessings sure;  
come within our hearts to shine.

Thou, of comforters the best,  
thou, the soul's most welcome guest,  
of our peace thou art the sign.  
In our labor, be our aid;  
in our summer, cooling shade.  
Every bitter tear refine.

Brighter than the noonday sun,  
fill our lives which Christ has won;  
fill our hearts and make them thine.  
Where thou art not, we have nought:  
all our word and deed and thought  
twisted from thy true design.

Bend the stubborn heart and will;  
melt the frozen, warm the chill;  
rule us by thy judgment's line.  
Cleanse us with thy healing power;  
what is barren bring to flower;  
to thy love our sins consign.

To thy people who adore  
and confess thee evermore,  
thy blest sevenfold gift assign.  
Grant us thy salvation, Lord,  
boundless mercy our reward,  
joys which earth and heaven entwine.

Words: Latin, 12<sup>th</sup> century; tr. Charles P. Price (b. 1920)

Music: *Veni Sancte Spiritus*, plainsong, Mode 1, Dublin Troper, ca. 1360

*A period of silent prayer follows, the people still standing.*

*Martha kneels before the Bishop, who then says this Prayer of Consecration*

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 Martha's head, and prays*

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

*The Bishop continues*

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

*The People in a loud voice respond     Amen.*

*Then, Ted kneels before the Bishop, who says this Prayer of Consecration.*

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 Ted's head, and prays*

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

*The Bishop continues*

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

*The People in a loud voice respond     Amen.*

*The new Deacons are now vested according to the order of Deacons. Martha's and Ted's Presenters assist with the vesting.*

*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

*The Bishop then says to the congregation*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

*The Bishop and the Clergy now greet the newly ordained. The new Deacons then exchange greetings with family members and others, as may be convenient.*

*The Clergy and People greet one another. Necessary announcements may be made.*

*Please stand as you are able for the singing of the hymn.*

# The Holy Eucharist

## Hymn at the Offertory

"I the Lord of Sea and Sky"

Piano introduction in G major, 4/4 time. The right hand plays a simple melody of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The left hand plays a bass line of quarter notes: G2, B2, C3, D3, E3, F3, G3.

*Unison*

Vocal melody in G major, 4/4 time. The piano accompaniment continues with the same bass line as the introduction. The lyrics are:

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my  
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my  
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the

Vocal melody in G major, 4/4 time. The piano accompaniment continues with the same bass line. The lyrics are:

peo - ple cry. All who dwell in deep - est sin My hand will  
peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them, They turn a -  
poor and lame. I will set a feast for them, My hand will

save.  
way.  
save.

I who made the stars of night,  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
Fin - est bread I will pro - vide

I will make their dark - ness bright. Who will bear my  
Give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak my  
Till their hearts be sat - is - fied. I will give my

light to them? Whom shall I send?  
word to them. Whom shall I send?  
life to them. Whom shall I send?

*Refrain*

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have  
 heard you call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord,  
 if you lead me, I will hold your peo - ple in my  
 heart. heart.

1. 2. | 3.

## The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer D

*The Bishop faces the people and says*

*Bishop*      The Lord be with you.

*People*      And also with you.

*Bishop*      Lift up your hearts.

*People*      We lift them to the Lord.

*Bishop*      Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*      It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Bishop proceeds*

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing (say),

*Bishop and People*

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

*You may stand or kneel.*

*Then the Bishop continues*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to

complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*Bishop and People*

We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.

*The Bishop continues*

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember all who minister in your Church.

Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and

those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with blessed Stephen and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*Bishop and people*

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## The Breaking of the Bread

*The Bishop breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Then may be said*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

*Facing the people, the Bishop says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*And may add*

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*This is the table of Our Lord. It is made ready for those who love Jesus and those who want to love him more. We invite all baptized persons to receive Holy Communion. Gluten-free hosts are available for those who need them. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of communion, please come forward to the altar rail and cross your arms. You are always welcome in this house of prayer!*

*Two baskets (one for each one ordained today) are placed near the front of the Cathedral. Offerings for the discretionary funds of the new deacons may be placed there. Or, offerings for Martha's fund may be made payable to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, PO Box 96, Columbia, PA 17512-0096 (and may be mailed there). Offerings for Ted's fund may be made payable to Assistant Rector's Discretionary Fund, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 208 West Foster Avenue, State College, PA 16801-4822.*

## Hymns at the Communion

Please join in singing the following hymn during the administration of the Sacrament.

### "I Am the Bread of Life"



1 I am the bread of life; they who  
 2 (The) Bread that I will give is my  
 3 (Un-) less you eat of the  
 4 I am the re - sur - rec - tion,  
 5 (Yes,) Lord, we be - lieve that



1 come to me shall not hun - ger; they who be -  
 2 Flesh for the life of the world, and they who  
 3 Flesh of the Son of Man and  
 4 I am the life. They who be -  
 5 you are the Christ, the



1 lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to  
 2 eat of this bread, they shall live for  
 3 drink of his Blood, you shall not have life with -  
 4 lieve in me, e - ven if they  
 5 Son of God who has



1 me un - less the Fa - ther draw them.  
 2 ev - er. they shall live for ev - er.  
 3 in you. you shall not have life with - in you.  
 4 die, they shall live for ev - er.  
 5 come in - to the world.

*Descant*

And I will raise them up, and I will raise them

*Refrain*

And I will raise them up, and I will raise them

up, and I will raise them up on the

up, and I will raise them up on the

last day. 5 Yes, day.

last day. 2 The 3 Un- day. 4 — 5 Yes, (♯)

*Final Ending*

The descant may be sung after stanzas 4 and 5.

*Recognizing that some persons may be unable or reluctant to receive the Sacrament, the following prayer is offered.*

## A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at the altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. And since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

## The Post-Communion Prayer

*Bishop* Let us pray.

*Bishop and people*

Almighty Father, 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 Martha and Ted 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.*

*The Bishop blesses the people, saying*

## Pontifical 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 forevermore.*

*Bishop* The blessing, mercy and grace of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

# Hymn at the Recessional

“Singing Songs of Expectation”

1 Sing - ing songs of ex - pec - ta - tion, on - ward  
2 One the light of God's own pres - ence, o'er his  
3 One the strain the lips of thou - sands lift as

goes the pil - grim band, through the night of  
ran - somed peo - ple shed, chas - ing far the  
from the heart of one; one the con - flict,

doubt and sor - row, march - ing to the prom - ised land.  
gloom and ter - ror, bright - ening all the path we tread:  
one the per - il, one the march in God be - gun:

Clear be - fore us through the dark - ness gleams and  
one the ob - ject of our jour - ney, one the  
one the glad - ness of re - joic - ing on the

burns the guid - ing light: trust - ing God we  
faith which nev - er tires, one the ear - nest  
far e - ter - nal shore, where the one al -

march to - geth - er step - ping fear - less through the night.  
look - ing for - ward, one the hope our God in - spires.  
might - y Fa - ther reigns in love for ev - er - more.

## Dismissal

*The new Deacon dismisses the people with these words.*

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

Postlude "Trumpet Tune on *Lancashire*"

Jason D. Payne

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