

The ORDINATION of
**CHRISTOPHER
PAUL HILTON**

to the Sacred Order of Priests
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Preface to the Ordination Rite

The Holy Scriptures and ancient Christian writers make it clear that from the apostles' time, there have been different ministries within the Church. In particular, since the time of the New Testament, three distinct orders of ordained ministers have been characteristic of Christ's holy catholic Church. First, there is the order of bishops who carry on the apostolic work of leading, supervising, and uniting the Church. Secondly, associated with them are the presbyters, or ordained elders, in subsequent times generally known as priests. Together with the bishops, they take part in the governance of the Church, in the carrying out of its missionary and pastoral work, and in the preaching of the Word of God and administering his holy Sacraments. Thirdly, there are deacons who assist bishops and priests in all of this work. It is also a special responsibility of deacons to minister in Christ's name to the poor, the sick, the suffering, and the helpless.

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

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



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The Ordination of a Priest

Processional Hymn

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty..... *Hymnal* 390

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
2 Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly
3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy way and de -
4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
reign - eth: borne as on ea - gle - wings, safe - ly his
fend thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall
dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

health and sal - va - tion: join the great throng, psal - ter - y,
saints he sus - tain - eth. Hast thou not seen how all thou
ev - er at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -
prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

or - gan, and song, sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - - - tion.
need - est hath been grant - ed in what he or - da - - - eth?
might - y can do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.
peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

Words: Joachim Neander (1650-1680); tr. *Hymnal* 1940, alt.

Music: *Lobe den Herren*, melody from *Erneuertem Gesangbuch*, 1665;
harm. *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863; desc. Craig Sellar Lang (1891-1971)

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Opening Acclamation

The people standing, the Bishop says

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

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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. A Priest and a Lay Person, and additional presenters if desired, standing before the bishop, present the ordinand, saying

Presenters Jeff, Bishop in the Church of God, on behalf of the clergy and people of the Diocese of Texas, we present to you Christopher Paul Hilton to be ordained a priest in Christ's holy catholic Church.

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

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

The Bishop says to the ordinand

Bishop Will you be loyal to the doctrine, discipline, and worship of Christ as this Church has received them? And will you, in accordance with the canons of this Church, obey your bishop and other ministers who may have authority over you and your work?

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

The Ordinand then signs the above Declaration in the sight of all present.

All stand. 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 Christopher Paul Hilton for ordination to the sacred priesthood. 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 Christopher be ordained a priest?

People It is.

Bishop Will you uphold him in this ministry?

People We will.

Bishop In peace let us pray to the Lord.

The Litany for Ordinations

The litany is presented with musical notation on a five-line staff. The Cantor's part is indicated by a solid black bar above the staff, and the People's part is indicated by a solid black bar below the staff. The lyrics are written below the staff.

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

Cantor God the Son, *People* Have mer - cy on us.

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

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

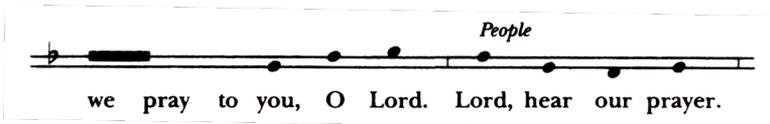
Cantor We pray to you, Lord Christ. *People* Lord, hear our prayer.

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,

People we pray to you, O Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

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 Sean, our Presiding 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 Christopher, chosen priest in your Church, *we pray to you, O Lord*

Lord, hear our prayer.

That he 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 he may be sustained and encouraged to persevere to the end, *we pray to you, O Lord.*

Lord, hear our prayer.

For his family, 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.

we pray to you, O Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

People

Detailed description: A single-line musical staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of a series of quarter notes: G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4. The text 'we pray to you, O Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.' is written below the staff, with the notes aligned to the words. The word 'People' is written above the staff, centered over the final notes.

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 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.*

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 our 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.

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

and all our life to Christ our God. To you, O Lord our God.

People

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Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Cantor People Cantor and People

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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. *Amen.*

All are seated.

Old Testament Lesson

Numbers 11:16-17, 24-25

Reader A Reading from the Book of Numbers

So the Lord said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you. I will come down and talk with you there; and I will take some of the spirit that is on you and put it on them; and they shall bear the burden of the people along with you so that you will not bear it all by yourself. So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied.

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



Please remain seated for the Psalm.

Psalm 132:8-19

Memento, Domine

Arise, O Lord, into your resting-place, *
you and the ark of your strength.

Let your priests be clothed with righteousness; *
let your faithful people sing with joy.

For your servant David's sake, *
do not turn away the face of your Anointed.

The Lord has sworn an oath to David; *
in truth, he will not break it:

“A son, the fruit of your body *
will I set upon your throne.

If your children keep my covenant
and my testimonies that I shall teach them, *
their children will sit upon your throne for evermore.”

For the Lord has chosen Zion; *
he has desired her for his habitation:

“This shall be my resting-place for ever; *
here will I dwell, for I delight in her.

I will surely bless her provisions, *
and satisfy her poor with bread.

I will clothe her priests with salvation, *
and her faithful people will rejoice and sing.

There will I make the horn of David flourish; *
I have prepared a lamp for my Anointed.

As for his enemies, I will clothe them with shame; *
but as for him, his crown will shine.”

Tune: Anglican Chant - Sir Edward Cuthbert Bairstow

The New Testament Lesson

I PETER 5:1-4

Reader

A Reading from the first letter of Peter

Now as a presbyter myself and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as one who shares in the glory to be revealed, I exhort the presbyters among you to tend the flock of God that is in your charge, exercising the oversight, not under compulsion but willingly, as God would have you do it—not for sordid gain but eagerly. Do not lord it over those in your charge, but be examples to the flock. And when the chief shepherd appears, you will win the crown of glory that never fades away.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

Please stand for the sequence hymn and the reading of the Gospel.

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds.....*Hymnal 644*

1 How sweet the Name of Je - sus sounds in a be - liev - er's ear!
2 It makes the wound-ed spi - rit whole, and calms the trou - bled breast;
3 Dear Name, the rock on which I build, my shield and hid - ing - place,
4 O Je - sus! Shep-herd, Guard-ian, Friend, O Pro - phet, Priest, and King,
*5 Weak is the ef - fort of my heart, and cold my warm - est thought;

1 It soothes our sor - rows, heals our wounds, and drives a - way our fear.
2 'tis man - na to the hun - gry soul, and to the wear - y, rest.
3 my nev - er - fail - ing trea - sury, filled with bound - less stores of grace!
4 my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, ac - cept the praise I bring.
5 but when I see thee as thou art, I'll praise thee as I ought.

Words: John Newton (1725-1807), alt.
Music: *St. Peter*, Alexander Robert Reinagle (1799-1877)

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The Gospel

JOHN 10:11-18

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

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

Jesus said, “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Homily

The Rev. Samantha R. E. Smith

The Nicene Creed

Please stand for the recitation of the Nicene Creed.

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

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

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

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

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the ✠ resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. *Amen.*

The Examination

All are seated except the ordinand, who stands before the Bishop.

My brother, the Church is the family of God, the body of Christ, and the temple of the Holy Spirit. All baptized people are called to make Christ known as Savior and Lord, and to share in the renewing of his world. Now you are called to work as a pastor, priest, and teacher, together with your bishop and fellow presbyters, and to take your share in the councils of the Church.

As a priest, it will be your task to proclaim by word and deed the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and to fashion your life in accordance with its precepts. You are to love and serve the people among whom you work, caring alike for young and old, strong and weak, rich and poor. You are to preach, to declare God's forgiveness to penitent sinners, to pronounce God's blessing, to share in the administration of Holy Baptism and in the celebration of the mysteries of Christ's Body and Blood, and to perform the other ministrations entrusted to you.

In all that you do, you are to nourish Christ's people from the riches of his grace, and strengthen them to glorify God in this life and in the life to come.

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

Ordinand I believe I am so called.

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

Ordinand I do.

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

Ordinand I will.

Bishop Will you be diligent in the reading and study of the Holy Scriptures, and in seeking the knowledge of such things as may make you a stronger and more able minister of Christ?

Ordinand I will.

Bishop Will you endeavor so to minister the Word of God and the sacraments of the New Covenant, that the reconciling love of Christ may be known and received?

Ordinand I will.

Bishop

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

Ordinand

I will.

Bishop

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

Ordinand

I will.

Bishop

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

Ordinand

I will.

Bishop

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

Ordinand

Amen.

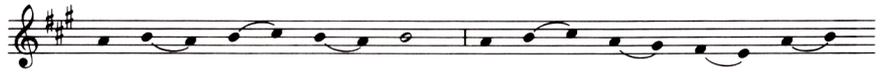
The Consecration of the Priest

All now stand except the ordinand, who kneels facing the Bishop and the presbyters who stand to the right and left of the Bishop.

Veni Creator Spiritus.....Hymnal 504



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



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



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



7. Teach us to know the Fa - ther, Son, and thee, of



both, to be but One, 8. that through the a - ges



all a - long, this may be our end - less song:



9. praise to thy e - ter - nal mer - it,



Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit.

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

The Bishop then says this Prayer of Consecration

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

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

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

The Bishop then continues

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

The People in a loud voice respond

Amen.

The new Priest is now vested according to the order of priests.

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

Receive this Bible as a sign of the authority given you to preach the Word of God and to administer his holy Sacraments. Do not forget the trust committed to you as a priest of the Church of God.

The Bishop greets the newly ordained.

The new Priest then says to the congregation

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Presbyters present greet the newly ordained; who then greets family members and others, as may be convenient. The Clergy and People greet one another.

The Holy Communion

“Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good thy vows unto the Most High.” Psalm 50:14

Offertory Anthem: *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*Hubert Parry (1848-1918)

The people stand.

The Doxology [v. 3] *Hymnal* 380

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, praise
him, all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly
host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through the great shepherd of your flock, Jesus Christ our Lord; who after his resurrection sent forth his apostles to preach the Gospel and to teach all nations; and promised to be with them always, even to the end of the ages. Therefore 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:

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

The People stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Peter, blessed Paul, blessed Mark, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.



By him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit
all honor and glory is yours,
Almighty Father, now and for ever.
AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

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

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

Cantor or Choir

My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in -
 deed, says the Lord. My Lord. Those who eat my
 flesh and drink my blood dwell in me, and I in them. My
 flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord.

All

Cantor or Choir

All

Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized Christians, regardless of age or denomination, are welcome to receive Communion at the Lord's Table. Those who do not wish to receive Communion are invited forward to receive a blessing; cross your arms over your chest so the minister will know to pray for you.

Communion Music

- O, Taste and See (*Sung by Choir*)..... *Ralph Vaughan Williams (1953)*
 Jerusalem, My Happy Home *Hymnal 620*
 The King of Love My Shepherd Is..... *Hymnal 645*
 Come Down, O Love Divine..... *Hymnal 516*

Post Communion Prayer

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 Christopher may be to us an effective example in word and action, in love and patience, and in holiness of life. Grant that we, with him, 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 Blessing

The Bishop then asks the new priest to bless the people.

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

Closing Hymn

Abide with Me, Fast Falls the Eventide *Hymnal 662*

1 A - bide with me: fast falls the e - ven - tide;
2 I need thy pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour;
3 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
4 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;

the dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide:
what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's power?
ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;

when o - ther help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
Who, like thy - self, my guide and stay can be?
Where is death's sting? where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
heaven's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain sha - dows flee;

help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
Through cloud and sun - shine, Lord, a - bide with me.
I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me.
in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

The Dismissal

The Deacon dismisses the people.

Deacon

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

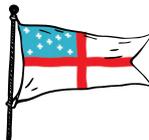
People

Thanks be to God.

Please join us upstairs in Payne Hall for a celebratory reception.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Fantasia in C, BWV 570..... J.S. Bach



Participants

The Rt. Rev. Jeff W. Fisher	Bishop Suffragan of Texas
The Rev. Christopher Paul Hilton	Ordinand
The Rev. Cn. Marcea Paul	Bishop's Chaplain
The Rev. Samantha R. E. Smith	Preacher
The Rev. Dr. James Pevehouse	Master of Ceremonies
The Rev. Tracie Middleton	Deacon
Mr. Paul Howell	Crucifer
Miss Brianna Jarrell	Acolyte
Miss Sophia Jarrell	Acolyte
Mr. Jordan Williams	Choirmaster & Organist
Mr. Timothy Foster	Litanist
Mrs. Molly Katherine Hilton	Vester
Mr. Nathan Lucy	Lector
Mr. Jacob Teague Olguin	Lector
The Rev. Michael Christian Sturdy	Ordained Presenter
The Rev. Dr. James Pevehouse	Ordained Presenter
The Rev. Keith Giblin	Ordained Presenter
Mrs. Molly Katherine Hilton	Lay Presenter
Mr. Jack Hilton	Lay Presenter
Mrs. Judy Hilton	Lay Presenter
Mr. Chris Johnsen	Lay Presenter
Ms. Brandi McClenny	Lay Presenter
Mr. Paul Howell	Lay Presenter



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