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Ordination to the Sacred Order of Priests

Miguel Ángel Castilleja Escobar Casey Jamaal Jones Amirthaseeli Jeyaseelan Beulah Koila Katharine Jane Akerman Schneider

20 September 2025 at 11:00 A.M.
THE CATHEDRAL OF THE INCARNATION
Garden City, New York

Preface to the Ordination Rites

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 bishops, priest, and deacon.

PRESENTERS & VESTERS FOR THE ORDINANDS

Presenters For Miguel

The Rev. Francisco Rodriguez, The Rev. Steven Paulikas, Ms. Maria Ávila, Ms. Lena Mullings

VESTERS FOR MIGUEL

Mr. Benjamin Kulos, Ms. Anne Ditzler, Mr. Roberto Morfín

Presenters for Casey

Canon Suzanne Edwards-Acton, The Rev. Canon Ronald C. Byrd Sr., The Rev. Nickolas Griffith, The Rev. Dr. Allen Robinson

VESTERS FOR CASEY

The Rev. Aaron Rogers, Amoni M. Thompson-Jones, The Rev. Marilyn Jenkins, Amara June Jones

PRESENTERS FOR AMIRTHASEFUL

The Rev. Dr. Christopher Solomon, The Rev. Dr. Joshua Samuel, Susanne Nanka-Bruce, Dr. Cynthia Shakespeare Prabakar

VESTERS FOR AMIRTHASEELI

The Ven. Amanda Longmoore, The Rev. Dr. D. Samuel Jacob, The Rev. Cn. Dr. Winfred Vergara

Presenters For Katharine

The Rev. Lindsay Lunnum, The Very Rev. Dr. Michael Sniffen, Nanette Kennedy Vesters for Katharine

Mark Akerman, Mary Jane Akerman, Mariel Schneider

THE ORDINATION OF PRIESTS

VOLUNTARY

Dietrich Buxtehude
(1637 – 1707)

Komm, heiliger Geist * Come, Holy Ghost



THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

People And blessed be God's 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.

People Amen.

THE PRESENTATION

The congregation is now seated. The Presenters and the Ordinands stand before the bishop.

Presenters Lawrence, Bishop in the Church of God, on behalf of the clergy and people of the Diocese of Long Island, we present to you Miguel Ángel Castilleja Escobar, Casey

Jamaal Jones, Amirthaseeli Jeyaseelan Beulah Koila, and Katharine Jane Akerman Schneider to be ordained as priests in Christ's holy catholic Church.

Bishop Have they been selected in accordance with the canons of this Church? And do you believe their manner of life to be suitable to the exercise of this ministry?

Presenters We certify to you that they have satisfied the requirements of the canons, and we believe them qualified for this order.

The Bishop addresses the Ordinands.

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 bishops 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 Ordinands then sign the Declaration in the sight of all present.

Bishop Dear friends in Christ, you know the importance of this ministry, and the weight of your responsibility in presenting Miguel Ángel Castilleja Escobar, Casey Jamaal Jones, Amirthaseeli Jeyaseelan Beulah Koila, and Katharine Jane Akerman Schneider 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 Miguel Ángel, Casey Jamaal, Amirthaseeli Jeyaseelan, and Katharine Jane be ordained priests?

People It is.

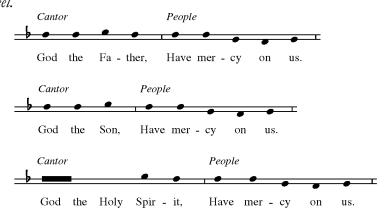
Bishop Will you uphold them in this ministry?

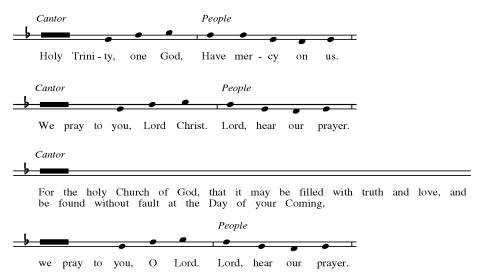
People We will.

THE LITANY FOR ORDINATIONS

Bishop In peace let us pray to the Lord.

All kneel.





The Cantor continues,

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Lawrence our Bishop, Geralyn our Assistant Bishop, William our Assisting 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 Miguel Ángel, Casey Jamaal, Amirthaseeli Jeyaseelan, and Katharine Jane, chosen priests 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 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.**

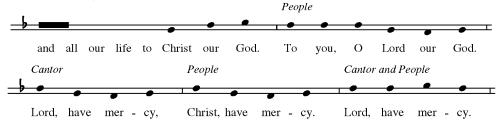
For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another,



The congregation stands at the conclusion of the Litany.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Bishop Let us pray.

God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility 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.**

The congregation is seated for the readings.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON Numbers 11: 16-17, 24-25

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. 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. But they did not do so again.

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

PSALM 43

Antiphon by Alistair Nelson/chant from St. John's Abbey

The Refrain is intoned by the cantor and then repeated by all, and as indicated in the text



Give judgment for me O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people; deliver me from the deceitful and the wicked. For you are the God of my strength; why have you put me from you? And why do I go so heavily while the enemy oppresses me? (antiphon)

Send out your light and your truth that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling; That I may go to the altar of God, to the God of my joy and gladness; and on the harp I will give thanks to you O God my God. (antiphon)

Why are you so full of heaviness O my soul? and why are you so disquieted within me? Put your trust in God; for I will yet give thanks to him, who is the help of my countenance and my God. (antiphon)

THE EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 4:7, 11-16

But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

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

The Sequence Hymn 686

Nettleton

THE HOLY GOSPEL John 10: 11-18

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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 SERMON

The Very Reverend Canon Michael Sniffen, PhD Dean of the Cathedral & The Mercer School of Theology

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 remain seated except the Ordinands, who stand before the Bishop.
The Bishop addresses the Ordinands

Bishop

My brothers and sisters, 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 brothers and sisters, 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 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?

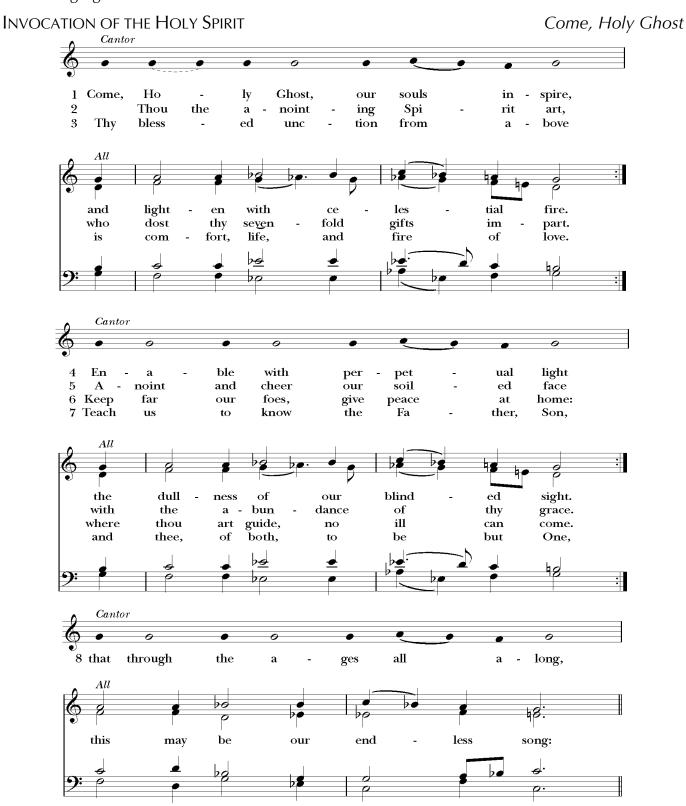
Ordinand I will.

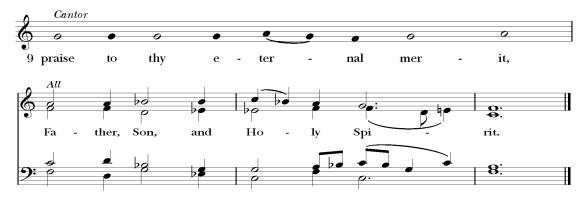
Bishop May the Lord who has given you the will to do these things give you the grace and power to perform them.

Ordinand Amen.

THE CONSECRATION OF THE PRIESTS

All stand, as they are able, except the Ordinands, who kneel before the Bishop. The Presbyters are invited to stand to the right and left of the Bishop. The People join in singing:





A period of silent prayer follows, the people still standing. The Bishop then says:

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Bishop

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 brothers and sisters, 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.

The Bishop lays hands upon the head of the ordinands.

Therefore, Father, through Jesus Christ your Son, give your Holy Spirit to Miguel/Casey/Amirthaseeli/Katharine; fill him/her with grace and power, and make him/her a priest in your Church.

May they 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 them a faithful pastor, patient teacher, and wise councilor. Grant that in all things they 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.

People Amen.

The new priests are now vested according to the order of priests.

Bishop Vouchsafe, O Lord, to consecrate and sanctify these hands with this oil, and by your blessing; that whatsoever he/she shall bless may be blessed, and whatsoever he/she shall consecrate may be consecrated and sanctified; in the Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

People Amen.

Bishop 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 PEACE

Bishop The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

A WORD OF WELCOME

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY HYMN 189 IN LEVAS II (sung by ALL, standing)

Great is thy faithfulness

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

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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 our thanks and praise.

THE SANCTUS, Missa Guadalupe

Joel Martinson



MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Bishop Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

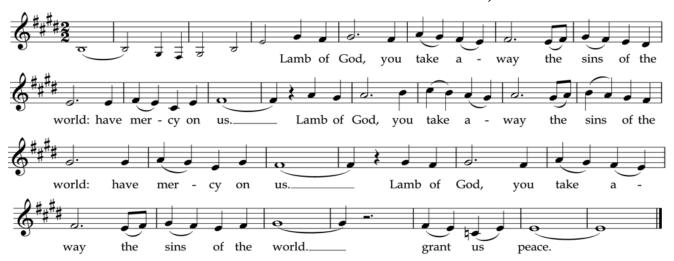
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Bishop Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

AGNUS DEI

Marjorie Landsmark-DeLewis



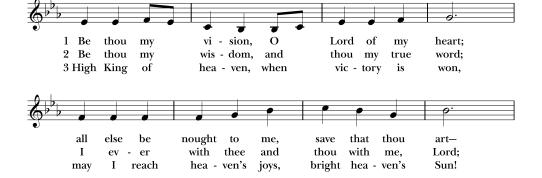
THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

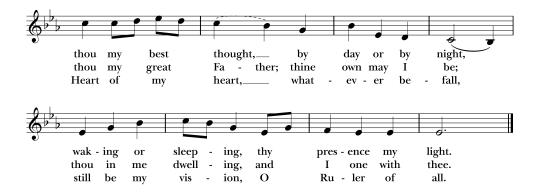
In the Episcopal Church, Baptized Christians from any denomination may receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Gluten-free communion hosts are available, please let the minister know when you come forward for communion. Those who do not wish to receive communion may come forward, cross their arms over their chests and receive a blessing. Please follow the directions of the ushers to proceed to the altar.

THE COMMUNION HYMNS

HYMN 488 – Be thou my vision

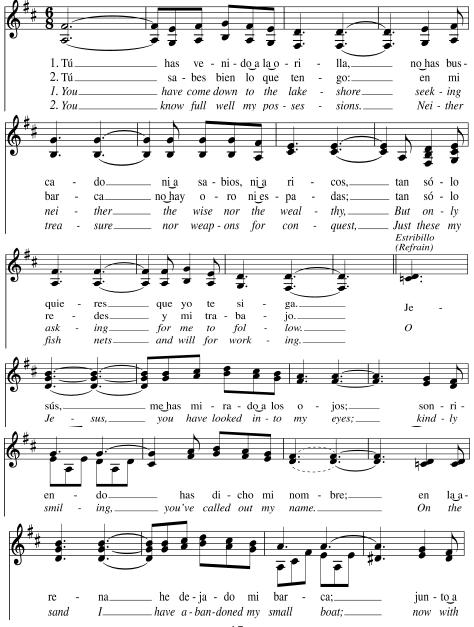






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HYMN - You have come down to the lakeshore | Tú has venido a la orilla





- 3. Tú necesitas mis manos, mi cansancio que a otros descanse, amor que quiera sequir amando. Estribillo
- 3. You need my hands, my exhaustion, working love for the rest of the weary a love that's willing to go on loving. Refrain

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Bishop People

Let us pray.

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 Miguel, Casey, Amirthaseeli, and Katharine may be to us an effective example 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 BLESSING

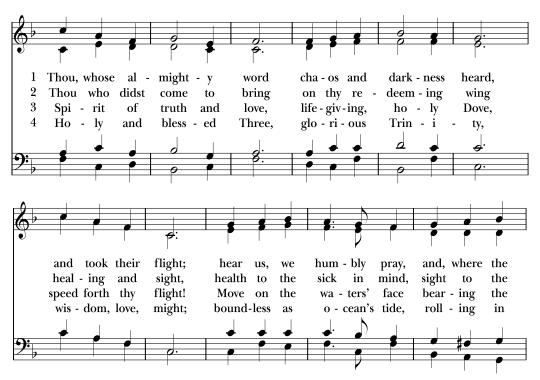
The Bishop then asks the new priests to bless the people.

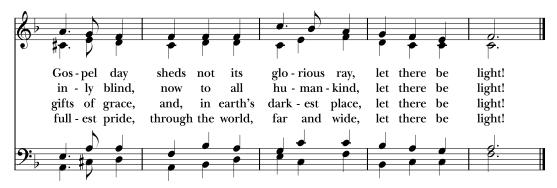
The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you for ever.

People Amen.

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN

Italian Hymn





Words: John Marriott (1780-1825), alt. Music: *Moscow*, Felice de Giardini (1716-1796); harm. *The New Hymnal*, 1916, based on *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, and Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

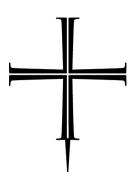
THE DISMISSAL

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

People Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY J.S. Bach

Komm, Gott Schöpfer, Heiliger Geist * Come, Creator, Holy Spirit



PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S CELEBRATION

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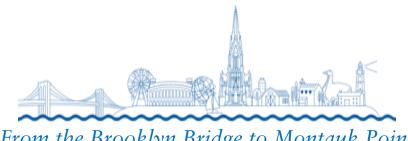
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From the Brooklyn Bridge to Montauk Point A house of prayer for Long Island