



THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR
THE ORDINATION AND CONSECRATION OF
**THE REVEREND CANON
RUTH MORSE WOODLIFF-STANLEY**

AS A BISHOP IN THE CHURCH OF GOD
AND FIFTEENTH BISHOP OF
THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

SATURDAY, THE SECOND DAY OF OCTOBER
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-ONE
AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING

GRACE CHURCH CATHEDRAL IN CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

A WORD FROM THE BISHOP-ELECT

Thank you, beloved people of the Diocese of South Carolina, for opening your life and communities to me. My family and I are deeply grateful for your warm and loving welcome and deeply glad to be with you at last. Thank you to each person who has given their time, talent, and treasure with creative spirits and adaptive thinking to bring this day together in the challenging context of a pandemic.

I am particularly grateful to the fabulous co-chairs of the transition team—Pat Neumann and Rick Stall and to their committee members, to the wonderful volunteers from churches around the diocese and from the cathedral, to our delightful gift coordinators, Mary Dianish and Jim Dannals, to the outstanding diocesan staff, and to our dedicated diocesan leadership, especially Rob Donehue who has been a part of the planning for this day as the President of the Standing Committee, and to Caleb Lee, who served in that role throughout the election process, and also Philip Linder, who was one of the first people I met in this diocese as he served as Chair of the Bishop Search Committee. I offer gratitude as well to the gracious dean, clergy, leaders, and musicians of Grace Church Cathedral—with special thanks to Bryce Wandrey, Canon Missioner, and Nicholas Quardokus, Canon Organist and Director of Music. I am also particularly thankful to Voorhees College, especially Dr. Ronnie Hopkins, President of Voorhees, for his presence and support of our common ministry, and to Rachel Jones, Choral Director for the Voorhees College Choir. I am grateful to soloist Angela Pleasants for the gift of hearing her sing once more in worship and to the combined choirs of Voorhees and Grace for making this day filled with joyful music. I offer my gratitude to those with roles in today's liturgy for your presence and leadership, and to all who have traveled here from within and beyond South Carolina. A special thanks to Janet Coyne and all who gathered and arranged the flowers from gardens around the diocese for this day. Thank you to the Sisters of the Order of St. Helena for uplifting us with prayers and support, with particular gratitude to Sr. Miriam Elizabeth Bledsoe.

I offer my deepest gratitude to the people of our diocese and to all the people and dioceses, dear to me, who have given so generously the beautiful gifts that I will wear and use among the people of the Diocese of South Carolina as part of our common life. Your gifts honor me and honor our diocesan family of South Carolina.

I am grateful for the wisdom and word from our preacher, The Rev. Deacon Sally Brown, and give thanks for her friendship, which brings joy to my life. A special thanks to my wise chaplain, The Rev. Dr. Colton Smith, who was once upon a time my Canon to the Ordinary when I was just beginning in my vocation—what an unexpected gift to reconnect in this new season. I am grateful for those bishops who have prepared me for this work, by their life and example, with particular gratitude to Bishop Robert J. O'Neill and Bishop Sean Rowe who have given me by their example and constant guiding presence in my life the gift of learning up close the humble and holy work that is a bishop's calling. I give thanks to those who raised me up, especially the bishops and people of the Diocese of Mississippi.

To all those who are closest to me—my beloved family and dearest friends—who lift me up, take me on grand adventures near and far, feed me at all hours, teach me about my soul, share your poetry with me, come see our family in new lands, make me exercise at 6 am, have philosophical conversations with my family about Easter peeps and animal suffering, share your Shabbos with me, speak truth to me even when I'd rather change the subject, forgive me and let me begin again, stare at my failings without flinching and say you love me anyhow, challenge me to grow when I really don't want to, remind me you remember what I looked like in my eighth grade school picture when I'm looking just a little too sure, make me laugh so hard I cry—and love me with a lavishness I could never deserve—to you, with all that I am, I say thank you. Thank you for inspiring me to keep going and to keep hoping. Thank you for seeing me. To be seen is, perhaps, the greatest gift of all. Some of my cherished friends and family are here physically today and others are with us virtually, as present circumstances prevented their attendance in person. I give thanks for your presence in whatever ways you have joined us today.

And most importantly of all, with respect to this joyous occasion, thank you to each and every one of our lay leaders and clergy in every local community who have tirelessly and courageously kept The Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina alive, boldly sharing the gospel of Jesus in every corner where we live and move and have our being, amid challenges small and great. You are my heroes. Because of your witness and fierce dedication, week in and week out, we are here today.

With a joyful heart, trusting in God's unfailing love, I eagerly anticipate our future together. Thank you for the deep honor of this call to walk with you.



PREFACE TO THE ORDINATION RITES

Book of Common Prayer, page 510

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.

THE ORDINATION OF A BISHOP

Please silence all cell phones. For the safety of all, we ask that you remain masked throughout the service.

THE PRELUDE

Prelude and Fugue in C Major

Voluntary No. 8 in C Major

Festival

In Quiet Mood

There is a Balm in Gilead

Adagio e dolce, from Trio Sonata no. 3

Johann Ludwig Krebs

William Boyce

Healey Willan

Florence Price

arr. Adolphus Hailstork

J.S. Bach

A period of silence is kept.

ORDER OF PROCESSIONS

Diocesan Council

Diocesan Staff

Diocesan Standing Committee

Search Committee

Transition Committee

Leaders of Diocesan Institutions

Master of Ceremonies

Presenters of the Bishop-elect

Readers of Testimonials

Registrar of The Episcopal Church

Presenters of Episcopal Gifts

Litanist | Readers | Soloist

Ministers of Communion

Seminarian

Ecumenical Clergy

Clergy of The Episcopal Church

Chaplain to the Bishop-elect

The Bishop-elect

Gospeller and Deacon of the Table

Bishops of The Episcopal Church

Retired Bishops

The Preacher

The Co-consecrators

Canon to the Presiding Bishop

The Presiding Bishop and Primate of The Episcopal Church

1. I bind unto myself today
the strong name of the Trinity
by invocation of the same,
the Three in One and One in Three.
2. I bind this day to me forever,
by power of faith, Christ's incarnation,
his baptism in the Jordan river,
his death on cross for my salvation,
his bursting from the spiced tomb,
his riding up the heavenly way,
his coming at the day of doom,
I bind unto myself today.
3. I bind unto myself the power
of the great love of cherubim;
the sweet "Well done" in judgment hour;
the service of the seraphim;
confessors' faith, apostles' word,
the patriarchs' prayers, the prophets' scrolls;
all good deeds done unto the Lord,
and purity of virgin souls.
4. I bind unto myself today
the virtues of the starlit heaven,
the glorious sun's life-giving ray,
the whiteness of the moon at even,
the flashing of the lightning free,
the whirling wind's tempestuous shocks,
the stable earth, the deep salt sea
around the old eternal rocks.
5. I bind unto myself today
the power of God to hold and lead,
God's eye to watch, God's might to stay,
God's ear to hearken to my need,
the wisdom of my God to teach,
God's hand to guide, God's shield to ward,
the word of God to give me speech,
God's heavenly host to be my guard.
6. Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me.
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.
7. I bind unto myself the name,
the strong name of the Trinity
by invocation of the same,
the Three in One and One in Three,
of whom all nature has creation,
eternal Father, Spirit, Word.
Praise to the Lord of my salvation;
salvation is of Christ the Lord!

THE ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

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

Presiding Bishop: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PRESENTATION

The bishops and people sit. Representatives of the diocese, both Priests and Lay Persons, standing before the Presiding Bishop, present the bishop-elect, saying

Michael, Bishop in the Church of God, the clergy and people of the Diocese of South Carolina, trusting in the guidance of the Holy Spirit, have chosen Ruth Woodliff-Stanley to be a bishop and chief pastor. We therefore ask you to lay your hands upon her and in the power of the Holy Spirit to consecrate her a bishop in the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.

THE TESTIMONIALS

The Presiding Bishop then directs that the testimonials of the election be read.

Certificate of Election	Ms. Kathleen Monoc, Vice-chancellor
The Testimonial of Elections	Mr. Thomas S. Tisdale, Jr., Chancellor
Evidence of Ordination to the Diaconate & Priesthood	The Reverend Dr. Philip Linder, Chair of the Search Committee
Consents of the Standing Committees	The Reverend Rob Donehue, President of the Standing Committee
Consents of the Bishops	The Right Reverend Peter Eaton, Bishop The Episcopal Diocese of Southeast Florida

When the reading of the testimonials is ended, the Presiding Bishop requires the following promise from the Bishop-elect

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, I, Ruth Woodliff-Stanley, chosen Bishop of the Church in the Diocese of South Carolina, 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 Bishop-elect then signs the above Declaration in the sight of all present. The witnesses add their signatures.

All stand.

The Presiding Bishop then says the following, or similar words, and asks the response of the people

Brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, you have heard testimony given that Ruth Woodliff-Stanley has been duly and lawfully elected to be a bishop of the Church of God to serve in the Diocese of South Carolina. You have been assured of her suitability and that the Church has approved her for this sacred responsibility. Nevertheless, if any of you know any reason why we should not proceed, let it now be made known.

If no objection is made, the Presiding Bishop continues

Is it your will that we ordain Ruth a bishop?

People: **That is our will.**

Presiding Bishop: Will you uphold Ruth as bishop?

People: **We will.**

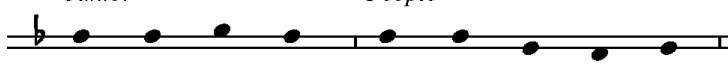
The Presiding Bishop then says

The Scriptures tell us that our Savior Christ spent the whole night in prayer before he chose and sent forth his twelve apostles. Likewise, the apostles prayed before they appointed Matthias to be one of their number. Let us, therefore, follow their examples, and offer our prayers to Almighty God before we ordain Ruth for the work to which we trust the Holy Spirit has called her.

THE LITANY FOR ORDINATIONS

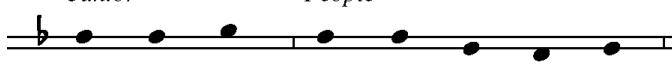
All stand or kneel, except for the Bishop-elect, who is prostrate in front of the Altar

Cantor *People*



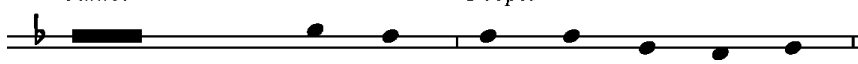
God the Fa - ther, Have mer - cy on us.

Cantor *People*



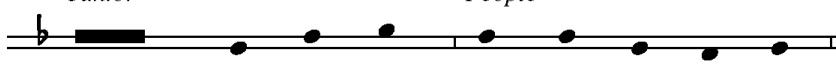
God the Son, Have mer - cy on us.

Cantor *People*




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

Cantor *People*



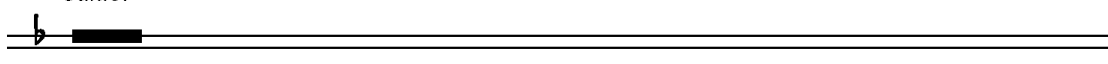
Holy Trini - ty, one God, Have mer - cy on us.

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,

People



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

Litanist: 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.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Litanist: For Michael, 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.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Litanist: For Ruth, chosen bishop in your Church, we pray to you, O Lord.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Litanist: That she may faithfully fulfill the duties of this ministry, build up your Church, and glorify your Name, we pray to you, O Lord.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Litanist: For her family, that they may be adorned with all Christian virtues, we pray to you, O Lord.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Litanist: 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.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Litanist: 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.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Litanist: 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.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Litanist: 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.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Litanist: For those in positions of public trust especially our president, Joseph, and the governor, Henry, that they may serve justice and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Litanist: 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.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Litanist: 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.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Litanist: 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.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Litanist: 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.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Litanist: Rejoicing in the fellowship of [the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, (blessed N.) and] all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

All:

People

To you, O Lord our God.

The musical notation consists of a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is a simple, stepwise line with six notes: G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4. The notes are placed above the staff, and the lyrics are written below them.

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

The musical notation consists of three staves. The first staff is labeled 'Cantor' and has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The melody is G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4. The second staff is labeled 'People' and has the same melody. The third staff is labeled 'Cantor and People' and has the same melody. The lyrics are written below the staves.

At the end of the Litany, the Presiding Bishop leads with the following Collect:

Presiding Bishop: The Lord be with you

All: **And also with you.**

Presiding 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.

The People are seated.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

The First Lesson

Joshua 1: 1-9

After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord spoke to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' assistant, saying, "My servant Moses is dead. Now proceed to cross the Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the Israelites. Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, as I promised to Moses. From the wilderness and the Lebanon as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, to the Great Sea in the west shall be your territory. No one shall be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you. Be strong and courageous; for you shall put this people in possession of the land that I swore to their ancestors to give them. Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to act in accordance with all the law that my servant Moses commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, so that you may be successful wherever you go. This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to act in accordance with all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall be successful. I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 126 A song of ascents

Verses to be sung by the choir. Congregation to join in singing the refrain below when noted.

His love, His love, His
love is ev - er - last - ing.

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.

Then our mouth filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy;

(Refrain)

Then they said among the nations,
"The Lord has done great things for them."
The Lord has done great things for us,
and we are glad indeed.

Restore our fortunes, O Lord,
like the watercourses in the Negev.

(Refrain)

Those who sowed with tears
will reap with songs of joy.
Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,
will come again with joy,
shouldering their sheaves.

(Refrain)

The Second Lesson

2 Corinthians 5: 17-20

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

I come with joy to meet my Lord

Land of Rest

The people stand to sing and remain standing through the Gospel.

Unison or harmony

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to
3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each
4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der
2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -
3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us
4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship
5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.
2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.
4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.
5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

The Holy Gospel

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

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people are seated.

The Sermon

The Reverend Deacon Sally Brown (retired)
The Episcopal Diocese of Colorado, St. John's Cathedral

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn 9

Not here for high and holy things

Morning Song

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| <p>1. Not here for high and holy things
we render thanks to thee,
but for the common things of earth,
the purple pageantry
of dawning and of dying days,
the splendor of the sea,</p> <p>2. The royal robes of autumn moors,
the golden gates of spring,
the velvet of soft summer nights,
the silver glistening
of all the million million stars,
the silent song they sing,</p> <p>3. Of faith and hope and love undimmed,
undying still through death,
the resurrection of the world,
what time there comes the breath
of dawn that rustles through the trees,
and that clear voice that saith:</p> | <p>4. Awake, awake to love and work!
The lark is in the sky,
the fields are wet with diamond dew,
the worlds awake to cry
their blessings on the Lord of life,
as he goes meekly by.</p> <p>5. Come, let thy voice be one with theirs,
shout with their shout of praise;
see how the giant sun soars up,
great lord of years and days!
So let the love of Jesus come
and set thy soul ablaze,</p> <p>6. To give and give, and give again,
what God hath given thee;
to spend thyself nor count the cost;
to serve right gloriously
the God who gave all worlds that are,
and all that are to be.</p> |
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THE EXAMINATION

All now sit, except for the bishop-elect, who stands facing the bishops. The Presiding Bishop addresses the bishop-elect:

My sister, the people have chosen you and have affirmed their trust in you by acclaiming your election. A bishop in God's holy Church is called to be one with the apostles in proclaiming Christ's resurrection and interpreting the Gospel, and to testify to Christ's sovereignty as Lord of lords and King of kings.

You are called to guard the faith, unity, and discipline of the Church; to celebrate and to provide for the administration of the sacraments of the New Covenant; to ordain priests and deacons and to join in ordaining bishops; and to be in all things a faithful pastor and wholesome example for the entire flock of Christ.

With your fellow bishops you will share in the leadership of the Church throughout the world. Your heritage is the faith of patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and those of every generation who have looked to God in hope. Your joy will be to follow him who came, not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.

Are you persuaded that God has called you to the office of bishop?

Answer: I am so persuaded.

The following questions are then addressed to the bishop-elect by one or more of the other bishops

Bishop: Will you accept this call and fulfill this trust in obedience to Christ?

Answer: I will obey Christ, and will serve in his name.

Bishop: Will you be faithful in prayer, and in the study of Holy Scripture, that you may have the mind of Christ?

Answer: I will, for he is my help.

Bishop: Will you boldly proclaim and interpret the Gospel of Christ, enlightening the minds and stirring up the conscience of your people?

Answer: I will, in the power of the Spirit.

Bishop: As a chief priest and pastor, will you encourage and support all baptized people in their gifts and ministries, nourish them from the riches of God's grace, pray for them without ceasing, and celebrate with them the sacraments of our redemption?

Answer: I will, in the name of Christ, the Shepherd and Bishop of our souls.

Bishop: Will you guard the faith, unity, and discipline of the Church?

Answer: I will, for the love of God.

Bishop: Will you share with your fellow bishops in the government of the whole Church; will you sustain your fellow presbyters and take counsel with them; will you guide and strengthen the deacons and all others who minister in the Church?

Answer: I will, by the grace given me.

Bishop: Will you be merciful to all, show compassion to the poor and strangers, and defend those who have no helper?

Answer: I will, for the sake of Christ Jesus.

All stand. The Presiding Bishop then says

Ruth, through these promises you have committed yourself to God, to serve his Church in the office of bishop. We therefore call upon you, chosen to be a guardian of the Church's faith, to lead us in confessing that faith.

Bishop-elect

We believe in one God.

Then all say together

**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 CONSECRATION OF THE BISHOP

All continue to stand, except the bishop-elect, who kneels before the Presiding Bishop. The other bishops stand to the right and left of the Presiding Bishop.

Hymn

Veni Sancte Spiritus (Taize)

The choir will sing the verses, while the congregation repeats the following refrain.

Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus.

A period of silent prayer follows, the people still standing. The Presiding Bishop then begins this Prayer of Consecration

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Father of mercies and God of all comfort, dwelling on high but having regard for the lowly, knowing all things before they come to pass: We give you thanks that from the beginning you have gathered and prepared a people to be heirs of the covenant of Abraham, and have raised up prophets, kings, and priests, never leaving your temple untended. We praise you also that from the creation you have graciously accepted the ministry of those whom you have chosen.

The Presiding Bishop and other Bishops now lay their hands upon the head of the bishop-elect, and say together

Therefore, Father, make Ruth a bishop in your Church. Pour out upon her the power of your princely Spirit, whom you bestowed upon your beloved Son Jesus Christ, with whom he endowed the apostles, and by whom your Church is built up in every place, to the glory and unceasing praise of your Name.

The Presiding Bishop continues

To you, O Father, all hearts are open; fill, we pray, the heart of this your servant whom you have chosen to be a bishop in your Church, with such love of you and of all the people, that she may feed and tend the flock of Christ, and exercise without reproach the high priesthood to which you have called her, serving before you day and night in the ministry of reconciliation, declaring pardon in your Name, offering the holy gifts, and wisely overseeing the life and work of the Church. In all things may she present before you the acceptable offering of a pure, and gentle, and holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and power and glory in the Church, now and for ever.

The People in a loud voice respond

Amen!

The new bishop is now vested according to the order of bishops. After this, other symbols of the office are presented.

The Presiding Bishop then presents the new bishop with a Bible saying

Receive the Holy Scriptures. Feed the flock of Christ committed to your charge, guard and defend them in his truth, and be a faithful steward of his holy Word and Sacraments.

The Presiding Bishop introduces the new Bishop. Clergy and People offer their acclamation and applause.

THE PEACE

The new Bishop then says

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

The Presiding Bishop and other Bishops greet the new Bishop. The People greet one another, keeping in mind safe distances.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

The Dean of the Cathedral will share a word of welcome.

The offering from today's service is designated for Voorhees College in Denmark, South Carolina, with gratitude for their presence and leadership in our diocese and in joyful anticipation of a new season building beloved community together. Voorhees is one of two historically black colleges and universities affiliated with The Episcopal Church. We are honored to have the Voorhees College President, Dr. Ronnie Hopkins, with us today and members of the Voorhees College Choir singing throughout this service. There is an offering plate at the rear of the church for you to place cash or checks as you leave or you may give online at www.episcopalchurchsc.org/giving by clicking "Donate Now" and then choosing Consecration Offering under the fund. Or text DIOSC VOORHEES to 73256 to give to the Consecration Offering fund using your text messaging. Standard text messaging rates may apply.

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The new Bishop begins the offertory with a sentence from the Holy Scripture.

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God (*Ephesians 5:2*).

Offertory Anthem

Jehovah Sabaoth

Donald Lawrence

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (*Eucharistic Prayer A*)

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.**

The Celebrant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

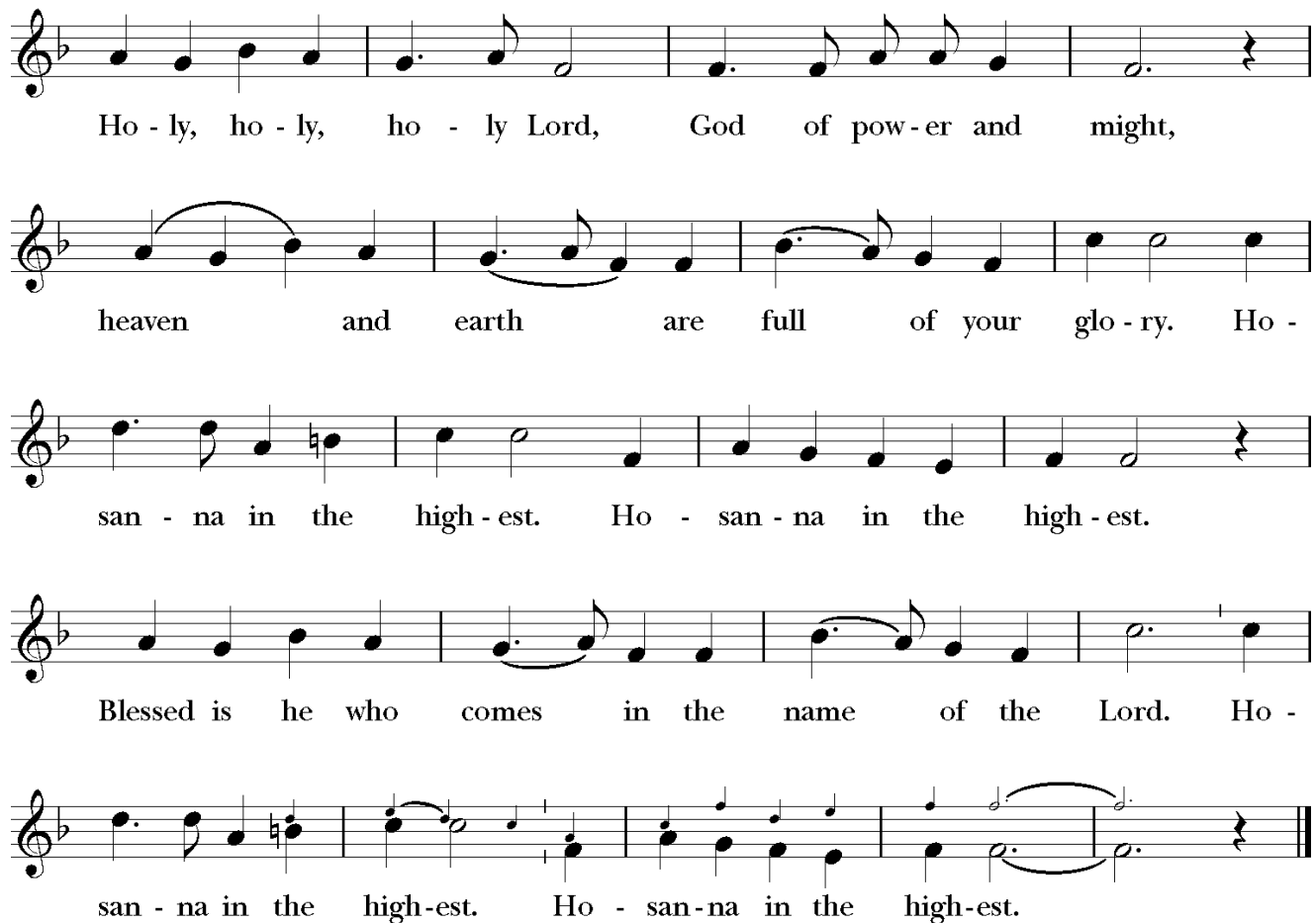
Through the great shepherd of your flock, Jesus Christ our Lord; who after his resurrection sent forth his apostles to preach the Gospel and to teach all nations; and promised to be with them always, even to the end of the ages.

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:

Celebrant and People

Sanctus S125

Proulx



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

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.*

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

People and Celebrant

**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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant: Alleluia

The people respond with the following



Christ our Pass-o-ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; There-fore let us keep the feast.

Choir: Alleluia

The people respond with the following



Christ our Pass-o-ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; There-fore let us keep the feast. Al-le - lu - ia.

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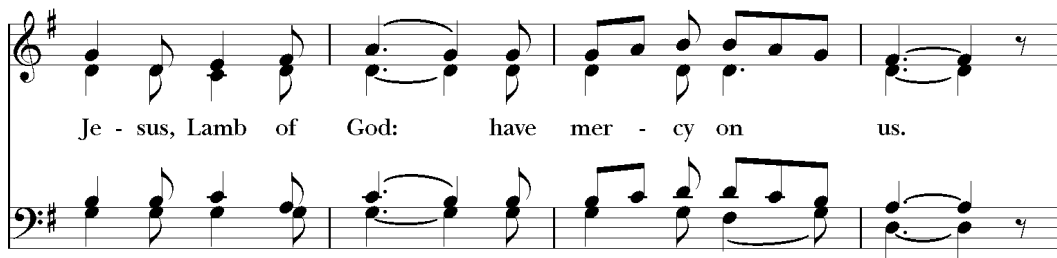
Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The gifts of God, for the people of God. Behold who you are, become what you receive.

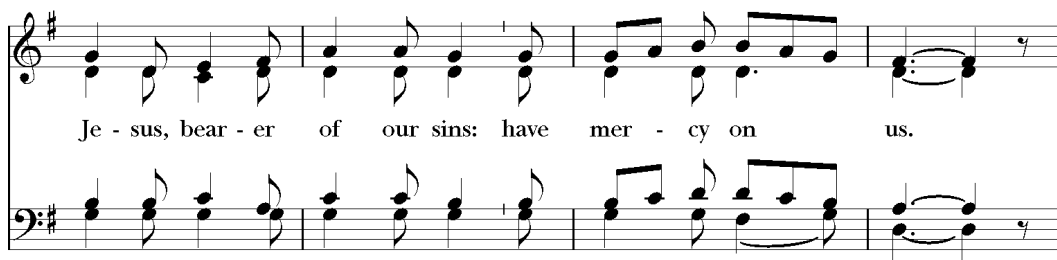
Invitation to Communion

Agnus Dei S164

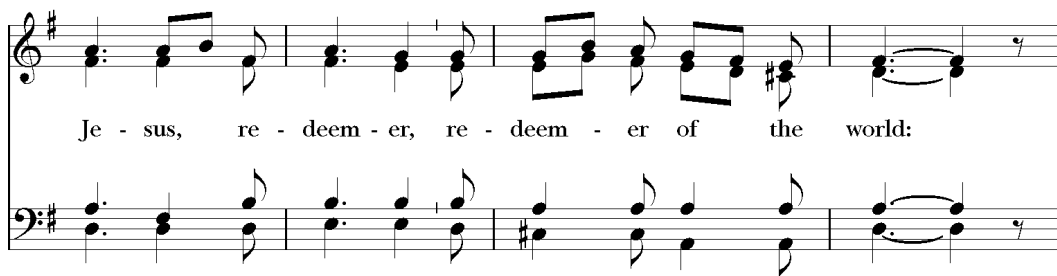
Franz Peter Schubert/arr. Richard Proulx



Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:



give us your peace, give us your peace.

Communion Anthems

There is a balm in Gilead
Ubi caritas

arr. William Dawson
Maurice Duruflé

Communion Hymn

Dona nobis pacem

1
Do - na no - bis pa - cem, pa - cem. Do - na no - bis
2
pa - cem. Do - na no - bis pa - cem.
3
Do - na no - bis pa - cem. Do - na
no - bis pa - cem. Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

Words: Traditional Latin Music: *Dona nobis pacem*, traditional canon

Solo

His eye is on the Sparrow

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

The Right Reverend Charles G. vonRosenberg

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 Ruth may be to us an effective example in word and action, in love and patience, and in holiness of life. Grant that we, with her, 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 new Bishop blesses the people, first saying

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

All: The maker of heaven and earth.

Bishop: Blessed be the Name of the Lord;

All: From this time forth for evermore.

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.

People: Amen.

1. Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!
 His the scepter, His the throne.
 Alleluia! His the triumph,
 His the victory alone.
 Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
 Thunder like a mighty flood:
 "Jesus out of ev'ry nation
 Has redeemed us by His blood."
2. Alleluia! Not as orphans
 Are we left in sorrow now;
 Alleluia! He is near us;
 Faith believes, nor questions how.
 Though the cloud from sight received Him
 When the forty days were o'er,
 Shall our hearts forget His promise:
 "I am with you evermore?"
3. Alleluia! Bread of angels,
 Here on earth our food, our stay!
 Alleluia! Here the sinful
 Flee to You from day to day.
 Intercessor, friend of sinners,
 Earth's redeemer, plead for me,
 Where the songs of all the sinless
 Sweep across the crystal sea.
4. Alleluia! King eternal,
 You the Lord of lords we own;
 Alleluia! Born of Mary,
 Earth Your footstool, heav'n Your throne.
 You within the veil have entered,
 Robed in flesh, our great high priest;
 Here on earth both priest and victim
 In the eucharistic feast.
5. Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!
 His the scepter, His the throne.
 Alleluia! His the triumph,
 His the victory alone.
 Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
 Thunder like a mighty flood:
 "Jesus out of ev'ry nation
 Has redeemed us by His blood."

THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon dismisses the people from the back of the church

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

While there will not be a reception at the end of today's service, all guests are welcome and invited to pick up a boxed lunch to take with you as you leave. The boxes will be available under the tent on the front lawn of the Cathedral, as well as inside Hanahan Hall (the two-story building to the right of the Cathedral). Thank you for being here with us today as we celebrate the Consecration of the XV Bishop of the Diocese of South Carolina. Thank you also to all who are watching online. We look forward with great joy and anticipation to the day when we can all safely gather again in fellowship with one another.

ABOUT THE PREACHER

Prior to her 1987 ordination to the diaconate in the Diocese of Colorado, The Reverend Deacon Sally Brown served on the staff of Congresswoman Patricia Schroeder. Her enduring passion for inner city ministry is grounded in her commitment to accompany those experiencing homelessness on a journey of sacred encounter, solidarity and advocacy. Now retired from parish ministry, Deacon Brown continues to serve at the St. Francis Center in Denver and delights in participating in the community life and ministries of St. John's Cathedral. Over the past 34 years of diaconal ministry in Colorado, Deacon Brown has previously served on the Diocesan Standing Committee, Commission on Ministry, Board of Examining Chaplains, Diaconal Council and Diocesan Race Task Force. She treasures as a blessed gift her deep friendship with Bishop Ruth and her family.

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The Reverend Deacon Marionette Bennett

Preacher

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White stole: The Very Reverend Kyle Seage, Diocese of Mississippi

Pectoral cross: Canon Vanessa Butler and The Reverend Canon Cathy Dempsey-Sims assisting
The Right Reverend Sean Rowe, Dioceses of Northwestern Pennsylvania &
Western New York

Cope: The Right Reverend Brian Seage and The Very Reverend Kyle Seage,
Diocese of Mississippi

Bishop's ring: The Reverend Dr. Philip Linder, Chair, Bishop Search Committee

White chasuble: Ms. Pat Neumann and Mr. Rick Stall, Co-chairs of the Transition Committee

Rochet, chimere

and cassock: The Reverend Deacon Rhoads Hollowell assisting The Right Reverend Kym Lucas,
Diocese of Colorado

Gold mitre: Mr. Paul Alexander, Lay leader and dear friend of the Bishop-elect, Diocese of Colorado

Tippet with the seal

of the Diocese: Ms. Molly Hamilton, Ms. Lauren Kinard, and Ms. Andrea McKellar, Diocesan Staff

Oil stock: The Right Reverend Andrew Waldo, Diocese of Upper South Carolina

Communion set: The Reverend Nathan Woodliff-Stanley, Mr. George Woodliff-Stanley, and
Mr. John Woodliff-Stanley

Mitre: The Right Reverend Brian Seage, Diocese of Mississippi

Crozier: The Reverend Ryan Currie on behalf of the LGBTQ+ Community of The Diocese of South
Carolina, and The Reverend Rob Donehue, Standing Committee President

Bible: The Most Reverend Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop & Primate of The Episcopal Church

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Mr. Parks Greene, Sub-Organist
St. Gregory Chamber Choir, Grace Church Cathedral
Voorhees College Choir
Ms. Rachel Jones, Voorhees College Choir Director
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Ms. Angela Pleasants, Soloist
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ABOUT THE EPISCOPAL GIFTS AND SIGNS OF THE OFFICE

It is the Episcopal Church's tradition to contribute toward a bishop-elect's vestments and other symbols of the Office of Bishop. People and congregations of the Diocese of South Carolina, along with multiple dioceses and individuals from across the church, have contributed the following gifts as a sign of love and support for the ministry of the XV Bishop of the Diocese of South Carolina.

These gifts are not just for the Bishop, but for the entire diocese, as they will become a part of her communal liturgical life together with the diocese. They are a type of "public document" intended to highlight the values and commitments of the people and bishop together as they live out the gospel in a new season of ministry.

The Transition Committee gratefully acknowledges the following Ordination gifts:

The **BIBLE** is a gift from the Presiding Bishop, the Most Reverend Michael B. Curry

The **BISHOP'S RING** is a gift from the people of the Diocese of South Carolina. The face of the ring contains the seal of the diocese and is used with melted wax by the bishop to seal official documents. On one side is the Compass Rose, signifying that our diocese is part of the global Anglican Communion. On the opposite side is the number XV, signifying the bishop's place in the line of bishops of The Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina.

The **PECTORAL CROSS** is a gift from The Dioceses of Western New York and Northwestern Pennsylvania and their Bishop, the Right Reverend Sean Rowe. The Bishop-elect served this diocese as Canon for Strategic Change from 2019-2021. The cross, a Cross of Lorraine, is fashioned after the cross of the Right Reverend William Alexander Guerry, the eighth Bishop of the Diocese of South Carolina and Martyr, signifying the commitment of our new bishop to continue the work of racial justice with the people of the diocese.

A visitation **CROZIER**, hand carved by Mr. Thomas Williams (Gullah-Geechee cane maker from McClellanville, South Carolina) is a gift on behalf of the LGBTQ+ members of the Diocese of South Carolina. The pelican that tops the crozier symbolizes the call of Christ to sacrificial love. The carvings on the crozier, inspired by local vines native to our region, reflect our interconnected life as part of the true vine.

A traveling **CROZIER** is a gift from the Episcopal Church Building Fund, where the Bishop-elect served on the Board, and as Senior Vice President for Strategic Change from 2019-2021 and Interim President from 2015-2018. Carved on the collar of the crozier is the resurrection fern, native to South Carolina, which is also featured on the consecration vestments and is described in further detail on those entries.

A number of **VESTMENTS** have been gifted to the Bishop-elect by many groups and individuals:

A **WHITE FESTAL COPE, MITRE, AND STOLE** are given in grateful thanksgiving for the ministry of the Bishop-elect and in celebration of her consecration by the clergy, and people of the Diocese of Mississippi and their Bishop, The Right Reverend Brian R. Seage. The Bishop-elect was ordained to the priesthood in this diocese in 1991 and began her ministry there, serving several congregations over 10 years. The sweetgrass weave encircling the pattern on the mitre reflects the struggle, strength, and resiliency of those in South Carolina who have endured generations of oppression and the commitment of our bishop and diocese to walk together in the way of justice and reconciliation. The three fronds of resurrection fern, a plant native to this region that comes to life when soaked in water, signify the hope for a season of resurrection, justice, and reconciliation, grounded in our baptism, which is signified by the blue background. The waters within the circle reflect the native waters of South Carolina and signify our flowing together from many tributaries into one future.

A **WHITE FESTAL CHASUBLE, CUSTOM TAILORED BISHOP SHIRTS, AND A RED MITRE, STOLE AND CHASUBLE** are the gifts of the people of The Diocese of South Carolina. The hand embroidery on the chasuble, sewn by Juliet Hemingray, echo the same themes present in the festal cope, mitre, and stole, described above. The red vestments will have an added emphasis on the Pentecost theme of movement into the world to bring the good news.

The **ROCHET, CHIMERE, PURPLE CASSOCK AND CINCTURE** are a gift of the people of the Diocese of Colorado and their Bishop, The Right Reverend Kym Lucas. The Bishop-elect served this diocese in a number of roles from 2002-2019, including as rector of St. Thomas parish in Denver and as Canon to the Ordinary for Bishop Robert J. O'Neill.

A gold **MITRE** is a gift of Paul, Carolyn, and Sarah Alexander. It is created by Juliet Hemingray of Dupion gold silk to reflect the brightness of the season of resurrection.

A **TIPPETT** with a hand-embroidered seal of the diocese is a gift from the staff of the Diocese of South Carolina – Ms. Lauren Kinard, Ms. Andrea McKellar, and Ms. Molly Hamilton.

A **BLUE STOLE AND CHASUBLE** are given by Ms. Mary Diane Dianish, a member of the Diocese of South Carolina who currently serves on the Standing Committee. Just as Advent speaks of anticipation of the coming of something new and wonderful, so does the dawn of a new day. In the Diocese of South Carolina dawn happens over the ocean as it rushes to the beach. The Advent vestments will be stitched with multi-color fabric applique on a Sarum blue to evoke imagery of dawn breaking over the waters of the South Carolina coastline.

A **MONOGRAMMED OIL STOCK**, used for anointing, is a gift from the Diocese of Upper South Carolina and their Bishop, the Right Reverend Andrew Waldo, who rejoice in the call of the Bishop-elect to proclaim the good news of God in Christ Jesus to all the world through word and sacrament.

A **VISITATION COMMUNION SET** is given by the family of Bishop-elect Ruth Woodliff-Stanley (her husband, the Reverend Nathan Woodliff-Stanley, and their sons, George and John Woodliff-Stanley) in thanksgiving for their practice of gathering in sacred communion around the table in their home.

Donations from the people and congregations of the Diocese of South Carolina made possible additional gifts including a **MONOGRAMMED VESTMENT CARRIER AND PYX**.



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