The Ordination of the Reverend Brian Lee Cole as Bishop in the Church of God and the Fifth Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of East Tennessee

December 2, 2017 – 11:00 AM
On the Commemoration of Channing Moore Williams
Church of the Ascension
Welcome

Please silence your cell phones as you enter.
Commemorating Channing Moore Williams

Bishop Williams, a farmer’s son, was born in Richmond, Virginia, on July 18, 1829, and brought up in straitened circumstances by his widowed mother. He attended the College of William and Mary and the Virginia Theological Seminary.

Ordained deacon in 1855, he offered himself for work in China, where he was ordained priest in 1857. Two years later, he was sent to Japan and opened work in Nagasaki. His first convert was baptized in 1866, the year he was chosen bishop for both China and Japan.

After 1868, he decided to concentrate all his work in Japan, following the revolution that opened the country to renewed contact with the western world. Relieved of his responsibility for China in 1874, Williams made his base at Yedo (now Tokyo), where he founded a divinity school, later to become St. Paul’s University. At a synod in 1887 he helped bring together the English and American missions to form the Nippon Ōki Kai, the Holy Catholic Church of Japan, when the Church there numbered fewer than a thousand communicants.

Williams translated parts of the Prayer Book into Japanese; and he was a close friend and warm supporter of Bishop Schereschewsky, his successor in China, in the latter’s arduous work of translating the Bible into Chinese.

After resigning his jurisdiction in 1889, Bishop Williams stayed in Japan to help his successor there, Bishop John McKim, who was consecrated in 1893. Williams lived in Kyoto and continued to work in the opening of new mission stations until his return to America in 1908. He died in Richmond, Virginia, on December 2, 1910.

— From Holy Women, Holy Men: Celebrating the Saints

Welcome

Ordaining a bishop is not just about one person, or even one diocese. The ordination of a bishop is an opportunity to reflect on our wider connections, not just locally or nationally, but within the wider Anglican Communion. It is our Anglican tradition that connects us to the Apostles, and reminds us of their unwavering commitment to Jesus Christ’s ministry of reconciliation. It is also a time for us to see more clearly God’s grace in the world, and how we as Christians respond to that grace. May we greet this new era by celebrating the ordination of our Fifth Bishop of the Diocese of East Tennessee. May it be a time for us to recognize that we are all members of the Body of Christ. Welcome to you all.

The Waters of Baptism

The font at the back of the nave is filled with water blessed by our bishop-elect before worship today. Please feel free to touch the waters of your baptism as you prepare to worship the God of love. And as you leave this holy space after our celebration, you may again place the water of your baptism on your brow as a sign and seal for you and all you meet that you are Christ’s own forever. May the Holy Spirit empower you to do the work of ministry in the world.

Livestream

The service today is being streamed downstairs in rooms 101 and 102, and on www.dioet.org. A recording will be available on www.dioet.org for seven days following the event.
Hark, I hear the harps eternal ringing on the farther shore, as I near those swollen waters, with their deep and solemn roar. Hallelujah, praise the Lamb, hallelujah, glory to the great I AM! And my soul though stained with sorrow, fading as the light of day, passes swiftly o’er those waters to the city far away. Hallelujah, praise the Lamb, hallelujah, glory to the great I AM! Souls have crossed before me, saintly, to that land of perfect rest; and I hear them singing faintly in the mansions of the blest. Hallelujah, praise the Lamb, hallelujah, glory to the great I AM!

Hymn: “As Newborn Stars Were Stirred to Song”

Wonder, Love, and Praise 788
I got a crown up in-a the Kingdom, ain’a that good news! I’m a-goin’ to lay down this worl’, goin’ a shoulder up-uh my cross, take it home-a to my Jesus, ain’a that good news! I got a harp up in-a the Kingdom, ain’a that good news! I’m a-goin’ to lay down this worl’, goin’ a shoulder up cross, goin’ take it home a to my Jesus, ain’a that good news! I got a robe up in-a the Kingdom, ain’a that good news!

**HYMN: “Will You Come and Follow Me”**

1. Will you come and follow me if
2. Will you leave your self be hind if
3. Will you let the blind-ed see if
4. Will you love the “You” you hide if
5. Christ, your sum-mons ech-oes true when

I but call your name? Will you go where you don’t know and
I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and
I but call your name? Will you set the pris’ner free and
I but call your name? Will you quell the fear in-side and
you but call my name. Let me turn and fol-low you and

ne-ver be the same? Will you let my love be shown? Will you
ne-ver be the same? Will you risk the hos-tile stare should your
ne-ver be the same? Will you kiss the lep-er clean, and do
ne-ver be the same. In your com-pa-ny I’ll go where your

let my Name be known? Will you let my life be grown in
life at-tract or scare? Will you let me an-swer prayer in
such as this un-seen? And ad-mit to what I mean in
shape the world a-round through my sight and touch and sound in
love and foot-steps show, thus I’ll move and live and grow in

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. (Final Ending)

you and you in me?
you and you in me?
you and you in me?
you and you in me?
you and you in me?

5. you and you in me.
Anthem: "Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether"

Draw us in the Spirit’s tether; for when humbly, in thy name, two or three are met together, Thou art in the midst of them: Alleluia! Touch we now thy garment’s hem. As the brethren used to gather in the name of Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup, Alleluia! So knit thou our friendship up. All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of thee, that by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be. Alleluia! We will serve thee faithfully.

Hymn: "How Firm a Foundation"

VOLUNTARY: "Suite of American Hymn Tunes"
**HYMN: “Christ is Made the Sure Foundation”**

1 Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone, chosen of the Lord, and precious, God on high, in exultant jubilation, Hosts, today; with thy wonted loving-kindness thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ever

2 All that dedicated city, dearly loved of God on high, in exultant jubilation, Hosts, today; with thy wonted loving-kindness thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ever

3 To this temple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of

4 Here vouchsafe to all thy servants what they ask of

with the blessed to retain, and hereafter

bind ing all the Church in one; holy Zion's pours perpetual melody; God the One in hear thy servants as they pray, and thy fullest with the blessed to retain, and hereafter
Presiding Bishop

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

People

And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

The Presiding Bishop then says

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

THE PRESENTATION

The bishops and People sit. The following Representatives of the Church stand before the Presiding Bishop

Joe Vrba, Chair of Search Committee
Jim Anderson, Transition Committee
Jennifer Dunn, Search Committee
Dr. Walter Puckett, Search Committee
Sarah Sheppeard, Diocesan Chancellor
The Reverend Leyla K. King
The Reverend Amanda Lippe
Lynn Schmissrater

The representatives present the bishop-elect, saying

Michael, Bishop in the Church of God, the clergy and people of the Diocese of East Tennessee, trusting in the guidance of the Holy Spirit, have chosen Brian Lee Cole to be a bishop and chief pastor. We therefore ask you to lay your hands upon him and in the power of the Holy Spirit to consecrate him a bishop in the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.

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

Certificate of Election: The Reverend Canon Patricia Grace, Canon to the Ordinary
Canonical Testimony: Sarah Sheppeard, Diocesan Chancellor
Evidence of Ordination: George Arrants, Transition Committee
Consents of Standing Committees: The Reverend Jay Mills, Standing Committee President
Consents of Bishops
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, Brian Lee Cole, chosen Bishop of the Church in the Diocese of East Tennessee, 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.

Please stand, as you are able. The Presiding Bishop then says the following and asks the response of the people

Brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, you have heard testimony given that Brian Lee Cole has been duly and lawfully elected to be a bishop of the Church of God to serve in the Diocese of East Tennessee. You have been assured of his suitability and that the Church has approved him 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 Brian a bishop?

The People respond in these words

That is our will.

Presiding Bishop Will you uphold Brian 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 Brian for the work to which we trust the Holy Spirit has called him.

**The Litany for Ordinations**

All kneel, and the Person appointed leads the Litany for Ordinations

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Cantor | People
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God the Father, Have mercy on us.

Cantor | People
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God the Son, Have mercy on us.

Cantor | People
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God the Holy Spirit, Have mercy on us.

Cantor | People
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Holy Trinity, one God, Have mercy on us.

Cantor | People
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We pray to you, Lord Christ. 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 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.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For Brian, chosen bishop 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 people, 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, blessed Channing Moore Williams, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another,

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**The Collects**

*At the end of the litany, the Presiding Bishop stands and reads the Collect of the Day and the Collect for Ordination, first saying*

**The Lord be with you.**

**People**

**And also with you.**

**Presiding Bishop**

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, we thank you for your servant Channing Moore Williams, whom you called to preach the Gospel to the people of China and Japan. Raise up in this and every land evangelists and heralds of your kingdom, that your Church may proclaim the unsearchable riches of our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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 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.**

**Please be seated.**
Lector

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Lector

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm: 100

All may remain seated.

The choir will introduce the refrain, after which the congregation may join the choir in the refrains.

Refrain

Be joy-ful in the Lord, all you lands!  

from Gradual Psalms for the RCL, ed. Bruce E. Ford, Church Publishing Incorporated

1 Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands; * serve the LORD with gladness and come before his presence with a song. REFRAIN.

2 Know this: The LORD himself is God; * he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. REFRAIN.

3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; * give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

4 For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; * and his faithfulness endures from age to age. REFRAIN.
The Epistle: 2 Corinthians 3:4-9

Lector

A reading from the Second Letter to the Corinthians.

Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. Not that we are competent of ourselves to claim anything as coming from us; our competence is from God, who has made us competent to be ministers of a new covenant, not of letter but of spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. Now if the ministry of death, chiseled in letters on stone tablets, came in glory so that the people of Israel could not gaze at Moses’ face because of the glory of his face, a glory now set aside, how much more will the ministry of the Spirit come in glory? For if there was glory in the ministry of condemnation, much more does the ministry of justification abound in glory!

Lector

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Please stand, as you are able.

Sequence Hymn: “Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult”

Unison or harmony

1 Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult
2 As, of old, Saint Andrew heard it
3 Jesus calls us from the worship
4 In our joys and in our sorrows,
5 Jesus calls us! By thy mercies,

1 of our life's wild, restless sea, day by day his
2 by the Galilean lake, turned from home and
3 of the vain world's golden store; from each idol
4 days of toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in
5 Savior, make us hear thy call, give our hearts to

1 clear voice soundeth, saying, “Christian, follow me;”
2 toil and kin-dred, leaving all for his dear sake.
3 that would keep us, saying, “Christian, love me more.”
4 cares and pleasures, “Christian, love me more than these.”
5 thine obedience, serve and love thee best of all.
The Holy Gospel: John 20:19-23

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

The People are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

The Reverend Dr. Lauren Winner
Associate Professor of Christian Spirituality, Duke Divinity School
The Examination

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

My brother, 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.

Presiding Bishop

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

I am so persuaded.

The following questions are then addressed to the bishop-elect

Question

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

Answer

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

Question

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.

Question

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.

Question

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.

Question

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

Answer

I will, for the love of God.

Question

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

In will, by the grace given me.

Question

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.
Please stand, as you are able. The Presiding Bishop then says

Brian, 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 become 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 Consecration of the Bishop

All continue to stand, except the bishop-elect, who kneels before the Presiding Bishop.

Hymn: “Veni Sancte Spiritus” — Taizé

The hymn is sung by all. To begin the refrain, the voices enter one at a time in the following order: Bass, Alto, Soprano, Tenor. Sing the refrain twice before adding the next voice, and keep repeating as the cantors chant verses.

Translation: “Holy Spirit, come to us.”

The verses will be sung by cantors.

2. Come from the four winds, O Spirit, come, Breath of God; disperse the shadows over us, renew and strengthen your people. Veni Sancte Spiritus.
3. You are our only comforter, peace of the soul. In the heat you shade us; in our labor you refresh us, and in trouble you are our strength. Veni Sancte Spiritus.
4. Kindle in our hearts the flame of your love that in the darkness of the world it may glow and reach to all forever. Veni Sancte Spiritus.

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.

Therefore, O Father, make Brian a bishop in your Church. Pour out upon him 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 he may feed and tend the flock of Christ, and exercise without reproach the high priesthood to which you have called him, 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 he 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 forever.
The People in a loud voice respond

Amen.

The new bishop is now vested according to the order of bishops, with pectoral cross, ring, crozier, chasuble, stole, mitre, rochet, and chimere.

A Bible is presented with these words

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 presents to the people their new bishop and the people offer their acclamation and applause.

The Peace

The new Bishop then says

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

All greet one another in the name of the Lord, then all are seated.

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Eucharist

Today’s offering will go toward the new Diocesan Bishop’s discretionary fund. The congregation’s offerings of bread and wine are brought by members of the family of the new bishop: Keith Cole and Katie Cole.

The Offertory

Anthem: O How Amiable are Thy Dwellings Ralph Vaughan Williams

O how amiable are thy dwellings: thou Lord of hosts! My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord: My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God. Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young: even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: They will be alway praising thee. The glorious Majesty of thy Lord our God be upon us: Prosper thou the work of our hands upon us. O prosper thou our handywork. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

All who are able, please stand for the presentation of our offerings and oblations.
Following the censing of the altar, the Thurifer censes the altar party and People. The Thurifer, bearing the incense, bows to the People. The People bow in acceptance. After the Thurifer censes the People and bows again, the People respond with a bow of thanks and remain standing.

**The Great Thanksgiving**

_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.  
_Celebrant_  
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:
The People remain standing or kneel.
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 Channing Moore Williams 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.

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

Celebrant and People

Our Father, who art in heaven,
    hallowed be thy name,
    thy kingdom come,
    thy will be done,
        on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
    as we forgive those
        who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
    but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
        and the power, and the glory,
    for ever and ever. Amen.
The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

Hymn S 171

The Invitation to Communion

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

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.

Those seated on the main floor of the Nave, including the transepts, will receive communion at the station immediately in front of them. Those seated in the balconies and downstairs-overflow rooms will receive communion at stations in those areas. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Please tell your usher if you need communion brought to you in the pew.

Communion Music

Please remain seated or kneeling and sing the communion hymns with the choir.

Voluntary: Sonata in F, opus 1, no. 11
George F. Handel
Susan Parker Weatherford, recorder

Anthem: The Secret of Christ
Richard Shephard

For a long time I have held my peace, but now will I speak. I will lead the blind in a way they know not, in paths that they have not known I will guide them. I will turn their darkness into light, and I will not forsake them. And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God; and on either side of the river was there a tree of life, and the leaves were for the healing of nations. Help us, Lord, to persevere in prayer with minds awake and thankful hearts, that we may share the secret of Christ with those we meet on our earthly pilgrimage, following in the steps of Jesus, our Master and our friend. Amen.
HYMN: “Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”

1 Where cross the crowded ways of life, where sound the  
2 In haunts of wretchedness and need, on shadowed  
3 The cup of water given for thee still holds the  
4 O Master, from the mountain side, make haste to  
5 Till all the world shall learn thy love, and follow  

1 Cries of race and clan, above the noise of  
2 Thresholds dark with fears, from paths where hide the  
3 Freshness of thy grace; yet long these multitudes of  
4 Heal these hearts of pain; among these restless  
5 Where thy feet have trod; till glorious from thy  

1 Selfish strife, we hear thy voice, O Son of Man.  
2 Lures of greed, we catch the vision of thy tears.  
3 Tudes to see the true compassion of thy face.  
4 Throngsa-bide, O tread the city’s streets again;  
5 Heaven above, shall come the city of our God.  

HYMN: “The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King”

1 The eternal gifts of Christ the King, the apostles’  
2 The princes of the Church are they, triumphant  
3 Theirs is the steadfast faith of saints, the hope that  
4 In them the Father’s glory shone, in them the  

glorious deeds we sing, and all, with hearts of gladness, raise due  
leaders in the fray, in heaven’s hall a victor band, true  
never yields nor faints; the perfect love of Christ they know; these  
Spirit’s will was done, the Son himself exhults in them; joy  

hymns of thankful love and praise.  
lights that lighten every land.  
lay the prince of this world low.  
fills the new Jerusalem.  

After stanza 4
Hymn: “Go Forth for God”

1. Go forth for God; go to the world in peace;
2. Go forth for God; go to the world in love;
3. Go forth for God; go to the world in strength;
4. Go forth for God; go to the world in joy,

be of good courage, armed with heavenly grace,
strengthen the faint, give courage to the weak;
hold fast the good, be urgent for the right;
to serve God’s people every day and hour,

in God’s good Spirit daily to increase,
help the afflicted; richly from above
represent to no one evil; Christ at length
and serving Christ, our every gift employ,

till in his kingdom we behold his face.
his love supplies the grace and power we seek.
shall overcome all darkness with his light.
rejoicing in the Holy Spirit’s power.

After Communion

Please stand or kneel.

Bishop Johnson  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 Brian 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 forever. Amen.
THE BLESSING

The new Bishop blesses the People, first saying

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;
The maker of heaven and earth.

People

Bishop Cole Blessed be the Name of the Lord;

People From this time forth for evermore.

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

PROCессIONAL

Please stand, as you are able.

Hymn: “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

Hymn 460
A Deacon dismisses the people

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

People

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

VOLUNTARY: Antiphon

David Conte
ORDER OF PROCESSION

SEATING PROCESSIONS

Ascension Cross/Torches/Verger
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Commission on Ministry
Bishop & Council
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Postulants
Seminarians
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Seminary Representatives

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Presenters of Gifts to the Bishop-Elect
The Very Reverend John C. Ross, Dean of St. John's Cathedral, Knoxville
Pectoral Cross: The Cathedral of All Souls, Asheville, NC
Bishop's Ring: Clergy of the Diocese of East Tennessee
Crozier: The Church of the Good Shepherd, Lexington, KY
Chasuble, Stole, and Mitre: Keith and Katie Cole; John and Margie Johnson; Oz Henry Rochet and Chimere: Clergy of the Diocese of Lexington

Chaplain to the Bishop-Elect
The Reverend Christopher Harpster

Bishop-Elect
The Reverend Brian Lee Cole

Deacon of the Gospel
The Reverend Cathy Johnston

Sub-Deacon
Elizabeth Farr, Senior Seminarian

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The Reverend Suzanne Burch, The Reverend Sarai Wender

Preacher
The Reverend Dr. Lauren Winner, Associate Professor of Christian Spirituality, Duke Divinity School

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Jess Cole, Beverly Guiler

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Keith Cole and Katie Cole

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The Reverend Robert Gieselmann

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The Reverend Jerry Askew

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The Right Reverend George D. Young, III

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The Right Reverend Mark A. Bourlakas, Bishop of Southwestern Virginia;
The Right Reverend George D. Young, III, 4th Bishop of East Tennessee;
The Right Reverend Robert H. Johnson, Bishop of Western North Carolina, Resigned;
The Right Reverend Neil J. Alexander, Bishop of Atlanta, Resigned;
The Right Reverend Charles vonRosenberg, 3rd Bishop of East Tennessee, Resigned;
The Right Reverend William E. Sanders, 1st Bishop of East Tennessee, Resigned
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The Reverend Canon Michael Buerkel Hunn

Presiding Bishop and Chief Consecrator
The Most Reverend Michael Bruce Curry

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Friends,

“For all that has been, Thank you. For all that is to come, Yes!”

— Dag Hammarskjöld

This oft repeated saying above has been ever present to me this past year. There are countless people who deserve my thanks. And for the possibility of this new call entrusted to me this day, I say yes, with God’s help.

I am grateful to my wife, Susan, and her encouragement in this process from the very beginning. Our life together, whether in the mountains of Western North Carolina or the city streets of Lexington, and now here in Knoxville and East Tennessee, is a source of joy and comfort and love. Our son, Jess, and the rest of our family members have also added encouragement and wisdom to us in this season. Along with family, my time in this process towards the episcopacy was supported by mentors and friends, near and far.

My life in Christ has been nurtured by many. The Baptist tradition taught me to know Scripture as native tongue. After seminary studies in Louisville, Kentucky, the Berea Friends Meeting taught me to rest in Silence, trusting that the Light in me was true, even without words. St. James Episcopal Church in Black Mountain, North Carolina will always be a “home” church for Susan and me. I began my vocation as a priest with The Church of the Advocate, an incredible circle of faith and courage in downtown Asheville. From there, The Cathedral of All Souls was the first place I ever heard the word Sub-Dean, and Dean Donatelli invited me to be one!

For the past 5 and ½ years, I have served as Rector of The Church of The Good Shepherd in Lexington, Kentucky. The people of that parish have taught me many things about generosity and hospitality, about growing in faith and grace. I am thankful and humbled that they supported me in discerning with the people of East Tennessee in this new call.

I am also thankful for the monastic communities of Holy Cross Monastery in West Park, New York and The Abbey of Gethsemani near Bardstown, Kentucky. My prayer life has been deepened by joining in with the faithful prayers of the monks. I hope to return to both communities, soon and often.

The members of the Search and Nominating Committee for the 5th Bishop of the Diocese of East Tennessee, along with the Transition Committee, were faithful in the charge entrusted to them by the people of this diocese. Both committees were gracious in their care of all the candidates throughout this process. It was obvious to me that you all cared for each other, too. Your joy in the work was a blessing to me. Joe Vrba and Christopher Hogin did exceptional work in leadership of these committees and Walter Puckett was a good shepherd.

The final slate of candidates for bishop, along with their spouses, who traveled together on the bus in mid-July still remain in my prayers. The Episcopal Church is enriched by the gifts of Hendree, Frank, Lance, and Marty.

I am thankful for all who have had a role in preparing for this weekend, both in festivity and worship. The parish of The Church of the Ascension has been a gracious host today. They have been joined by faithful Episcopalians from across East Tennessee. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

In our early days here, the Diocesan staff and the clergy have already done much to welcome me. I pray that our days ahead in ministry together will be marked by mutual listening and learning, with new signs of the Resurrected Christ in our midst, with hope and humor always.

“What we need is here.” That is the end of a well-regarded poem by Wendell Berry. My prayer, both for my work as your bishop and our work together as Episcopalians in East Tennessee is that we will come to embody those words. We have been marked as Christ’s own in baptism. What else do we need? Now, let us tell others why we hope.

Peace,

Brian
Brothers and Sisters,

Arriving at this point happened through the efforts of many. It began with calling five nominees. It carried over with the walkabouts, a time where the nominees met the diocese, and the diocese met the nominees. It continued with the election, and the calling of our bishop.

Each step along this journey was done with prayerful deliberation connected to The Holy Spirit. We now arrive at the point where we celebrate the culmination of all our efforts through this glorious ceremony.

I would like to thank the Search and Nominating Committee, the Standing Committee, the Transition Committee, the Diocesan office, the Presiding Bishop's office, the staff and clergy of The Episcopal Church of the Ascension, and the musicians participating from throughout the diocese.

Most importantly, we are grateful to all of you: members of the Diocese of East Tennessee, our distinguished guests, and all those who traveled to support, not only Bishop-Elect Brian Cole and his family, but also the wider Church. Your participation matters, and is a tangible representation of God's active presence in the world. We are grateful.

Sincerely,

Christopher Hogin

Chair of the Transition Committee


Fellow Brothers and Sisters,

We have come to the end of this journey. This day is actually here! The Search and Nominating Committee (SNC) marked this date on our calendars more than fifteen months ago and have been working, praying, and looking forward to it ever since.

Every one of us who served on the SNC feels blessed in having been part of this process and are truly thankful to everyone who assisted us. Thank you to the Standing Committee for assembling and supporting us. Thank you to Diane Vie, our consultant, for her help and guidance. Thank you to the Diocesan staff for the many details they handled for us. Thank you to everyone who completed our survey. Thank you to those who joined us for the seven focus group meetings. Thank you to all who submitted names for our consideration. Thank you to those who filled out lengthy application packets, endured 90-minute video interviews by committee members, visited us in Knoxville for a three-day retreat and prayerfully discerned with us as we worked to identify those individuals who best fit our diocese at this time. Thank you to the Transition Committee for “taking over” once the candidates were announced and planning and executing the walkabouts, the election and this ordination. Thank you to everyone who dropped us an email, stopped to chat, or found other ways to offer us encouragement. We want to thank each and every one of you for your prayers. We could not have done this work without your constant support. We have felt it and are truly grateful.

During our journey through this process, too many “coincidences” occurred to be ignored. So many things have “just worked out.” Yes, the Spirit has been at work here. It is indeed God that guides these things. Thank you, thank you, thank you God!

For the Search and Nominating Committee,

Joe Vrba
Chair of the Search and Nominating Committee

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