



THE ORDINATION & CONSECRATION OF

The Reverend Dr. Glenda S. Curry

as Bishop Coadjutor of the Episcopal Diocese of Alabama

The Cathedral Church of the Advent | Birmingham, Alabama

Eleven o'clock in the morning

Saturday, the Twenty-Seventh of June in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty

In honor of The Reverend Pearl Slay, Deacon, St. Wilfrid's, Marion,
and all those who, due to the global pandemic, have died,
have lost loved ones, and grieve.

PREFACE TO THE ORDINATION RITES

The Holy Scriptures and ancient Christian writers make it clear that from the apostles' time, there have been different ministries within the Church. First, there is the Order of Bishops, who carry on the apostolic work of leading, supervising, and uniting the Church.

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 Book of Common Prayer, p. 510

As we gather to worship, some important information:

We are glad you are here. Please maintain a physical distance of six feet or more from anyone outside your own household, and wear a mask when walking around the nave. Please silence your cell phones, and refrain from using flash photography during the service. Thank you!

THE ORDINATION OF A BISHOP

THE PRELUDE

- Violin Concerto No. 2 in E major, S. 1042* Johann Sebastian Bach
- Deux Pièces Canoniques* Théodore Dubois
I. Adagio edited and arranged by Charles Callahan
- Trumpet Concerto in D major* Giuseppe Tartini
- CHORAL INTROIT *God Is Sending Me* Susie Youngson
Written in celebration for the ministry of The Reverend Dr. Glenda Curry
For the text of this anthem please turn to page 30.

ORDER OF PROCESSION



Master of Ceremonies/Registrar

Presenters of Bishop-elect

Readers of Testimonials

Litanist

Bishop-elect

Preacher

Co-Consecrators

Chief-Consecrator

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Hymn 9 “Not here for high and holy things”

MORNING SONG

Sung by all, standing



* 1 Not here for high and ho - ly things we ren - der thanks to
 * 2 the ro - yal robes of au - tumn moors, the gold - en gates of
 * 3 of faith and hope and love un - dimmed, un - dy - ing still through
 4 A - wake, a - wake to love and work! The lark is in the
 5 Come, let thy voice be one with theirs, shout with their shout of
 6 to give and give, and give a - gain, what God hath giv - en



1 thee, but for the com - mon things of earth, the
 2 spring, the vel - vet of soft sum - mer nights, the
 3 death, the re - sur - rec - tion of the world, what
 4 sky, the fields are wet with dia - mond dew, the
 5 praise; see how the gi - ant sun soars up, great
 6 thee; to spend thy - self nor count the cost; to



1 pur - ple pa - gean - try of dawn - ing and of
 2 sil - ver glis - te - ring of all the mil - lion
 3 time there comes the breath of dawn that rus - tles
 4 worlds a - wake to cry their bles - sings on the
 5 lord of years and days! So let the love of
 6 serve right glo - rious - ly the God who gave all



1 dy - ing days, the splen - dor of the sea,
 2 mil - lion stars, the si - lent song they sing,
 3 through the trees, and that clear voice that saith:
 4 Lord of life, as he goes meek - ly by.
 5 Je - sus come and set thy soul a - blaze,
 6 worlds that are, and all that are to be.

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The people standing, the Chief Consecrator says

People Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.
Amen.

The Chief Consecrator 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. Representatives of the diocese, both Clergy and Lay Persons, standing before the Chief Consecrator, present the Bishop-elect, saying

Scott, Bishop in the Church of God, the clergy and people of the Diocese of Alabama, trusting in the guidance of the Holy Spirit, have chosen Glenda Sharp Curry 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 Chief Consecrator directs that testimonials of the election be read.

Certificate of Election

Canonical Testimonial

Evidence of Ordination

Consents of the Standing Committees

Consents of the Bishops

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

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, I, Glenda Sharp Curry, chosen Bishop Coadjutor of the Church in Alabama, 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 Declaration in the sight of all present.
The witnesses add their signatures.*

All stand.

The Chief Consecrator then says

Brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, you have heard testimony given that Glenda Sharp Curry has been duly and lawfully elected to be a bishop of the Church of God to serve in the Diocese of Alabama. 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 Chief Consecrator continues

Chief Consecrator Is it your will that we ordain Glenda a bishop?
People **That is our will.**

Chief Consecrator Will you uphold Glenda as bishop?
People **We will.**

The Chief Consecrator 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 Glenda for the work to which we trust the Holy Spirit has called her.

All kneel. The person appointed leads the Litany for Ordinations

LITANY FOR ORDINATIONS

Cantor *People*

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

Cantor *People*

God the Son, Have mer - cy on us.

Cantor *People*

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

Cantor *People*

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

Cantor *People*

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

Cantor

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the Day of your Coming,

People

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

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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 Glenda, chosen bishop in your Church, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

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

Lord, hear our prayer.

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

Lord, hear our prayer.

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

Lord, hear our prayer.

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

Lord, hear our prayer.

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

Lord, hear our prayer.

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

Lord, hear our prayer.

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.

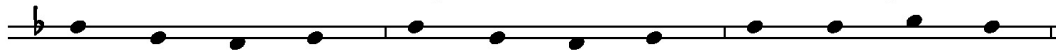
Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another,

People



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

Cantor *People* *Cantor and People*



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The Chief Consecrator stands and says

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

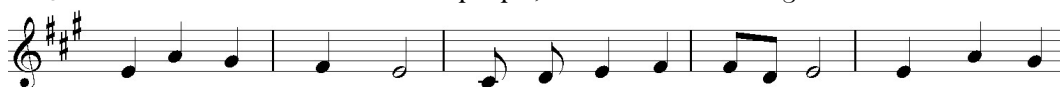
Chief Consecrator

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 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.*



SEQUENCE HYMN 51 "We the Lord's people, heart and voice uniting" *DECATUR PLACE*



1 We the Lord's peo - ple, heart and voice u - nit - ing, praise him who
 2 This is the Lord's house, home of all his peo - ple, school for the
 3 This is the Lord's day, day of God's own mak - ing, day of cre -
 4 In the Lord's ser - vice bread and wine are of - fered, that Christ may



called us out of sin and dark - ness in - to his own light,
 faith - ful, ref - uge for the sin - ner, rest for the pil - grim,
 a - tion, day of re - sur - rec - tion, day of the Spi - rit,
 take them, bless them, break, and give them to all his peo - ple,



that he might a - noint us a roy - al priest - hood.
 ha - ven for the wea - ry; all find a wel - come.
 sign of hea - ven's ban - quet, day for re - joic - ing.
 his own life im - par - ting, food ev - er - last - ing.

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THE GOSPEL

John 4:19-30

All remain standing. A Deacon reads the Gospel, first saying

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

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

The Samaritan woman who came to draw water, said to Jesus, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.'

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' They left the city and were on their way to him.

Deacon
People

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Becca Stevens

All stand to sing.

HYMN 469 "There's a wideness in God's mercy"

ST. HELENA



1 There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy like the wide - ness
2 There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than
3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sure



of the sea; there's a kind - ness in his jus -
up in heaven; there is no place where earth's fail -
of the mind; and the heart of the E - ter -



tice, which is more than lib - er - ty. There is wel - come
ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given. There is plen - ti -
nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind. If our love were



for the sin - ner, and more gra - ces for the good; there is mer - cy
ful re - demp - tion in the blood that has been shed; there is joy for
but more faith - ful, we should take him at his word; and our life would



with the Sa - vior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
all the mem - bers in the sor - rows of the Head.
be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.



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THE EXAMINATION

All now sit, except the Bishop-elect, who stands facing the bishops. The Chief Consecrator 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 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 Chief Consecrator then says

Glenda, 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.

The Bishop-elect We believe in one God.

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 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 remain standing except for the Bishop-elect, who kneels before the Chief Consecrator. The other bishops stand to the right and left of the Chief Consecrator.

HYMN 503 “Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire”

COME HOLY GHOST

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

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

Therefore, Father, make Glenda 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 OFFERTORY

The offering today will go to the Bishop’s Discretionary Fund to aid those in need. If you would like to give online, text “give” to (833)625-0419 or follow the QR code below.



OFFERTORY ANTHEM *If Ye Love Me*

Philip Wilby

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter. That He may abide with you forever; E’en the Spirit of Truth. And ye know Him, for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless. I will come to you.

All stand to sing.

Musical notation for the Offertory Anthem, consisting of three staves of music in G major and 3/4 time. The first staff contains the first line of lyrics, the second staff contains the second line and a refrain, and the third staff contains the final line of lyrics.

Sum-moned by the God who made us Rich in our di-ver-si-ty, Gath-ered in the name of
Draw to - geth - er at one ta - ble All the hu - man fa - mi - ly; Shape a cir - cle ev - er

6 Refrain
Je - sus, Rich - er still in un - i - ty: Let us bring the gifts that dif - fer, And, in splen - did, var - ied
wid - er And a peo - ple ev - er free.

12
ways, Sing a new church in - to be - ing, One in faith and love and praise.

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THE PRESENTATION HYMN “Sing A New Church”

NETTLETON

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

The new Bishop goes to the Altar as chief Celebrant and proceeds with the celebration of the Eucharist.

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.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

SANCTUS S 128

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

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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

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

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with 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,

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.


FRACTION ANTHEM S 171

Antiphon: Cantor; then All

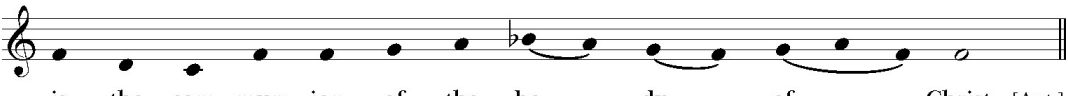


Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

Cantor




1. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia,




is the com - mun - ion of the bo - dy of Christ. [Ant.]

Cantor



2. One bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia,



for though man - y we share one bread. [Ant.]

The Holy Eucharist, Fraction Anthem: Be known to us Music: Mode 6 melody; adapt. Mason Martens (1933-1991) © 1971 Mason Martens.

The Celebrant then says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The ushers direct the people to communion stations. Please be mindful of maintaining six feet of physical distance between yourself and people from other households. Gluten-free wafers are available; please ask an usher for directions. A blessing will be offered in place of the chalice except upon special request.

Spiritual Communion

Those watching at home may, if they wish, say this prayer during the time of Communion.

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, and remembering particularly my own parish and those worshiping there, I long to offer praise and thanksgiving for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. And particularly for the blessings given me: (Here, those watching at home may add particular blessings for which they wish to give thanks).

I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

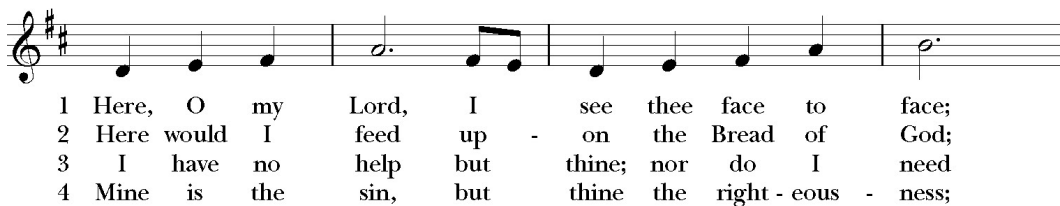
MUSIC DURING HOLY COMMUNION

Elegy

James Biery

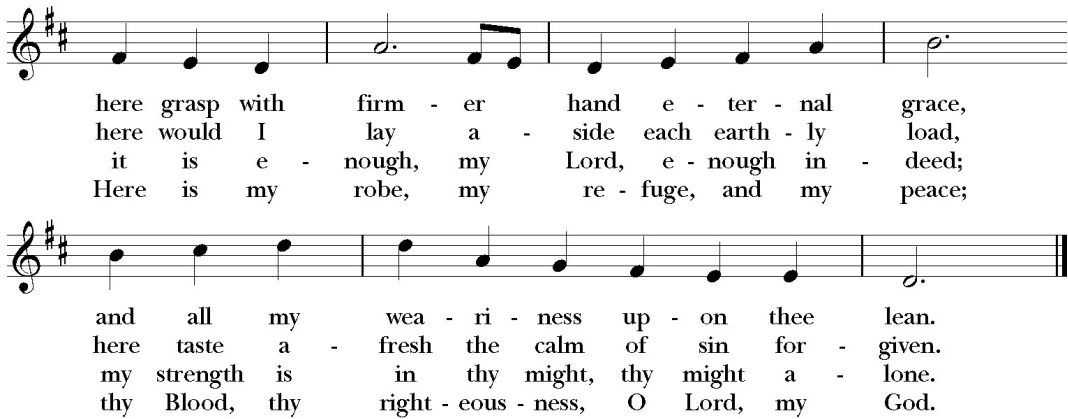
Hymn 318 “Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face”

NYACK



1 Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face;
2 Here would I feed up - on the Bread of God;
3 I have no help but thine; nor do I need
4 Mine is the sin, but thine the right - eous - ness;

here would I touch and han - dle things un - seen;
here drink with thee the roy - al Wine of heaven;
an - oth - er arm save thine to lean up - on;
mine is the guilt, but thine the cleans - ing Blood.



here grasp with firm - er hand e - ter - nal grace,
 here would I lay a - side each earth - ly load,
 it is e - nough, my Lord, e - nough in - deed;
 Here is my robe, my re - fuge, and my peace;

and all my wea - ri - ness up - on thee lean.
 here taste a - fresh the calm of sin for - given.
 my strength is in thy might, thy might a - lone.
 thy Blood, thy right - eous - ness, O Lord, my God.

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Prayer after Communion

Bishop Parsley continues

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 Glenda 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 Blessing

The new Bishop blesses the people, first saying

	Our help is in the Name of the Lord;
<i>People</i>	The maker of heaven and earth.
<i>New Bishop</i>	Blessed be the Name of the Lord;
<i>People</i>	From this time forth for evermore.

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

A Deacon dismisses the people

	Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God!

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Hymn 473 "Lift high the cross"

CRUCIFER

Descant



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

Refrain



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim



till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.



till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.



Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied
O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:



Repeat Refrain



the hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.
bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.



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THE POSTLUDE

This Little Light of Mine

Spiritual

All Saints Children's Choir

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All Saints Children's Choir; Mrs. Susie Youngson, director

CRUCIFER
Miss Lila Mitchell

USHERS
Mr. and Mrs. David Donaldson

LITURGICAL NOTES AND COMMENTARY

ABOUT THE PREACHER

Becca Stevens is an author, speaker, priest, social entrepreneur, founder and president of Thistle Farms. After experiencing the death of her father and subsequent child abuse when she was 5, Becca longed to open a sanctuary for survivors offering a loving community. In 1997, five women who had experienced trafficking, violence, and addiction were welcomed home. Twenty years later, the organization continues to welcome women with free residences that provide housing, medical care, therapy and education for two years. Residents and graduates earn income through one of four social enterprises. The Global Market of Thistle Farms helps employ more than 1,800 women worldwide, and the national network has more than 40 sister communities. Becca lives in Nashville with her husband and their three sons.

WITH GRATITUDE

This is a culmination of many months of prayer, careful discernment, seeking, and transition on the part of the entire Diocese of Alabama. None of this would be possible without the involvement and dedication of the wonderful people of the Diocese of Alabama, the Search, Standing and Transition Committees. I am deeply grateful for their faithful commitment to this process.

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ABOUT THE EPISCOPAL GIFTS AND SIGNS OF OFFICE

The ministry of the Bishop originates from the gift given each of us in the sacrament of Holy Baptism. The gifts we present to Bishop Curry represent her promise to encourage the ministry of all baptized persons, to nourish them with the riches of God's grace, to celebrate the sacraments in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ for all God's people.

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

The Consecration vestments were designed specifically for Bishop Curry. The pieces, named Alabama Nature, highlight natural gifts of creation found across the state, loved by Bishop Curry. The stole has detailed scenes found throughout the state landscape and the chasuble, cope, and miter have more abstract depictions of nature and use

all liturgical colors. All the vestments were designed and made by Ms. Barbara Mitchell, fiber artist. The Consecration cope is a given in love by the women clergy of the Diocese, inscribed with the dedication: “to honor Right Reverend Glenda Curry, the first woman to be ordained Bishop in the Diocese of Alabama. ‘She left her water jar and said come and see.’” The Consecration chasuble is a gift from Mr. and Mrs. Jeb Mitchell. The Consecration miter and stole are gifts from the All Saints parish family.

The Pectoral Cross and the Episcopal Ring are gifts from the parishioners of All Saints. Several parishioners donated gold jewelry, which was melted down to create the ring. The diocesan crest is etched in reverse into the face of the ring in order to be used as the official seal of the Diocese.

The Traveling Crozier was designed and hand-made by Mr. Danny Whitsett, and is made of wood from a beloved dogwood tree in front of All Saints, a rocking chair from Camp McDowell, an altar rail from St. Mary’s, and a bookcase from Epiphany, Leeds. This is the crozier Bishop Curry will use when she visits parishes.

Gifts given but not presented as part of the service:

White miter, a gift from the All Saints Cursillo
Red vestments, a gift from friends at Troy University
Green vestments, a gift from Mr. and Mrs. Ted Mann
Bishops cassock, a gift from Mr. and Mrs. David Donaldson
Tippetts, a gift from The Reverend Charles Youngson
and The Reverend Seth Olson
Gold miter, crozier case, rochet, chimere, and shirts,
are gifts from All Saints parishioners

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A WORD OF THANKS FROM THE NEW BISHOP

A deep, heartfelt thank you to every person who has given their time, talent and treasure to help make today’s celebration possible, including those who began our initial planning before COVID-19. Their creativity, innovation and dedication has made our virtual worship together today, truly possible. Our early planning envisioned a comprehensive inclusion of lay and ordained ministers representing all the communities in our

Diocese, along with a Revival Alabama event on Sunday aimed at celebrating the richness and diversity of our ministry in rural and urban settings around our State. I regret that the pandemic required us to limit participation dramatically, reducing the scope of our expression and postponing a celebration with all the amazing people in our Diocese. But I'm looking forward to a future day when we will celebrate together. In the meantime, I thank God for each of you, and your faithfulness through this challenging season. I also thank God and you, for the great gift of being called to be your bishop.



Choral Introit *God Is Sending Me*

Susie Youngson

Written in celebration for the ministry of The Reverend Dr. Glenda Curry

God is sending me to share the good news, sending me to heal the broken heart;
To tell the captive of freedom, to release the prisoners from the dark.
And my soul rejoices in the Lord like Mary's soul before.
I am clothed with salvation and I will praise God evermore.

God is sending me to bring you favor, sending me to comfort all who mourn;
To provide for those in Zion, so that their joy shall be reborn.
And my soul rejoices in the Lord like Elizabeth's before.
I am clothed with salvation and I will praise God evermore.

God is sending us throughout the ages, from the empty tomb to highest hill,
To proclaim the Lord is risen and we are here to tell it still.
So I'll rise with Deborah's strength and dance with Miriam's bliss,
For like Esther I was born for such a time as this.

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ABOUT THE VESTMENTS AND APPOINTMENTS OF THE BISHOP

The **ALB**, the long white garment which is already being worn, is the garment that all the baptized receive at their baptism, and it is a reminder that we are all, in our baptisms, first Children of God and co-heirs with Christ, in whom we all share in Christ's royal priesthood.

The **STOLE** is worn by bishops, priests and deacons when officiating at the Eucharist or other sacramental celebrations. The stole is linked to the towel used by Christ in washing the feet of his disciples, and is a fitting symbol of the yoke of Christ, the yoke of service.

The **CHASUBLE** is the outermost vestment in an oval or circular shape covering the other vestments worn by bishops and priests during the celebration of the Eucharist. The original Latin name of the chasuble, *casula*, or "little house," reminds us of the universality of the Eucharist as Christ's eternal wedding feast for all in the household of God.

A **PECTORAL CROSS** is exclusively worn by bishops as a symbol of their office both to the Church and the world, but also as a reminder of the daily duty they now carry.

Since the Middle Ages, each new bishop has received an **EPISCOPAL RING** as a sign of office. Like a wedding ring, an Episcopal Ring is a symbol of the bishop's faithfulness to God and the Church. The ring is used as an official seal on documents that call for the bishop to affix a seal in wax. Each visiting bishop impressed a wax seal on the bishop's ordination certificate before the liturgy began.

The **MITRE** is perhaps the most distinctive symbol of the bishop. The shape of the mitre is reminiscent of the tongues of fire that rested on the heads of the Apostles gathered in the upper room on the Day of Pentecost. Attached to the back of the mitre are two strips of cloth, called fanons, which are symbolic of the spirit and authority of the Old and New Testaments. The mitre is a reminder of a bishop's apostolic authority and ministry of "proclaiming Christ's resurrection and interpreting the Gospel" to the Church and to the world.

The **COPE** is a long mantle or cloak, open in the front and fastened with a band or clasp across the chest. From the Latin *capa*, meaning cape, it may be worn by any rank of the clergy on festival occasions.

Another distinctive symbol of a bishop is the **CROZIER**, a staff with a curved or hooked top similar in appearance to a traditional shepherd's staff. It is an object that is not only symbolic of the bishop's role as Chief Shepherd or Pastor, but also of the governing office of the bishop; thus it is a symbol of mercy and compassion, but also of firmness and the correction of vices.

The **ROCHET** and **CHIMERE** are worn by bishops as "choir dress" in non-Eucharistic liturgies such as the Daily Office or in a diocese where a cope and mitre are not preferred.

"Choir dress" is traditionally worn by clergy in public prayer when they are not part of the altar party and are seated in the choir. For example, if they are preaching but not presiding.

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