



THE HOLY EUCHARIST
AND
THE RECOGNITION AND INVESTITURE
OF

The Right Reverend Glenda S. Curry

As the Twelfth Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Alabama

The Eve of the Baptism of Our Lord
Saturday, January 9, 2021, 11:00 a.m.

CONCERNING THE SERVICE

Today, with this liturgy, we begin a new season of ministry in the Diocese of Alabama with the investiture of our Twelfth Bishop. We gather together in an unprecedented way in an extraordinary time in history. Limited by the circumstances of the global pandemic, we assemble virtually as a diocesan family in joy and hope, represented in person by our leadership, to give thanks for our history of faith and offer ourselves to the love and service of Jesus Christ. The liturgy reminds us who we are and of our relationship with one another, and then, strengthened by the Word and Sacrament, sends us out into the world to make the love of Jesus Christ real and visible in the world.

The service is a Eucharistic celebration of the new ministry of our Diocese and our new Diocesan Bishop. There are six liturgical elements unique to the Investiture of a Bishop that deserve a brief explanation.

The first is Recognition, in which Bishop Curry will ceremonially enter the West Doors of the Cathedral and seek recognition from the presiding Bishop (Bishop Sloan), and confirm the will of God's people.

Next, Bishop Curry will reaffirm the promises made when first consecrated as a bishop of the Church.

Third, is the Investiture, when she will be invested with "all the temporal and spiritual rights and responsibilities" of the office and her role as Chief Priest and Pastor.

The fourth moment is the entrusting of the Diocesan Crosier to the new Diocesan Bishop, as the Eleventh Bishop of Alabama gives the pastoral staff used by every bishop of Alabama since 1900, to the Twelfth Bishop.

The fifth takes the form of an oath, as the new Diocesan Bishop, with one hand on Holy Scripture, vows that she will observe and fulfill the responsibilities and obligations of this office and strive to be a faithful shepherd of God's people.

At the sixth liturgical moment, the Dean of the Cathedral escorts the new bishop to her "cathedra"-the seat in the Cathedral Church reserved for her as a symbol of the office. It is from the "cathedra" that bishops preached and gave formal teaching in ancient times, and it remains a symbol of the bishop's authority.

When the Bishop is seated, we are ready to begin with the work Christ has given us to do as the Church. First our work centers around worship with Word and Sacrament, which includes renewal of our Baptismal vows and remembrance of our identity as Christ's Body and ministers of the Good News of Jesus Christ. Then we will go out to the work God has given us to do as the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama.

We are honored today to have the Eleventh Bishop of Alabama, Bishop Kee Sloan, representing the Presiding Bishop in this liturgy and The Right Reverend Brian Prior, former Bishop of Minnesota and current Assisting Bishop for the Diocese of Olympia, as the preacher. We also thank all those from the Standing Committee, Diocesan Council, Search and Transition Committees, Youth Department, Diocesan officers and staff, as well as the Dean of the Cathedral Church of the Advent, and staff for their assistance and participation. We give thanks for all those talented musicians and supporting staff. Finally, we give thanks for all those who have made today possible.

This morning we begin a new time of ministry together in the life and mission of our Church. In thanksgiving, in hope, in faith, and in love, we trust our Lord Jesus Christ to lead us as we serve the world in his name, and grant us grace and blessing.

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 in the nave. Please silence your cell phones, and refrain from using flash photography during the service. Please allow the ushers to guide you to communion.

Thank you!

THE PRELUDE

Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kam (Christ our Lord to Jordan came) BWV 684 J. S. Bach

Canzona per sonare No. 2 G. Gabrieli/arr. R. King

“The Peace may be exchanged” from *Rubrics* Dan Locklair

Hymn in Procession No. 492 *Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness*



1 Sing, ye faith - ful, sing with glad - ness, wake your no - blest,
 2 Sing how he came forth from hea - ven, bowed him - self to
 3 So, he tast - ed death for mor - tals, he, of hu - man -
 4 Now on high, yet ev - er with us, from his Fa - ther's

sweet - est strain, with the prais - es of your Sa - vior
 Beth - lehem's cave, stooped to wear the ser - vant's ves - ture,
 kind the head, sin - less one, a - mong the sin - ful,
 throne the Son rules and guides the world he ran - somed,

let his house res - ound a - gain; him let all your
 bore the pain, the cross, the grave, passed with - in the
 Prince of life, a - mong the dead; thus he wrought the
 till the ap - point - ed work be done, till he see, re -

mu - sic hon - or, and your songs ex - alt his reign.
 gates of dark - ness, thence his ban - ished ones to save.
 full re - demp - tion, and the cap - tor cap - tive led.
 newed and per - fect, all things gath - ered in - to one.

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When the ministers and people have assembled in the Cathedral, the principal doors having been closed, Bishop Sloan is escorted to a chair placed at the entrance to the chancel, facing the people.

THE RECOGNITION

A welcoming procession is formed, and moves through the congregation to the principal door.

Welcoming Procession

Crucifer

Representatives of the Diocese

The President of the Standing Committee

The Dean of the Cathedral Church

The XI Bishop of Alabama

HYMN *"The Lord is My Shepherd"*

Folk Melody arr. Charlotte Larsen

Sung by children across the diocese

The new Bishop, attended by two deacons, standing outside the door, knocks upon it three times.

The President of the Standing Committee answers

Who seeks to enter here?

After the new Bishop identifies herself appropriately, the President of the Standing Committee opens the door.

As the door is opened, the Bishop's voice is heard, saying

Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the Lord.

The Warden replies

The Lord prosper you; we wish you well in the Name of the Lord.

Psalms 23 *Dominus regit me*

C. Hylton Stewart

Chanted by choir

The Lord is my shepherd: therefore can I lack nothing.

He shall feed me in a green pasture: and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

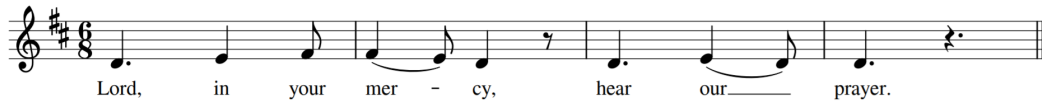
He shall convert my soul: and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.

Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil: for thou art with me, thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

THE LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

Refrain

Setting by Fran McKendree



Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us. For the splendor of your whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

We thank you, Lord.

For the blessing of the family of God, and for your promise to be present whenever two or three are gathered together;

We thank you, Lord.

For the ministry of all the baptized, who are filled with your love, who hunger for truth, and who thirst for righteousness;

We thank you, Lord.

REFRAIN

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and for all bishops, priests and deacons,

We thank you, Lord.

For Henry, our brother, the tenth Bishop of this Diocese, and for his ministry.

We thank you, Lord.

For Kee, our brother, eleventh Bishop of this Diocese, and for his ministry.

We thank you, Lord.

For Glenda, our sister, twelfth Bishop and Chief Pastor of this Diocese, that she may faithfully fulfill the duties of this ministry, build up your Church, and glorify your name.

We thank you, Lord.

REFRAIN

For the community of the Church in this Diocese and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side revealing the image of Christ.

We thank you, Lord.

For the mission of your Church in this Diocese, for its faithful witness to preach the Good News of God in Christ, and for the people through whom you have made it strong.

We thank you, Lord.

For the parishes, the institutions and departments of this Diocese through whose ministries you have revealed your presence and we have heard your word.

We thank you, Lord.

REFRAIN

For blessing us with the joy and care of children and youth, that through your grace they may stand fast in your faith, obey your word, and abide in your love.

We thank you, Lord.

For setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you, Lord.

For those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

We thank you, Lord.

For those who have gone before us in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone.

We thank you, Lord.

REFRAIN

For the challenges and difficulties of this age, for all that calls us to stretch our limits, and grow in your Spirit.

Give us faith, O Lord.

For all new beginnings, for the promise of new insight into your purpose for the human race, and your gift of wisdom and determination to provide for the future in accordance with your will.

Give us hope, O Lord.

For opening our eyes to see your work in the world around us, and for calling us to seek and serve Christ in all people, especially all those whom it would be easy for us to forget: the homeless and the destitute, the old and the sick, and all who have none to care for them.

Give us love, O Lord.

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty, and everything in heaven and on earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head over all.

We praise you, we bless you, and we worship you through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

REFRAIN

Following the Litany the congregation is seated.

THE RENEWAL OF VOWS BY THE BISHOP

Bishop Sloan addresses the new Bishop

My sister, it has pleased God to call you to be the shepherd and chief pastor of this Diocese. I am sure that long before now you have laid to heart the high trust and weighty obligations of this office. But, in order that this congregation may know your commitment to fulfill this trust, I call upon you to reaffirm the promises you made when you were ordained and consecrated a bishop.

Will you exercise your ministry in obedience to Christ?

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

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.

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.

As 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.

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

Answer I will, for the love of God.

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.

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 Jesus Christ.

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

Answer Amen.

THE INVESTITURE

Bishop Sloan now stands and says

My sister, you have been recognized as a bishop of the Church and as bishop of this Diocese. Now I, John McKee Sloan, by the authority committed to me, and with the consent of those who have chosen you, do invest you, Glenda Sharp Curry, as Bishop of the Diocese of Alabama, with all the temporal and spiritual rights and responsibilities that pertain to that office; in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

The Eleventh Bishop of Alabama presents the Crosier of the Diocese to the Twelfth Bishop, saying

On behalf of the people and clergy of the Diocese of Alabama, I give into your hands this pastoral staff. May Christ the good Shepherd uphold you and sustain you as you carry it in his name. *Amen.*

A Bible is presented to the new Bishop, who, laying a hand upon it, takes the following oath

I, Glenda Sharp Curry, Bishop in the Church of God, now duly invested and acknowledged as Bishop of this Diocese receive this pastoral staff at your hands as a token of my jurisdiction and of your recognition, and do solemnly promise that I will observe, and to the utmost of my power fulfill, the responsibilities and obligations of this office, striving in all things to be a faithful shepherd to the flock of Christ. So help me God. *Amen.*



THE SEATING

Bishop Sloan and the President of the Standing Committee now escort the Bishop to the chair designated for the Bishop of the Diocese.

The Dean of the Cathedral, meeting the Bishop at the cathedra, says

In the name of the Chapter of the Cathedral Church of the Advent, and on behalf of the people of this Diocese, I install you, Glenda, in the chair appointed to your office. May the Lord stir up in you the flame of holy charity, and the power of faith that overcomes the world.

Amen.

The Bishop sits.

Gloria S-278

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For
you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Following the Gloria, Bishop Sloan says to the people

My brothers and sisters, greet your new Diocesan Bishop.

The people offer acclamations and applause.

The Bishop greets the people

I greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. I invite you to begin a new season of ministry in the Diocese of Alabama. May we rejoice in the goodness of God's Kingdom, proclaim the gospel of grace, and recommit ourselves to the love and service of God in Christ. Let us make a right beginning as we proclaim the word of God, renew our Baptismal Covenant, and share in the eucharistic feast.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The new Bishop says May the Lord be with you.

People **And also with you**

The new Bishop says Let us pray.

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you, bring the nations into your fold, pour out your Spirit upon all flesh, and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE FIRST READING

Ezekiel 34:11-16

For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

- 1 God be merciful unto us and bless us, *
and show us the light of his countenance and be merciful unto us.
- 2 That thy way may be known upon earth, *
Thy saving health among all nations.
- 3 Let the people praise thee, O God; *
yea, let all the people praise thee.
- 4 O' let the nations rejoice and be glad, *
for thou shalt judge the folk righteously
and govern the nations upon earth.
- 5 Let the people praise thee, O God; *
let all the people praise thee.
- 6 Then shall the earth bring forth her increase; *
and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing.
- 7 God shall bless us, *
and all the ends of the world shall fear him.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE SECOND READING

Ephesians 3:14-21

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand to sing

SEQUENCE HYMN 383 *Fairest Lord Jesus*

1 Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Ru - ler of all na - ture, O thou of
 2 Fair are the mea - dows, fair - er still the wood - lands, robed in the
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the moon - light, and all the
 God and man the Son; thee will I cher - ish,
 bloom - ing garb of spring: Je - sus is fair - er,
 twink - ling, star - ry host: Je - sus shines bright - er,
 thee will I hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
 Je - sus is pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
 Je - sus shines pur - er, than all the an - gels heaven can boast.

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THE GOSPEL

John 21:15-17

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.**

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.'

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rt. Reverend Brian Prior
Assisting Bishop for the Diocese of Olympia

Hymn after the sermon 379 *God is Love*

Verse one only

1 God is Love, let heaven a - dore him; God is Love, let
2 God is Love; and Love en - folds us, all the world in
3 God is Love; and though with blind-ness sin af - flicts all

earth re - joice; let cre - a - tion sing be - fore him
one em - brace: with un - fail - ing grasp God holds us,
hu - man life, God's e - ter - nal lov - ing - kind - ness

and ex - alt him with one voice. God who laid the earth's foun -
ev - ery child of ev - ery race. And when hu - man hearts are
guides us through our earth - ly strife. Sin and death and hell shall

da - tion, God who spread the heaven a - bove, God who breathes through
break - ing un - der sor - row's i - ron rod, then we find that
nev - er o'er us fi - nal tri - umph gain; God is Love, so

all cre - a - tion: God is Love, e - ter - nal Love.
self - same ach - ing deep with - in the heart of God.
Love for ev - er o'er the u - ni - verse must reign.

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THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Bishop Through the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his saving death and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you now to renew the promises and vows of Holy Baptism by which we have renounced Satan and all his works and have promised to serve God faithfully in his holy church.

Bishop Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People **I do.**

Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Bishop Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Bishop Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Bishop Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

The Bishop concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

THE BLESSING OF THE WATER

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

The Bishop continues

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise.

In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Bishop touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

In keeping with ancient tradition, the bishop and appointed children asperge the congregation with the blessed water as a reminder of our baptism by water and the Holy Spirit who calls us, and enables us, to share in the life and ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ.

“Good Rain” by Jimmy Messer and Trevor Hall, sung by Corey Jones

Immediately after the asperge, the Bishop says

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The people greet one another.

The Bishop greets other members of the clergy, family members, and the congregation.

THE OFFERTORY

The offering today will go to the Bishop’s Discretionary Fund to provide for local food ministries and housing support for those in need. If you would like to give online, text (833)625-0419 or follow the QR code below.



OFFERTORY ANTHEM “*The Lord is My Shepherd*”

John Rutter

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

The people standing, the Bishop says

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

SANTUS S 125

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 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 154

This setting is not used in Lent.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

there - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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 worshipping 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

“Cantique de Jean Racine” by Gabriel Fauré

Word of God, one with the Most High,
in Whom alone we have our hope,
Eternal Day of heaven and earth,
We break the silence of the peaceful night;
Saviour Divine, cast your eyes upon us!

Pour on us the fire of your powerful grace,
That all hell may flee at the sound of your voice;
Banish the slumber of a weary soul,
That brings forgetfulness of your laws!

O Christ, look with favour upon your faithful people
Now gathered here to praise you;
Receive their hymns offered to your immortal glory;
May they go forth filled with your gifts.

Prayer after Communion

Bishop Curry 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;

People **The maker of heaven and earth.**

Bishop Blessed be the Name of the Lord;

People **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. *Amen.*

HYMN IN PROCESSION *“O God Beyond all Praising”*

O God beyond all praising,
we worship you today
and sing the love amazing
that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder
at every gift you send,
at blessings without number
and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you
and wait upon your word,
we honour and adore you,
our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Saviour,
accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favour
may serve you as our king;
and whether our tomorrows
be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows
and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty
and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty
our sacrifice of praise.

A Deacon dismisses the people with these words

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

People **Thanks be to God!**

THE POSTLUDE “The people respond - Amen!” from *Rubrics* Dan Locklair

Prelude to Te deum A Charpentier/arr. M. Allen

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ABOUT THE PREACHER

The Rt. Rev. Brian N. Prior is the Assisting Bishop for the Diocese of Olympia. Previously he served from 2010-2020 as the IX Bishop of the Episcopal Church in Minnesota. He currently serves as the Vice Chair of the Church Pension Board, Chair of the Planning Committee for the House of Bishops, and Chair of the Visionary Council for the Episcopal Camp and Conference Centers. Previously he served as the Vice President and the Chaplain of the House of Deputies and on the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church. Brian is a trained coach with

the International Coaching Federation and is the owner of Prioritize Coaching. Before becoming Bishop, he served as the founding Rector of the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection in Spokane, WA, the Director of Education and Development for the Episcopal Diocese of Spokane, and the Executive Director of Camp Cross. Brian and wife Staci have enjoyed over 30 years of marriage and have two grown sons. And fun fact, Brian has coached a girls' high school basketball team for almost 20 years, two of those years to state championships.

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, and the Standing and Transition Committees, and the Altar Guild and staff of the Cathedral Church of the Advent. I am deeply grateful for their faithful commitment to this process.

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On this day in the Church Calendar we commemorate

JULIA CHESTER EMERY

Missionary, 1922

*God of all creation, you call us in Christ to make disciples of all nations and to proclaim
your mercy and love: Grant that we, after the example of your servant Julia Chester Emery,
may have vision and courage in proclaiming the Gospel to the ends of the earth;
through Jesus Christ our light and our salvation, who lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

Julia Chester Emery was born in Dorchester, Massachusetts, in 1852. In 1876 she succeeded her sister, Mary, as Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Board of Missions which had been established by the General Convention in 1871.

During the forty years she served as Secretary, Julia helped the Church to recognize its call to proclaim the Gospel both at home and overseas. Her faith, her courage, her spirit of adventure and her ability to inspire others combined to make her a leader respected and valued by the whole Church.

She visited every diocese and missionary district within the United States, encouraging and expanding the work of the Woman's Auxiliary; and in 1908 she served as a delegate to the Pan-Anglican Congress in London. From there she traveled around the world, visiting missions in remote areas of China, in Japan, Hong Kong, the Philippines, Hawaii, and then all the dioceses on the Pacific Coast before returning to New York. In spite of the fact that travel was not easy, she wrote that she went forth "with hope for enlargement of vision, opening up new occasions for service, acceptance of new tasks."

Through her leadership a network of branches of the Woman's Auxiliary was established which shared a vision of and a commitment to the Church's mission. An emphasis on educational programs, a growing recognition of social issues, development of leadership among women, and the creation of the United Thank Offering are a further part of the legacy Julia left to the Church when she retired in 1916. In 1921, the year before she died, the following appeared in the *Spirit of Missions*:

"In all these enterprises of the Church no single agency has done so much in the last half-century to further the Church's Mission as the Woman's Auxiliary." Much of that accomplishment was due to the creative spirit of its Secretary of forty of those fifty years, Julia Chester Emery.

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