



The Ordination & Consecration of
The Reverend Canon Paul-Gordon Chandler
as Bishop in the Church of God and the Tenth Bishop
in the Episcopal Diocese of Wyoming

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Special Thanks

I am profoundly humbled and deeply blessed to be given the honor of accepting this call to be your bishop, and serve alongside you. I look forward to all that God has in store for us as we begin this new journey together into the future of the ministry of our diocese.

I want to thank everyone that has played a critical role in this discernment process. I especially want to thank Bishop John Smylie for all he has invested in the diocese over the last ten plus years, and for his remarkable service and ministry. I am also deeply grateful to the Search, Transition and Standing Committees for the spiritual foundation they laid at the outset. And I want to thank all our churches and everyone who prayed.

We had of course imagined everyone being together today in one place for this celebration. However, Covid-19 changed those plans. We have instead had to think creatively, using technology, toward planning a service that both reflects the uniqueness of our diocese and that was accessible to everyone, albeit online. I am exceedingly grateful to The Reverend Megan Nickles for all her artful planning, as well as for all the behind-the-scenes work of the diocesan staff. As this service was developed, it was especially meaningful to be able to honor the spiritual traditions of our Eastern Shoshone and Northern Arapaho sisters and brothers. I also want to thank The Very Reverend Brian Gross, our cathedral dean, for hosting us in this sacred space of St. Matthew's Cathedral, and Ms. Jessica Reynolds for all her organizational and logistical expertise.

As we now enter a new season, we commit all that is up ahead to God, asking for God's guidance and direction as we look to the future. Reflecting on the profound ministry calling we have as a diocese, both to spiritual depth and breadth, one that is full of hope and vision, I am reminded of the words of the Psalmist: "Blessed are those whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set on pilgrimage" (84:5).

Thank you for giving me the inestimable joy of sharing in this new pilgrimage with each of you.

Paul-Gordon Chandler

WELCOME

We are glad you are here, either in person or online. Everything you need to join with us in community is in this bulletin. Please add your voice and heart to the prayers by saying the **words printed in bold**; stand and sit as you are able.

Ministers of the Liturgy

Cedaring	George Leonard, Riverton
Welcome	Janet Hutchinson, Newcastle Judith Schmitt, Jackson The Reverend Mike Evers, Sheridan Shane Glassburn, Rawlins The Very Reverend Lori Modesitt, Wheatland The Reverend Douglas Sunderland, Cody
Drum Circle	Northern Arapaho
Chief Consecrator	The Right Reverend Katharine Jefferts Schori
Presenters	Kim McAtee, Casper Shirley Wildman, Worland Press Stephens, Cody The Reverend Ron Phillips, Thermopolis The Reverend Lin Davenport, Gillette
Testimonies	The Reverend Chuck Clarke, Atlantic City Peter Nicolaysen, Casper The Reverend Linda Anderson, Worland The Reverend Susan Dyer, Saratoga The Right Reverend Bobby G. Jones, Arizona
Bishop Elect	The Reverend Canon Paul-Gordon Chandler, Casper
Chaplain	The Reverend Walt Seeley, Lander
Litanist	The Very Reverend Brian Gross, Laramie
First Testament	Harvey Spoonhunter, Ethete
Second Testament	Arlen Shoyo, Ft. Washakie
Archdeacon	The Venerable Jill Zimmerschied, Wheatland
Preacher	The Reverend Dr. Samuel Wells, Vicar St. Martin in the Fields, London

Ministers of the Liturgy, continued	
Co-consecrators	The Right Reverend John S. Smylie, Wyoming The Right Reverend Brian N. Prior, Olympia The Right Reverend Kimberly (Kym) Lucas, Colorado Bishop Jim Gonia, ELCA, Rocky Mountain Synod
Gifts	
Stole	The Reverend Roxanne Friday, Ft. Washakie
Pectoral Cross	Britelle, Ross and Caiden Smith, Chicago Treston and Hannah Chandler, Washington, D.C.
Cope	The Reverend Lara Gilbert, Casper
Episcopal Ring	Lynne Chandler, Casper Rebecca Chandler Leege, Atlanta
Rochet	The Reverend Rick Veit, Cheyenne
Chimere	The Reverend Bobbe Fitzhugh, Douglas
Personal Crozier	The Reverend Dr. Bernadine Craft, Rock Springs
Mitre	Kate Murphy, Cody
Drum Circle	Eastern Shoshone
Sound	Michael Munari, Casper
Still Photography	Audrey Jeans, Casper Jenn Koslowsky, Casper
Video	Craig Blumenshine, Cheyenne
Cover Design	Scott Larsen, Powell
Master of Ceremonies	The Reverend Megan Nickles, Powell

ENTRANCE RITE

Cedaring

Our service begins by entering through the street doors, receiving prayer and purification.

The act of cedaring is done with a smudge bowl with the cedar bundle being lit from the bowl. Cedar is a medicine of protection and purity. The smoke is washed over us with a feather. We are all prayed for as we enter the Cathedral, including vested leadership.

Welcome

We sit. The video of welcome begins at 11:00 a.m.

The Blessing to the Four Directions has its roots in Native American culture and the belief that human beings are tied to all things in nature. It is this belief which assigns virtues to the four cardinal directions: East, South, West and North. Today's prayer includes the earth and sky as well.

Music

We remain seated.

"Many and Great (Dakota Hymn)," Steve Bell. *Burning Ember*. Words: Joseph R. Renville; tune: Lacquiparle.

This hymn was originally written in 1842 in the Dakota Native American language. Its Dakota title is "Wakantanka taku nitawa." The words are based on Jeremiah 10:12-13.

Drumming

We stand as we are able for drumming by the Northern Arapaho.

The drum is a powerful instrument. It is used in Native American spiritual and sacred ceremonial practices, and its beat can stir us and help us to understand the mystery and power of all things.

Opening Acclamation

The people standing, the Chief Consecrator says

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

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

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

The Presentation

The bishops and people sit.

Representatives of the diocese, both Priests and Lay Persons, stand before the Chief Consecrator and present the bishop-elect, saying:

Katharine, Bishop in the Church of God,
the clergy and people of the Diocese of Wyoming,
trusting in the guidance of the Holy Spirit,
have chosen Paul-Gordon Chandler 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 Testimonials

The Chief Consecrator then directs that the testimonials of the election be read.

Certificate of Election,

Chuck Clark Secretary of Convention

Testimonial of Election

Peter Nicolaysen, Chancellor

Evidence of Ordination to the Diaconate and Priesthood,

The Reverend Linda Anderson, Chair of Search Committee

Consents of Standing Committee

Susan Dyer, Chair of Standing Committee

Consents of Bishops

The Right Reverend Bobby G. Jones

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, Paul-Gordon Chandler, chosen Bishop of the Church in Wyoming,
solemnly declare that I do believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New
Testaments to be the Word of God, and to contain all things necessary to
salvation; and I do solemnly engage to conform to the doctrine, discipline,
and worship of the Episcopal Church.

The bishop-elect then signs the above Declaration in the sight of all present.

The witnesses add their signatures.

All stand as we are able.

The Chief Consecrator then says the following and asks the response of the people

Brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, you have heard testimony given that Paul-Gordon Chandler has been duly and lawfully elected to be a bishop of the Church of God to serve in the Diocese of Wyoming. 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 Chief Consecrator continues

Is it your will that we ordain Paul-Gordon a bishop?

That is our will.

Will you uphold Paul-Gordon as bishop?

We will.

Litany for Ordination and for the Mission of the Church

All remain standing as we are able. The Chief Consecrator 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 Paul-Gordon for the work to which we trust the Holy Spirit has called him.

The Intercessor leads the Litany

Holy God, in whom all things in heaven and earth have their being,

Have mercy on us.

Jesus the Christ, through whom the world is reconciled to the Creator,

Have mercy on us.

Holy Spirit, whose glory fills the world and searches the depths of God,

Have mercy on us.

Blessed Trinity, source of both unity and diversity,

Have mercy on us.

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.

Open the hearts and hands of many to support your Church in this and every place. Strengthen and encourage all who minister in your name in lonely, dangerous and unresponsive places.

Hear us, O Christ.

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 Paul-Gordon, 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, Lynne, Treston, Hannah, Britelle, Ross and Caiden that they may be adorned with all Christian virtues, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

O God, we pray for the gifts of ministry.

Inspire our minds with a vision of your kingdom in this time and place.

Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our eyes, that we may see your glory in all creation.

Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our ears, that we may hear from every mouth the hunger for hope and stories of refreshment.

Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our lips, that we may tell in every tongue and dialect the wonderful works of God.

Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our hearts, that we may discern the mission to which you call us.

Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our feet, that we may take your Good News
into our neighborhoods, communities, and all parts of the world.

Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our hands, that we may each accomplish the work you give us to do.

Hear us, O Christ.

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,
we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

The Chief Consecrator says

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.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Testament Isaiah 26:1-4

All sit.

The words from Isaiah are spoken in Arapaho, and appear on the screen in English.

Music

“Psalm 23: Dedicated to My Mother,” Bobby McFerrin. *Medicine Music.*

*As the Psalm is sung, we invite you to reflect upon the art installation commissioned
for this occasion. Each candle in front of the painting, titled “Christ of the
Frontier,” represents a congregation in the diocese, along with Thomas the Apostle
Center in Cody, and the diocesan office in Casper.*

Second Testament Colossians 1:15-19

*The words from Paul’s letter to the Colossians are spoken in Shoshone, and appear on
the screen in English.*

Music

“May the Mind of Christ my Savior,” Diocesan Virtual Choir, directed by Jim Hagar. Words: Kate B. Wilkinson (1925); Tune: St. Leonards.

1 May the mind of Christ my Savior Live in me from day to day, By His love and pow’r controlling All I do and say.	4 May the love of Jesus fill me, As the waters fill the sea; Him exalting, self abasing, This is victory.
2 May the Word of Christ dwell richly In my heart from hour to hour, So that all may see I triumph Only through His pow’r.	5 May I run the race before me, Strong and brave to face the foe, Looking only unto Jesus As I onward go.
3 May the peace of Christ my Savior Rule my life in every thing, That I may be calm to comfort Sick and sorrowing.	6 May His beauty rest upon me As I seek the lost to win, And may they forget the channel, Seeing only Him.

The Gospel

All stand as we are able.

The words from Matthew are read in English.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (7:24-27).

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the reading

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon "The Imagination of God."

All sit.

Music

We remain seated.

“Holy, Holy, Dove Descend (When I Need a Friend),” Coldplay. *Everyday Life*.

THE CONSECRATION

The Examination

All sit, except the bishop-elect, who stands facing the bishops.

The Chief Consecrator 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.

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

Answer I am so persuaded.

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

Will you accept this call and fulfill this trust 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 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.

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 Christ Jesus.

The Nicene Creed

All stand as we are able. The Chief Consecrator then says

Paul-Gordon, 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.

Then all say together

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

**by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

**in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Consecration of the Bishop

The bishop-elect kneels before the Chief Consecrator.

Music

Lynne Chandler, “Veni Sancte Spiritus,” Berthier/Taizé.

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 other bishops stand to the right and left of the Chief Consecrator.

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

Therefore, Father, make Paul-Gordon 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 Chief Consecrator 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 for ever.

The people in a loud voice respond

Amen.

Vesting

The new bishop is now vested according to the order of bishops and is presented gifts.

Stole

Pectoral Cross

Cope

Episcopal Ring

Rochet and Chimere

Personal Crozier

Mitre

The ninth Bishop of Wyoming presents the Diocesan Crozier with these words

On behalf of the people and clergy of the Diocese of Wyoming, 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.

The Chief Consecrator presents a Bible 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 Chief Consecrator presents to the people their new bishop.

The Clergy and People offer their acclamation and applause.

THE EUCHARIST

The Peace

The new bishop says in Arabic, Hebrew and English

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The peace continues with a video compilation from the diocese.

The Chief Consecrator and other Bishops greet the new bishop.

The Dean of the Cathedral offers instruction for receiving Communion.

Collection plates will not be passed. Gifts may be placed in the offering plates near the door.

Today's offering will be designated for the bishop's discretionary fund, and will be used by Bishop Chandler to support initiatives focused on the interplay of spirituality and the arts in Wyoming.

Offertory Sentence

For those who dedicate their hearts and imagination to God,
God will keep a perfect peace,
for God is like a great Rock—
strong, stable, trustworthy, and lasting.
With wonder and generosity,
let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

Music

“I Know Not Where the Road Will Lead,” The Diocesan Virtual Choir,
directed by Jim Hagar. Words: Evelyn Atwater Cummins; Tune: Laramie.
*This tune was written by Dean Arnold G.H. Bode, who served as both priest and
organist from 1908-1912 here at St. Matthew’s Cathedral, Laramie.*

*Then the new Bishop goes to the Lord's Table as chief Celebrant and proceeds with the
celebration of the Eucharist.*

EOW Eucharistic Prayer 2

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life
abundant. From before time you made ready the creation.

Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being:
sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters;
and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways.
But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away;
and yet, as a mother cares for her children,
you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.
And so this day we join with Saints and Angels
in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity,
lifting our voices to magnify you:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.
To deliver us from the power of sin and death
and to reveal the riches of your grace,
you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant,
that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.
Living among us, Jesus loved us.
He broke bread with outcasts and sinners,
healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.
He yearned to draw all the world to himself
yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.
Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross
the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it,
or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or
place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing the wine to be
consecrated.*

On the night before he died for us,
Jesus was at table with his friends.
He took bread, gave thanks to you,
broke it, and gave it to them, and said:
“Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine.
Again, he gave thanks to you,
gave it to them, and said:
“Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant,
which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation,
and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come,
we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.
Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.

Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation,
the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us,
with Oakerhater, Enmegahbowh
and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation,
to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.
Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honor, glory, and praise,
for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

*And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray in our hearts as we
listen to the Villagers of Maaloula in southern Syria sing this prayer in Aramaic.*

The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia! We break this bread
to share in the Body of Christ.

**We who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread. Alleluia!**
The Gifts of God for the people of God.

The Communion

*Holy Communion is the central act of worship in The Episcopal Church. All are
welcome to receive Communion, regardless of one's background.*

*If you would prefer to receive a blessing rather than the bread, please cross your arms over
your chest when you come forward.*

*If you are coming forward to receive the bread, please wait until you return to your seat to
lower your mask and consume the bread. Our rustic Communion bread is locally made.*

Music

All who are participating online are invited to sing along if safe to do so.

Lynne Chandler, piano and voice.

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is.” Words: *H. W. Baker (1868)*; Tune: *St. Columba*

The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never.
I nothing lack if I am his,
and he is mine forever.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.

Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth;
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.

Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me;
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

And so through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

“Spirit I Have Heard You Calling,” Thew Elliot.

Spirit, I have heard you calling, like a mem'ry long grown dim,
crying from creation's moment seeking voice from deep within.
I have heard you in my longing. I have heard you in my pain.
Now I feel you moving in me, feel you burning like a flame.

Now I see you all around me, now I hear you call my name.
Now I speak the words you give me, now I feed creation's flame.
You are speaking through my longing. You are speaking through my pain.
Now I feel you moving in me, and I'll never be the same.

Since you moved upon my waters, since you spoke and set me free,
I have yearned for this communion, for your fire inside of me!
Now your love defines my longing. Now your love shines through my pain.
Now we dance in endless union, singing out creation's name!

“O Lord, Hear My Prayer,” Words: Taize Community; Tune: Jacques Berthier

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer.

When I call answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer.

Come and listen to me.

The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise:

All my hope comes from God.

The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise:

God, the wellspring of life.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

One of the bishops leads the people in the following

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 Paul-Gordon 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 for ever. 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.

Blessed be the Name of the Lord;

From this time forth for evermore.

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.

Music “Be Thou My Vision,” Van Morrison, *Hymns to the Silence*.

Be Thou my vision, oh Lord of my heart
Nought be all else to me, save that Thy art
Thou my best thought, in the day and the night
Waking or sleeping, Thou presence my light

Be Thou my wisdom, be Thou my true word
I ever with Thee, and Thou with me Lord
Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one

Be Thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight
Be Thou my armor, and be Thou my might
Thou my soul shelter, and Thy my high tower
Raise Thou me heavenwards, oh power of my power

Riches I need not, nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance through all of my days
Thou and Thou only, though first in my heart
High king of heaven, my treasure Thou art

Oh high king of heaven, when battle is done
Grant heaven's joy to me, bright heaven sun
Christ of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision, though ruler of all

The Dismissal

Go into the world in peace, have courage,
hold onto what is good,
return no one evil for evil,
strengthen the faint-hearted,
support the weak, help the suffering, honor everyone,
love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

Drumming

We stand as we are able

Drumming by the Eastern Shoshone begins, symbolizing that all of life, our coming and going, is encircled by the Great Spirit.

ABOUT THE SERVICE

The Art

A large iconographic **painting** was commissioned by Bishop Elect Paul-Gordon for the consecration titled “Christ of the Frontier” by Wyoming artist Melissa Strickler (Lander). The painting includes symbols of Wyoming and the Episcopal Church in Wyoming: sage, Indian paint brush, eagle’s feathers, Tetons, prairie, Western sky, bison, the oldest standing Episcopal church in Wyoming, symbols of the mineral industry. The painting is meant to symbolize our “frontier” vision of the future – seeing the message of Christ taken to new “frontiers.” For more information on Melissa go to sacredwindwyoming.com.

In front of the painting, sits a **large bowl** by Wyoming ceramic artist Shirley J. Sanderson-Stephens (Cody). The bowl contains a lit candle for each church congregation in the diocese, along with Thomas the Apostle Center in Cody and the diocesan office in Casper, symbolizing the light of Christ being shown throughout the state. For more information on Shirley go to walkingstar.com.

The Gifts and Vestments

Listed below are gifts from the Episcopal Diocese of Wyoming, churches in the diocese, The Episcopal Church, and family members.

The Stole was made by the Eastern Shoshone and Northern Arapaho peoples incorporating their sacred symbols. The symbols on this stole include the Shoshone Rose in the colors of red and blue. Roses are the symbol of the Shoshone People. The Arapaho design represents "one that watches the lodge on trail," or "one that watches over lodge on red road." On the back of the stole is a buffalo that is significant to both tribes. A stole is worn by bishops, priests and deacons when officiating at the Eucharist or other sacramental celebrations.

The Pectoral Cross is *La Croix d'Agadez* (*Cross of Agadez*), obtained in Dakar, Senegal, West Africa where Paul-Gordon Chandler grew up. *La Croix d'Agadez*, also referred to as the “Cross of the Sahara,” is known to symbolize and carry a message of love within the culture of the Tuareg people, a nomadic Berber tribe of the Sahara (often referred to as the “Blue people of the desert,” due to their indigo blue robes).

In Tamashek, the Tuareg language, the word “love” is pronounced TORA, and is represented as "†○" in their Tifinagh alphabet, assembling together the + and 0 signs, which are the shapes that form the *Croix d'Agadez*. The designs that often appear around the + and 0 symbols help to embed the theme of love within Tuareg culture.

There is also other symbolism. The Tuaregs in the Sahara wear this cross as jewelry, representing the symbol of the southern star which guides their nomadic people throughout their desert travels. The four points on the *Croix d'Agadez* represent the four cardinal directions – north, south, east and west. Additionally, there are 22 different Agadez cross shapes, based on the "†○" symbolism, representing the 22 oases in the Sahara Desert that the Tuareg people stop at on their nomadic journeying, reminding us that we are all “pilgrims.”

The pectoral cross is 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.

The Cope is a long mantle or cloak, open in the front and fastened with a band or clasp across the chest. It is worn on festival occasions. The cope that Paul-Gordon Chandler is wearing was designed by Phyllis Lehmberg, and incorporates symbols from both the Native American spiritual tradition (where a cross intersects with a medicine wheel) and the flora of Wyoming (Sagebrush and Indian Paintbrush).

The Ring was handcrafted in Cairo, Egypt and symbolizes Christ as the great peacemaker and bridge-builder. Since the Middle Ages, each new bishop has received a 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. Often, the ring is also used as an official seal on documents that call for the bishop to affix a seal in wax (i.e. consecrating bishops impressed a wax seal on the bishop's ordination certificate before the liturgy began).

The Mitre. This special hat is shaped like a flame in reference to the tongues of fire that rested on Jesus' first followers on the Day of Pentecost when they were filled with the Holy Spirit. 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 mitre designed for Paul-Gordon Chandler was created by Phyllis Lehmberg, bears a symbol which combines a cross and the traditional colors of the Native American medicine wheel. The directional arrows that form the cross, reflect the presence of Christ throughout our world.

The Rochet and **Chimere** are worn by bishops in non-Eucharistic liturgies, or when a bishop is not part of the altar party (for example if they are preaching but not presiding at the Eucharist). A rochet is a vestment of white linen with long sleeves that often end with cuffs. It is worn under a chimere, which is usually a red, sleeveless vestment.

The Crozier was handcrafted in Wyoming in the shape of the staffs used by the early Basque shepherds in the state. A crozier has a curved hook and resembles a shepherd's staff. It symbolizes the bishop's role as Chief Pastor who leads his flock with mercy and compassion, and the firmness necessary to uphold the justice, peace, and dignity of all God's children.

A Bible is given as a reminder to feed the flock with the Word of God, and to be a faithful steward of God's holy Word and Sacraments.

The Saints

David Pendleton **Oakerhater**, (ca. 1847–1931), also known as O-kuh-ha-tuh and Making Medicine, was a Cheyenne Indian warrior and spiritual leader, who became an artist and Episcopal deacon. Imprisoned in 1875 after the Indian Wars at Fort Marion, Florida, Oakerhater became one of the founding figures of modern Native American art.

Enmegahbowh (c. 1820 –1902) was a member of the Chippewa (Ojibwe) Nation. After he was baptized by a Methodist preacher, he took the name John Johnson. He was known for his peacemaking, bringing different tribes together and building bridges between the white settlers and the Native Americans. He was the first Native American to be ordained a priest in the Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

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