



THE ORDINATION AND CONSECRATION OF
THE REVEREND DOCTOR
DOROTHY SANDERS WELLS

AS A BISHOP IN
CHRIST'S ONE HOLY CATHOLIC AND APOSTOLIC CHURCH
AND AS THE ELEVENTH BISHOP OF MISSISSIPPI

**THE FEAST OF ELIZABETH CADY STANTON, AMELIA BLOOMER,
SOJOURNER TRUTH, AND HARRIET ROSS TUBMAN**

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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. In particular, since the time of the New Testament, three distinct orders of ordained ministers have been characteristic of Christ's holy Catholic Church. First, there is the order of bishops who carry on the apostolic work of leading, supervising, and uniting the Church. Secondly, associated with them are the presbyters, or ordained elders, in subsequent times generally known as priests. Together with the bishops, they take part in the governance of the Church, in the carrying out of its missionary and pastoral work, and in the preaching of the Word of God and administering his holy Sacraments. Thirdly, there are deacons who assist bishops and priests in all of this work. It is also a special responsibility of deacons to minister in Christ's name to the poor, the sick, the suffering, and the helpless.

The persons who are chosen and recognized by the Church as being called by God to the ordained ministry are admitted to these sacred orders by solemn prayer and the laying on of episcopal hands. It has been, and is, the intention and purpose of this Church to maintain and continue these three orders; and for this purpose these services of ordination and consecration are appointed. No persons are allowed to exercise the offices of bishop, priest, or deacon in this Church unless they are so ordained, or have already received such ordination with the laying on of hands by bishops who are themselves duly qualified to confer Holy Orders.

It is also recognized and affirmed that the threefold ministry is not the exclusive property of this portion of Christ's catholic Church, but is a gift from God for the nurture of his people and the proclamation of his Gospel everywhere. Accordingly, the manner of ordaining in this Church is to be such as has been, and is, most generally recognized by Christian people as suitable for the conferring of the sacred orders of bishop, priest, and deacon.

~ *Book of Common Prayer*, page 510

WHAT IS THE MINISTRY OF A BISHOP?

The ministry of a bishop is to represent Christ and his Church, particularly as apostle, chief priest, and pastor of a diocese; to guard the faith, unity, and discipline of the whole Church; to proclaim the Word of God; to act in Christ's name for the reconciliation of the world and the building up of the Church; and to ordain others to continue Christ's ministry.

~ *The Catechism, Book of Common Prayer*, page 855



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH[®] IN MISSISSIPPI

Dear friends in Christ,

My heart is full. I am so very grateful to God for calling me to serve this Diocese - and so grateful to all of you for the warm welcome you have shown me. I have spent these first two months out and about in the Diocese, visiting many of our worshipping communities, as we begin building relationships together. Our time together is holy time, and your stories of faith and community are holy words. I thank you for sharing with me, as we begin this journey together and seek God's will for our ministry.

We are aware that the world around us is changing, and that many neighbors question the role of our faith communities. Our role is what we have been commanded: to love God, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Our love shining out into the world becomes the visible sign of who and whose we are. Christ has taught us, through his words and actions, to be proclaimers of the Good News, teachers, healers and repairers of the breach. We are guided by scripture as a pillar of our tradition, and we seek to graft it to our hearts and allow it to inform our journey with God.

I have committed to being a visible presence in the Diocese - and in the coming days, I will continue visiting our worshipping communities. I will, with you, explore intentional collaborations between our worshipping communities, to help us better share resources, dream together, and discern God's will for our ministry together. There is much to do - and with God's help and guidance, we will continue to make a difference in the world around us.

Again, I am so grateful to be entrusted with this holy work. And, if I have not yet visited *your* worshipping community, know that I am looking forward to joining you soon.

Thank you all again, for welcoming me with such open and loving arms.

In Christ,

Dorothy+

THE ENTRANCE PROCESSIONS

FIRST PROCESSION

Verger

Crucifer and Torchbearers

Cross and Torches from St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Columbus (Tombigbee Convocation)

Banners of Congregations

Crucifer and Torchbearers

Cross and Torches from St. Andrew's Episcopal School

Banners of Schools, Ministries and Organizations

SECOND PROCESSION

Verger

Thurifer

Thurible from Nativity, Greenwood (Delta Convocation)

Crucifer and Torchbearers

Cross and Torches from the Cathedral Parish of St. Andrew (Central Convocation)

Banner of the Diocese of Mississippi

Diocesan Clergy

Crucifer and Torchbearers

Cross from Church of the Redeemer, Greenville (Delta Convocation)

Torches from St. James Episcopal Church, Greenville (Delta Convocation)

Convocational Deans

The Dean of the Marble School

THIRD PROCESSION

Verger

Crucifer and Torchbearers

Cross and Torches from St. Alban's Episcopal Church, Bovina (Old River Convocation)

Members of Episcopal Religious Communities

Ecumenical and Interfaith Representatives

Visiting Episcopal Clergy

Seminary Representatives

Banner of Cathedral Parish of St. Andrew

Cathedral Honorary Canons

FOURTH PROCESSION

Verger
Crucifer and Torchbearers
Cross and Torches from St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Gulfport (Coast Convocation)
Diocesan Liturgist
Registrar
Chancellor of the Diocese
Chair of the Commission on Ministry
President of the Standing Committee
Vice President of the Executive Committee
Vice President of the Trustees of the Diocese
Lay Presenters
Clergy Presenters
Chaplain to the Bishop-elect
Bishop-elect

FIFTH PROCESSION

Verger
Crucifer and Torchbearers
Cross and Torches from St. Paul's, Meridian (Sowashee Convocation)
Lectors
Gospel Book Bearer
Deacon of the Word
Deacon of the Table
Preacher

SIXTH PROCESSION

Verger
Thurifer
Thurible from St. John's, Laurel (Sowashee Convocation)
Crucifer and Torchbearers
Cross and Torches from Church of the Epiphany, Tunica (Coldwater Convocation)
Bishops of the Episcopal Church
Co-Consecrating Bishops
Bishop's Banner
Chaplain to the Bishop of Mississippi
Bishop of Mississippi
Chaplain to the Presiding Bishop
Presiding Bishop

THE PRELUDE

Pavane for Strings, Op. 50

Gabriel Fauré

Mississippi Symphony Orchestra Strings

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Sweet Hour of Prayer*

traditional American

Vernon Brothers

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Lee Buford Threadgill

*My Shepherd will supply my need;
Jehovah is His Name;
In pastures fresh He makes me feed
Beside the living stream.
He brings my wand'ring spirit back
When I forsake His ways,
And leads me, for His mercy's sake,
In paths of truth and grace.*

*When I walk thru the shades of death,
Thy presence is my stay;
A word of Thy supporting breath
Drives all my fears away.
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes,
Doth still my table spread;
My cup with blessings overflows;
Thine oil anoints my head.*

*The sure provisions of my God
Attend me all my days;
O may Thy house be mine abode,
And all my work be praise!
There would I find a settled rest
While others go and come,
No more a stranger or a guest,
But like a child at home.*

text, Isaac Watts, after Psalm 23

The Call

Ralph Vaughan Williams,
arr. A. Percival

*Come, my way, my truth, my life:
such a way as gives us breath;
such a truth as ends all strife;
such a life as killeth death.*

*Come, my light, my feast,
my strength:
such a light as shows a feast;
such a feast as mends in length;
such a strength as makes his guest.*

*Come, my joy, my love, my heart:
such a joy as none can move;
such a love as none can part;
such a heart as joys in love.*

text, George Herbert

Let Us Break Bread

Spiritual,
arr. W. Ramsey

*Let us break bread together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.*

*Let us drink wine together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. Mercy, mercy, have mercy.*

*Let us praise God together on our knees, Alleluia!
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. Amen.*

The Diocesan Choir

Adoration

Florence Price

from *Rubrics*: IV. The peace may be exchanged

Dan Locklair

Daniel T. Jones, organ

AT THE PROCESSION

The Church's one foundation

Aurelia, arr. Richard Webster

1 The Chur-ch's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn-ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,
4 Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war
5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three-in - One,

she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word:
her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed;
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.

from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blessed,
O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
and to one hope she press - es with ev - ery grace en - dued.
and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
and the great Church vic - tor - ious shall be the Church at rest.
like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Presiding Bishop says

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

People

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

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Presiding Bishop 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 Priests and Lay Persons, standing before the Presiding Bishop, present the bishop-elect, saying

Michael, Bishop in the Church of God, the clergy and people of the Diocese of Mississippi, trusting in the guidance of the Holy Spirit, have chosen Dorothy Sanders Wells 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 Presiding Bishop then directs that the testimonials of the election be read.

Certificate of Election
Testimonial of Election
Evidence of Ordination
Consents of the Standing Committees
Consents of the Bishops

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

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, I, Dorothy Sanders Wells, chosen Bishop of the Church in Mississippi, solemnly declare that I do believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, and to contain all things necessary to salvation; and I do solemnly engage to conform to the doctrine, discipline, and worship of the Episcopal Church.

The Bishop-elect then signs the above Declaration in the sight of all present. The witnesses add their signatures.

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

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

If no objection is made, the Presiding Bishop continues:

Is it your will that we ordain Dorothy a bishop?

People **That is our will.**

Presiding Bishop Will you uphold Dorothy as bishop?

People **We will.**

The Presiding Bishop then says:

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

All kneel

THE LITANY FOR ORDINATIONS

The musical notation consists of five staves, each with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The notation is divided into two parts: 'Litanist' and 'All'. The lyrics are as follows:

Litanist God the Fa - ther, *All* Have mer - cy on us.
Litanist God the Son, *All* Have mer - cy on us.
Litanist God the Holy Spi - rit, *All* Have mer - cy on us.
Litanist Holy Trini - ty, one God, *All* Have mer - cy on us.
Litanist We pray to you, Lord Christ. *All* Lord, bear our prayer.

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.

The musical notation is a single staff with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are: *All* Lord, bear our prayer.

For all members of your Church in their vocation and ministry, that they may serve you in a true and godly life, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and for Sean, our Presiding Bishop-elect, 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 Dorothy, 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.

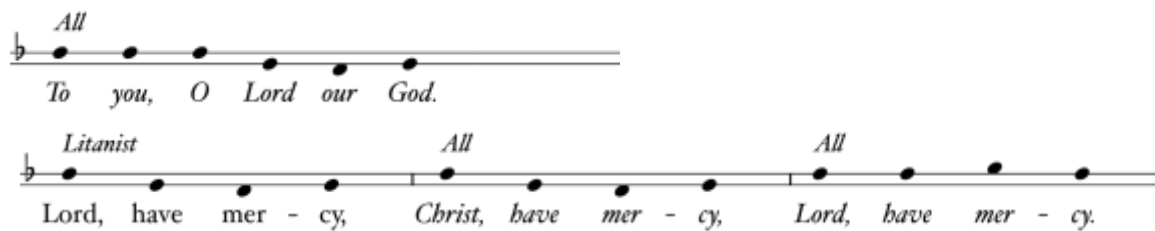
For ourselves, for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord.

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 blessed Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Amelia Bloomer, Sojourner Truth, Harriet Ross Tubman, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.



THE COLLECTS

Presiding Bishop The Lord be with you

People **And also with you.**

Presiding Bishop Let us pray.

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in 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, forever and ever. *Amen.*

O God, whose Spirit guides us into all truth and makes us free: Strengthen and sustain us as you did your servants Elizabeth, Amelia, Sojourner, and Harriet. Give us vision and courage to stand against oppression and injustice and all that works against the glorious liberty to which you call all your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON ~ WISDOM 7:24-28, NRSV

Jan F. Gadow

For wisdom is more mobile than any motion; because of her pureness she pervades and penetrates all things. For she is a breath of the power of God, and a pure emanation of the glory of the Almighty; therefore, nothing defiled gains entrance into her. For she is a reflection of eternal light, a spotless mirror of the working of God, and an image of his goodness. Although she is but one, she can do all things, and while remaining in herself, she renews all things; in every generation she passes into holy souls, and makes them friends of God and prophets, for God loves nothing so much as the person who lives with wisdom.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 146

sett. Robert Knox Kennedy

Chanted by all.



- 1 Hallelujah!
 Praise the LORD, O my / soul! *
I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
 I will sing praises to my God while I have my / being.
- 2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of / earth, *
 for there is no help / in them.
- 3 When they breathe their last,
 they return to / earth, *
 and in that day their thoughts / perish.
- 4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their / help! *
 whose hope is in the LORD their / God;
- 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas,
 and all that is / in them; *
 who keeps his promise for / ever;
- 6 Who gives justice to those who are op/pressed, *
 and food to those who / hunger.
- 7 The LORD sets the prisoners free;
 the LORD opens the eyes of the / blind; *
 the LORD lifts up those who are bowed / down;
- 8 The LORD loves the righteous;
 the LORD cares for the / stranger; *
 he sustains the orphan and widow,
 but frustrates the way of the / wicked.

Second half of chant

- 9 The LORD shall reign for / ever, *
 your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
 Halle/lujah!

THE SECOND LESSON ~ 1 PETER 4:10-11, NRSV

Paula Vaughan

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN

All my hope on God is founded

Michael, arr. Michael Burkhardt

1 All my hope on God is found - ed; he doth still my
2 Mor - tal pride and earth - ly glo - ry, sword and crown be -
3 God's great good - ness e'er en - dur - eth, deep his wis - dom
4 Dai - ly doth the al - might - y Giv - er boun - teous gifts on
5 Still from earth to God e - ter - nal sac - ri - fice of

trust re - new, me through change and chance he
tray our trust; though with care and toil we
pass - ing thought; splen - dor, light and life at -
us be - stow; his de - sire our soul de -
praise be done, high a - bove all prais - es

guid - eth, on - ly good and on - ly true. God un -
build them, tower and temp - ple fall to dust. But God's
tend him, beau - ty spring - eth out of nought. Ev - er -
light - eth, plea - sure leads us where we go. Love doth
prais - ing for the gift of Christ, his son. Christ doth

known, he a - lone calls my heart to be his own.
power, hour by hour, is my tem - ple and my tower.
more from his store new-born worlds rise and a - dore.
stand at his hand; joy doth wait on his com - mand.
call one and all: ye who fol - low shall not fall.

THE GOSPEL LESSON ~ LUKE 11:5-10, NRSV

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and

said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Teresa L. Fry Brown
*Associate Dean of Academic Affairs and Bandy Professor of Preaching
Candler School of Theology at Emory University*

THE EXAMINATION

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

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

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

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

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

Bishop-elect I am so persuaded.

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

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

Bishop-elect 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?

Bishop-elect 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?

Bishop-elect I will, in the power of the Spirit.

Bishop 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?

Bishop-elect 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?

Bishop-elect 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?

Bishop-elect 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?

Bishop-elect I will, for the sake of Christ Jesus.

All stand. The Presiding Bishop then says

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

Bishop-elect We believe in one God.

Then all say together

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father.
God from God, Light from Light, True God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father,
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again, in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son, he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE CONSECRATION OF THE BISHOP

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

Refrain:

from the Taizé tradition



The refrain is repeated by all while a cantor sings the following verses:

Come from the four winds, O Spirit, come breath of God; disperse the shadows over us, renew and strengthen your people. Veni Sancte Spiritus.

Father of the poor, come to our poverty. Shower upon us the seven gifts of your grace. Be the light of our lives. O come. Veni Sancte Spiritus.

You are our only comforter. Peace of the soul. In the heat you shade us; in our labor you refresh us, and in trouble, you are our strength. Veni Sancte Spiritus.

Kindle in our hearts the flame of your love that in the darkness of the world it may glow and reach to all forever. Veni Sancte Spiritus.

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

The Presiding Bishop then begins this Prayer of Consecration

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

temple untended. We praise you also that from the creation you have graciously accepted the ministry of those whom you have chosen.

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

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

The Presiding Bishop continues

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

The People in a loud voice respond Amen.

The new bishop is now vested according to the order of bishops, and other symbols of office may be presented.

The pastoral staff is presented by Bishop Seage with these words.

On behalf of the people and clergy of the Diocese of Mississippi, 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 with these words.

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

The Presiding Bishop presents to the people their new bishop.

The Clergy and People offer their acclamation and applause.

THE PEACE

The new Bishop then says

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Presiding Bishop and other Bishops greet the new bishop. The People greet one another.

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

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The Bishop says

Walk in love, as Christ loved us, and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Please be seated. Today's offering is designated for the Bishop's Discretionary Fund.

Please scan the QR code to make a donation online. Checks can be made out to the Diocese of Mississippi, with Wells Discretionary Fund in the memo.



THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

from *The Apostles*: "The Spirit of the Lord is Upon Me"

music: Edward Elgar,
arr. and orch. T. Andrew Trautman

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He hath anointed me to preach the Gospel to the poor:

He hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives,

and recovering of sight to the blind, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord;

To give unto them that mourn a garland for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning,

the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness,
the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified.

For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things
that are sown in it to spring forth;

so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

text, Isaiah 61

AT THE PRESENTATION

All creatures of our God and King (1, 4, 5, 7)

Lasst uns erfreuen, arr. SJMP eds. #15294



1 All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voic-es, let us sing:
4 Dear mo-ther earth, you day by day un-fold your bless-ings on our way,
5 All you with mer-cy in your heart, for-giv-ing o-thers, take your part,
7 Let all things their cre-a-tor bless, and wor-ship him in hum-ble-ness,
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Bright burn-ing sun with gold-en beams,
O praise him, al-le-lu-ia! All flowers and fruits that in you grow,
O sing now, al-le-lu-ia! All you that pain and sor-row bear,
O praise him, al-le-lu-ia! Praise God the Fa-ther, praise the Son,
pale sil-ver moon which gent-ly gleams,
let them his glo-ry al-so show:
praise God, and cast on him your care:
and praise the Spi-rit, Three-in-One:
Refrain
O praise him, O praise him, Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ~ EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Bishop Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

The Bishop continues

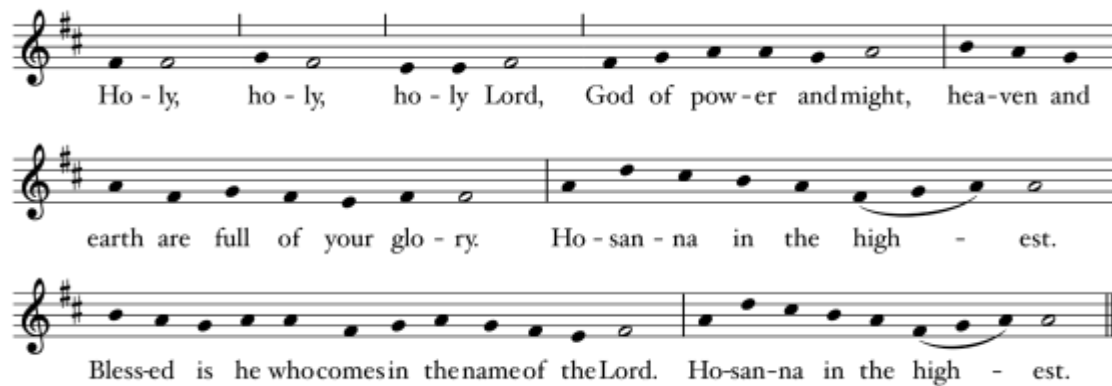
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS

David Hurd, New Plainsong Mass



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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to 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 wine to be consecrated.

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 Elizabeth, Amelia, Sojourner, Harriet and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

**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

David Hurd, New Plainsong Mass

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 INVITATION TO AND DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN

Come, risen Lord and deign to be our guest

Rosedale



1 Come, ris - en Lord, and deign to be our guest; nay,
 2 We meet, as in that up - per room they met; thou
 3 One bo - dy we, one Bo - dy who par - take, one
 4 One with each o - ther, Lord, for one in thee, who

let us be thy guests; the feast is thine;
 at the ta - ble, bless - ing, yet dost stand:
 Church u - nit - ed in com - mun - ion blest;
 art one Sa - vior and one liv - ing Head;

thy - self at thine own board make man - i - fest in
 "This is my Bo - dy"; so thou giv - est yet: faith
 one Name we bear, one Bread of life we break, with
 then o - pen thou our eyes, that we may see; be

thine own Sac - ra - ment of Bread and Wine.
 still re - ceives the cup as from thy hand.
 all thy saints on earth and saints at rest.
 known to us in break - ing of the Bread.

HYMN

Thou who at thy first Eucharist didst pray

Song I

1 Thou who at thy first Eu - cha - rist didst pray
 2 For all thy Church, O Lord, we in - ter - cede;
 3 So, Lord, at length when sac - ra - ments shall cease,

that all thy Church might be for - ev - er one,
 make thou our sad di - vi - sions soon to cease;
 may we be one with all thy Church a - bove,

grant us at the ev - ery Eu - cha - rist to say
 draw us with thy near - er each to each, we plead,
 one with thy saints in one un - bro - ken peace,

with long - ing heart and soul, "Thy will be done."
 by draw - ing all to thee, O Prince of Peace;
 one with thy saints in one un - bound - ed love;

O may we all one bread, one bo - dy be,
 thus may we all one bread, one bo - dy be,
 more bless - ed still, in peace and love to be

through this blest sac - ra - ment of u - ni - ty.
 through this blest sac - ra - ment of u - ni - ty.
 one with the Trin - i - ty in U - ni - ty.

HYMN

Strengthen for service, Lord

Malabar

1 Strength-en for ser - vice, Lord, the hands that ho - ly things have tak - en;
 2 Lord, may the tongues which "Ho - ly" sang keep free from all de - ceiv - ing;
 3 The feet that tread thy hal - lowed courts from light do thou not ban - ish;

let ears that now have heard thy songs to cla - mor nev - er wak - en.
 the eyes which saw thy love be bright, thy bless - ed hope per - ceiv - ing.
 the bo - dies by thy Bo - dy fed with thy new life re - ple - nish.

HYMN

O Food to pilgrims given

O Welt, ich muss dich lassen

1 O Food to pil - grims giv - en, O Bread of life, from
 2 O stream of love past tell - ing, O pur - est foun - tain,
 3 O Je - sus, by thee bid - den, we here a - dore thee,
 hea - ven, O Man - na from on high! We
 well - ing from out the Sa - vior's side! We
 hid - den in forms of bread and wine. Grant
 hun - ger; Lord, sup - ply us, nor thy de - lights de -
 faint with thirst; re - vive us, of thine a - bun - dance
 when the veil is riv - en, we may be - hold, in
 ny give us, whose hearts to thee draw nigh.
 give us, and all we need pro - vide.
 hea - ven, thy coun - te - nance di - vine.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

All join in saying

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 Dorothy 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 forever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The new Bishop blesses the people, first saying:

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

Lord, you give the great commission

Abbot's Leigh, arr. Richard Webster

1 Lord, you give the great com-mis-sion: "Heal the sick and preach the word."
2 Lord, you call us to your ser-vice: "In my name bap-tize and teach."
3 Lord, you make the com-mon ho-ly: "This my bod-y, this my blood."
4 Lord, you show us love's true mea-sure: "Fa-ther, what they do for-give."
5 Lord, you bless with words as-sur-ing: "I am with you to the end."

Lest the church ne-glect its mis-sion, and the gos-pel go un-heard,
That the world may trust your pro-mise, life a-bun-dant meant for each,
Let us all, for earth's true glo-ry, dai-ly draw life heav-en-ward,
Yet we hoard as pri-vate trea-sure all that you so free-ly give.
Faith and hope and love re-stor-ing, may we serve as you in-tend

help us wit-ness to your pur-pose with re-newed in-teg-ri-ty.
give us all new fer-vor, draw us clo-ser in com-mun-i-ty.
ask-ing that the world a-round us share your child-ren's lib-er-ty.
May your care and mer-cy lead us to a just so-ci-e-ty.
and, a-mid the cares that claim us, hold in mind e-ter-ni-ty.

With the Spi-rit's gifts em-power us for the work of min-is-try.

THE DISMISSAL

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

People Thanks be to God.

THE POSTLUDE

Mississippi Symphony Orchestra Brass Quintet

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to the glory of God and in celebration of the
Ordination and Consecration of
Dorothy Sanders Wells to the episcopacy.*

*The Bishops and People of the Diocese of Mississippi
are very grateful to receive both our civic and governmental officials
and our ecumenical and interfaith guests representing other Traditions at this service.*

*A festive Reception follows in both the Lakeside Lobby and the Hall of Champions. All are welcome.
The Hall of Champions will have food for those with dietary restrictions or allergies.*

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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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The setting of “Let us break bread together” premiered during today’s prelude was arranged by composer Wes Ramsay and given in honor of the ordination of the Rt. Rev. Dorothy Sanders Wells as XI Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Mississippi. This hymn is the first hymn that the Bishop learned as a child, from her beloved Great Aunt, Ella Laura Woodyard.

The Bishop’s ring, in keeping with the Motto of the Diocese of Mississippi (*Salus Cruce*), includes a cross in its center, and is inscribed with the words, “Love one another as I have loved you” (John 13:34-35). It also includes a vine and branches, and on the inside is inscribed, “Apart from me, you can do nothing” (John 15:5). The ring is a gift from the Chapel of the Cross, Madison, Mississippi.

The Bishop’s pectoral cross is a gift from the Altar Guild of the Church of the Holy Apostles, Collierville, Tennessee, where the Bishop completed her curacy. It was purchased in Wales by the Altar Guild Chair, Jean M. Newton-Morris.

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The Bishop’s tippet is a gift from the Altar Guild of the Diocese of Mississippi.

The Bishop’s rochet with cuff bands is a gift from the Rev. Canon Zabron A. “Chip” & Cathy Davis.

The Bishop’s visitation crozier, made by Mr. Thomas Williams, a Gullah-Geechee cane-maker from McClellanville, South Carolina, is given by the Rt. Rev. Ruth Woodliff-Stanley, Bishop of South Carolina. Mr. Williams crafted the crozier from sweetgum wood which he harvested himself from the forestlands near his home. The cross is rendered in mahogany. The crozier includes carvings representing four scriptural women chosen by Bishop Wells to accompany her on her Diocesan journeys: A hand reaches out, recalling the Hemorrhaging Woman grasping for the hem of Jesus’ garment (Matthew 9, Mark 5, and Luke 8). Above that, a well alludes to John’s account of Jesus meeting the Samaritan Woman at the Well (John 4). A loaf of bread on a tablecloth recalls the scene in which the Syrophenician/Canaanite Woman sought healing for her daughter, saying, “Even the dogs eat the crumbs from their master’s table” (Mark 7 and Matthew 15). Another hand is etched into the surface, symbolizing Mary, the

Mother of Jesus, “Handmaid of the Lord” (John 20). Finally, a brick road traces the length of the design leading to the foot of the cross. This road recalls every believer’s walk with Jesus, but it is specifically dedicated to Mary Magdalene, who followed the way of the Lord to his crucifixion and was one of the first to walk away from the empty tomb to proclaim his Resurrection. The artist prays over every piece he makes. Of this one, a sister-crozier to the one he made for Bishop Woodliff-Stanley, Mr. Williams said, “This stick is a sermon all by itself.”

The Bishop’s travel crozier and stand are gifts from the Episcopal Bishops of African Descent.

The Bishop’s travel crozier case is a gift from The Diocese of Mississippi Clergy.

The Bishop’s clergy shirts were hand-sewn by Carolyn O’Bryan-Miller, a long-time friend of the Bishop, and presented as a gift to the Bishop.

A white stole was hand-crafted for the Bishop and gifted by Lee Nabors Nix in honor of the Bishop's ordination and consecration.

The Bishop’s travel garment bag is a gift from the Altar Guild of St. George’s Episcopal Church, Germantown, Tennessee, where the Bishop served as Rector.

The Presiding Bishop will present the Bishop with the Bible presented to her at her ordinations to the transitional diaconate (June 2, 2012) and the priesthood (December 15, 2012).

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