

# ORDINATION TO THE SACRED ORDER OF DEACONS



The Feast of St. Stephen  
(observed)

Saturday, December 19, 2020  
12:00 Noon

The Episcopal Diocese of Michigan

The Cathedral Church of St. Paul  
4800 Woodward Avenue  
Detroit, Michigan

The Right Rev'd Dr. Bonnie A. Perry - Eleventh Bishop of Michigan  
The Very Rev'd S. Scott Hunter – Dean of the Cathedral

# THE ORDINAND

Cleda Ulin Smartt

*Presenters*

The Rev'd Ian Reed Twiss  
The Very Rev'd Julia Huttar Bailey  
Jim Holubka

*Vesting the new Deacon*

Lizabeth Lai  
The Rev'd Ian Reed Twiss

*Please stand as the procession enters the Cathedral.*

*Celebrant* Blessed are you, holy and living One.  
*People* You come to your people and set them free.

### The Collect for Purity

**A**LMIGHTY 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 Bishop and People sit. A Priest and a Lay Person, and additional presenters if desired, standing before the Bishop, present the Ordinand, saying*

Bonnie, Bishop in the Church of God, on behalf of the clergy and people of the Diocese of Michigan, we present to you Cleda Ulin Smartt to be ordained a deacon in Christ's holy catholic Church.

*Bishop*

Has she been selected in accordance with the canons of this Church? And do you believe her manner of life to be suitable to the exercise of this ministry?

*Presenters*

We certify to you that she has satisfied the requirements of the canons, and we believe her qualified for this order.

*The Bishop says to the Ordinand*

Will you be loyal to the doctrine, discipline, and worship of Christ as this Church has received them? And will you, in accordance with the canons of this Church, obey your bishop and other ministers who may have authority over you and your work?

*The Ordinand answers*

I am willing and ready to do so; and I 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 Ordinand then signs the above Declaration in the sight of all present.*

*All stand. The Bishop says to the People*

Dear friends in Christ, you know the importance of these ministries, and the weight of your responsibility in presenting Cleda Ulin Smartt for ordination to the sacred order of deacons. Therefore if any of you know any impediment or crime because of which we should not proceed, come forward now and make it known.

*If no objection is made, the Bishop continues*

Is it your will that Cleda be ordained a deacon?

*The People respond in these or other words*

It is.

*Bishop*

Will you uphold her in her ministry?

*The People respond in these or other words*

**We will.**

*The Bishop then calls the People to prayer with these or similar words*

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

## THE LITANY FOR ORDINATION

*The Archdeacon then leads the litany, and the congregation, present and at home says the responses in boldface.*

**O** God the Creator,  
**Have mercy on us.**

God the Son,  
**Have mercy on us.**

God the Holy Spirit,  
**Have mercy on us.**

Holy Trinity, one God,  
**Have mercy on us.**

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

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

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons, that they may be filled with your love, may hunger for truth, and may thirst after righteousness, we pray to you, O Lord.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For Cleda, chosen deacon 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 Creator 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 the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Paul, blessed Stephen, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.  
**To you, O Lord our God.**

Lord, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**  
Lord, have mercy.

## The Collect of the Day

**W**E give you thanks, O Lord of glory, for the example of the first martyr Stephen, who looked up to heaven and prayed for his persecutors to your Son Jesus Christ, who stands at your right hand; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

*Please be seated.*

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

### The First Lesson

Jeremiah 26:1-9,12-15

**A**T the beginning of the reign of King Jehoiakim son of Josiah of Judah, this word came from the Lord: Thus says the Lord: Stand in the court of the Lord's house, and speak to all the cities of Judah that come to worship in the house of the Lord; speak to them all the words that I command you; do not hold back a word. It may be that they will listen, all of them, and will turn from their evil way, that I may change my mind about the disaster that I intend to bring on them because of their evil doings. You shall say to them: Thus says the Lord: If you will not listen to me, to walk in my law that I have set before you, and to heed the words of my servants the prophets whom I send to you urgently-- though you have not heeded-- then I will make this house like Shiloh, and I will make this city a curse for all the nations of the earth. The priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of the Lord. And when Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the Lord had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, "You shall die! Why have you prophesied in the name of the Lord, saying, 'This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant?'" And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the Lord. Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, "It is the Lord who sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. Now therefore amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of the Lord your God, and the Lord will change his mind about the disaster that he has pronounced against you. But as for me, here I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will be bringing innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the Lord sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears."

*The Lector then says*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*All say together*

**Psalm 31:1-5**

*In te, Domine, speravi*

**I**N you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;  
let me never be put to shame; \*  
deliver me in your righteousness.

2 Incline your ear to me; \*  
make haste to deliver me.

3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,  
for you are my crag and my stronghold; \*  
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, \*  
for you are my tower of strength.

5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, \*  
for you have redeemed me,  
O LORD, O God of truth.

## The Second Lesson

Acts 6:8-7:2a,51c-60

**S**TEPHEN, full of grace and power, did great wonders and signs among the people. Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), Cyrenians, Alexandrians, and others of those from Cilicia and Asia, stood up and argued with Stephen. But they could not withstand the wisdom and the Spirit with which he spoke. Then they secretly instigated some men to say, "We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and God." They stirred up the people as well as the elders and the scribes; then they suddenly confronted him, seized him, and brought him before the council. They set up false witnesses who said, "This man never stops saying things against this holy place and the law; for we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and will change the customs that Moses handed on to us." And all who sat in the council looked intently at him, and they saw that his face was like the face of an angel. Then the high priest asked him, "Are these things so?" And Stephen replied: "Brothers and fathers, listen to me. You are forever opposing the Holy Spirit, just as your ancestors used to do. Which of the prophets did your ancestors not persecute? They killed those who foretold the coming of the Righteous One, and now you have become his betrayers and murderers. You are the ones that received the law as ordained by angels, and yet you have not kept it." When they heard these things, they became enraged and ground their teeth at Stephen. But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

*The Lector then says*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Then, all standing, a Deacon reads the Gospel, first saying*

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

## The Gospel

Matthew 23:34-39

**J**ESUS said, "Therefore I send you prophets, sages, and scribes, some of whom you will kill and crucify, and some you will flog in your synagogues and pursue from town to town, so that upon you may come all the righteous blood shed on earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah son of Barachiah, whom you murdered between the sanctuary and the altar. Truly I tell you, all this will come upon this generation. Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you, desolate. For I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

*After the Gospel, the Deacon says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## The Sermon

The Very Rev'd Julia Huttar Bailey  
*Rector, Trinity in the Woods Episcopal Church, Farmington Hills*

*Please stand as you are able and say together*  
The Nicene Creed

**W**E 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 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 EXAMINATION OF A DEACON

*All are seated except the Ordinand, who stands before the Bishop. The Bishop addresses the Ordinand as follows*

**M**Y sister, every Christian is called to follow Jesus Christ, serving God, through the power of the Holy Spirit. God now calls you to a special ministry of servanthood directly under your bishop. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are to serve all people, particularly the poor, the weak, the sick, and the lonely.

As a deacon in the Church, you are to study the Holy Scriptures, to seek nourishment from them, and to model your life upon them. You are to make Christ and his redemptive love known, by your word and example, to those among whom you live, and work, and worship. You are to interpret to the Church the needs, concerns, and hopes of the world. You are to assist the bishop and priests in public worship and in the ministration of God's Word and Sacraments, and you are to carry out other duties assigned to you from time to time. At all times, your life and teaching are to show Christ's people that in serving the helpless they are serving Christ himself.

My sister, do you believe that you are truly called by God and his Church to the life and work of a deacon?

*Answer* I believe I am so called.

*Bishop* Do you now in the presence of the Church commit yourself to this trust and responsibility?

*Answer* I do.

*Bishop* Will you be guided by the pastoral direction and leadership of your bishop?

*Answer* I will.

*Bishop* Will you be faithful in prayer, and in the reading and study of the Holy Scriptures?

*Answer* I will.

*Bishop* Will you look for Christ in all others, being ready to help and serve those in need?

*Answer* I will.

*Bishop* Will you do your best to pattern your life in accordance with the teachings of Christ, so that you may be a wholesome example to all people?

*Answer* I will.

*Bishop* Will you in all things seek not your glory but the glory of the Lord Christ?

*Answer* I will.

*Bishop* May the Lord by his grace uphold you in the service he lays upon you.

*Answer* Amen.

## THE CONSECRATION

*All now stand except the Ordinand, who kneels facing the Bishop.*

*The Archdeacon says the following verses, paraphrasing the hymn, Veni, Sancte Spiritus.*

COME, Holy Spirit,  
from heaven shine forth with your glorious light.  
*Veni, Sancte Spiritus.*

Come, Father of the poor.  
Come, generous Spirit.  
Come, light of our hearts.  
*Veni, Sancte Spiritus.*

Come from the four winds, O Spirit.  
Come, breath of God;  
Disperse the shadows over us,  
Renew and strengthen your people.  
*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 Bishop then says this Prayer of Consecration of a Deacon*

**O** GOD, most merciful, we praise you for sending your Son Jesus Christ, who took on himself the form of a servant, and humbled himself, becoming obedient even to death on the cross. We praise you that you have highly exalted him, and made him Lord of all; and that, through him, we know that whoever would be great must be servant of all. We praise you for the many ministries in your Church, and for calling this your servant to the order of deacons.

*The Bishop lays hands upon the head of the Ordinand, and prays*

Therefore, O God, through Jesus Christ your Son, give your Holy Spirit to Cleda; fill her with grace and power, and make her a deacon in your Church.

*The Bishop then continues*

Make her, O Lord, modest and humble, strong and constant, to observe the discipline of Christ. Let her life and teaching so reflect your commandments, that through her many may come to know you and love you. As your Son came not to be served but to serve, may this deacon share in Christ's service, and come to the unending glory of him who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

*The People in a loud voice respond*

**Amen.**

*The new Deacon is now vested according to the order of deacons.*

*The Bishop gives a Bible to the newly ordained, saying*

Receive this Bible as the sign of your authority to proclaim God's Word and to assist in the ministration of his holy Sacraments.

*The Bishop greets the newly ordained.*

**The Peace**

*Celebrant*      The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People*          **And also with you.**

**Words of Welcome and Announcements**

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST

*The offering will be used to establish discretionary funds to be overseen by the Ordinand in the place where she will serve. Checks may be made to the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan.*

*At the Offertory*

**Organ**

Gelobet seist du, Jesu Christ  
*May you be praised, Jesus Christ*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

**The Great Thanksgiving**

*Please stand as you are able. The congregation says the parts in boldface. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and says*

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 God thanks and praise.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

**G**OD of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.  
**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**By his blood, he reconciled us.**

**By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

*Celebrant and People*

**H**OLY, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Celebrant continues*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

*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 wine to be consecrated.*

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**We celebrate his death and resurrection,**

**as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of Forebearers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, Sarah, Rebekah, Leah and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

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

**O**UR 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

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

*Celebrant* These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

*At the Communion*

**Organ**

Communion  
from *Triptych*, Op. 58

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

### The Post Communion Prayer

**A**LMIGHTY GOD, 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 Cleda 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 Episcopal Blessing

*Bishop* 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*

**M**AY the blessing of the God of Abraham, Sarah and Hagar,  
And of Jesus Christ born of our sister Mary,  
And of the Holy Spirit, who broods over the world as a mother over her children,  
Be upon you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

### The Dismissal

*The newly ordained Deacon gives the dismissal*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

Organ

Allegro maestoso e vivace  
from *Sonata No. 2, Op. 65*

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

## ASSISTING IN THIS MORNING'S LITURGY

### Deacon

The Venerable Tim Spannaus  
*Archdeacon of the Diocese of Michigan*

### Lector

Cynthia Coleman

### Organist

Canon Jeremy David Tarrant

### Technology

Sarah Simko

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