

# ORDINATION TO THE SACRED ORDER OF PRIESTS

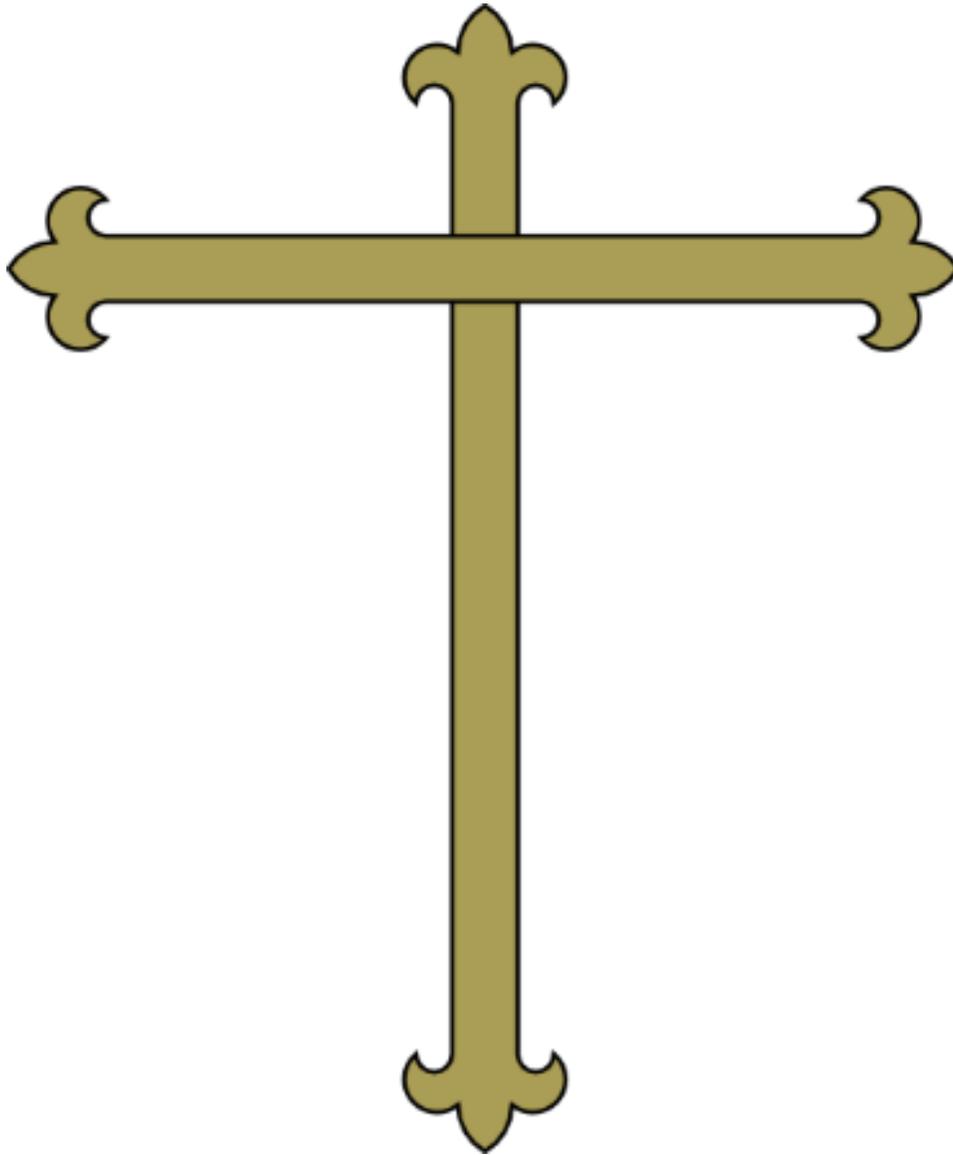


The Episcopal Diocese of Michigan  
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church  
December 11, 2025  
Six thirty in the evening

The Right Reverend Dr. Bonnie A. Perry  
*Eleventh Bishop of Michigan*

# THE ORDINAND

*Daniel N. Martin*



## *Presenters*

The Rev. Linda Northcraft  
Mr. John (Jack) Chaney  
Mrs. Anne Campbell

# THE ORDINATION OF A PRIEST

**Prelude**

*To God All Praise and Glory*

R. Wilson

**Opening Hymn**

*God of Grace and Glory*

Hymnal, #594

*The people standing, the Bishop says*

Blessed be God: Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.

*People*

**And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Bishop*

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 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 Daniel N. Martin, to be ordained priest in Christ's holy catholic Church.

*Bishop*

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

*Presenters*

We certify to you that he has satisfied the requirements of the canons, and we believe him to be 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?

*Answer*

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 this ministry, and the weight of your responsibility in presenting Dan for ordination to the sacred priesthood. 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 Daniel be ordained a priest?

*The People respond in these or other words*

**It is.**

*Bishop*

Will you uphold him in this 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 ORDINATIONS

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 Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Bonnie, our 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 Dan chosen priest 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, that they may be adorned with all Christian values, 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 Mary, the God-bearer, the apostles; 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.**

S 96

The Holy Eucharist II

Lord, have mercy *Kyrie*



Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord,

Christ have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.



Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord,

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

Setting: From *Deutsche Messe*; Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

*The Bishop stands*

*Bishop*        The Lord be with you.

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

*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, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

### **The First Reading**

Isaiah 6:1-8

*Reader*        A reading from the prophet Isaiah

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory.’

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: ‘Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!’

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: ‘Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.’ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?’ And I said, ‘Here am I; send me!’

*The reader then says*

The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 43** *read responsively by verse*

1 Give judgment for me, O God,  
and defend my cause against an ungodly people;  
deliver me from the deceitful and the wicked.

2 **For you are the God of my strength; why have you put me from you?  
and why do I go so heavily while the enemy oppresses me?**

- 3 Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me,  
and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling;
- 4 That I may go to the altar of God, to the God of my joy and gladness;  
and on the harp I will give thanks to you, O God my God.**
- 5 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul?  
and why are you so disquieted within me?

**The Second Reading**

Ephesians 4:7, 11-16

*Reader* A reading from the Ephesians

But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ’s gift. The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people’s trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body’s growth in building itself up in love.

*The reader then says*

The Word of the Lord.

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

**Gradual Hymn**

*Celtic Alleluia*

*Then, all standing, a deacon reads the Gospel, first saying*  
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

**The Gospel**

John 10:11-18

‘I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.’

*After the Gospel, the deacon says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**

The Rev. Dr. Gerardo Aponte-Safe

**The Nicene Creed**

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 EXAMINATION

*All are seated except the ordinand, who stands before the Bishop.*

*The Bishop addresses the ordinand as follows*

My brother, the Church is the family of God, the body of Christ, and the temple of the Holy Spirit. All baptized people are called to make Christ known as Savior and Lord, and to share in the renewing of his world. Now you are called to work as a pastor, priest, and teacher together with your bishop and fellow presbyters, and to take your share in the councils of the Church.

As a priest, it will be your task to proclaim by word and deed the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and to fashion your life in accordance with its precepts. You are to love and serve the people among whom you work, caring alike for young and old, strong and weak, rich and poor. You are to preach, to declare God's forgiveness to penitent sinners, to pronounce God's blessing, to share in the administration of Holy Baptism and in the celebration of the mysteries of Christ's Body and Blood, and to perform the other ministrations entrusted to you.

In all that you do, you are to nourish Christ's people from the riches of his grace and strengthen them to glorify God in this life and in the life to come.

My brother, do you believe that you are truly called by God and his Church to this priesthood?

*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 respect and be guided by the pastoral direction and leadership of your bishop?

*Answer* I will.

*Bishop* Will you be diligent in the reading and study of the Holy Scriptures, and in seeking the knowledge of such things as may make you a stronger and more able minister of Christ?

*Answer* I will.

*Bishop* Will you endeavor so to minister the Word of God and the sacraments of the New Covenant, that the reconciling love of Christ may be known and received?

*Answer* I will.

*Bishop* Will you undertake to be a faithful pastor to all whom you are called to serve, laboring together with them and with your fellow ministers to build up the family of God?

*Answer* I will.

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

*Answer* I will.

*Bishop* Will you persevere in prayer, both in public and in private, asking God's grace, both for yourself and for others, offering all your labors to God, through the mediation of Jesus Christ, and in the sanctification of the Holy Spirit?

*Answer* I will.

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

*Answer* Amen.

## THE CONSECRATION OF THE PRIEST

*All now stand except the ordinand, who kneels facing the Bishop and the presbyters who stand to the right and left of the Bishop. The hymn Veni Creator Spiritus is sung*

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The Holy Spirit

*Cantor*



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, our souls in - spire,  
2 Thou the a - noint - ing Spi - rit art,  
3 Thy bless - ed unc - tion from a - bove

*All*



and light - en with ce - les - tial fire.  
who dost thy seven - fold gifts im - part.  
is com - fort, life, and fire of love.

*Cantor*

4 En - a - ble with per - pet - ual light  
 5 A - noint and cheer our soil - ed face  
 6 Keep far our foes, give peace at home:  
 7 Teach us to know the Fa - ther, Son,

*All*

the dull - ness of our blind - ed sight.  
 with the a - bun - dance of thy grace.  
 where thou art guide, no ill can come.  
 and thee, of both, to be but One,

*Cantor*

8 that through the a - ges all a - long,

*All*

this may be our end - less song:

*Cantor*

9 praise to thy e - ter - nal mer - it,

*All*

Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit.

Words: Latin, 9th cent.; tr. John Cosin (1594-1672); para. of *Veni Creator Spiritus*.  
 Music: *Come Holy Ghost*, John Henry Hopkins Jr. (1820-1891); adapt. and harm. David Hurd (b. 1950)

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

*The Bishop then says this Prayer of Consecration*

God and Creator of all, we praise you for your infinite love in calling us to be a holy people in the kingdom of your Son Jesus our Lord, who is the image of your eternal and invisible glory, the firstborn among many, and the head of the Church. We thank you that by his death he has overcome death, and, having ascended into heaven, has poured his gifts abundantly upon your people, making some apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry and the building up of his body.

*Here the Bishop lays hands upon the head of the ordinand, the Priests who are present also laying on their hands. At the same time the Bishop prays*

Therefore, Father, through Jesus Christ your Son, give your Holy Spirit to Dan; fill him with grace and power, and make him a priest in your Church.

*The Bishop then continues*

May he exalt you, O Lord, in the midst of your people; offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to you; boldly proclaim the gospel of salvation; and rightly administer the sacraments of the New Covenant. Make him a faithful pastor, patient teacher, and wise councilor. Grant that in all things he may serve without reproach, so that your people may be strengthened and your Name glorified in all the world. All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 Priest is now vested according to the order of priests.*

*The Bishop then anoints the palms of the new priest praying*

O God of all Blessing and of all Calls, by holy chrism you sealed Dan with the Holy Spirit and marked him as your own forever. In furtherance of his baptismal ministry, you have called him to the particular ministry of a priest. With this chrism I pray you to consecrate and sanctify these hands, that what they bless may be blessed; what they consecrate may be sanctified, and whosoever is broken by sin, illness or injury healed: in the name of the One Holy and Undivided Trinity. **Amen**

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

Receive this Bible as a sign of the authority given you to preach the Word of God and to administer God's holy Sacraments. Do not forget the trust committed to you as a priest of the Church of God.

*The Bishop greets the newly ordained.*

## **The Peace**

*The new Priest then says to the congregation*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

*The Presbyters present greet the newly ordained; who then greets him family members and others, as may be convenient. The Clergy and People greet one another.*

## **Welcome and Announcements**

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## Offertory Sentence

*Today's offering will be used to establish discretionary funds to be overseen by the Ordinand in the place where he will serve. You can donate online with a credit card or PayPal using the QR code found near the back of the bulletin, and add "ordinations" in the note section. Cash and checks are welcome as well! Please make checks out to Episcopal Diocese of MI with "ordination offering" in the memo.*

Offertory, Combined Chancel Choirs      *Order My Steps*

Burleigh/Schram

## The Great Thanksgiving

*The people remain standing. The Bishop continues*

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 our thanks and praise.**

*The Bishop proceeds*

God of all power, Source and Sustainer of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: ***Glory to you for ever and ever.***

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

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

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

People: ***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 eternal Word, born of your servant Mary, to fulfill your Law, opening for us the way of freedom and peace.

People: ***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:

*Bishop and People*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hymnal, S-129

**Hosanna in the highest.**

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Bishop continues*

Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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, Jesus 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 all 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,

*People: We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.*

Therefore, O God, we who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, 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 Savior.

Sanctify us also, and 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.

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

God of our ancestors; Redeemer and Mother of Israel; 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.

Accept these prayers and praises, Almighty God, 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.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

*Bishop and People*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those  
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial,**

and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.

### Breaking of the Bread

Bishop: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

## S 164

## The Holy Eucharist

### Fraction Anthem: Jesus, Lamb of God *Agnus Dei*

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

Setting: From *Deutsche Messe*; Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

*Bishop: The Gifts of God for the People of God.*

**Communion Music**

*For the Bread which you have broken  
Let Us Break Bread Together*

Hymnal, #341  
Hymnal, #325

**Post Communion Prayer**

*In place of the usual post communion prayer, the following is said*

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 Dan 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 Bishop then asks the new priest to bless the people.*

*The new Priest says*

Life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us.  
So be quick to love, make haste to be kind; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father Son and Holy  
Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever more. *Amen.*

**Closing Hymn**

*Go Forth with God*

Hymnal, #347

*The Deacon dismisses the people.*

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

*People*      **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Postlude**

*Prelude in Classic Style*

Gordon Young

# LITURGICAL LEADERS

Presiding Officiant	The Rt. Rev. Dr. Bonnie A. Perry
Archdeacon	The Venerable Rev. Dr. Tim Spannaus
Cantor	Mr. Bill Richarson
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Accompanist	Ms. Rachel Rose
Bell Ringers	Mrs. Carole Wollard, Mr. Doug White, Mrs. Emily Hack
Presenters	Rev. Linda Northcraft, Mr. Jack Chaney, Mrs. Anne Campbell
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Preacher	The Rev. Dr. Gerardo Aponte-Safe
Vesting the newly ordained	Ms. Sherry Kruzman
Acolytes	Ms. Lily Hack & Mr. Kevin McLogan
Ushers	Mr. Worley Smith & Mr. Doug White

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