

# THE ORDINATION OF A PRIEST

Austin Garrett Wendt

December 14, 2024 10:30a.m.

#### Crown Imperial

### All stand. Hymn 518



Words: Latin, ca. 7<sup>th</sup> cent.; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, after John Mason Neale (1818–1866), alt. Music: Westminster Abbey, Henry Purcell (1659–1695), adapt.; desc. James Gillespie (b. 1929)

## **Opening Acclamation**

| Bishop | Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.       |
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| People | And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen. |

## The Collect for Purity

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

Shannon, Bishop in the Church of God, on behalf of the clergy and people of the Diocese of Louisiana, we present to you Austin Garrett Wendt to be ordained a 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.

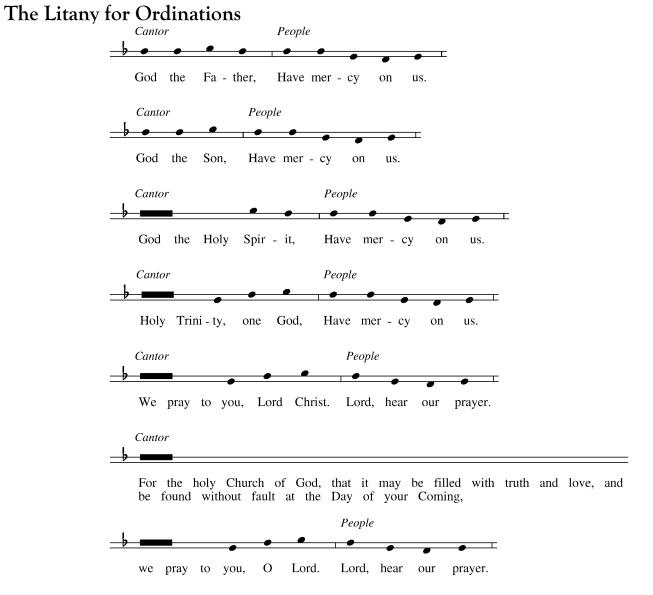
#### All stand.

*Bishop* Dear friends in Christ, you know the importance of this ministry, and the weight of your responsibility in presenting Austin Garrett Wendt 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

| Bishop<br>People | Is it your will that Austin be ordained a priest?<br>It is. |
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| Bishop<br>People | Will you uphold him in this ministry? We will.              |
| Bishop           | In peace let us pray to the Lord.                           |

#### All kneel.



*Cantor* 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.

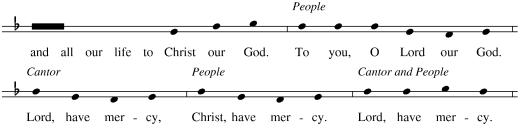
People Lord, hear our prayer.

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Lord, hear our prayer.

Cantor For Sean, 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. People Lord, hear our prayer. Cantor For Austin, chosen priest in your Church, we pray to you, O Lord. People Lord, hear our prayer. That he may faithfully fulfill the duties of this ministry, build up your Church, and glorify your Cantor Name, we pray to you, O Lord. People Lord, hear our prayer. Cantor 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. People Lord, hear our prayer. Cantor For his family that they may be adorned with all Christian virtues, we pray to you, O Lord. People Lord, hear our prayer. For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease and that all may Cantor be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord. People Lord, hear our prayer. Cantor 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. People Lord, hear our prayer. Cantor 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. People For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and Cantor peoples, we pray to you, O Lord. People Lord, hear our prayer. Cantor 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. People Cantor 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. People Lord, hear our prayer. Cantor 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. People Lord, hear our prayer.

- *Cantor* 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.
- People Lord, hear our prayer.
- *Cantor* 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.
- People Lord, hear our prayer.
- *Cantor* Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed James, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves,



## The Collect of the Day

*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 people are seated for the lessons. The Lessons

Isaiah 6:1-8

Denise Allen

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!"

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

## Sung by the Choir

Psalm 132:8-18

Anglican Chant: William Henry Havergal (1793–1870)

- <sup>8</sup> Arise, O Lord, into your resting-place, \* you and the ark of your strength.
- <sup>9</sup> Let your priests be clothed with righteousness; \* let your faithful people sing with joy.
- <sup>10</sup> For your servant David's sake, \* do not turn away the face of your Anointed.
- <sup>11</sup> The Lord has sworn an oath to David; \* in truth, he will not break it:
- <sup>12</sup> "A son, the fruit of your body \* will I set upon your throne.
- <sup>13</sup> If your children keep my covenant and my testimonies that I shall teach them, \* their children will sit upon your throne for evermore."
- <sup>14</sup> For the Lord has chosen Zion; \*
   he has desired her for his habitation:
- <sup>15</sup> "This shall be my resting-place for ever; \* here will I dwell, for I delight in her.
- <sup>16</sup> I will surely bless her provisions, \* and satisfy her poor with bread.
- <sup>17</sup> I will clothe her priests with salvation, \* and her faithful people will rejoice and sing.
- <sup>18</sup> There will I make the horn of David flourish; \* I have prepared a lamp for my Anointed.

Philippians 4:4-9

Lubna Culbert

A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is

true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

- *Lector* The Word of the Lord.
- People Thanks be to God.

## All stand. Hymn



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Words: Fanny Crosby (1820–1915) Music: W. H. Doane (1832–1916)

#### Matthew 9:35-38

# GospelerThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## The Sermon

## All stand. 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.

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

#### The Bishop addresses the ordinand as follows

*Bishop* 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 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.

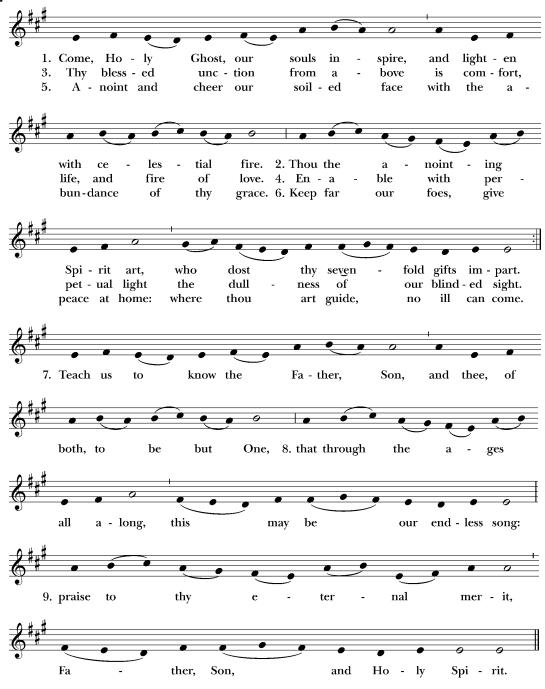
In all that you do, you are to nourish Christ's people from the riches of his grace, and strengthen them to glorify God in this life and in the life to come.

| Answer           | My brother, do you believe that you are truly called by God and his Church to this priesthood?<br>I believe I am so called.  |
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| Bishop<br>Answer | Do you now in the presence of the Church commit yourself to this trust and responsibility?<br>I do.  |
| Bishop<br>Answer | Will you respect and be guided by the pastoral direction and leadership of your bishop? I will.  |
| Bishop<br>Answer | 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? I will.   |
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| 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 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<br>Answer | May the Lord who has given you the will to do these things give you the grace and power to perform them.<br>Amen.  |

## The Consecration of the Priest

All now stand except the ordinand, who kneels facing the Bishop.

## Hymn 504



Words: Latin, 9<sup>th</sup> cent.; tr. John Cosin (1594–1672); para. of Veni Creator Spiritus
Music: Veni Creator Spiritus, plainsong, Mode 8



#### The Bishop then says this Prayer of Consecration

God and Father 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 brethren, 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 Austin; 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, a patient teacher, and a 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 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 his holy Sacraments. Do not forget the trust committed to you as a priest of the Church of God.

## The Anointing

The Father anointed our Lord Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. By this anointing, you are entrusted to take into your hands the holy things of God; you will join with our Lord Jesus to sanctify the Christian people, to lead God's people in the sacraments of the Church, and to spread God's Kingdom in all the world.

The Bishop greets the newly ordained.

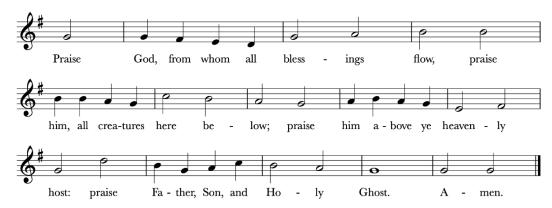
The new Priest then says to the congregation **The Peace** 

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

I was glad when they said unto me, we will go into the house of the Lord. Our feet shall stand in thy gates, O Jerusalem. Jerusalem is builded as a city, that is at unity in itself. O pray for the peace of Jerusalem, they shall prosper that love thee. Peace be within thy walls, and plenteousness within thy palaces.

## All stand Hymn at the Presentation



Words: Thomas Ken (1637–1711) Music: Old 100th, melody from Pseaumes octante trois de David, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?–1561?)

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer A

- *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.

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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## Sanctus & Benedictus

Holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

#### The people may stand or kneel

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

#### Bishop and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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**.

## The Lord's Prayer

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

#### Bishop and People

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

Antiphon: Cantor; then All 0 . >. ing us, Lord of the bread. Be known to Je sus, in the break \_ \_ Cantor 20 20 1. The bread which break, al - le lu - ia, we \_ 20 is the com - mun - ion of the bo dy of Christ. [Ant.] Cantor >• \*\* . 0 dy are 2. One bo we, al - le lu ia, \_ 20 for though man - y share bread. [Ant.] we one

The Bishop breaks the consecrated Bread.

Setting: Mode 6 melody; adapt. Mason Martens (1933-1991)

#### Facing the people, the Bishop says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. [Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.]

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The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine up on you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up the light of his countenance up on you and give you peace. Amen.

Hymn 516



Words: Bianco da Siena (d. 1434?); tr. Richard Frederick Littledale (1833–1890), alt.Music: Down Ampney, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

Let us pray.

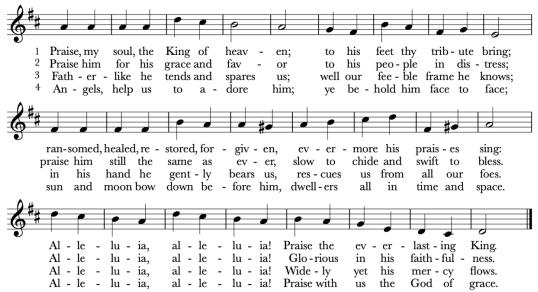
#### Bishop and People

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 Austin 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 Blessing**

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.** 

## Hymn 410



Words: Henry Francis Lyte (1793–1847), alt. Music: Lauda anima, John Goss (1800–1880); desc. Craig Sellar Lang (1891–1971)

## The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.People Thanks be to God.

## Organ Voluntary

David N. Johnson (1922-1987)

Trumpet Tune in D major

## PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

CelebrantThe Rt. Rev. Shannon Rogers DuckworthPreacherThe Very Rev. Christopher DuncanDeacon of the MassThe Rev. Deacon Hayden PaulBishop's ChaplainThe Rev. Deacon Cindy ObierMasters of CeremoniesThe Rev. John PitzerThe Rev. Dr. Andrew HarmonOblation BearersMrs. Anita ByrneMr. Ben Dampf

## **MUSIC**

Director of Music Mr. Shannon Gallier Associate Organist Mr. Austin Clark Litanist Mr. Andy Plaisance

The Choir of St. James

## **PRESENTERS**

The Very Rev. Christopher Duncan The Rev. Annie Jung The Rev. Dr. Andrew Harmon Mrs. Linda Bowsher Mr. J. Michael Cutshaw

## **VESTERS**

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