

The Celebration of a New Ministry



TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
APALACHICOLA, FLORIDA 32320

OCTOBER 16, 2019

Celebrant, The Right Reverend Russell Kendrick,

Bishop of the Central Gulf Coast

Preacher, The Reverend Sarah E. Lewis

Rector, The Reverend Eric N. Zile

The Institution

The Rector and Wardens, standing before the Bishop, say

Bishop Kendrick, We have come together today to welcome Eric Zile, who has been chosen to serve as Rector of Trinity Church. We believe that *he* is well qualified, and that *he* has been prayerfully and lawfully selected. And on behalf of the people of Trinity Church, we present ourselves to you and the gathered church to receive God's blessing as we begin this new ministry together.

The Bishop says to the members of the parish

Dear people of Trinity Church do you recommit yourselves to a lively proclamation of the gospel through the work of this congregation and the larger church, working together in love and harmony and in mutual respect for the ministries of all the baptized?

The members of the parish respond

We do.

The Bishop, standing, says

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you

Let us pray

The Collect

Almighty God, who inspired your servant Luke the physician to set forth in the Gospel the love and healing power of your Son: Graciously continue in your Church this love and power to heal, to the praise and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Reading

Sirach 38:1-4, 6-10,12-14

Honor physicians for their services, for the Lord created them;
for their gift of healing comes from the Most High,
and they are rewarded by the king.
The skill of physicians makes them distinguished,

and in the presence of the great they are admired.
The Lord created medicines out of the earth,
and the sensible will not despise them.
And he gave skill to human beings
that he might be glorified in his marvelous works.
By them the physician heals and takes away pain;
the pharmacist makes a mixture from them.
God's works will never be finished;
and from him health spreads over all the earth.
My child, when you are ill, do not delay,
but pray to the Lord, and he will heal you.
Give up your faults and direct your hands rightly,
and cleanse your heart from all sin.
Then give the physician his place, for the Lord created him;
do not let him leave you, for you need him.
There may come a time when recovery lies in the hands of physicians,
for they too pray to the Lord
that he grant them success in diagnosis
and in healing, for the sake of preserving life.

Psalms 147:1-7

- 1 Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God! *
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!
- 2 The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; *
he gathers the exiles of Israel.
- 3 He heals the brokenhearted *
and binds up their wounds.
- 4 He counts the number of the stars *
and calls them all by their names.
- 5 Great is our LORD and mighty in power; *
there is no limit to his wisdom.
- 6 The LORD lifts up the lowly, *
but casts the wicked to the ground.
- 7 Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; *
make music to our God upon the harp.

The Epistle 2 Timothy 4:5-13

As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there

is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

Do your best to come to me soon, for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry. I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments.

HYMN 602 Jesu, Jesu

The Gospel Luke 4:14-21

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

The Sermon The Reverend Sarah E. Lewis

HYMN 711 Seek ye first, *is sung while the presenters proceed to their places*

THE COVENANT OF MUTUAL MINISTRY

All stand. The Bishop, who states this charge to the members of the parish

Good people of Trinity Church, through Baptism you have been adopted into the community of faith, God's holy fellowship, the Body of Christ, the Church. Together with your rector, you have been called to share in the Church's mission to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ. As your bishop, I remind you that in Baptism, you are fully empowered and authorized to exercise ministry in Christ's name, with mutual affection and respect, within this parish, in the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast, and in the wider community. Having covenanted in Baptism to do this work, remember that each of you has resources and gifts for ministry. Join your rector, in

prayer, in discerning a vision for this parish, and in calling forth the leadership, resources, and talents to carry out that vision. As you love and serve God's people, remember to love, support, and nourish your rector, his family, and the members of the staff who serve you here.

May the One who has given you the will to do these things, give you the grace and power to perform them.

Bishop: Do you commit yourselves to this task?

People: **We do, by the grace of God.**

The Wardens, Vestry members, and parishioners are seated. The Rector remains standing as the Bishop then reads a charge to the Rector

Eric, Presbyter of the Church of God, you have been called to work together with your Bishop and fellow Presbyters as a pastor, priest, and teacher, and to take your share in the councils of the Church. Now, in accordance with the Canons, you have been called to serve God in Trinity Episcopal Church in the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast. This charge is a sign that you are fully empowered and authorized to exercise this ministry, accepting its privileges and responsibilities as a priest of this Diocese, in communion with your Bishop. Having committed yourself to this work, do not forget the trust of those who have chosen you. Care alike for young and old, strong and weak, rich and poor. By your words and actions, and in your life, proclaim the Gospel. Love and serve Christ's people. Nourish them, empower them for ministry, and strengthen them to glorify God in this life and in the life to come. May the One who has given you the will to do these things, give you the grace and power to perform them.

The Bishop then says

Eric, do you, in the presence of this congregation, commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility?

New Rector **I do.**

Members of the diocesan clergy, members of neighboring congregations, and members of the local community stand and the Bishop says

Will you members of the local community and the wider church, who witness this new beginning, support and uphold the priest and people of this congregation in their ministry together?

Response: We will, by the grace of God.

The Bishop continues

Holy Scripture records that when God and God's people enter into a covenant with each other, God establishes a sign to mark the new relationship. When a priest and people enter into a new covenant with one another, the exchange of symbolic gifts is an appropriate way to mark the occasion.

The Induction

Representatives of the congregation present a Book of Common Prayer and a Bible, saying

The Bible and The Book of Common Prayer contain the foundation of our faith. Be our guide to

proclaim and interpret the Word.

Rector Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ and share in our common life of prayer and learning?

People *We will with God's help*

Representatives present a stole saying

The stole represents the yoke of Christ resting on your shoulders. Be among us as a pastor and priest.

Rector Will you share in our common ministry to carry each other's burdens and gifts, sorrows and joys?

People *We will with God's help.*

Representatives present a copy of the budget and alms basin saying

All that we have, our time, our money, and our talent are gifts from God. Inspire in us a joyful stewardship and encourage us to respond to God's vision for our future.

Rector Let us with gladness present the offerings of our life and labor to God.

People *We will with God's help.*

Representatives present oil, saying

Oil is a symbol of healing and reconciliation. Be among us as a healer and reconciler.

Rector Will you share in our common ministry towards the reconciliation and healing of a broken world?

People *We will with God's help.*

Representatives present the guests register saying

This register holds the names of those who have entered our doors. May all who walk through these doors be welcomed and nourished.

Rector Will you share in our common ministry of hospitality to the stranger in our midst?

People *We will with God's help.*

Representatives present the keys of the church saying

These keys open the doors of this church to all people.

Rector Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, respect the dignity of every human being and make this place a refuge for all who seek justice and dignity?

People *We will with God's help.*

The Dean of the Convocation presents the Constitution and Canons of the church saying

Receive these Canons and be among us to share in the councils of this diocese.

Rector Will you join me in deepening our relationship to the Body of Christ beyond our walls?
People *We will with God's help.*

Representatives present bread and wine saying

Bread and wine nourish us at God's table. Be among us and lead our celebrations of the Holy Eucharist.

Rector Let us gather together at God's table and continue in the apostles' fellowship in the breaking of the bread and blessing of the cup.

People *We will with God's help.*

Representatives of the choir present a Hymnal saying

This hymnal reminds us of our call to make a joyful noise unto the Lord. Assist us in raising our voices in God's praise.

Rector I will make a joyful noise. Let us all raise our voices and sing God's praise.

People *We will with God's help.*

Representatives present a collar and leash

The people of Trinity present this collar and lead for your companion "deacon" Annie, as you both share the joy and love of God in your walks throughout Apalachicola.

Rector Let us strive diligently to be stewards of all of God's creation

People *We will with God's help.*

The Bishop presents the water saying

The waters of Baptism make us one in Christ and call us into our common ministry as God's people. Eric, receive this water and help me baptize in obedience to our Lord.

Rector I will with God's help.

The Bishop continues

Let all these be signs of the ministry we share in this place, in our diocese and in the church throughout the world.

People: Amen.

The Rector stands in the midst of the people and says

O Lord my God, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; yet you have called your servant to stand in your house; and to serve at your altar. To you and to your service I devote myself, body, soul, and spirit. Fill my memory with the record of your mighty works; enlighten my understanding with the light of your Holy Spirit; and may all the desires of my heart and will center in what you would have me do. Make me an instrument of your salvation for the people entrusted to my care, and grant that I may faithfully administer your holy Sacraments, and by my life and teaching set forth your true and living Word. Be always with me in carrying out the duties

of my ministry. In prayer, quicken my devotion; in praises, heighten my love and gratitude; in preaching, give me readiness of thought and expression; and grant that, by the clearness and brightness of your holy Word, all the world may be drawn into your blessed kingdom. All this I ask for the sake of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The members of the congregation remain standing and say together

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in us the covenant you made with us at our Baptism. Send us forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

The Bishop says

Acknowledging the one mission of Jesus our Lord, which we share in unity, let us greet one another in the name of Christ.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Then the Bishop, Clergy, and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY ANTHEM 376 Joyful joyful we adore thee

The offering collected tonight will be directed to the Rector's Discretionary Fund

The Hymn at the Presentation of the Offering

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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:

Holy, holy, holy ...

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. 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,

*We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;*

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 Eric 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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. The congregation sings the Fraction Anthem

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation
The Gifts of God for the People of God.

During Communion the congregation is invited to sing the following hymns

333 Now the silence

325 Let us break bread together

After Communion Let us pray. *standing*

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 Eric 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/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.

At the invitation of the Bishop, the Blessing is offered by the new Rector.

HYMN There's a sweet, sweet spirit in this place

Verse 1

There's a sweet, sweet spirit in this place,
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Chorus

Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet Heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us filling us with Your love,
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise,
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived
When we shall leave this place.

Verse 2

There are blessings you cannot receive
Till you know Him in His fullness and believe.
You're the one to profit when you say,
"I am goin' to walk with Jesus all the way.

Verse 3

If you say He saved you from your sin,
Now you're weak, you're bound and cannot enter in,
You can make it right if you will yield;
You'll enjoy the Holy Spirit that we feel.

The Dismissal
Spirit.

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

People

Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!

Following this service, you are invited to a celebratory reception in Benedict Hall

The albs worn by the Lay Eucharistic Ministers were those worn by Eric's wife, The Reverend Cindy Tipton-Zile.

*The flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Eric's ministry at Trinity Church
given by the Vestry*