

THE ORDINATION & CONSECRATION OF

Richard T. Lawson III

as Thirteenth Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Alabama

The Cathedral Church of the Advent
Birmingham, Alabama

Ten o'clock in the morning
Saturday, the Twenty-Seventh of June
in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Six

PREFACE TO THE ORDINATION RITES

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

The persons who are chosen and recognized by the Church as being called by God to the ordained ministry are admitted to these sacred orders by solemn prayer and the laying on of episcopal hands. It has been, and is, the intention and purpose of this Church to maintain and continue these three orders; and for this purpose these services of ordination and consecration are appointed.

No persons are allowed to exercise the offices of bishop, priest, or deacon in this Church unless they are so ordained, or have already received such ordination with the laying on of hands by bishops who are themselves duly qualified to confer Holy Orders.

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

The Book of Common Prayer, page 510

This poem is offered to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the ordination of Richard Lawson as the Bishop of the Diocese of Alabama.

THE WAY

On the wide lake, jet skis roar
through clouds of spray, bass boats
troll quiet inlets. On the shore,
campers grill their catch.

Lovest thou me?
Feed my sheep.

From Ur to Haran to Mamre,
following the Voice deeper than
all sound, trekking toward
some lovely village on the plains.

There he built an altar to the Lord.

In the urban wilderness, forging
good news for the poor, brokenhearted,
deliverance for the captives, feasting
on what the Spirit gives.

To preach the acceptable
year of the Lord.

Ruddy and of good countenance,
an Epiphany for the native son.

Arise and anoint him,
for this is he.

On the mile-high Mountain
where baseballs launch and
skiers crowd the slopes, the Voice
thundering from the cloud.

Thou shalt say
I AM hath sent me unto you.

On the banks of the River by Grace
where Pharaoh sleeps and mallards
keep the clock. Curate of souls,
teacher of many, flinging wide the doors,
waters parting before the Ark

As I was with Moses,
so will I be with thee

Beside the quiet Lake, night lingers
and campfires dwindle. A slender hymn
arises, then another, then hosanna,
hallelujah—bread and wine pass round—
the chorus resounds across water and
valley and mountains. The hungry
will eat, the lame walk, the blind see,
the whiplash sting of oppression
cease—a dawning of the Light
that lights the world.

Lord, thou knowest I love thee.
Feed my sheep.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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THE ORDINATION OF A BISHOP

PRELUDE

Fugue in E-flat Major, BWV 552 Johann Sebastian Bach

Banners representing the Parishes of the Diocese will enter, you may remain seated.

THE PROCESSION

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Crucifer
Acolytes
Choir
Deacons
Priests
Vice Dean of the Cathedral
Presenters
Readers of Testimonials
Litanist
Chaplain for Bishop-elect
Bishop-elect
Visiting Bishops
The Reverend Kevin Strickland
The Right Reverend Phoebe Roaf
The Right Reverend Shannon Duckworth
The Right Reverend Henry N. Parsley, Jr.
The Right Reverend John McKee Sloan
Master of Ceremonies
Chaplain to Bishop Curry
The Right Reverend Glenda S. Curry
Chaplain to Presiding Bishop
Presiding Bishop

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Sung by all, standing

HYMN 516 "Come down, O love divine" *Down Ampney*



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The people standing, the Chief Consecrator says

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

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

The Presiding Bishop then says

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PRESENTATION

The bishops and people sit. Representatives of the diocese, both Clergy and Lay Persons, standing before the Presiding Bishop, present the Bishop-elect, saying

Sean, Bishop in the Church of God, the clergy and people of the Diocese of Alabama, trusting in the guidance of the Holy Spirit, have chosen Richard T. Lawson III to be a bishop and a chief pastor. We therefore ask you to lay your hands upon him and in the power of the Holy Spirit to consecrate him a bishop in the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.

The Presiding Bishop directs the testimonials of the election be read.

Certificate of Election

Testimonial of Election

Evidence of Ordination to the Diaconate and Priesthood

Consents of the Standing Committees

Consents of the Bishops

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

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

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

All stand.

The Presiding Bishop then says

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

If no objection is made, the Presiding Bishop continues

Presiding Bishop Is it your will that we ordain Richard a bishop?
People **That is our will.**

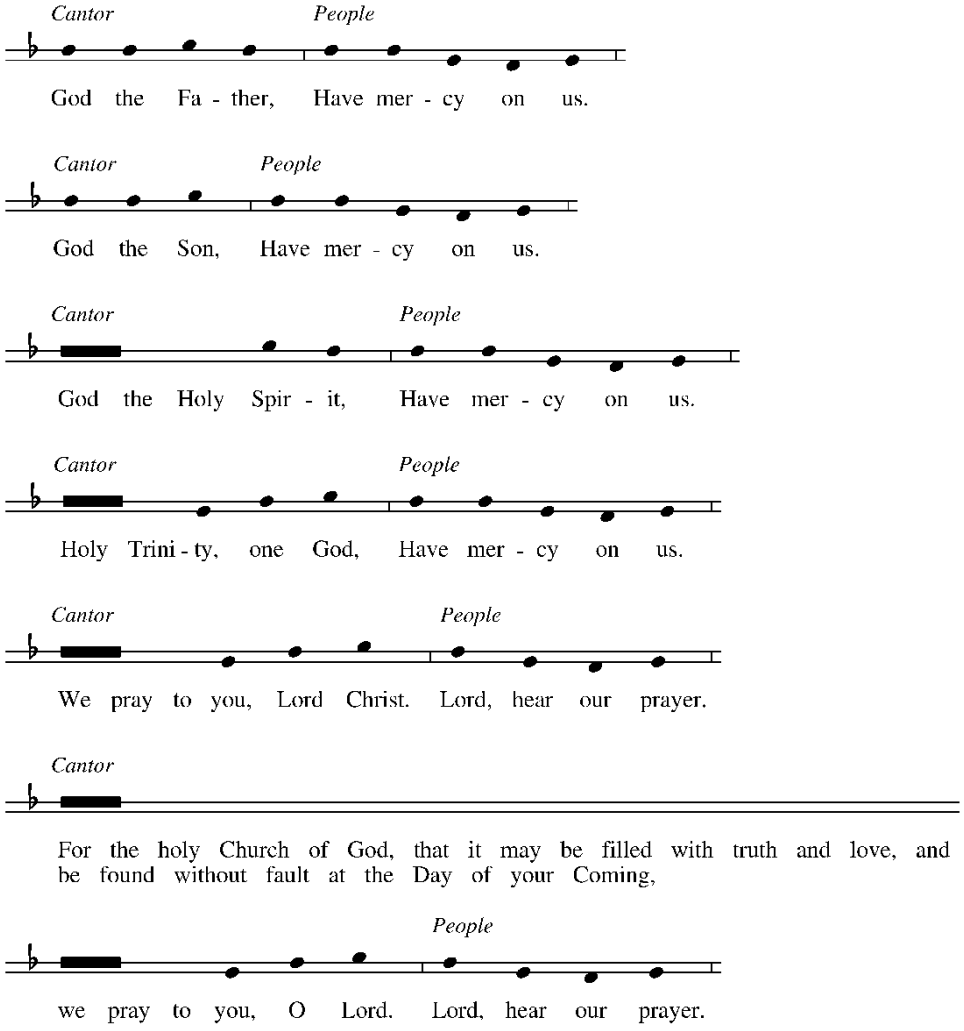
Presiding Bishop Will you uphold Richard as a bishop?
People **We will.**

The Chief Consecrator then says

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

All kneel.

LITANY FOR ORDINATIONS



Setting: Ver. *Hymnal 1982*.
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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, 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 your, O Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For Richard, chosen bishop 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 virtues, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

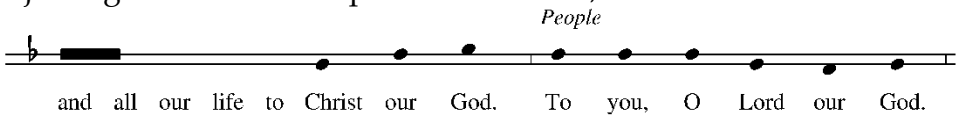
For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

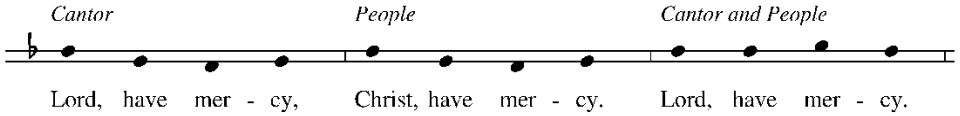
For ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another,



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The Presiding Bishop stands and says

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presiding Bishop Let us pray.

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raise 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

All are seated for the readings

FIRST READING — Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

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

PSALM 100 *Anglican Chant*: Thomas Attwood
Sung by the Choir

1 O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands;
serve the Lord with gladness,
and come before his presence with a song.
2 Be ye sure that the Lord he is God;
it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
3 O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise;
be thankful unto him and speak good of his Name.
4 For the Lord is gracious; his mercy is everlasting;
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

SECOND READING Hebrews 5:1-10

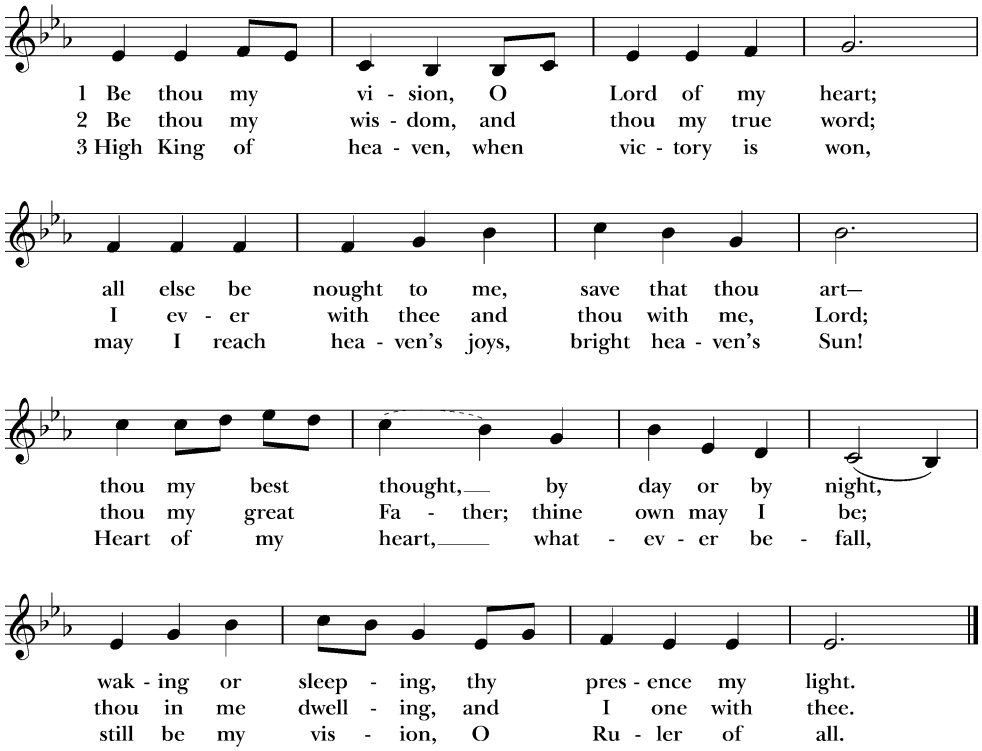
Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honour, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, 'You are my Son, today I have begotten you'; as he says also in another place, 'You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.' In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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

All stand.

SEQUENCE HYMN

HYMN 488 "Be thou my vision" *Slane*



Words: Irish, ca. 700; versified Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880-1931); tr. Eleanor H. Hull (1860-1935), alt. Music: *Slane*, Irish ballad melody; adapt. *The Church Hymnary*, 1927; harm. David Evans (1874-1948). By permission of Oxford University Press.

THE GOSPEL Luke 24:44-49

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.'

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

THE SERMON — The Right Reverend Shannon Rogers Duckworth

HYMN "Sanctuary" — John W. Thompson and Randy Scruggs

The Choir will sing the verse once, unaccompanied. All join in repeating the verse with the Choir.

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
Pure and holy, tried and true;
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for you.

"Sanctuary" words and music by John W. Thompson and Randy Scruggs
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THE EXAMINATION

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

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

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

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

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

Answer I am so persuaded.

The following questions are then addressed to the bishop-elect by the other bishops

Bishop Will you accept this call and fulfill this trust in obedience to Christ?
Answer I will obey Christ, and will serve in his name.

Bishop Will you be faithful in prayer, and in the study of Holy Scripture, that you may have the mind of Christ.
Answer I will, for he is my help.

Bishop Will you boldly proclaim and interpret the Gospel of Christ, enlightening the minds and stirring up the conscience of your people?

Answer I will, in the power of the Spirit.

Bishop As a chief priest and pastor, will you encourage and support all baptized people in their gifts and ministries, nourish them from the riches of God's grace, pray for them without ceasing, and celebrate with them the sacraments of our redemption?

Answer I will, in the name of Christ, the Shepherd and Bishop of our souls.

Bishop Will you guard the faith, unity, and discipline of the Church?

Answer I will, for the love of God.

Bishop Will you share with your fellow bishops in the government of the whole Church; will you sustain your fellow presbyters and take counsel with them; will you guide and strengthen the deacons and all others who minister in the Church?

Answer I will, by the grace given me.

Bishop Will you be merciful to all, show compassion to the poor and strangers, and defend those who have no helper?

Answer I will, for the sake of Christ Jesus.

All stand. The Presiding Bishop then says

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

Bishop-elect We believe in one God.

All say together

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

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,

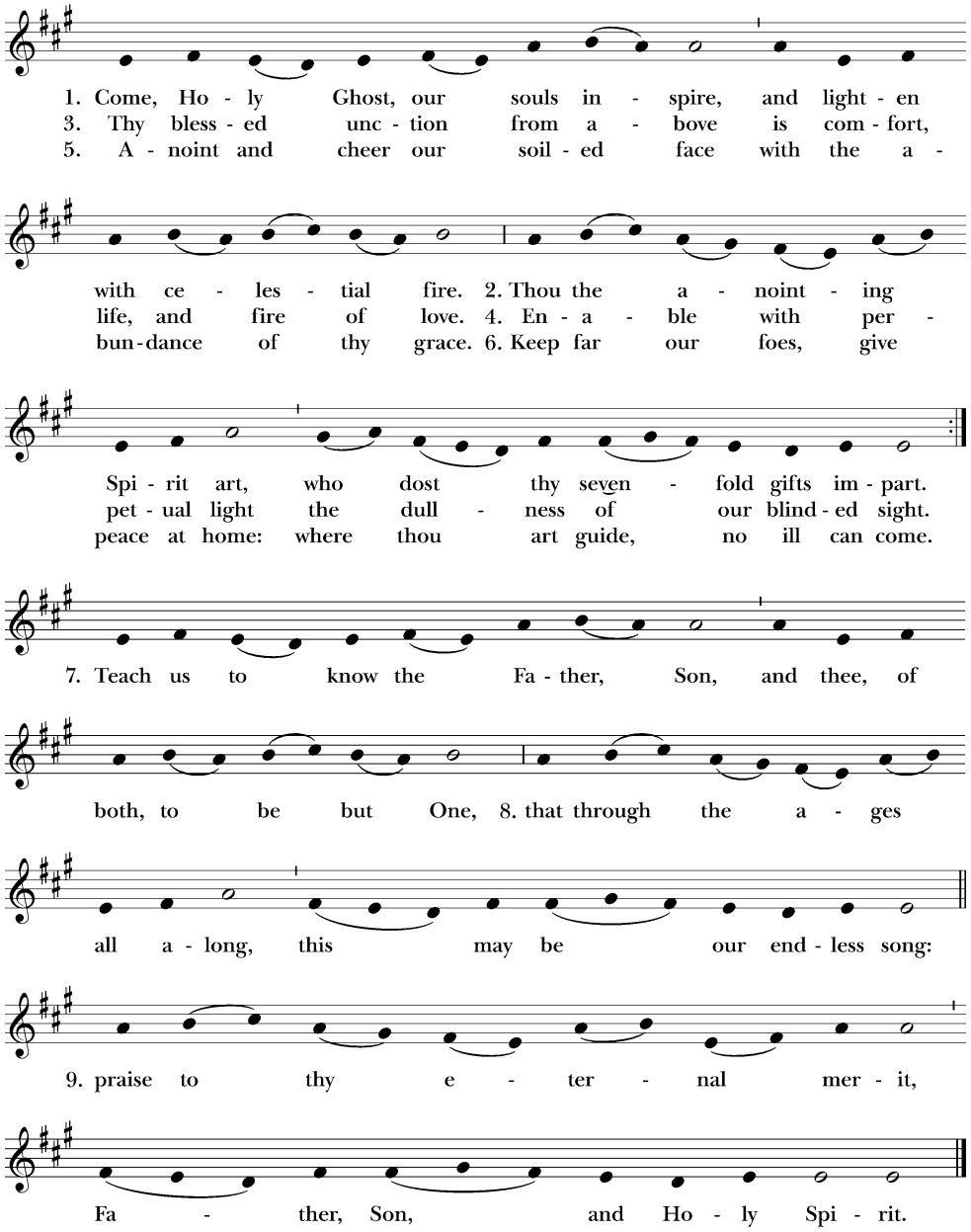
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE CONSECRATION OF THE BISHOP

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

HYMN 504 "Come Holy Ghost, our souls inspire" *Veni Creator Spiritus*



Words: Latin, 9th cent.; tr. John Cosin (1594-1672); para. of *Veni Creator Spiritus*. Music: *Veni Creator Spiritus*, plainsong, Mode 8; acc. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944).

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

The Presiding Bishop then begins this Prayer of Consecration

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

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

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

The Presiding Bishop continues

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

The People in a loud voice respond **Amen.**

A Bible is presented with these words

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

The new bishop is now vested according to the order of bishops.

The Twelfth Bishop of Alabama presents the Crozier of the Diocese of Alabama to the Thirteenth Bishop saying

On behalf of the people and the clergy of the Diocese of Alabama, I give into your hands this pastoral staff. May Christ the good Shepherd uphold you and sustain you as you carry it in his name. **Amen**.

The Presiding Bishop presents to the people their new bishop.

The Clergy and People offer their acclamation and applause.

The Bishop is escorted to the Cathedra.

The Vice-Dean, standing near the Cathedra, says

In the name of the Vestry of the Cathedral Church of the Advent, and on behalf of the people of this diocese, I install you, Richard, in the chair which is a symbol of your office. May the Lord stir up in you the flame of holy charity, and the power of faith that overcomes the world. **Amen**.

A trumpet fanfare is played. The Bishop sits.

THE PEACE

The new Bishop then says

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Presiding Bishop and other Bishops greet the new bishop.

The People greet one another.

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

THE OFFERTORY

The offering today will go to
Sawyerville and Camp McDowell Summer Camp Scholarships to aid those in need.
If you would like to give online, text (833)625-0419 or follow the QR code below.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Beatitudes Paul Mealor

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.
Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.
Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.
Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.
Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake:
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you,
and say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.
Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven:
for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you. Amen.
-Matthew 5:3-12

All stand as the offering is brought up during the conclusion of the anthem.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer A

The new Bishop goes to the Altar as chief Celebrant and proceeds with the celebration of the Eucharist.

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

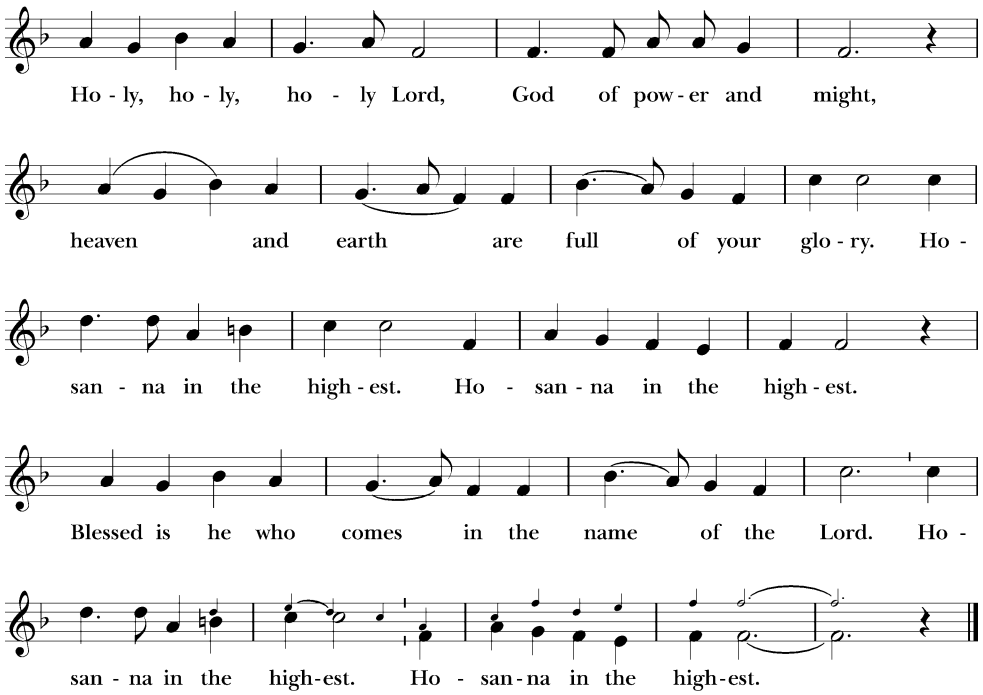
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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:

Celebrant and People

SANCTUS S 125



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All stand or kneel

Then the Celebrant continues

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night 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:

Celebrant and People
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues
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.***

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

People and Celebrant
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.

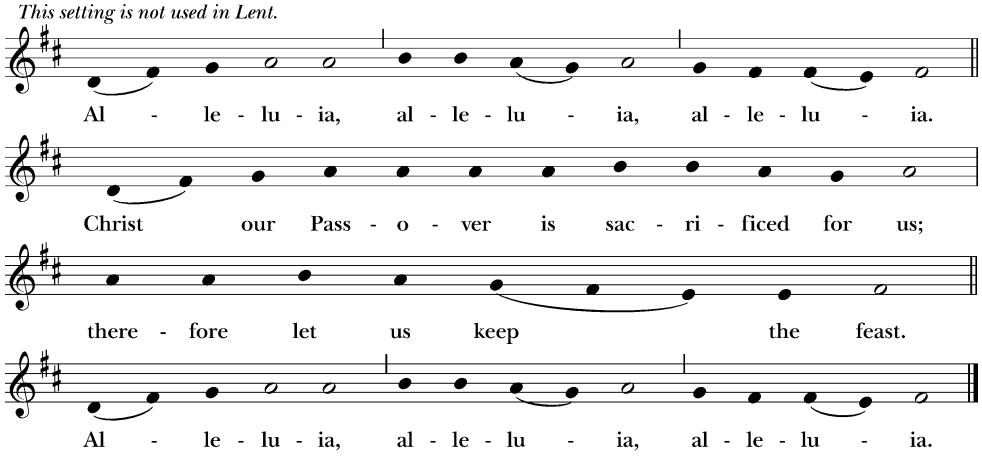
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

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This setting is not used in Lent.



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Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

MUSIC DURING HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN 325 "Let us break bread together" *Let Us Break Bread*



Words: African-American spiritual. Music: *Let Us Break Bread*, Afro-American spiritual; arr. and harm. David Hurd (b. 1950).



The descant may be sung after stanzas 3 and 4.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

After Communion, Bishop Curry says
Let us pray.

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 Richard 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 BLESSING

The new Bishop blesses the people, first saying

	Our help is in the Name of the Lord;
People	**The maker of heaven and earth.**
New Bishop	Blessed be the Name of the Lord;
People	**From this time forth for evermore.**
New Bishop	The blessing, mercy, and grace of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

A Deacon dismisses the people

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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

HYMN 657 "Love divine, all loves excelling" *Hyfrydol*



Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887).

POSTLUDE

Te Deum, from *Trois paraphrases gregoriennes*, Op. 5, No. 3 — Jean Langlais

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