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SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
WITH THE RITE OF ORDINATION
OF
Rachel Kaufman Patterson



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2020 - 5:00 PM

SERVICE NOTES: *We ask that the Assembly keep their mask on through the entire service. Any responsive readings can be said to yourself or aloud with your head down. All music today will be sung by duets or our choir. Please maintain a physical distance and follow usher directions and the tape markings on the floor when receiving communion. Your offering may be placed in the offering plates at the back of the Sanctuary before or after service.*

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

A CELEBRATION OF FAITH

We are a cloth of diverse colors
made from many gifts and graces.

**We are the people flowing forth from Creator God,
surprising ourselves with the things which can be done.**

We are raw material for rewarding relationships as our lives interweave,
**contributing one to the other,
holding each other firm when one is weak or breaking.**

We are each worthy of being respected and cared for
**essential to the pattern,
skilled in our appointed tasks,
sources of laughter and sharers of tears.**

We commit ourselves to work together,
**that one day, this world may be a place
where all people live in justice, freedom and peace.**

From Rex A. E. Hunt

GATHERING SONG

Take, Oh Take Me as I am

ELW 814

Take, oh, take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be;

set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949
Music: TAKE ME AS I AM, John L. Bell
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APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you

1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;

take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
 take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;
 it shall be no longer mine.
 Take my heart, it is thine own;
 it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
 at thy feet its treasure store;
 take myself, and I will be
 ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.
 Music: PATMOS, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Almighty and gracious God, you built your church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, and you instituted the office of the ministry of word and sacrament so that the apostolic and prophetic work might continue throughout the ages. We thank you for the pilgrimage of Rachel's past and the mission that is her future. Grant Rachel Patterson, now to be ordained, the strength, grace, and love that she may carry out this ministry faithfully in the power of your Spirit; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher,
 that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens — wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious,
 I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me,
 and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
 I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced;
 therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
 Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 77:11-20

I will call to mind the deeds of the LORD;
I will remember your wonders of old.
I will meditate on all your work,
and muse on your mighty deeds.
Your way, O God, is holy.
What god is so great as our God?
You are the God who works wonders;
you have displayed your might among the peoples.
With your strong arm you redeemed your people,
the descendants of Jacob and Joseph.
When the waters saw you, O God,
when the waters saw you, they were afraid;
the very deep trembled.
The clouds poured out water;
the skies thundered;
your arrows flashed on every side.
The crash of your thunder was in the whirlwind;
your lightnings lit up the world;
the earth trembled and shook.
Your way was through the sea,
your path, through the mighty waters;
yet your footprints were unseen.
You led your people like a flock
by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

SECOND LESSON Romans 8:38-39

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL Luke 1:46-55

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the first chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴⁶ And Mary said,

“My soul magnifies the Lord,

⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

⁴⁸ for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.

⁵⁰ His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

⁵² He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;

⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things,

and sent the rich away empty.

⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,

⁵⁵ according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

SPECIAL MUSIC *For Everyone Born*

Duet: Ethan Patterson & Becky Spaulding

APOSTLE’S CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

ORDINATION TO THE MINISTRY OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

PRESENTATION

We present for ordination to the ministry of word and sacrament Rachel Kaufman Patterson who has been prepared, examined, and approved for this ministry and who has been called by the church to this ministry through St. John’s Lutheran Church.

Thanks be to God.

All baptized Christians are called to share in Christ’s ministry of love and service in the world, to the glory of God and for the sake of the human family and with the whole creation. According to apostolic usage you are now to be entrusted with the office of word and sacrament in the one holy catholic church by the laying on of hands and by prayer.

A reading from John: Jesus said to his disciples, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit.” If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.” (John 20: 21-23)

A reading from Matthew: Jesus said to his disciples, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28: 18-20)

A reading from First Corinthians: For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. (1 Corinthians 11: 23-26)

ORDINATION VOWS

Before almighty God, to whom you must give account, and in the presence of this assembly, I ask: Will you assume this office, believing that the church's call is God's call to the ministry of word and sacrament?

Rachel: I will, and I ask God to help me.

The Church in which you are to be ordained confesses that the Holy Scriptures are the word of God and are the norm of its faith and life.

We accept, teach, and confess the Apostles', the Nicene, and the Athanasian Creeds. We also acknowledge the Lutheran Confessions as true witnesses and faithful expositions of the Holy Scriptures. Will you therefore preach and teach in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and these creeds and confessions?

Rachel: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you be diligent in your study of the Holy Scriptures and faithful in your use of the means of grace? Will you pray for God's people, nourish them with the word and sacrament, and lead them by your own example in faithful service and holy living?

Rachel: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things, graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them.

Amen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

For the holy catholic church that, filled with your love, it may hunger for truth and thirst after righteousness: God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all members of the church, that they may serve you in truth and godly lives: God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For Rachel, called to be a pastor in the church that, sustained by your Holy Spirit, she may carry out this ministry with joy and a spirit of bold trust, serve your people, build up your church, and glorify your name: God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all pastors; for all deacons; for our bishops Elizabeth Eaton, Suzanne Dillahunt, Kevin Strickland, and all of our bishops; that, together with those responsible for the care and nurture of your people, they may support one another in serving Christ: God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the peace of the church, that our divisions may be overcome, so that, united in Christ, we may serve the world and bear witness to the good news: God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the nations of the world and their leaders, that they may work for justice and promote the dignity and freedom of every person: God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the whole creation, that everything you have made may fulfill your purpose and that we may exercise care for your diverse gifts: God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, the lonely, the forgotten, and all who suffer, for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be delivered and protected: God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the glorious company of all the saints, those who have died in faith and those who live in certain hope, we praise you. That their witness may give us courage until the day of Jesus Christ:

God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

HYMN OF INVOCATION "Santo, Santo, Santo"

The ordinand kneels.

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra-zón te a - do - ra.
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you.

Mi co - ra-zón te sa - be de-cir: San - to_e-res Se - ñor.
My heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, God.

Text: Argentine traditional
Music: ARGENTINE SANTO, Argentine traditional

THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
we bless you for your infinite love in Christ our Lord,
in whom we have redemption and forgiveness of sins
according to the riches of his grace.

We thank you that by his death your Son overcame
death, and that, raised by your mighty power,
he gives us new life.

We praise you that, having ascended into heaven,
Christ pours out his gifts abundantly on the church,
making some apostles, some prophets,
some pastors and teachers,
to equip your people for their work of ministry
for building up the body of Christ.

THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

The presiding minister lays both hands on the head of ordinand.

Eternal God, through your Son, Jesus Christ,
pour out your Holy Spirit upon Rachel
and fill her with the gifts of grace for the ministry of word and sacrament.
Bless her proclamation of your word and administration of your sacraments,
so that your church may be gathered for praise and strengthened for service.
Make her a faithful pastor, patient teacher, and wise counselor.
Grant that in all things she may serve without reproach,
that your people may be renewed and your name be glorified in the church;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.

GIVING OF THE STOLE

The ordinand kneels as a stole is placed over her shoulders as the presiding minister says:

Receive this stole as a sign of your work, and live in obedience to the Lord Jesus, serving his people and remembering his promise: "Come to me, all who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." (Matthew 11: 28-30)

CHARGE

The ordinand stands. The following scriptures passages are addressed to her.

Hear the words of the apostles: Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called. (1 Timothy 6: 11-12)

And again: Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you guardians, to feed the church of God that he obtained with the blood of his own Son. (Acts 20-28)

And again: Tend the flock of God that is in your charge, not under compulsion but willingly, not for sordid gain but eagerly. Do not lord it over those in your charge, but be examples to the flock. And when the chief shepherd appears, you will win the crown of glory that never fades away. (1 Peter 5: 2-4)

(Bp. Dillahunt)And again: Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy. (1 Corinthians 4: 1-2)

Rachel, care for God's people, bear their burdens, and do not betray their confidence. So discipline yourselves in life and teaching that you preserve the truth, giving no occasion for false security or illusory hope. Witness faithfully in word and deed to all people. Give and receive comfort as you serve within the church. And be of good courage, for God has called you, and your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

BLESSING

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will, working in you that which is pleasing in God's sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever.

Amen

ACCLAMATION BY THE ASSEMBLY

Will you, assembled as the people of God and speaking for the whole church, receive Rachel Kaufman Patterson as a messenger of Jesus Christ, sent by God to serve all people with the gospel of hope and salvation? Will you regard her as a servant of Christ?

We will, and we ask God to help us.

Will you pray for her, help and honor her for her work's sake, and in all things strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?

We will, and we ask God to help us.

The presiding minister presents the newly ordained to the assembly.

Let it be acclaimed that Rachel Kaufman Patterson is a called and ordained minister in the church of Christ. She has Christ's authority to preach the word of God and administer the sacraments, serving God's people as together we bear God's creative and redeeming love to all the world.

Amen. Thanks be to God.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Thanksgiving at the Table

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

Communion *will be served from prepackaged sets. Please follow the usher's directions when going forward for communion. Pastor will be at the front of the altar to offer you the wafer and wine; it is a self-contained cup with the wafer on the bottom. Please return to your seat before opening the communion set. A trash can will be in the Narthex for you to dispose*

Prayer after Communion

Gracious and abundant God,
you have done great things for us, and we rejoice.
In this bread and cup you give us life forever.
In your boundless mercy, strengthen us
and open our hearts to the world's needs,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy, the Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

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1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1922

Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

SENDING

Go in peace, serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

PARTICIPANTS

Presiding Minister Reverend Kevin L. Strickland, Bishop, Southeastern Synod
Assisting with Ordination Reverend Suzanne Darcy Dillahunt, Bishop, Southern Ohio Synod

Preacher Reverend Kevin L. Strickland, Bishop, Southeastern Synod

Assisting Ministers/Lectors Reverend Rick Ohsiek, Pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church

Musicians Chase Hatmaker, Ethan Patterson, Becky Spaulding, Marsha Wynn

Psalmist Emily Kaufman

Program Sue Tyler

TO GOD BE THE GLORY!



My overwhelming gratitude to the family, friends, and mentors who have encouraged me to live into the role God has called me to and who have truly embodied love and grace through their support. I have known and learned from so many strong church leaders—Sunday School teachers and choral directors—who have instilled such a sense of joy in ministry. Thank you to Bishop Strickland for offering opportunities for leadership and development during my youth, to Rev. Anne McKee for inspiring me in college, and to Pastor Rick for your continued mentorship throughout the years. I am thankful for grandparents, my aunt and Godmother, and my parents who ultimately helped me wrestle and engage with a call—reminding me that sometimes the things that are scary are worth doing.

A thank you to Sue Tyler for her ever willingness to talk about all things related to ministry, and a huge thank you to Bethany Lutheran Church for being an internship site that helps leaders soar. And finally, a gratitude too big for words goes to my spouse, Ethan, for always affirming me and being the rock in the hard days, as well as the first to delight and celebrate with me every step of the way.

So much love,
Rachel