



# The Ordination of Priests

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Saturday, June 27, 2020, 3:00 PM

St. Gregory of Nyssa  
Episcopal Church  
San Francisco

## 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 Ordination of a Priest

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## Psalm 132:8-19

Lord, come to your resting place, you and your ark of power.\*  
May your priests dress for the feast, your faithful shout for joy.

Be loyal to David, your servant,\*  
do not reject your anointed.

You once swore to David and will not break your word:\*  
“Your child will ascend your throne.

If your heirs then keep my laws, if they keep my covenant,\*  
their children will rule from your throne for ever.”

The Lord has chosen Zion, desired it as a home.\*  
“This is my resting place, I choose to live here for ever.

“I will bless it with abundance, even the poor will have food.\*  
I will vest the priests in holiness, and the faithful will shout for joy.

“Here I will strengthen David's power and light a lamp for my anointed.\*  
His enemies I will clothe in shame, but on him a crown will shine.”

*The people standing, the Bishop says*

People                      Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.  
                                    Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.

*The 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 bishop and people sit. A Priest and a Lay Person, and additional  
presenters if desired, standing before the bishop, present the ordinand,  
saying*

Marc, Bishop in the Church of God, on behalf of the clergy and  
people of the Diocese of California, we present to you  
AnnaMarie Grace Hoos / Peter Townsend Levenstrong  
to be ordained a priest in Christ's holy catholic Church.

*Bishop*

Have they been selected in accordance with the canons of this  
Church? And do you believe their manner of life to be suitable  
to the exercise of this ministry?

*Presenters together say*

We certify to you that they have satisfied the requirements of the  
canons, and we believe them to be qualified for this order.

*The Bishop says to the ordinands*

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 Ordinands then sign the above Declaration in the sight of all present.*

*All stand. The Bishop says to the people*

Dear friends in Christ, you know the importance of this ministry, and the weight of your responsibility in presenting AnnaMarie Hoos and Peter Levenstrong for ordination to the sacred priesthood. Therefore, if any of you know any impediment or crime because of which we should not proceed, come forward now, and make it known.

*If no objection is made, the Bishop continues*

Is it your will that AnnaMarie and Peter be ordained priests?

*The People respond in these or other words*

It is.

*Bishop*

Will you uphold them in this ministry?

*The People respond in these or other words*

We will.

*The Bishop then calls the people to prayer*

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

*All stand, and the person appointed leads the Litany for Ordinations.*

God the Father,  
*Have mercy on us.*

God the Son,  
*Have mercy on us.*

God the Holy Spirit,  
*Have mercy on us.*

Holy Trinity, one God,  
*Have mercy on us.*

We pray to you, Lord Christ.  
*Lord, hear our prayer.*

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth  
and love, and be found without fault at the Day of your  
Coming,  
we pray to you, O Lord.  
*Lord, hear our prayer.*

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 Michael, 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.  
*Lord, hear our prayer.*

For AnnaMarie and Peter, chosen priests in your Church,  
we pray to you, O Lord.  
*Lord, hear our prayer.*

That they 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 they may be sustained  
and encouraged to persevere to the end,  
we pray to you, O Lord.  
*Lord, hear our prayer.*

For their families,  
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 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 the ever-blessed Virgin Mary,  
Gregory of Nyssa, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves  
and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.  
*To you, O Lord our God.*

Lord, have mercy.  
*Christ, have mercy.*  
Lord, have mercy.

*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 being 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

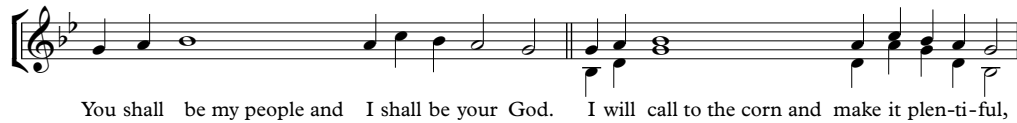
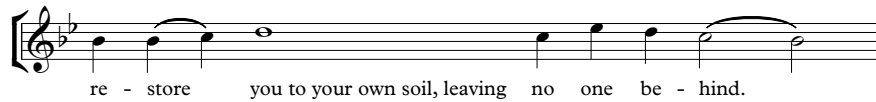
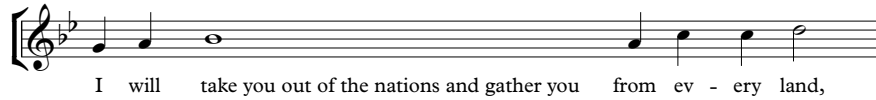
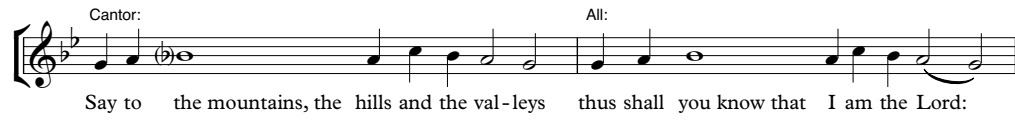
A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

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!"

*Isaiah 6:1-8*  
*Read by Leesy Taggart*



# Say to the Mountains



take a - way your hearts of stone and give you hearts of flesh.

I will put my new spi-rit with-in you. You shall be my people and I shall be your God.

In the glory of the Ho - ly of Ho - lies,

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ev - er shall be. A - men.

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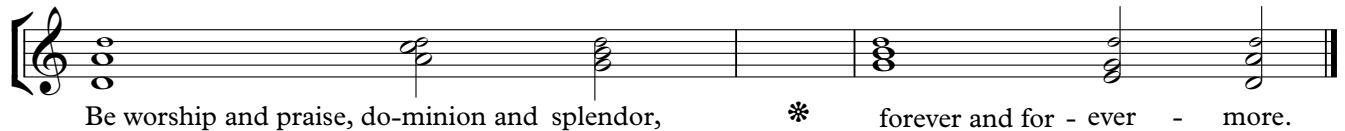
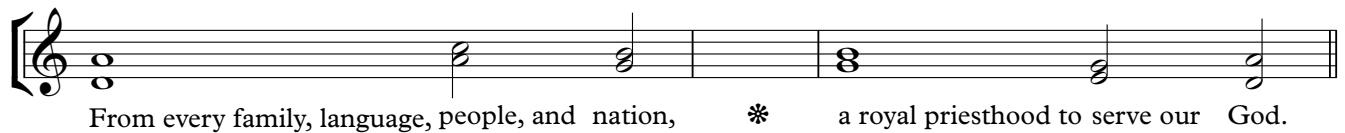
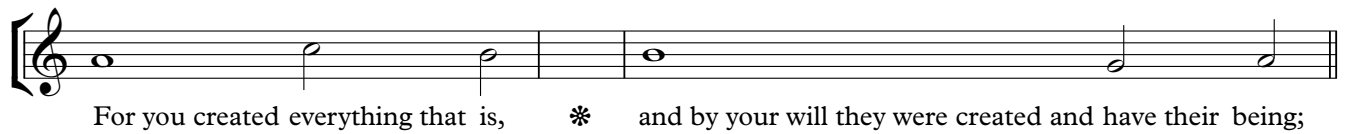
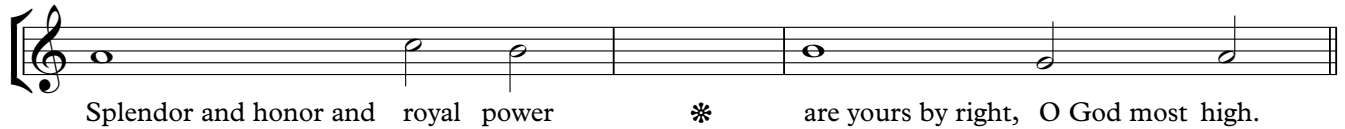
## A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians

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

*Ephesians 4:7; 11-16*  
 Read by Kaitlin Levenstrong

# Splendor and Honor

## Fabian Chant



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Words: Revelation 4:11; 5:9-10, 13. Copying for local use is permitted and encouraged.

*Then, all standing, a Deacon reads the Gospel, first saying*

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ  
according to John.

*People*        Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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

*John 10:11-18*

*Read by the Ven. Canon Nina L. Pickerrell, Archdeacon*

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

The Gospel of the Lord

*People*        Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**The Sermon**        *The Rev. Dr. Paul D. Fromberg, Rector*

*The Congregation then says 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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.

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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## The Examination

*All are seated except the ordinands, who stand before the Bishop.*

*The Bishop addresses the ordinands as follows*

My beloved kindred, 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.

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

*Answer* I believe I am so called.

*Bishop* Do you now in the presence of the Church commit yourself to this trust and responsibility?

*Answer* I do.

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

*Answer* I will.

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

*Answer* I will.

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

*Answer* I will.

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

*Answer* I will.

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

*Answer* I will.

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

*Answer* I will.

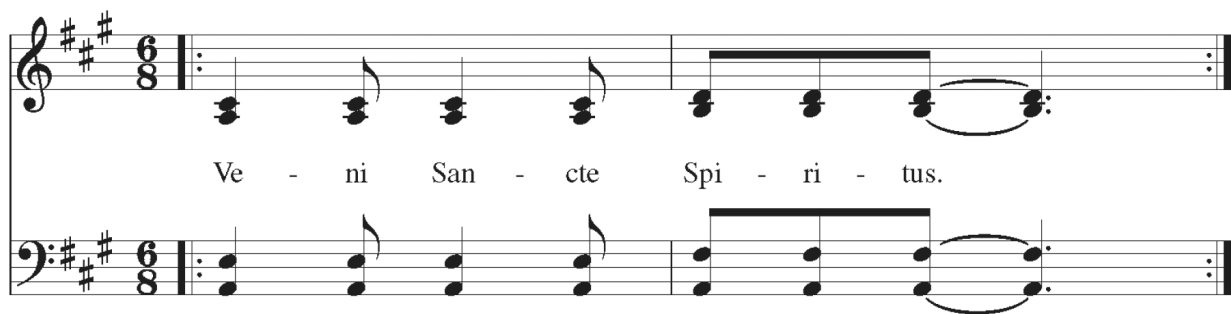
*Bishop* May the Lord who has given you the will to do these  
things give you the grace and power to perform them.

*Answer* Amen.

## The Consecration of the Priest

*All now stand except the ordinand, who kneels facing the Bishop and the  
presbyters who stand to the right and left of the Bishop.*

*The hymn, Veni Creator Spiritus, or the hymn, Veni Sancte Spiritus, is sung.*



*Text: Taizé Community;  
Music: Jacques Berthier (1923 – 1994)*

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

*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 AnnaMarie / Peter; fill them  
with grace and power, and make them a priest in your Church.

*The Bishop then continues*

May they 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 them faithful pastors, patient teachers, and wise councilors. Grant that in all things they 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 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 Bishop greets the newly ordained.*

## **The Peace**

*One of the new Priests then says to the congregation*

Christ is here, making peace among us.

The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

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

## **At the Celebration of the Eucharist**

*The liturgy continues with the Offertory.*

*Standing at the Lord's Table, with the Bishop and other presbyters, the newly ordained Priest joins in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist and in the Breaking of the Bread.*

*Bishop* May God be with you.

*All* And also with you.

*Bishop* Lift up your hearts.

*All* We lift them to the Lord.

*Bishop* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All* It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*Bishop* We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God,  
source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation.

Your Spirit moved over the deep

and brought all things into being:

sun, moon, and stars;

earth, winds, and waters;

and every living thing.

You made us in your image,

and taught us to walk in your ways.

But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away;

and yet, as a mother cares for her children,

you would not forget us.  
Time and again you called us  
to live in the fullness of your love.  
And so this day we join with Saints and Angels  
in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity,  
lifting our voices to magnify you as we say:

*All*        Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
              heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
              Hosanna in the highest.  
              Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
              Hosanna in the highest.

*Bishop*    Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.  
              To deliver us from the power of sin and death  
              and to reveal the riches of your grace,  
              you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant,  
              that she might conceive and bear a son,  
              Jesus the holy child of God.  
              Living among us, Jesus loved us.  
              He broke bread with outcasts and sinners,  
              healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.  
              He yearned to draw all the world to himself  
              yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.  
              Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross  
              the sacrifice of his life,  
              and to be glorified by you.

              On the night before he died for us,  
              Jesus was at table with his friends.  
              He took bread, gave thanks to you,  
              broke it, and gave it to them, and said:  
              "Take, eat:  
              This is my Body, which is given for you.  
              Do this for the remembrance of me."  
              As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine.  
              Again, he gave thanks to you,  
              gave it to them, and said:  
              "Drink this, all of you:  
              This is my Blood of the new Covenant,  
              which is poured out for you and for all  
              for the forgiveness of sins.  
              Whenever you drink it,  
              do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation,  
and remembering Christ, crucified and risen,  
who was and is and is to come,  
we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine,  
and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts  
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.  
Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth  
and make us your new creation,  
the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us,  
with Gregory of Nyssa and all your saints,  
from every tribe and language and people and nation,  
to feast at the banquet prepared  
from the foundation of the world.  
Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
to you be honor, glory, and praise,  
for ever and ever. AMEN.

As our Savior Christ has taught us we now pray.

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

## Breaking of the Bread

*Bishop* Alleluia! Christ, our Passover, is sacrificed for us.

*People* Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

*Bishop* Holy things for holy people.

*People* One is holy, one is Lord, Jesus Christ to the glory of God our Father. Amen.

## O Taste and See that the Lord is Good

### Dole Communion Chant



*repeat ad lib.*



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*After Communion, the following is said by all.*

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 AnnaMarie and Peter may be to us effective examples in word and action, in love and patience, and in holiness of life. Grant that we, with them, 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 sends the newly ordained out with Christ's Body and says,*

AnnaMarie and Peter, I send you forth to share these sacred gifts with those who are separated from us. May we all share the communion of the body and blood of Christ. We, who are many, are one body, because we all share the bread.

*The Bishop then asks the new Priest to bless the people.*

*The new Priest says*

The blessing of God Almighty, Eternal Source, Living Word, and Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

*The Deacon, or a Priest, dismisses the People with these words*

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



**Ordinary**

The Right Rev. Dr. Marc Handley Andrus  
Bishop of California

**Ordained to the Sacred Order of Priests**

The Rev. AnnaMarie Grace Hoos  
The Rev. Peter Townsend Levenstrong

**Litanist**

The Rev. Canon Abbott Bailey

**Preacher**

The Rev. Dr. Paul D. Fromberg  
Rector, St. Gregory of Nyssa

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Sanford Dole  
Stephanie Richardson  
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