



Renewal of Ordination Vows and Blessing of Oils

March 25, 2021 - 11:00 AM

Voluntary - *O Man, Bewail Thy Grievous Fall*

J.S. Bach

A PENITENTIAL ORDER

At the sound of the bell, the congregation stands.

Opening Hymn - 610

Blaenhafren

- 1 Lord, whose love through humble service bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken, offered mercy's perfect deed,
we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart,
consecrating to your purpose every gift that you impart.
- 2 Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
as, O Lord, your deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,
use the love your Spirit kindles still to save and make us whole.
- 3 As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light
In its height and depth and greatness, dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to tireless striving, your abundant life to share.
- 4 Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go,
to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live.

Opening Sentences

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **God's mercy endures forever.**

Celebrant If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

The Confession

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. we have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; That we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

The Bishop pronounces the Absolution.

The Trisagion *(sung three times)*

Kevin Hackett

Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

The Collect for the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

From the Hebrew Scriptures - 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.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 27

1. The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?*
the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?
2. When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh,*
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.
3. Though an army should encamp against me,*
yet my heart shall not be afraid;
4. And though war should rise up against me,*
yet will I put my trust in him.
5. One thing have I asked of the LORD; one thing I seek;*
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;
6. To behold the fair beauty of the LORD*
and to seek him in his temple.

7. For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter;*
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.
8. Even now he lifts up my head*
above my enemies round about me.
9. Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness;*
I will sing and make music to the LORD.
10. Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call;*
have mercy on me and answer me.
11. You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face."*
Your face, LORD, will I seek.
12. Hide not your face from me,*
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
13. You have been my helper; cast me not away;*
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.
14. Though my father and my mother forsake me,*
the LORD will sustain me.
15. Show me your way, O LORD;*
lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.
16. Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries,*
for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice.
17. What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the LORD*
in the land of the living!
18. O tarry and await the Lord's pleasure; be strong, and he shall comfort your heart;*
wait patiently for the Lord.

Gospel Hymn - 577

Ubi caritas

- 1 Here in Christ we gather, love of Christ our calling.
 Christ, our love, is with us, gladness be his greeting.
 Let us fear and love him, holy God eternal
 Loving him, let each love Christ in one another.

2 When we Christians gather, members of one Body,
let there be in us no discord but one spirit.
Banished now be anger, strife, and every quarrel.
Christ, our God, be always present here among us.

3 Grant us love's fulfillment, joy with all the blessed,
when we see your face, O Savior, in its glory.
Shine on us, O purest Light of all creation,
be our bliss while endless ages sing your praises.

The Holy Gospel - John 15: 1-17

Godspeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Godspeller The Gospel of the Lord

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

The Rt. Rev. José A. McLoughlin

The Renewal of Ordination Vows

Hymn - 504

Veni Creator Spiritus

1 Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire and lighten with celestial fire;
2 Thou the anointing Spirit art, who dost thy seven-fold gifts impart.
3 Thy blessed unction from above is comfort, life, and fire of love;
4 Enable with perpetual light the dullness of our mortal sight.
5 Anoint and cheer our soiled face with the abundance of thy grace;
6 Keep far our foes, give peace at home; Where thou art guide no ill can come.
7 Teach us to know the Father, Son, and thee, of both, to be but one,
8 That through the ages all along this may be our endless song:
9 Praise to thine eternal merit, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Bishop is seated; the people remain standing. The Bishop addresses the lay persons gathered.

Bishop The members of the clergy of the Diocese of Western North Carolina will now be presented for the reaffirmation of their ordination vows.

Lay Persons José, Bishop in the Church of God, on behalf of the people of the Diocese of Western North Carolina, we present our clergy for reaffirmation of their ordination vows.

The lay persons are seated. The Bishop addresses the clergy gathered:

Bishop Dear friends, the ministry we share is none other than the sacrificial ministry of Christ who gave himself up for death on the cross for the salvation fo the world. By his glorious resurrection he has opened for us the way of everlasting life. By the gift of the Holy Spirit he shared with us the riches of his grace.

We are called to proclaim his death and resurrection, to administer the Sacraments of the New Covenant which he sealed with his blood on the cross, and to care for his people in the power of the Spirit. In the presence of Christ and his Church, do you renew your commitment to your ministry, under the pastoral direction of your bishop?

Clergy **I do.**

Bishop Do you reaffirm your promise to give yourself to prayer and study?

Clergy **I do.**

Bishop Do you reaffirm your promise 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?

Clergy **I do.**

Bishop Do you reaffirm your promise to be a faithful servant of all those committed to your care, patterning your life in accordance with the teachings of Christ so that you may be made a wholesome example to your people?

Clergy **I do.**

The lay persons present now stand. The Bishop addresses them:

Bishop While you who witness these vows do all in your power to support us as we continue our life in Christ as ordained ministers?

Lay Persons **We will.**

All Clergy **May the Lord who has given us the will to do all things,
give us also the grace and power to perform them.
All Holy God, we thank you for raising us as servants
For the ministry of your Word and Sacraments.
We pray that we may be an effective example of your love and grace;
in word and action, in love and patience, and in holiness of life.
Grant that we may serve you now
and always rejoice in your glory;
Through Jesus Christ our Great High Priest,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Exhortation and Blessing of Oil for the Sick

The people remain standing as the oils are placed on the altar.

Bishop Dear friends, many gifts have been given by the Holy Spirit for the upbringing of the whole Body, and to some the gift of healing. our Lord Jesus Christ gave to his Church, through the Apostles, authority to cast out demons and to heal every disease and every infirmity, and the Epistle of James bears witness to the obedience of the Church in exercising its ministry of healing. Pure oil of the olive has long been known and used as a medicinal balm, and the Church has taken this oil as the outward sign of Holy Unction. Let us now consecrate this oil to be a sign of that sacrament of grace. Let us pray.

A moment of silence will be observed.

The Bishop places a hand on the vessel of oil and prays.

Bishop O god, giver of health and salvation: send your Holy Spirit to sanctify this oil, that, as your Holy Apostles anointed many that were sick and healed them, so may those who in faith and repentance receive this Holy Unction be made whole; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All Amen.

Exhortation and Blessing of Oil of Chrism

Bishop In the beginning, the Spirit of God hovered over the creation, and throughout history, God, by the gift of the Holy Spirit, has empowered his people to serve him. As a sign of that gift, the priests and kings of Israel were anointed with oil; and our Lord Jesus was himself anointed with the Holy Spirit at his baptism as the Christ, God's own Messiah. At baptism, Christians are likewise anointed by that same Spirit to empower them for God's service. Let us now consecrate this oil to be the sign of that anointing. Let us pray.

A moment of silence will be observed.

The Bishop places a hand on the vessel of oil and prays.

Bishop O God, whose blessed Son was anointed by the Holy Spirit to be the Savior and servant of all, we pray you to consecrate this oil, that those who are sealed with it may share in the royal priesthood of Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

All Amen.

Closing Prayer

Bishop Almighty Father, whose blessed Son before his passion prayed for his disciples that they might be one, as you and he are one: Grant that your Church, being bound together by love and obedience to you, may be united in one body by the one Spirit, that the world may believe in him whom you have sent, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Episcopal Blessing

Hymn in Procession - 528

Abbot's Leigh

- 1 Lord, you give the great commission: "Heal the sick and preach the word."
Lest the Church neglect its mission and the Gospel go unheard,
Help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity;
With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.
- 2 Lord, you call us to your service: "In my name baptize and teach"
That the world may trust your promise, life abundant meant for each,
Give us all new fervor, draw us closer in community;
With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.
- 3 Lord, you make the common holy: "This my body, this my blood."
Let your priests, for earth's true glory, daily lift life heavenward,
asking that the world around us share your children's liberty;
with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.
- 4 Lord, you show us love's true measure: "Father, what they do, forgive."
Yet we hoard as private treasure all that you so freely give.
May your care and mercy lead us, to a just society;
with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

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Lord, you bless the words assuring: "I am with you to the end."
Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as you intend,
and, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity;
with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

The Dismissal

Voluntary - *O World, I Now Must Leave Thee*

Johannes Brahms