

THE ORDINATION OF
LYDIA RUTH ARNTS,
MARIA HARTZCLINEBURG,
& DAVID C.F.C. JUTSUM
TO THE SACRED
ORDER OF DEACONS

TOGETHER WITH

THE ORDINATION OF JOEL DONALD WILBUR

TO THE SACRED ORDER OF PRIESTS

31 MAY 2025 FEAST OF THE VISITATION 11:00 A.M.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH ROCHESTER, NEW YORK PROCESSIONAL: Hymnal 370

St. Patrick's Breastplate





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OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

All remain standing and the Bishop says,

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

People Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Bishop 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 Bishop and people sit.

Standing before the bishop, the presenters present each candidate individually, saying,

Kara, Bishop in the Church of God, on behalf of the clergy and people of the Diocese of Rochester, we present to you *Lydia Arnts / Maria Hartz-Clineburg / David Jutsum / Joel Wilbur* to be ordained *deacon / priest* in Christ's holy catholic Church.

Bishop addresses all the presenters, saying,

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?

The Presenters answer,

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

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?

Ordinands,

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 now STAND. The Bishop addresses the congregation.

Dear friends in Christ, you know the importance of this ministry, and the weight of your responsibility in presenting Lydia Arnts, Maria Hartz-Clineburg, and David Jutsum for ordination to the sacred order of deacons, and Joel Wilburg for ordination to the sacred order of priests. 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 Lydia, Maria, and David be ordained deacons?

People:: It is.

Bishop: Is it your will that Joel be ordained priest?

People: It is.

Bishop: Will you uphold them in their ministries?

People: We will!

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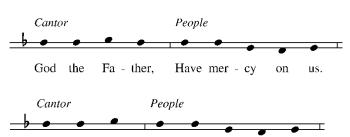
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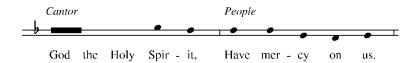
The Bishop then calls the people to prayer saying, In peace let us pray to the Lord.

All kneel as able.

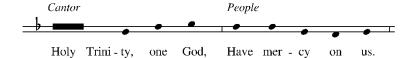
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We pray to you, Lord Christ. Lord, hear our prayer.



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,



The Litanist continues,

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Kara, our 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 Joel, chosen priest, and for Lydia, Maria and David, chosen deacons, 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.

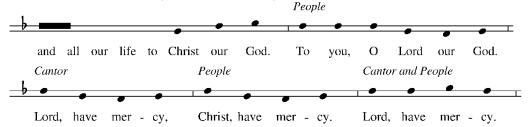
For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

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 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 the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Paul and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another,



Bishop The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Bishop Let us pray.

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 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.

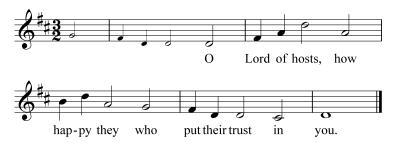
The congregation is now seated.

FIRST READING Jeremiah 1:4-9

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord." Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth."

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

(Please repeat the antiphon after the choir, and then as indicated in the text)



How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God. The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. **Antiphon**

Happy are they who dwell in your house! they will always be praising you. Happy are the people whose strength is in you! whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way. **Antiphon**

Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, for the early rains have covered it with pools of water. They will climb from height to height, and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion. Antiphon

Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; hearken, O God of Jacob. Behold our defender, O God; and look upon the face of your Anointed. **Antiphon**

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 4:1-6

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL Luke 22:24-27

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

A dispute also arose among the disciples as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But Jesus said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves."

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

SEQUENCE: Hymnal 610

SERMON

The Rev'd Cindy Rasmussen

Balenhafren

The Congregation then STANDS, and 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: 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 EXAMINATIONS

ALL ARE SEATED except the Ordinands, who stand before the Bishop, who then first addresses the ordinand to the priesthood.

My brother, 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 a 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 brother, do you believe that you are truly called by God and his Church to this priesthood? *I believe I am so called*.

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

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

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? *I will*.

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? *I will*.

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? *I will*.

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? *I will*.

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? *I will*.

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

The Bishop addresses the ordinands for the diaconate,

My sisters and brother, every Christian is called to follow Jesus Christ, serving God the Father, through the power of the Holy Spirit. God now calls you to a special ministry of servanthood directly under your bishop. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are to serve all people, particularly the poor, the weak, the sick, and the lonely.

As a deacon in the Church, you are to study the Holy Scriptures, to seek nourishment from them, and to model your life upon them. You are to make Christ and his redemptive love known, by your word and example, to those among whom you live, and work, and worship. You are to interpret to the Church the needs, concerns, and hopes of the world. You are to assist the bishop and priests in public worship and in the ministration of God's Word and Sacraments, and you are to carry out other duties assigned to you from time to time. At all times, your life and teaching are to show Christ's people that in serving the helpless they are serving Christ himself.

My sisters and brother, do you believe that you are truly called by God and his Church to the life and work of a deacon? *I believe I am so called*.

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

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

Will you be faithful in the reading and study of the Holy Scriptures? *I will*.

Will you look for Christ in all others, being ready to help and serve those in need? I will.

Will you do your best to pattern your life and that of your family in accordance with the teachings of Christ, so that you may be a wholesome example to all people? *I will*.

Will you in all things seek not your glory but the glory of the Lord Christ? *I will*. May the Lord by his grace uphold you in the service he lays upon you. *Amen*.

ALL NOW STAND, except the Ordinands, who kneel facing the Bishop, and JOIN IN SINGING,

VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS: Hymnal 504 Plainsong

During the hymn, the Presbyters join in standing to the right and left of the Bishop.

THE CONSECRATION OF THE PRIEST

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 brothers and sisters, 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, together with the Priests, praying Therefore, Father, through Jesus Christ your Son, give your Holy Spirit to Joel: fill him with grace and power, and make him a priest in your Church.

May he 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 him a faithful pastor, patient teacher, and wise councilor. Grant that in all things he 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. AMEN.

The congregation may be seated as the new Priest is vested according to the order of priests.

The Bishop now anoints the hands of the new Priest saying,

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to consecrate and sanctify these hands by your blessing and with this oil; and grant that whatsoever they shall bless may be blessed, and whatsoever they shall consecrate may be consecrated and sanctified; in the Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen*.

THE CONSECRATION OF THE DEACONS

The ordinands kneel before the bishop and the congregation STANDS.

A period of silent prayer follows and the Bishop then says this Prayer of Consecration.

O God, most merciful Father, we praise you for sending your Son Jesus Christ, who took on himself the form of a servant, and humbled himself, becoming obedient even to death on the cross. We praise you that you have highly exalted him, and made him Lord of all; and that, through him, we know that whoever would be great must be servant of all.

We praise you for the many ministries in your Church, and for calling these your servants to the order of deacons.

Therefore, Father, through Jesus Christ your Son, give your Holy Spirit to Lydia / Maria / David fill her/him with grace and power, and make her/him a deacon in your Church.

Make them, O Lord, modest and humble, strong and constant, to observe the discipline of Christ. Let their life and teaching so reflect your commandments, that through them many may come to know you and love you. As your Son came not to be served but to serve, may these deacons share in Christ's service, and come to the unending glory of him who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **AMEN**.

The new deacons are now vested according to their order.

The Bishop then gives a Bible to each newly ordained person saying,

Receive this Bible as the sign of your authority to proclaim God's Word and to assist in the ministration of his holy Sacraments.

The bishop greets the newly ordained.

THE PEACE

New Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

New Deacon: Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Today's Offering is designated for the Discretionary Funds of the newly ordained.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

How Lovely Are the Messengers *from* "St. Paul"

Felix Mendelssohn

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace! To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words. OFFERTORY HYMN: Hymnal 400 (v. 7)

Lasst uns efreuen

Let all things their creator bless, and worship him in humbleness, O praise him, Alleluia! Praise God the Father, praise the Son, and Praise the Spirit, Three in One: O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, Alleluia!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Enriching our Worship I, Prayer 3

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Bishop Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

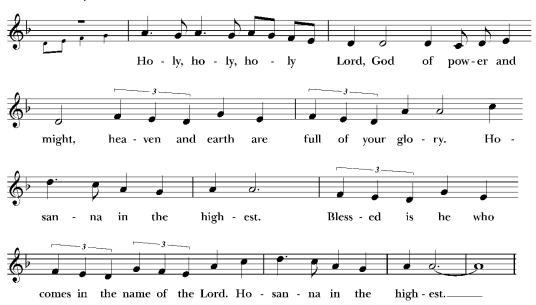
Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; 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. And so, as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

SANCTUS: Hymnal S-129

Robert Powell



During Eastertide, it is customary to remain standing as the Bishop continues,

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise.

Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a sacred offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

The Bishop continues,

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Paul, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise:

Bishop and People

Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

The Bishop then invites all to Communion saying, The Gifts of God for the people of God.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Gluten-free hosts are available. Please follow the directions of the ushers.

ANTHEM: Hymnal S-167 The disciples knew the Lord Jesus adapt. Mason Martens

COMMUNION HYMNS

As needed during the communion of the people, all are invited to join in singing,

Wonder, Love, and Praise 764

Taste and See

Wonder, Love, and Praise 757

Will you come and follow me?

Towards the end of Communion, all are invited TO STAND AND SING,

Wonder, Love, and Praise 812

Here I am, Lord

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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 Joel, Lydia, Maria, and David 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 BLESSING

The Bishop then asks the new priest to bless the people.

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

HYMN IN PROCESSION

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THE DISMISSAL

New Deacon Let us go forth in the Name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

ORGAN VOLUNTARY We Are Marching in the Light of God South African Freedom Song arr. John Behnke

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The newly ordained priest will offer blessings following the liturgy in the Chantry.

All are invited to a reception in the Parish Hall

hosted by St Thomas' Church, Bath; Christ Church, Rochester; Christ Church, Pittsford; the Church of St. Mark & St. John, Rochester; and, St. James Church, Watkins Glen.



PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S LITURGY

THE RIGHT REVEREND KARA WAGNER SHERER
Bishop of Rochester
Presiding

THE REVEREND CYNTHIA RASMUSSEN, PHD

Preacher

THE REVEREND DEACON SUE OUELLETTE, PHD Gospeler

THE REV. LANCE ROBBINS, THE REV. MICHAEL LAVER, THE REV. CYNTHIA RASMUSSEN, AND KATHLEEN LA MOREAUX

Presenters and Vesters for Joel Wilbur

THE REV. MICHELE MORGAN, THE REV. DR. MELANIE DUGUID-MAY, DALE MAGEE, AND THE REV. ANNEMARIE QUIGLEY

Presenters and Vesters for Lydia Arnts

THE REV. CYNTHIA RASMUSSEN, TERRI CENSAK, GINNIE SCHINDLER, AND CINDY & SHARON KOWALSKI Presenters and Vesters for Maria Hartz-Clineburg

THE REV. ELIZABETH BROOKS HARDEN, CHRIS BRENNAN, LIBBY BAKKEN, AND MAYUMI AKIYAMA JUTSUM

Presenters and Vesters for David Jutsum

THE REVEREND ELIZABETH BROOKS HARDEN

Litanist

DONNA WILBUR AND DAVE EVERSON

Readers

ROXANNE GAYLORD AND KIM SCHAFF

Presenters at the Offertory

MEMBERS OF THE ST. PAUL'S CHOIR Dr. John W.W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music Augustine Sobeng, Organ Scholar

THE REVEREND CANON ROBERT A. PICKEN

Minister of Ceremony



Special thanks to the clergy, staff, and people of St. Paul's Church for hosting today's liturgy.