



Metropolitan New York Synod **2023 ASSEMBLY**

THE HOLY EUCHARIST WITH RITE OF ORDINATION TO THE MINISTRY OF WORD AND SACRAMENT AND INSTALLATION TO THE OFFICE OF ASSISTANT TO THE BISHOP

Friday in the Fourth Week of Easter May 5, 2023 № 7:30 pm Melville Marriott, Melville, New York



GATHERING

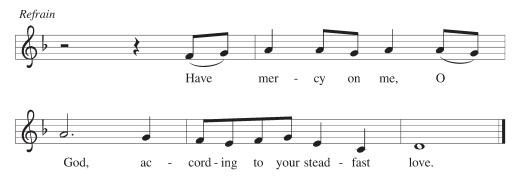
GATHERING MUSIC



PRAYER OF LAMENT

Gracious God, by day and night we pour out our prayer to you. We are crying out for justice, yearning for what is right, longing for your peace. Come quickly to help us, O God; save those who call upon your name.

The assembly sings this refrain, and continues humming the final note as the Presider continues:



Silence for reflection follows each statement of lament.

We feel the suffering, the sorrow, and the shame of the oppressed...
In the midst of plenty, your children still cry out for bread...
We fear that justice will again be delayed or denied...
We see your creation destroyed by carelessness and greed...

We recognize patterns of privilege and systems of discrimination...

The refrain is sung

Gracious God, keep us working and praying for the day when your justice will roll down like waters, and your righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Replenish our strength and stir up our hope as we look for signs of your coming reign. And fill us with the peace that passes understanding – the deep peace of Jesus Christ our Savior, in whose holy name we pray.

Amen.

The refrain is sung

GATHERING HYMN



- 1 O liv-ing Breath of God, wind at the be-gin-ning up-on the wa-ters;
- 2 O liv-ing Breath of God, by whose pow'r the Son came to birth a mong us;
- 3 O liv-ing Breath of God, bear-ing us to life through bap-tis-mal wa ters;



- O liv-ing Breath of God, bear-ing the cre a-tion to won-drous birth:
- O liv-ing Breath of God, who to the cre a tion gives life a new:
- O liv-ing Breath of God, sigh-ing with cre a tion for free-dom's birth:





O liv-ing Breath of God, Ho-ly Spir-it, breathe in us as we pray.

GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE







- 1. O God, heavenly ruler, source of life for all. We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. *Refrain*
- The one Jesus Christ, the only child of God,
 Takes away our sins, the sovereign Lamb of God.
 Have mercy on us.
 You are seated at the right hand of our Father.
 Receive our prayer. *Refrain*
- 3. For you're the Holy One.
 You alone the heir.
 You alone are the most high Jesus,
 with the Holy Spirit,
 in the glory of God, our Mother, our Father. Amen, Amen. *Refrain*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful 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. Grant that *names*, now to be ordained, may carry out this ministry faithfully in the power of your Spirit; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

READING ► ISAIAH 42:5-9

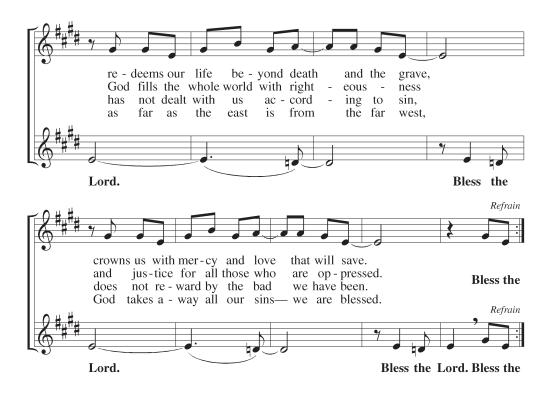
Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given 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.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly sings the refrain and the response "Bless the Lord" in the verses. The verses are sung by the cantor.





READING № 2 CORINTHIANS 4:1-12

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.

But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

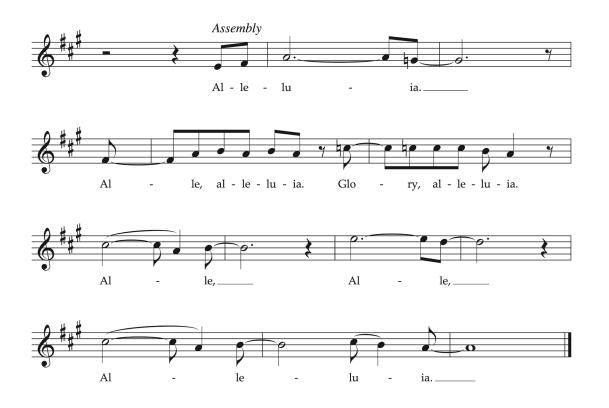






How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who an - noun-ces peace,





GOSPEL ► LUKE 5:17-26

The holy gospel according to St. Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

One day, while he was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting near by (they had come from every village of Galilee and Judea and from Jerusalem); and the power of the Lord was with him to heal. Just then some men came, carrying a paralyzed man on a bed. They were trying to bring him in and lay him before Jesus; but finding no way to bring him in because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and let him down with his bed through the tiles into the middle of the crowd in front of Jesus. When he saw their faith, he said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven you." Then the scribes and the Pharisees began to question, "Who is this who is speaking blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?" When Jesus perceived

their questionings, he answered them, "Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? Which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Stand up and walk'? But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins" — he said to the one who was paralyzed — "I say to you, stand up and take your bed and go to your home." Immediately he stood up before them, took what he had been lying on, and went to his home, glorifying God. Amazement seized all of them, and they glorified God and were filled with awe, saying, "We have seen strange things today."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON The Rev. Dr. Theresa Thames

HYMN OF THE DAY



NICENE CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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 phrase "and the Son" is a later addition to the creed.

ORDINATION

PRESENTATION

Candidates for ordination are presented to the bishop by the vice president of the synod.

The assembly responds:

Thanks be to God.

ADDRESS AND QUESTIONS

Ordinands are addressed by the bishop and hear words from John, Matthew, and First Corinthians.

Ordinands are questioned by the bishop, responding:

I will, and I ask God to help me.

The questioning concludes:

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

Amen.

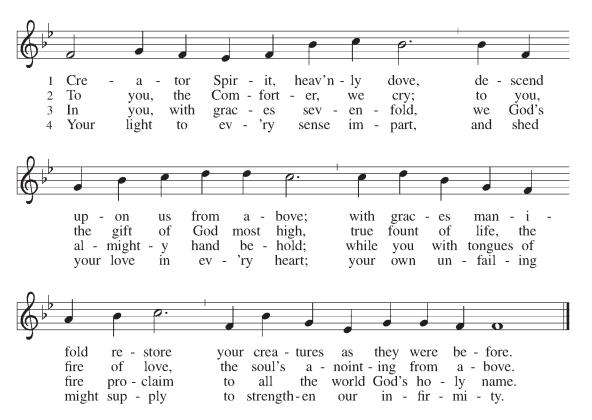
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each portion of the prayers concludes:

God of mercy,

Hear our prayer.

HYMN OF INVOCATION



- 5 Keep far from us our cruel foe, and peace from your own hand bestow; upheld by you, our strength and guide, no evil can our steps betide.
- 6 Teach us to know the Father, Son, and you, of both, to be but one; that through the ages all along your praise may be our endless song.

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.

The bishop gives thanks for Jesus and the gifts that are poured out in abundance upon the church. Laying both hands on the head of each ordinand, the bishop prays that the Holy Spirit be poured out upon them.

The assembly responds:

Amen.

GIVING OF A STOLE

A stole is placed upon the shoulders of each ordinand as words from Matthew are spoken.

CHARGE

Words of the apostles from First Timothy, Acts, First Peter, and First Corinthians are spoken to the ordinands after which the bishop charges them for ministry.

BLESSING

The bishop speaks the blessing over the ordinands.

The assembly responds:

Amen.

ACCLAMATION

The assembly is asked to receive and pray for the ordinands.

The assembly responds:

We will, and we ask God to help us.

The newly ordained are presented to the assembly.

The assembly responds:

Amen. Thanks be to God.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

INSTALLATION OF THE ASSISTANT TO THE BISHOP

The assistant to the bishop to be installed is presented to the bishop by the vice president of the synod.

After being presented, the assistant to the bishop is questioned by the bishop.

The assembly is questioned by the bishop, and responds: We will, and we ask God to help us.

The office of assistant to the bishop is committed to the newly installed.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

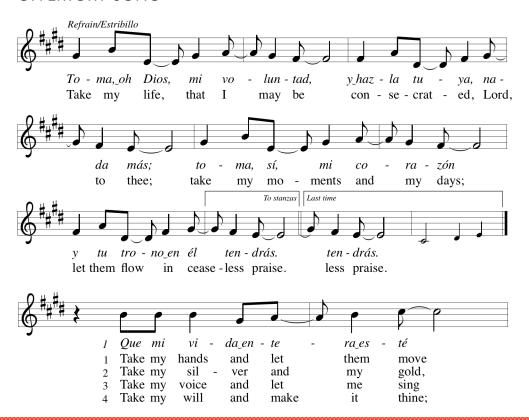
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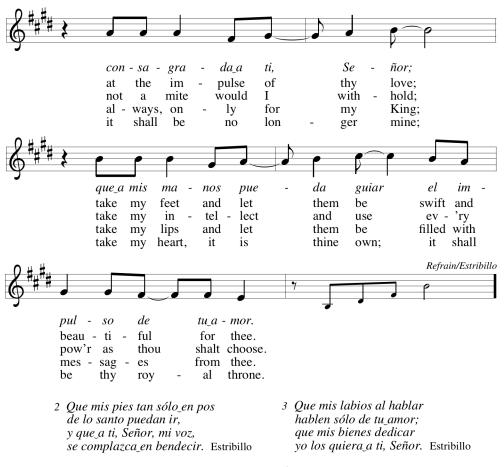
MEAL

OFFERING

The offering is received for the Bishop's Discretionary Fund, which supports pastors and other rostered leaders in times of crisis or opportunity. Please write checks payable to "Metro NY Synod."

OFFERTORY SONG





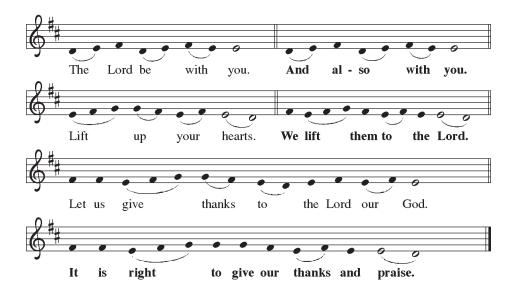
4 Que mi tiempo todo_esté consagrado_a tu loor; que mi mente_y su poder sean usados en tu_honor. Estribillo

PRAYER AFTER THE OFFERING

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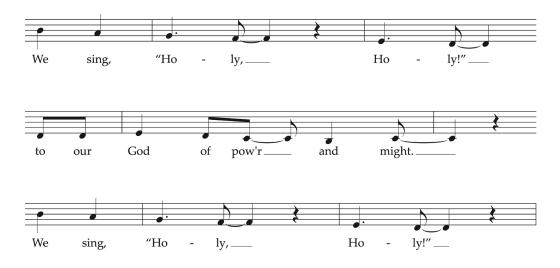
God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is sure. Word and water, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Receive the gifts we bring, and nourish us to proclaim your abiding love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. **Amen.**

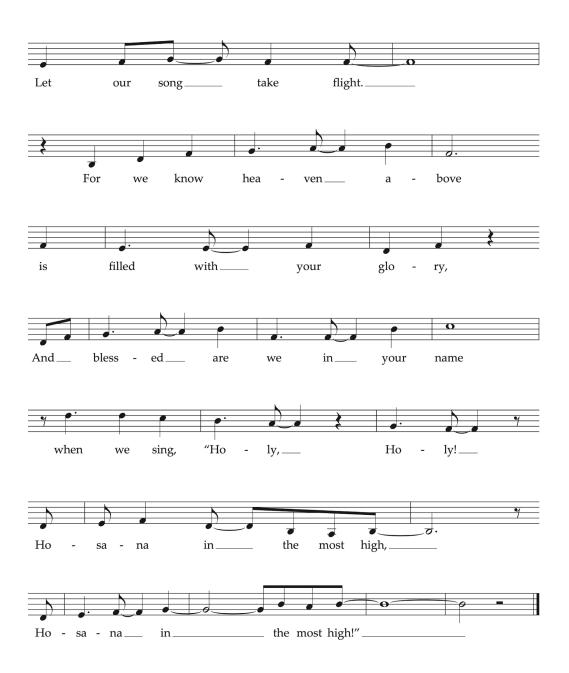
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn.





The presiding minister continues the Eucharistic Prayer, which includes the following responses:

Remembering his death, we cry out Amen. **Amen.**Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen. **Amen.**Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen. **Amen.**

The prayer concludes:

...life in you, now and forever.

Amen.

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

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 forever. Amen.

INVITATION

These are holy things for holy people. Come and receive, for this is holy ground.

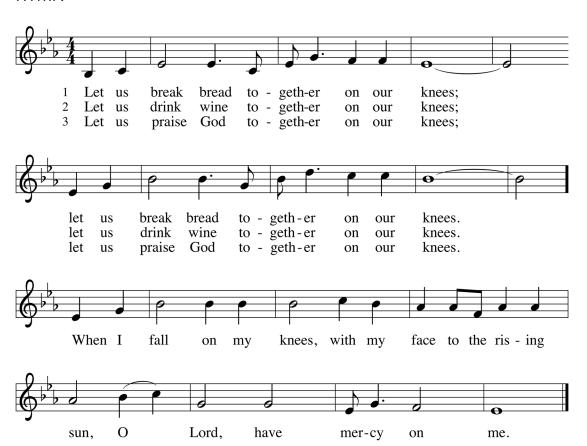
LAMB OF GOD



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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

We thank you, almighty and gracious God, that you have fed us with heavenly food, the body and blood of your Son, uniting us through him in the communion of the Holy Spirit. As you have again raised up among us faithful servants for the ministry of word and sacrament, grant that we, with *names*, may joyfully serve you all our days and finally rejoice in your glory; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

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

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who has made heaven and earth.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, now and forever. Amen.

Almighty God, Father, ♣ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG



DISMISSAL

The Mass has ended. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

The Glory to God; Gospel Acclamation; Holy, Holy, Holy; and Lamb of God were written by our principal musicians Alex Lawrence and Paul Staroba for Trinity Lower East Side.

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