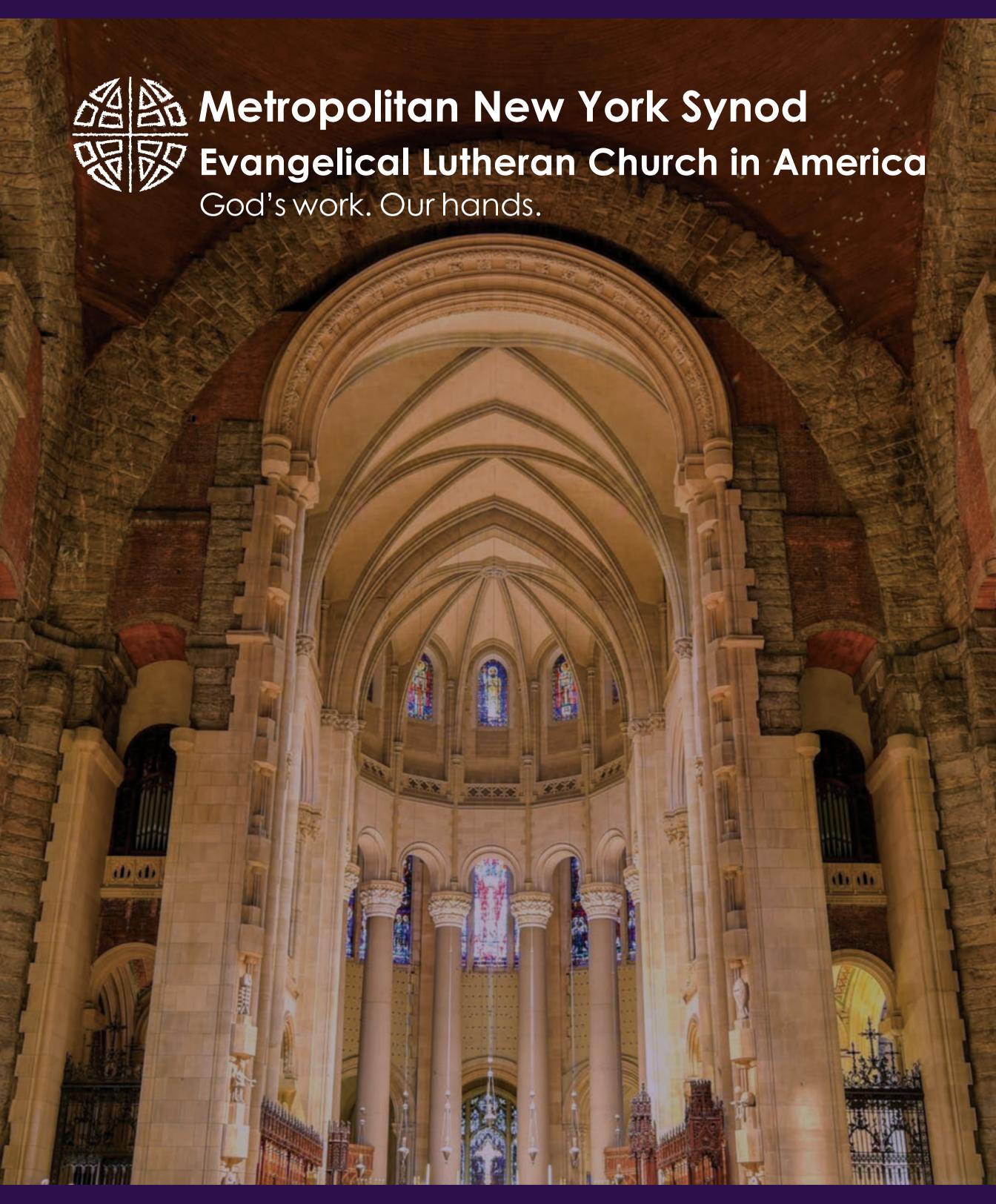




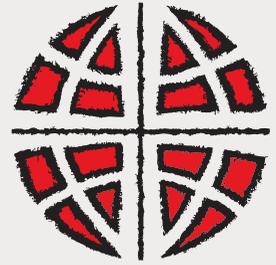
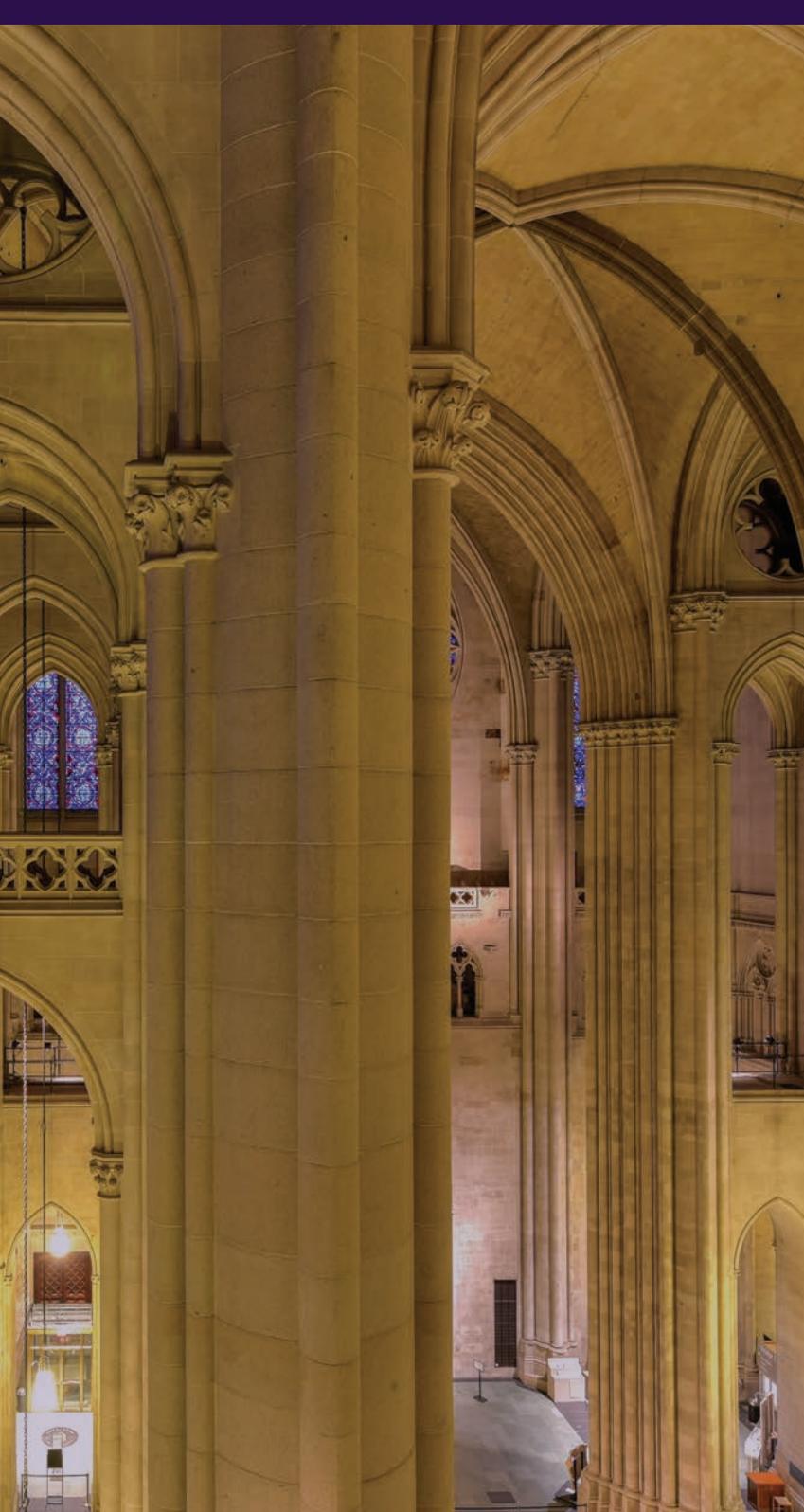
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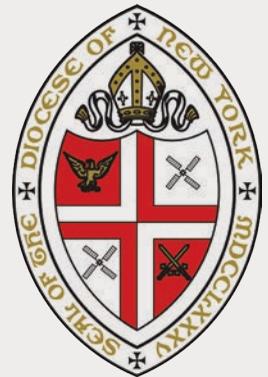
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October 1, 2019

The Rev. Paul Egensteiner, Bishop  
Metropolitan New York Synod, ELCA  
475 Riverside Drive, Suite 1620  
New York, NY 10115

Dear Bishop Egensteiner and the people of Metropolitan New York Synod,

As you gather as a community of faith in Jesus Christ, I am delighted to join with you in celebrating the installation of the Rev. Paul Egensteiner as the next bishop of the Metropolitan New York Synod. This is a joyous time for the Church and we are grateful that he said yes to this call.

On behalf of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, I give thanks to God for the blessings that Bishop Egensteiner shares with us. He is passionate about the gospel of Jesus Christ and the future of the ELCA. This is evident by his deep and faithful commitment to care for all God's children.

Bishop Egensteiner, we as bishops are always at our best when we work together and honor the ministry that has been entrusted to us. It is a pleasure to welcome you to your new leadership role and the work we will do together in the years to come.

*My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; no merit of my own I claim, but wholly lean on Jesus' name. ELW 596, 597*

This is a wonderful church and I am honored to serve in it with you. Thank you for your faithful witness to the gospel. Congratulations!

God's blessings,

Elizabeth A. Eaton, Presiding Bishop  
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November 16, 2019

Metropolitan New York Synod  
The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is my great joy and privilege to extend to you my greetings on this happy day, when the Reverend Paul Egensteiner will be installed as the Bishop of the Metropolitan New York Synod, and it is an honor for the Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine and the Episcopal Diocese of New York to offer this sacred space for the celebration and solemn rites. We were privileged to open our doors two years ago for the celebration by your synod of the five hundredth anniversary of Martin Luther's publication of his theological theses by which the Protestant Reformation was born, and we give thanks at all times for the communion we share with the ELCA and the Metropolitan New York Synod, and for the bonds of affection which characterize our common life. We give thanks as well for the sojourn which Bishop Donald McCoid has made with us through the interim now passed. We extend our gratitude and love to him and wish him every grace and blessing for the next chapter of his life in service to Christ.

The election of Paul Egensteiner represents a moment in the life of your church to reflect on the years and history, but especially on the myriad graces and favors of Our Lord, which have brought you to this day, and to look forward with renewed eyes toward the long path forward upon which God has called you to travel together and with him. We Episcopalians of New York are blessed to be called to walk that road with you as brothers and sisters in Christ, and to discover together with you the miracles and wonders of the Christian life in this greatest of American cities and in the rolling country of the Hudson Valley and the Catskill hills. May God continue to equip us for the work he has given us to do and make us brave and strong and faithful to face and meet both the opportunities and challenges which Our Lord and the world lay before us. And may we continue to be strengthened for the gospel by the godly fellowship of our shared communion and common life.

To you, my brother Paul, I offer my most heartfelt congratulations and true affection, and the assurance of my prayers for you and your synod as you embark today on this new adventure together. I promise you as well my trust and fellowship, as another struggling apostle, for the leadership which you must now bring to your church and people. May your synod and my diocese discover greater possibilities in godly mission together than either of us could have done by ourselves. With every good wish, I remain

Yours,

The Right Reverend Andrew M. L. Dietsche  
Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of New York

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In the name of ✠ Jesus.

## **WELCOME!**

Today, the Metropolitan New York Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America gathers as one people with rich diversity. Today, our synod welcomes representatives of the Whole Church, our full communion partners, and the variety of religious traditions with whom we serve the common good.

Welcome to this time to be centered, together, in God's presence, in this holy place.

Our focus is on God, here in the power of the Spirit.

We come in hope.

We come excited.

We come needy.

We come leaning on the arms of Jesus.

We come in faith!

And God arrives before us, fills this space, fills our lives, gathers us in, together, for praise and worship, to be fed and raised up, and to be sent with a message and as a witness.

Welcome to more than this time. Welcome to this journey we are on together; a journey of which we know the destination but not always the road we will take. We are explorers, finding a way through the wilderness to a place of rest, blessedness and peace.

But not yet! My dear siblings in Christ, fellow travelers, there is work to be done! Today gives us God's Spirit and energy for the journey and the labor.

As many of you know, I am a New Yorker born and raised. I have spent my entire ministry in this synod, on this territory. I LOVE this broken, blessed, brave part of God's creation. And there is a vision for this appointed time and place. Look with me and see how our congregations, our ministry sites continue to serve as centers of grace and hope. Catch the vision that I see of a Church so connected through Baptismal waters and gathered around the table of bread and wine that we know who

we are, whose we are and what we are called to do – give ourselves away for the sake of the world that God so loves. And in losing our lives, find them, given back to us more useful and beautiful than we ever could have imagined.

We're not there yet. We share that identity of being broken and blessed. But look with me again and see the blessedness we share! God is doing a new thing. We perceive it and say, timidly sometimes and bravely at others, "Yes!"

Today is our collective, resounding "Yes!" to God.

I am humbled and in awe to be called to serve you as bishop. By God's grace and to God's glory we will journey together, explore together, work together, transform the world together...

...in the name of ✠ Jesus

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Egensteiner". To the left of the signature is a simple black cross symbol (+).

The Rev. Paul Egensteiner  
Bishop of the Metropolitan New York Synod of the  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



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OF THE FIFTH BISHOP OF THE METROPOLITAN NEW YORK SYNOD  
OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

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**The Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine, New York City**  
**Saturday, November 16, 2019**

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**GATHERING**

MUSIC AT THE GATHERING

***Please gather in silent prayer.***

*Iglesia Luterana de Sion - Saint Peter's Church, Manhattan*

Young Acolytes Symphonic Steel Orchestra  
*St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, Brooklyn*

Pinecrest Choir  
*Pinecrest Lutheran Leadership Ministries*

***The music concludes with***  
*"Prayer of St. Gregory"* Alan Hovhaness  
The Rev. James Miller, *trumpet*  
Donald Meineke, *organ*

GATHERING AT THE FONT

*"I Was Glad"* C. Hubert Parry

***The assembly remains seated as the ministers process to the font.***

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*The assembly stands and turns to face the font as the presiding bishop begins:*

In the name of the Father,  
and of the ☩ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.  
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

*Water is poured into the font as the presiding bishop gives thanks.*

Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things.

Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN

*The assembly is sprinkled with water during the hymn.  
Stanza 4 is sung by the choir.*



1 I bind un - to my - self to - day the strong name



of the Trin - i - ty by in - vo - ca - tion



of the same, the Three in One and One in Three.



2 I bind this day to me for - ev - er, by pow'r of  
3 I bind un - to my - self to - day . . the vir - tues



faith, Christ's in - car - na - tion, his bap - tism in the  
of the star - lit heav - en, the glo - rious sun's life -



Jor - dan Riv - er, his cross of death for my sal - va - tion, his  
giv - ing ray, . . the white - ness of the moon at e - ven, the



burst - ing from the spic - ed tomb, his rid - ing  
flash - ing of the light - ning free, the whirl - ing



up the heav'n - ly way, his com - ing at the  
wind's tem - pes - tuous shocks, the sta - ble earth, the



day of doom, I bind un - to my - self to - day.  
deep salt sea, a - round the old e - ter - nal rocks.



4 Christ be with me, Christ with-in me, Christ be-hind me, Christ be-fore me,  
Christ be-neath me, Christ a-bove me, Christ in qui-et, Christ in dan-ger,



Christ be-side me, Christ to win me, Christ to com-fort and re-store me,  
Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and strang-er.



5 I bind un-to my-self the name, the strong name of the



Trin-i-ty by in-vo-ca-tion of the same, the



Three in One and One in Three, of whom all na-ture has cre-



a-tion, e-ter-nal Fa-ther, Spir-it, Word. Praise to the



Lord of my sal-va-tion; sal-va-tion is of Christ the Lord!

## 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.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, through your Son Jesus Christ you gave the holy apostles many gifts and commanded them to feed your flock. Inspire all pastors to proclaim your word diligently and your people to receive it willingly, that finally we may receive the crown of eternal glory; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen**

*The assembly is seated.*

## WORD

FIRST READING ✠ ISAIAH 40:6-11

*Read in Cantonese.*

A voice says, "Cry out!"

And I said, "What shall I cry?"

All people are grass,  
their constancy is like the flower of the field.

The grass withers, the flower fades,  
when the breath of the LORD blows upon it;  
surely the people are grass.

The grass withers, the flower fades;  
but the word of our God will stand forever.

Get you up to a high mountain,  
O Zion, herald of good tidings;  
lift up your voice with strength,  
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,  
lift it up, do not fear;

say to the cities of Judah,  
 “Here is your God!”  
 See, the Lord GOD comes with might,  
 and his arm rules for him;  
 his reward is with him,  
 and his recompense before him.  
 He will feed his flock like a shepherd;  
 he will gather the lambs in his arms,  
 and carry them in his bosom,  
 and gently lead the mother sheep.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM ✠ 103:1-8, 19-22

*The verses are sung by the choir. The refrain is sung by the assembly.*

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name. Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
 and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.  
 Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
 and forget not all God's benefits  
 who forgives all your sins  
 and heals all your diseases;  
 who redeems your life from the grave  
 and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;  
 who satisfies your desires with good things  
 so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's. *Refrain*

O Lord, you provide vindication  
and justice for all who are oppressed.  
You made known your ways to Moses  
and your works to the children of Israel.  
Lord, you are full of compassion and mercy,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;  
The Lord's throne is established in heaven;  
God's dominion rules over all. ***Refrain***

Bless the Lord, you angels, you mighty ones who do God's bidding,  
who obey the voice of God's word.  
Bless the Lord, all you hosts of God,  
you servants who do God's will.  
Bless the Lord, all you works of God, in all places where God rules;  
bless the Lord, O my soul. ***Refrain***

SECOND READING ✠ REVELATION 21:1-5

***The reading concludes:***

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

***All children are welcome forward for a message from the presiding bishop.***

# SEQUENCE HYMN

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

Njo - o kwe - tu, Ro - ho mwe - ma, M - fa - ri - ji we - tu.  
1 Gra - cious Spir - it, heed our plead - ing, fash - ion us all a - new.  
2 Come to teach us, come to nour - ish those who be - lieve in Christ.  
3 Guide our think - ing and our speak - ing done in your ho - ly name.

Tu - fu - ndi - she ya mbi - ngu - ni, tu - we wa - tu wa - pya.  
It's your lead - ing that we're need - ing, help us to fol - low you.  
Bless the faith - ful, may they flour - ish, strength - ened by grace un - priced.  
Mo - ti - vate all in their seek - ing, free - ing from guilt and shame.

*Refrain*

Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.  
Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.  
Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

## GOSPEL ✠ JOHN 10:7-18

### *The gospel is announced:*

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

### *The gospel is proclaimed, concluding:*

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## RESPONSE

*Njo - o kwe - tu, Ro - ho mwe - ma, M - fa - ri - ji we - tu.*  
1 Not mere knowledge, but discern - ment, nor rootless lib - er - ty;  
2 Keep us fer - vent, in our wit - ness; un swayed by earth's allure.

*Tu - fu - ndi - she ya mbi - ngu - ni, tu - we wa - tu wa - pya.*  
turn dis - quiet to con - tent - ment, doubt in - to cer - tain - ty.  
E - ver grant us, zea - lous fit - ness, which you a - lone a - ssure.

*Refrain*

*Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.*  
*Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.*

*Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.*  
*Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.*

SERMON

The Rev. Elizabeth Eaton

***Silence is kept.***

# HYMN OF THE DAY

*The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.*



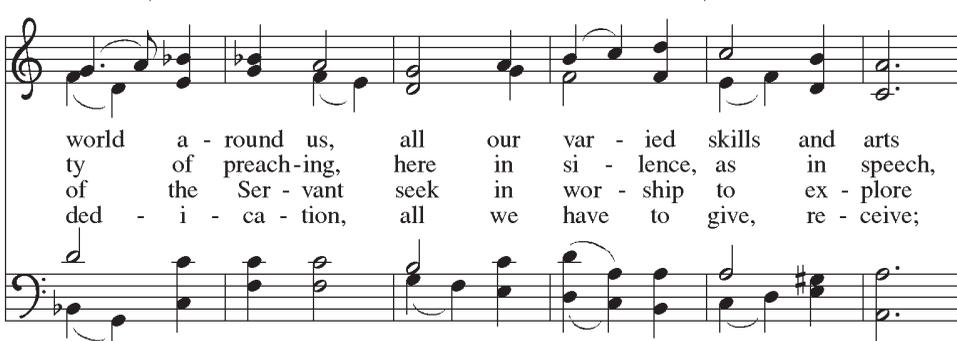
1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer  
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long  
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's  
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure  
need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;  
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,  
change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the  
here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -  
Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants  
help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts  
ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,  
of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore  
ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;

wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.  
 here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.  
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.  
 we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

## INSTALLATION

### 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 phrase “and the Son” is a later addition to the creed.*

## PRESENTATION

*The bishop being installed is presented to the presiding bishop by the secretary of the synod.*

I present Paul Thomas Egensteiner,  
who has been elected and called by the church,  
for installation into the office of bishop of the Metropolitan New York Synod of the  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

*The assembly is seated.*

## ADDRESS AND QUESTIONS

*A reading from John:* Jesus said, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” (*John 20:21-23*)

*A reading from Matthew:* Jesus said, “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 the Acts of the Apostles:* 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*)

*A reading from Second Timothy: Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth. (2 Timothy 2:15)*

*And again: Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us. (2 Timothy 1:13-14)*

***The presiding bishop questions the bishop being installed:***

To you is being given the care of the pastors, deacons and congregations of this synod.

I ask you in the presence of God and of this assembly:  
will you assume the office of bishop of the Metropolitan New York Synod?  
*I will, and I ask God to help me.*

Will you be faithful in your office?  
Will you commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility,  
in the confidence that it comes from God through the call of the church?  
*I will, and I ask God to help me.*

Will you carry out this ministry in accordance with the holy scriptures  
and with the confessions of the Lutheran church,  
and in harmony with the constitutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in  
America?  
*I will, and I ask God to help me.*

Will you be diligent in your study of the holy scriptures  
and in your use of the means of grace?  
Will you love, serve, and pray for God's people,  
nourish them with the word and sacraments,  
and lead them by your own example in faithful service and holy living?  
*I will, and I ask God to help me.*

Will you give faithful witness in the world,  
that God's love may be known in all that you do?  
*I will, and I ask God to help me.*

Will you guide, encourage, and support the ministers and the congregations of this synod in their ministries? Will you be an advocate for the ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and will you support this church's work with global and ecumenical partners?

*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.**

*The assembly stands. The presiding bishop addresses the assembly:*

People of God, representatives of this synod, will you receive Paul as a servant of God and a shepherd in the church of Jesus Christ?

**We will, and we ask God to help us.**

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

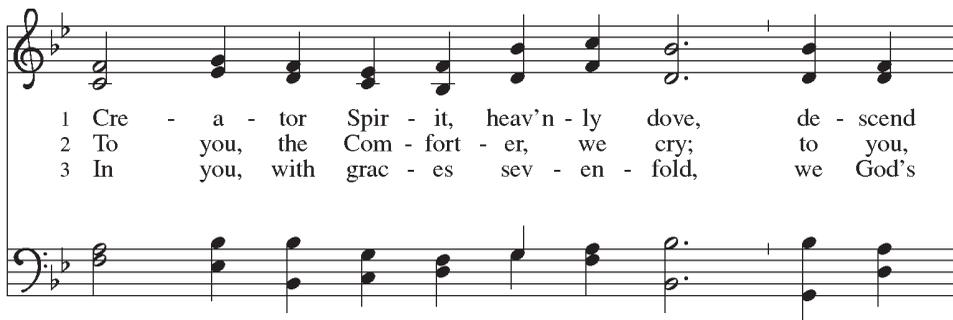
**We will, and we ask God to help us.**

*The assembly is seated.*

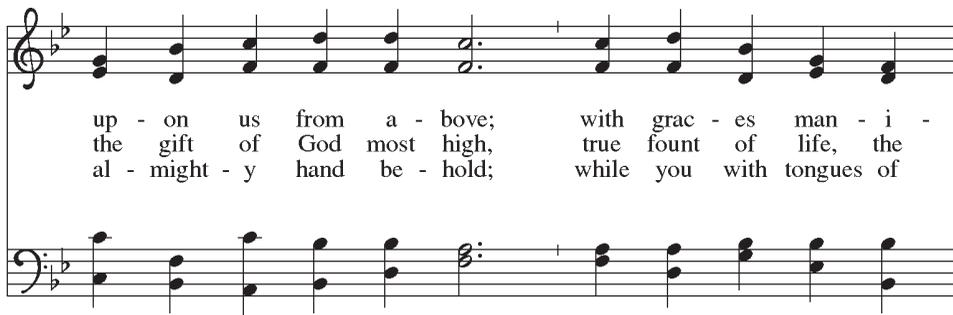
# HYMN OF INVOCATION

*Stanza 1 is sung by the choir in plainsong.*

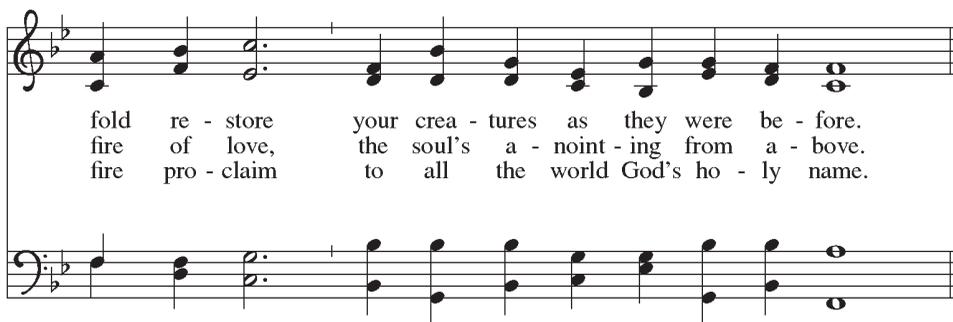
*Stanzas 2 and 3 are sung by the assembly in harmony.*



1 Cre - a - tor Spir - it, heav'n - ly dove, de - scend  
2 To you, the Com - fort - er, we cry; to you,  
3 In you, with grac - es sev - en - fold, we God's



up - on us from a - bove; with grac - es man - i -  
the gift of God most high, true fount of life, the  
al - might - y hand be - hold; while you with tongues of



fold re - store your crea - tures as they were be - fore.  
fire of love, the soul's a - noint - ing from a - bove.  
fire pro - claim to all the world God's ho - ly name.

## 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.**

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we give you thanks that by your Holy Spirit you sustain the church.

By the power of the Holy Spirit  
you call, gather, enlighten, and sanctify the whole church.

*Three bishops in historic succession lay hands on the head of the bishop  
being installed.*

*Following a time of silent prayer, the presiding bishop continues:*

Pour out your Spirit upon Paul  
to empower and enlighten his ministry as a bishop in your church.  
Sustain him as a shepherd  
who tends the flock of Christ with love and gentleness,  
and oversees the ministries of the church with vision and wisdom.  
Uphold him as a faithful steward of your holy word and life-giving sacraments  
and a strong sign of reconciliation among all people.  
Give courage and fortitude to sustain him in this ministry.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior and Lord,  
through whom all glory and power and honor are yours  
in your holy church, both now and forever.

**Amen.**

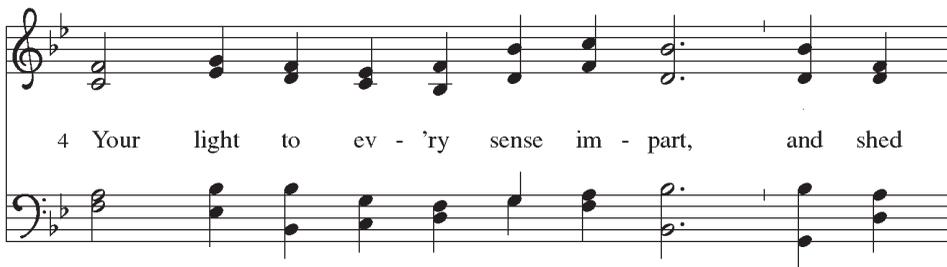
The office of bishop is now committed to you  
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

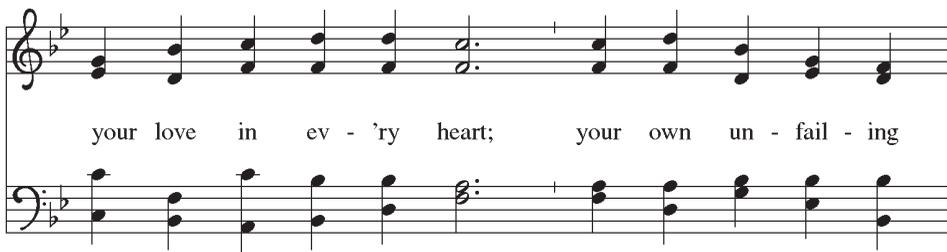
## HYMN OF INVOCATION

*Other bishops, Heads of communions, and inter-religious guests are invited to place hands on and offer silent prayer for the newly installed bishop.*

*The assembly sings stanzas 4, 5 and 6 in harmony. The hymn concludes in praise of the Trinity, sung by the choir in plainsong.*



4 Your light to ev - 'ry sense im - part, and shed



your love in ev - 'ry heart; your own un - fail - ing



might sup - ply to strength-en our in - fir - mi - ty.

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.

## BLESSING

*Addressing the newly installed bishop, the presiding minister proclaims God's 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.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*The assembly stands.*

With gladness, let us join our hearts and voices together in thanksgiving for the wideness of God's mercy for the whole world.

*Silence is kept.*

Let us pray for the church universal, its unity, and the mission of the gospel.

*The petition is prayed in Spanish:*

Ancient of Days, whose mercies are new every morning; you are the Rock who gave us birth: in the wind and fire of Pentecost, you formed a church fluent in many and varied expressions. In the midst of rich diversity, may we hold fast to our baptismal unity. Stir up your reforming Spirit to correct your church where we stray from your ways. Revive us when we grow weary or apathetic, such that we may ever embody and bear your Gospel's grace and truth throughout the earth.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Let us pray for our new bishop, all ministers in the church, and for all in their vocations.

*The petition is prayed in Finnish:*

Shepherding God, we pray for Bishop Egensteiner and the flock entrusted to his care. Grant him wisdom and imagination, patience and fortitude. Enable him to cast his cares on you and to lead without fear. Teach us to pray for him and to honor his labors for your sake. Grace his days with many joys, great and small. Shield his family from undue distress borne of his duties and surround his wife, Marianne with your sustaining care. May the variety of ministries and vocations among us find such support that each may gladly shoulder their part in your shepherding work - to bind up the wounded, seek the lost, protect the weak and guide your lambs to streams of living water.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Let us pray for our synod and the communities it serves.

*The petition is prayed in Swahili:*

You who are our refuge and strength, lead us together as a synod to provide sanctuary for the most vulnerable among us. Infuse every expression of your church with fierce determination to purge from our midst the heresies of white supremacy and economic greed. Teach us what it means to be a welcoming space for those who continue to face systemic discrimination because of race, immigration status, gender expression, sexual orientation, or disability that together all may rejoice in your Word and feast at your table. We pray for our synod council, deans, pastors, deacons and lay leaders. May we be attentive to your voice among the dreams and visions delivered through the priesthood of all believers, young and old.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Let us pray for the well-being of creation.

*The petition is prayed in German:*

God of heaven and earth, since the dawn of creation, your handiwork declares your glory. We pray for this earth, the home we share with multitudes of creatures in an interplay of ecosystems that sustain life. Open us to hear the distress of our planet crying out in places near and far. Compel us to act with haste, using every means available, to protect and bring healing to this irreplaceable earth entrusted to our care.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Let us pray for peace and justice in the world, the nations, and those in authority.

*The petition is prayed in American Sign Language:*

Liberating God, you who bring down the powerful and lift up the lowly, we remember the disinherited peoples of the earth, especially the Lenape people who once lived where we now gather. We beseech you to look with mercy upon this nation; dispel all vainglory, cruelty, malice and hatred. Pry open the minds of world leaders shut down by fear and break open hearts of stone so that the waves of your justice may flow freely to all who await their vindication. Uphold and protect those who resist and rebel against tyranny and oppression, and may we be counted among them.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Let us pray for the poor, the oppressed, the sick, and the lonely.

*The petition is prayed in Telugu:*

For those who are incarcerated, we turn to you who were arrested and imprisoned.  
For those who live with physical or mental illness, we turn to you, our balm in Gilead.  
For those who grieve, we turn to you who wept at a friend's grave.  
For those who face injustice in the church, we turn to you who raged in the temple.  
For those who live in poverty, we turn to you born in a manger.  
For those who are bullied, we turn to you who were mocked and spit upon.  
For those who are alone, we turn to you forsaken by friends in your hour of need.  
For those who feel abandoned, we turn to you who cried out from the cross.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

In thanksgiving, let us pray for those who have died.

*The petition is prayed in Arabic:*

O Comforter of priceless worth, we remember those who have died and are at rest in your great love, those dear to our hearts and those buried in nameless graves, all precious in your sight. We remember those who have died untimely deaths. O Hope of the world to come, strengthen our hope that one day we will dwell with you in that new city, where death is no more and every tear will be wiped away and our mourning will be turned to dancing in the dazzling company of all your saints in light.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*The presiding bishop concludes the prayers:*  
Remember to rekindle the gift of God that is within you.  
For God did not give us a spirit of timidity  
but a spirit of power and love and self-control.

**Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

PRESENTATION OF THE PECTORAL CROSS

PRESENTATION OF THE CROZIER

PRESENTATION OF THE BISHOP'S RING

PRESENTATION OF BISHOP PAUL EGENSTEINER

INSTALLATION OF SYNOD STAFF

*Members of the synod staff are presented to the newly installed bishop by the vice president of the synod.*

*After being presented, the synod staff are questioned by the bishop.*

*The assembly is questioned by the bishop, and responds:*

**We will, and we ask God to help us.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*During the exchanging of peace, “La Paz del Señor/The Peace of the Lord” is sung.*

## MEAL

### AT THE OFFERING

*“Dance of Invocation”*

Choreography: Roberto Lara inspired by Doris Humphrey’s *“Air for the G String”*

Music: Johann Sebastian Bach

***Today’s offering is taken for the Bishop’s Discretionary Fund, which supports ordained ministers and lay leaders in times of crisis or opportunity. Make checks payable to “Metro NY Synod.”***

### AT THE PRESENTATION

***The assembly stands as gifts of bread, wine, and money are brought forward.***

***The hymn may be sung in either Spanish or English.***



Nues-tro Pa - dre nos in - vi - ta a la me - sa de la  
God ex - tends an in - vi - ta - tion to the ta - ble of cre -



vi - da, don - de hay vi - no, luz y pan; y no -  
a - tion, where there’s wine and light and bread. Here we



so - tros nos reu - ni - mos, y lo nues - tro com - par - ti - mos, pues a -  
gath - er in thanks - giv - ing and we of - fer all our liv - ing. Here the



sí es la co - mu - ni - ón; pues a - sí es la co - mu - ni - ón.  
feast of life is spread; here the feast of life is spread.

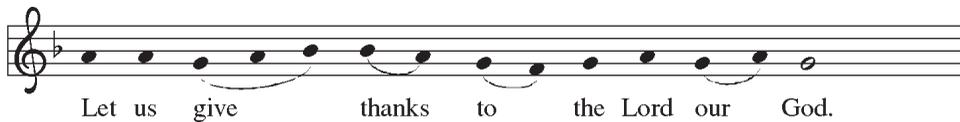
# GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



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

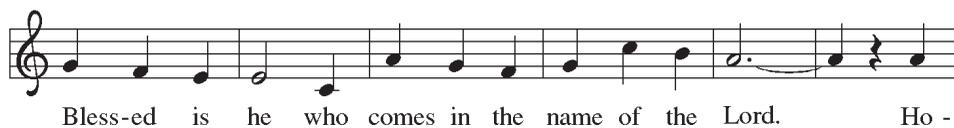
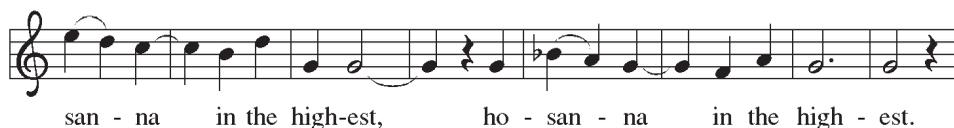
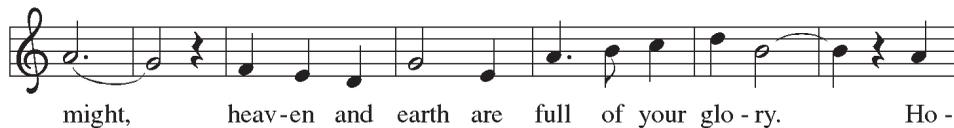


Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



O God most mighty,  
O God most merciful,  
O God our rock and our salvation,  
hear us as we praise,  
call us to your table,  
grant us your life.

When the earth was a formless void,  
you formed order and beauty.  
When Abraham and Sarah were barren,  
you sent them a child;  
When the Israelites were enslaved,  
you led them to freedom.  
Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath,  
and the psalmists cried out for healing,  
and full of compassion, you granted the people your life.

You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother.  
He was born among the poor,  
he lived under oppression,  
he wept over the city.  
With infinite love, he granted the people your life.

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 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.**

O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal.  
O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself.  
O God, you are wine: warm our hearts and make us one.  
O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope.

O God most majestic, O God most motherly,  
O God our strength and our song,  
you show us a vision of a tree of life  
with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations.  
Grant us such life,  
the life of the Father to the Son,  
the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior,  
life in you, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

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

*All are invited to pray the Lord's Prayer in the language of their choosing,  
or using the following form:*

**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.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## LAMB OF GOD

*Sung first by a cantor, then by all.*

O Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer-cy on us. O Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. O Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace.

## SOLO

*“To God be the Glory”* Andraé Crouch  
Brittany Walker, soprano

# HYMN

1 Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;  
 2 Let those re - fuse to sing who nev - er knew our God;  
 3 The hill of Zi - on yields a thou - sand sa - cred sweets  
 4 Then let our songs a - bound, and ev - 'ry tear be dry;

join in a song with sweet ac - cord, join in a song with  
 but chil - dren of the heav'n - ly King, but chil - dren of the  
 be - fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields, be - fore we reach the  
 we're march - ing through Im - man - uel's ground, we're march - ing through Im -

sweet ac - cord and thus sur - round the throne, and thus sur - round the throne.  
 heav'n - ly King may tell their joys a - broad, may tell their joys a - broad.  
 heav'n - ly fields, or walk the gold - en streets, or walk the gold - en streets.  
 man - uel's ground, to fair - er worlds on high, to fair - er worlds on high.

*Refrain*

We're march-ing to Zi-on, beau-ti-ful, beau-ti-ful Zi-on:

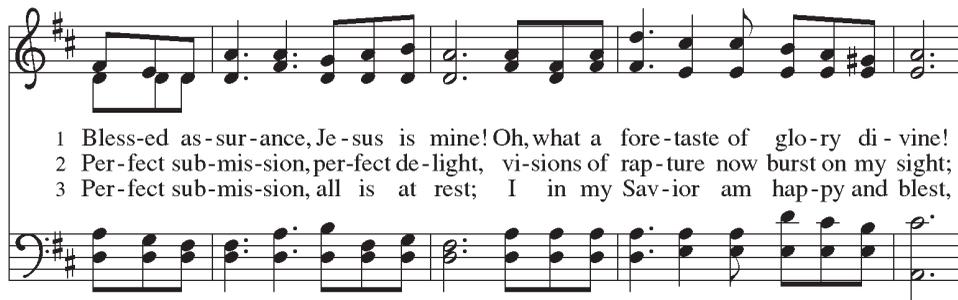
we're march-ing up-ward to Zi-on, the beau-ti-ful cit-y of God.

ANTHEM

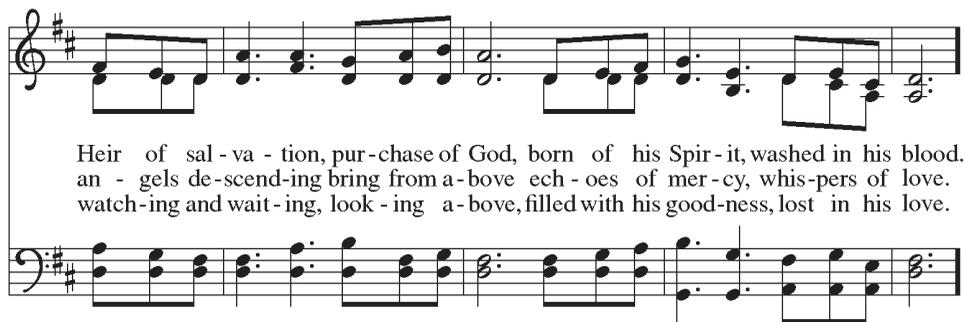
*"Give Me Jesus"* Spiritual

Arr. Larry L. Fleming

# HYMN

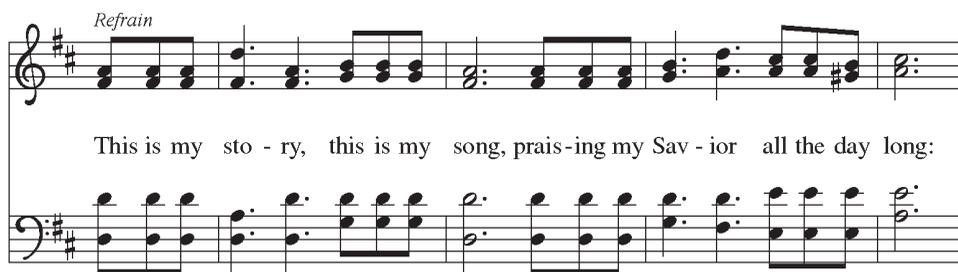


1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!  
2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;  
3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.  
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.  
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

*Refrain*



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*The assembly stands.*

Let us pray.

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## SENDING

### BENEDICTION

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 HYMN

*The hymn may be sung in either Spanish or English.*



1 Can - tad al Se - ñor un cán - ti - co nue - vo.  
 1 Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.  
 2 For God is the Lord, and God has done won - ders.  
 3 So dance for our God and blow all the trum - pets.  
 4 Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spir - it.  
 5 For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia!



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 Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.  
 Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.  
 Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.

2 *Pues nuestro Señor ha hecho prodigios.  
 Pues nuestro Señor ha hecho prodigios.  
 Pues nuestro Señor ha hecho prodigios.  
 ¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!*

4 *Es él que nos da el Espíritu Santo.  
 Es él que nos da el Espíritu Santo.  
 Es él que nos da el Espíritu Santo.  
 ¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!*

3 *Cantad al Señor, alabadle con arpa.  
 Cantad al Señor, alabadle con arpa.  
 Cantad al Señor, alabadle con arpa.  
 ¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!*

5 *¡Jesús es Señor! ¡Amén, aleluya!  
 ¡Jesús es Señor! ¡Amén, aleluya!  
 ¡Jesús es Señor! ¡Amén, aleluya!  
 ¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!*

## DISMISSAL

The service has ended. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*“Marche Héroïque”* A. Herbert Brewer

*After the postlude, a reception is held in the Crossing. All are welcome.*

## THE REV. PAUL EGENSTEINER

FIFTH BISHOP OF THE METROPOLITAN NEW YORK SYNOD

***“In this church, we learn more from the diversity than we do from the uniformity of those who have gone before us. I have always tried in some way to communicate that, through recognizing that each and every person is a child of God who deserves my love and respect.”***

*Bishop Egensteiner, 2016*



The Rev. Paul T. Egensteiner was elected May 17 to serve a six-year term as bishop of the Metropolitan New York Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). He served as pastor of Emanuel Lutheran Church in Pleasantville, NY since 1997, and previously served as pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Staten Island, NY from 1984 to 1997. A native New Yorker, Egensteiner grew up in Richmond Hill, Queens. Having come from a long line of Lutherans on his father's side, a "Lutheran of Lutherans," Egensteiner was baptized at Saint Philip Evangelical Lutheran Church in Brooklyn, NY.

In 1979, Egensteiner received his Bachelor of Arts from Wagner College in Staten Island, and in 1984, he earned his Master of Divinity from Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago.

Bishop Egensteiner has been active in ecumenical relationships, serving as a group facilitator of First Call Theological Education, ELCA, as Dean of the Tappan Zee Conference, as Chair of the Synod Candidacy Committee, as a diakonia instructor, and as Dean and Director of Pinecrest Lutheran Leadership School. Finding joy and purpose in caring for all of God's people in a collaborative way, Egensteiner works closely with staff, pastors, deacons, congregations, and the community at large. He has served as Chaplain of the Pleasantville Volunteer Fire Department, and as Coordinator of the Pleasantville Clergy Association.

Bishop Egensteiner has been married for thirty-nine years to Dr. Marianne Dietrich, a full-time physician in Family Practice and Administration for Montefiore Medical Center in the Bronx. He has two married sons, William and Tori Egensteiner of Easton, PA and Luke and Jenna Dietrich-Egensteiner of Monroe, Connecticut. He is unspeakably proud of and thankful to God for them all!

As an advocate for mutual learning and growth, Bishop Egensteiner ***“strives to make God the one that people see, and not me,”*** upholding positive change as the Lutheran Church increases and maintains its inclusive love and care for all of God's children. With a pastoral style that sets the tone and model of a welcoming spirit, Bishop-Elect Egensteiner expresses that in ***“being trustworthy, thoughtful and loving, changes come more easily and with more acceptance. This style leads to the willingness of the community to take greater risks and be more innovative.”***

## LEADERS IN THIS LITURGY

### **Presider and Preacher**

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, Presiding Bishop  
*Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*

### **Presider at the Eucharist**

The Rev. Paul T. Egensteiner, Bishop  
*Metropolitan New York Synod*  
*Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*

### **At the Laying-on of Hands**

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, Presiding Bishop  
*Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*

The Right Rev. Andrew ML Dietsche, XVI Bishop  
*Episcopal Diocese of New York*

The Rev. Kevin L. Strickland, Bishop  
*Southeastern Synod*  
*Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*

### **Presenting the Pectoral Cross**

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, Presiding Bishop

### **Presenting the Crozier**

The Rev. Donald McCoid, former Interim Bishop  
*Metropolitan New York Synod*

### **Presenting the Bishop's Ring**

The Rev. James Sudbrock, former Bishop  
*Metropolitan New York Synod*

### **Deacon**

Betty Jackson  
*Saint Peter's, Manhattan*

### **Sub-Deacon**

Vaughan Johnson-Maunders  
*Trinity Lower East Side, Manhattan*

**Readers**

The Rev. Mary Chang

*St. John-Incarnation Lutheran Church, Lynbrook*

William Egensteiner

*Emanuel, Pleasantville*

**Director of the Liturgy and Co-Master of Ceremonies**

The Rev. William Kroeze

*Trinity Lower East Side, Manhattan*

**Co-Masters of Ceremonies**

The Rev. Canon Patrick Malloy

Sub Dean and Canon for Liturgy and the Arts

*The Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine*

Peter Ennis

Coordinator, Office of Liturgy and the Arts

*The Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine*

**Rostered Ministers Marshal**

The Rev. Arden Strasser

*St. Luke's, Manhattan*

**Crucifer**

Nicholas Gonzalez

*Emanuel, Pleasantville*

**Torchbearers**

John Paul Gonzalez

Tessa Thompson

Thea Thompson

Luke Wuerffel

*Emanuel, Pleasantville*

**Thurifers**

Abril Anchondo Reynaga

Ann Kelly

Erin Gallagher

Estefano Gil

Yuritzi Govea

*Dance at Saint Peter's, Manhattan*

**Gift Bearers**

Renée Wicklund, MNYS Vice-President

Luke Dietrich-Egensteiner

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Members of the Pinecrest Lutheran Leadership Ministries community

**Prayers of Intercession**

The Rev. Heidi Neumark

*Trinity Lutheran Church of Manhattan/Iglesia Luterana Trinidad*

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*Dance at Saint Peter's, director*

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The Rev. Robert Modr

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Guillermo Vaisman

**These communions and church organizations are represented this afternoon or have sent greetings commemorating the installation of Bishop Paul Egensteiner (these can be enjoyed on the next section of this bulletin).**

**Roman Catholic Church**

Bishop John O'Hara on behalf of  
His Eminence Timothy Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop  
*Archdiocese of New York*

Msgr. Donald Beckmann on behalf of  
The Most Rev. John O. Barres, Bishop  
*Diocese of Rockville Center*

**Greek Orthodox Church**

The Rev. Nicolas Kazarian on behalf of  
His Eminence Elpidophoros, Archbishop  
*Archdiocese of America*

**The Armenian Church**

His Eminence Bishop Daniel Findikyan, Primate  
*Eastern Diocese*

**Episcopal Church**

The Right Rev. Andrew ML Dietsche, Bishop  
*Diocese of New York*

**Moravian Church**

The Rev. Elizabeth D. Miller, Provincial Elders' Conference President  
*Eastern District*

**Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)**

The Rev. Dr. Robert Foltz-Morrison, Executive Presbyter  
*Presbytery of New York City*

**United Methodist Church**

The Rev. Thomas Bickerton, Bishop  
*New York Annual Conference*

**American Baptist Churches**

The Rev. Dr. Cheryl Dudley, Regional Executive Minister  
*Metropolitan New York*

**Graymoor Ecumenical and Interreligious Institute**

The Rev. James Loughran, SA, Director

**Union of Charismatic Orthodox Churches**

The Rev. Emilio Alvarez, Bishop  
*Diocese of Christ the King*

**Temple Emanu-El**

Rabbi Joshua Davidson, Senior Rabbi



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Bishop Daniel Findikyan, Primate

October 7, 2019

His Grace Bishop Paul Egensteiner  
Bishop of the Metropolitan New York Synod  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
475 Riverside Drive, Suite 1620  
New York, NY 10115

Your Grace:

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

With great joy and satisfaction, I congratulate you on your upcoming installation as the fifth Bishop of the Metropolitan New York Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Please accept my personal good wishes, as well as those of the faithful children of the Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church of America.

In this august new role, Bishop Egensteiner, I am confident that you will serve our Lord as you have served Him throughout your ministry: with honor and conviction, with faith and love.

I look forward to offering my congratulations to you in person in the near future, to renew and develop further the warm relations that have existed between ELCA and the Armenian Apostolic Church of America. Let me add that it would be our privilege to welcome you when your time allows, to pray together at St. Vartan Armenian Cathedral in New York.

In the meantime, may our Lord continue to bless and inspire you. And may He support this new phase in your ministry with His strength and wisdom.

With prayers,

Bishop DANIEL  
Primate



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The Rev. Paul Egensteiner  
Metropolitan New York Synod  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

via email: [CMazza@mnys.org](mailto:CMazza@mnys.org)

Dear Bishop Egensteiner,

Grace, mercy, and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ from the Moravian Church Northern Province! We rejoice with you and give thanks to God as you are installed as Bishop of the Metropolitan New York Synod on November 16, 2019.

Although I am unable to be present in person, I will be holding you and the gathered assembly in prayer. We are so grateful for our full communion relationship and the mutual blessings we enjoy because we are siblings in Christ.

May God fill you with the power of the Holy Spirit to lead with courage and pursue God's will with faith and hope.

In Christ,

Elizabeth D. Miller  
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Dear Bishop Egensteiner,

I greet you today in the name and presence of our Lord, Jesus Christ and congratulate you on this new chapter of your ministerial life.

I am writing to express my deep gratitude for the invitation to attend your installation service as the fifth Bishop of the Metropolitan New York Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America on Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. I pray that this service will be a true celebration of the calling that God has placed on your heart to assume this position of leadership.

I have always treasured the opportunity to serve in a similar capacity with The United Methodist Church. It is truly a reason to celebrate and I am sure that your upcoming celebration will be a testimony of faith that has come as a result of earnest prayer and belief in God's all sufficient grace.

There is no doubt that we are living in very challenging times. These are days when leadership is greatly needed to provide a prophetic voice in the midst of a broken and chaotic world. As I often say to my people, we need each other more than ever. I believe that is true especially on an ecumenical level. I pray that we can find significant ways to work and lead together in the spirit of Christian unity and interfaith cooperation.

Once again, congratulations on this very special occasion! May God continue to richly bless all that you do in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Stay well and be blessed!

The Journey Continues, . . .

Grace & Peace,

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Dear Bishop Egensteiner,

At the culminating service of recognition of the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation, colleagues from various traditions joined the MNYS of the ELCA in celebrating what God has done through the centuries; our presence was honored as guests and colleagues in Christ. What a joy with vivid memories of the liturgy and mystery of God's presence with us and through us in worship and *koinonia*! At that time tribute to various ecumenical colleagues were read, which I have retained. Our said:

*Our dear sisters and brothers of the American Baptist Churches, and The Rev. Dr. Cheryl Dudley, Regional Executive Minister: I thank God for your ecumenical leadership and look for opportunities for our churches to engage in dialogue and in service to communities in New York City and the metropolitan region.*

On this occasion of worship of God, celebration and blessing of your election and God's selection of you as Bishop of the MNYS, my prayers and the prayers of the ABCMNY network are with you as you are installed and continue the work that has already begun. May you find the ministries of the Synod fruitful, and a blessing to your spirit. In times of conflict or challenge, may you rely of God's presence to strengthen you. May God's Holy Spirit impart you wisdom, joy, deeper faith and a surprising but necessary stirring of the gifts of God within you that are necessary for your work. I pray you find consistent love and support in family and friends, and enjoy ministerial colleagues whose work inspires you. May you have the foresight to know how to work wisely and after which, the ability to rest deeply.

*"<sup>8</sup> Finally, beloved,<sup>13</sup> whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about<sup>10</sup> these things." (Philippians 4:8)*

I look forward to joining you in ecumenical or collegial settings in future and to find in you, spiritual kinship and friendship. May God's grace bless you and keep you.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cheryl Dudley".  
Cheryl Dudley





## Graymoor Ecumenical & Interreligious Institute

*A Ministry of the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement*

October 18, 2019  
Feast of Saint Luke

Dear Bishop Paul T. Egensteiner:

On behalf of Graymoor Ecumenical & Interreligious Institute, a ministry of the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement, I warmly welcome you to the Church in New York and congratulate you on becoming the fifth Bishop of the Metropolitan New York Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

It is our pleasure, as Roman Catholic brothers in the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi, to praise the "Good and Most High Lord" for your election and installation. The ELCA in New York has been a committed partner in prayer, ministry and dialogue with all Christian communities. Our particular affection for the ELCA goes back decades. We admire your communion for its dedication to the Gospel, to witnessing to the faith and for its proclamation of Christ crucified and risen to new and eternal life. This witness binds us all together as a communion of the baptized.

You take on an enormous task as shepherd of the flock. We are all in agreement that God's grace will be sufficient, but nonetheless we also acknowledge the power of prayer for each other. Rest assured of the prayers of the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement. If our Institute may be of any service to you, do not hesitate to call upon us. May God the Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless and keep you in the days ahead.

Pax et bonum,

Rev. James Loughran, SA

Director

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Rarely, are we afforded the glorious and historic opportunity to witness the installation of a Chief Shepherd within Christ's One, Holy Catholic, and Apostolic Church. A moment in time when we gather in unity and love, offering God praises for His wonderful works, signing together in the "Key of God." To our dearest brother Bishop, His Grace Bishop Paul Egensteiner, on behalf of the clergy and people of the Union of Charismatic Orthodox Churches, congratulations! May the Lord grant you good success on this new journey, and may He continue to uphold, strengthen and expand the clergy and people of the Metropolitan New York Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

AXIOS!

The Right Reverend Dr. Emilio Alvarez, Ph.D.  
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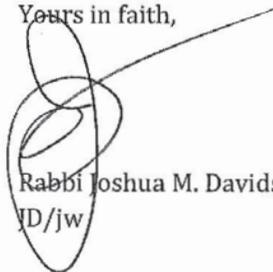
Dear Partners in Faith:

I am deeply honored to offer this message of greeting to all of you at this auspicious moment in the life of the Metropolitan New York Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America as The Rev. Paul T. Egensteiner is installed as its fifth Bishop.

I wish that I could be with you in person, but Sabbath commitments at Temple Emanu-El prevent that. Still, please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers on this glorious day.

We live in a troubled world and an often divided country. The healing of both depend on the work of the brave and the faithful. May your community and mine, in partnership, advance our shared values of justice and kindness as the warp and weft of our society. I look forward to joining hands with Bishop Egensteiner as together we all do God's work in the world.

Yours in faith,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'J' and 'D' intertwined, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Rabbi Joshua M. Davidson

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November 16, 2019

Reverend Paul T. Egensteiner  
Metropolitan New York Synod  
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Dear Reverend Egensteiner:

It is a pleasure to send greetings as the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America community celebrates your Installation as the fifth Bishop of the Metropolitan New York Synod.

The Empire State proudly recognizes the men and women within the religious community who enrich the spiritual lives of our citizens. Since your ordination, you have built a solid foundation of faith and hope for all you have shepherded. I am happy to acknowledge your ministerial efforts, which have encouraged lifestyles where fellowship, respect, and service to others are held in high regard.

Today, your holy installation will enable you to continue your good works as a source of strength and salvation for the Evangelical Lutheran community. Your numerous achievements will continue to have a significant and lasting impact, promoting life-changing opportunities, and the promise of a bright future for the Metropolitan New York Synod.

With warmest regards and heartfelt congratulations on this momentous occasion.

Sincerely,

ANDREW M. CUOMO

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THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
NEW YORK, NY 10007

November 16, 2019

Dear Reverend Egensteiner:

It is a great pleasure to join in congratulating you on your installation as bishop of the Metropolitan New York Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

New York is proud of our diverse faith communities that serve as pillars of leadership in our neighborhoods, offering help to those in need and inspiring our residents to act with compassion and generosity every day. The Metropolitan New York Synod has been a bold leader in its community, and under your guidance, it will continue to lift up and embrace people in our city and far beyond. Your commitment to serve others through prayer and efforts to foster a robust spiritual home for your parishioners at the Immanuel Lutheran Church has well-prepared you for your new role as bishop. I look forward to how your wisdom and dedication to your faith will continue to unite New Yorkers and build a better and brighter future for the five boroughs.

On behalf of the City of New York, I offer my best wishes for a meaningful service and continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill de Blasio".

Bill de Blasio  
Mayor

***Our lives and our relationships are built on a spirit of gratitude. The opportunity to say “Thank you” acknowledges that we are in community together and that we need one another.***

And, indeed, it took a community to make today happen.

On behalf of the body of Christ known as the Metropolitan New York Synod, I offer my deepest gratitude to The Right Rev. Andrew M.L. Dietsche, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of New York, and his gracious and hospitable staff, for the use of this magnificent worship space, the Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine.

**We are Church *together!* We are God’s people *together!*** What a pleasure to have so many ecumenical and interfaith guests take the time to share in this joyous occasion. It is my hope that our mutual presence here can model a way to continue to move forward for the sake of the world.

I am so grateful to Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Presiding Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, not only for presiding at the Installation and bringing us the Word, but for all of her leadership of the Church and her encouragement of me, since my election in May. And to, again, Bishop Andrew M.L. Dietsche and Bishop Kevin L. Strickland of the Southeastern Synod, a treasured colleague, for participating with Bishop Eaton in the laying on of hands. And to The Rev. James Sudbrock and The Rev. Donald McCoid, both former bishops of this synod, for entrusting me with symbols of the office.

Thank you to The Rev. Will Kroeze, chair of the Worship Committee of the Metropolitan New York Synod, for his infectious enthusiasm and joy in planning this worship with a commitment of countless hours of his time and gifts, and for his team. And to Music Director Donald Meinecke, Dance Director Roberto Lara, and the many talented singers, musicians, handbell ringers, dancers and artists for bringing so much spirit to this service. Thank you as well to all who participated in the leadership of this worship.

Thank you to Mr. Roberto Lara, Assistant to the Bishop for Communication and Development, and to Ms. Claire Mazza. There were thousands of details to be attended to in planning and publicizing this event, and Roberto and Claire handled all of them with skill, dedication and *patience* when I missed a deadline... or two! Also, my deepest appreciation to The Rev. Jonathan Linman, S. Dcn. Gayle Ruege, and Ms. María Rodas for all your dedication to make this event possible.

Thanks to those who formed me to be the leader I am today—including Immanuel, Staten Island, and Emanuel, Pleasantville—the two congregations I have served as pastor; and Pinecrest Lutheran Leadership Ministries, whose members are assisting in worship today.

To the leaders I have had the pleasure to journey with over these years of ministry: fellow pastors, deans, deacons, synod deacons, lay leaders, and all good people of God. For all of you here today who showed up to be part of God's work in the world, who give your heart in love for this precious Good News, who have been touched by Jesus. You live the reality of what it means to be “synod,” on the road together.

To the staff in the Office of the Bishop. What a passionate, dedicated, selfless group of servants! I am blessed to be among you.

To my family, those here today and those gone on to glory. If I can continue to bring the love you have shown me into the world, I will feel I have made you proud and done what you believed I could. And to my most cherished wife, Marianne, I always tell you that you are the most immediate, incarnate witness of the fact that God loves me. I believe that because you keep showing me it's true. Thank you for being my partner in life.

Finally, and most importantly, to God. I can't say enough, and I don't really feel I need to say more.

### **To God alone be the glory.**

In Christ,

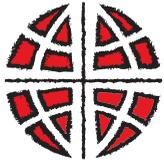
✠ The Rev. Paul Egensteiner

Bishop of the Metropolitan New York Synod of the  
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