

THE ORDINATION AND CONSECRATION OF  
THE REVEREND CHARLES ALEXANDER FARMER



AS A BISHOP IN CHRIST'S ONE HOLY CATHOLIC AND APOSTOLIC CHURCH  
AND SECOND ORDINARY OF  
THE GULF ATLANTIC DIOCESE

*Saturday, the Twenty-seventh Day of August  
in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Two  
at 11:00am*

ST. PETER'S ANGLICAN CATHEDRAL

Tallahassee, Florida

## Preface to the Ordinal

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The Holy Scriptures and ancient authors teach that, from the Apostles' time, these three orders of ministry have existed in Christ's Church: Bishops, Priests, and Deacons. From the earliest days of the Church, these offices were always held in such reverent estimation that no one might presume to execute any of them without being first called, tried, examined, and ascertained to have such qualities as are requisite. Candidates were approved and admitted to these offices by lawful authority, through public prayer and the imposition of hands by a Bishop. And therefore, to the end that these orders may be continued, and reverently used and esteemed in this Church, no one shall be accounted to be a lawful Bishop, Priest, or Deacon in this Church, or allowed to execute any of the said functions, without first being called, tried, examined, and admitted to such office according to the form set forth in this book, or having received Episcopal Consecration or Ordination already.

The Bishop may only admit a candidate as a Deacon or Priest after sufficient examination and testing to determine that the candidate meets the requirements of the Canons, and is of virtuous conduct, without crime or impediment, instructed in the Holy Scriptures, and fit for ministry in Christ's Church.

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Prelude

*Fugue in E-Flat "O God Our Help"*

J.S. Bach

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## The Entrance Rite

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Entrance Hymn 390

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
2 Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly  
3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy way and de -  
4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy  
 reign - eth: borne as on ea - gle - wings, safe - ly his  
 fend thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall  
 dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with  
 health and sal - va - tion: join the great throng, psal - ter - y,  
 saints he sus - tain - eth. Hast thou not seen how all thou  
 ev - er at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -  
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his  
 or - gan, and song, sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.  
 need - est hath been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?  
 might - y can do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.  
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

Words: Joachim Neander (1650-1680); Music: *Lobe den Herren*, melody from *Erneueren Gesangbuch*, 1665; harm. *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power;  
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways!  
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to thy con - trol;  
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore;

crown thine an - cient Church's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious flower.  
 From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise:  
 shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
 let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more.

Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this  
 grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these  
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's  
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -

hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
 days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
 goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.  
 dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

# The Form and Manner of Ordaining and Consecrating a Bishop

## The Opening Acclamation

*Archbishop:* The Lord will pour out his Spirit upon all flesh,

*People:* **And your sons and daughters shall prophesy.**

*Archbishop:* Your old men shall dream dreams,

*People:* **And your young men shall see visions.**

*Archbishop:* You shall know that the Lord is in the midst of his people,

*People:* **That he is the Lord and there is none else.**

*Archbishop:* And it shall come to pass

*People:* **That everyone who calls on the Name of the Lord shall be saved.**

JOEL 2:27-28, 32; ACTS 2:17, 21

*The Archbishop prays*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Presentation

*The Archbishop and people sit.*

*The Bishop Elect, properly vested, is presented to the Archbishop by at least two Bishops of this Church, the Bishops who present him saying*

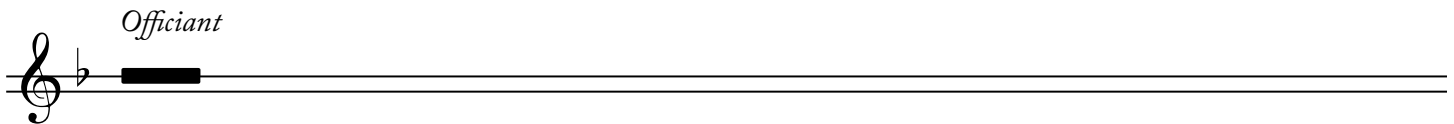
Reverend Father in God, we present to you Alex Farmer, a godly and well-learned man, to be ordained and consecrated Bishop.

*Then the Archbishop causes to be read Testimonials from the President of the Standing Committee and the Secretary of the College of Bishops regarding the person presented for Consecration.*

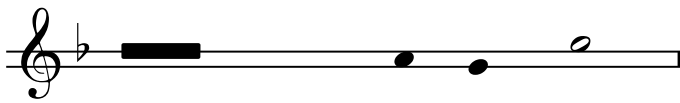
*The Archbishop then requires the Bishop Elect to take the Oath of Conformity and the Oath of Canonical Obedience saying*

The Canons of this Church require that no Priest may be consecrated as a Bishop in the Church before subscribing without reservation to the Oath of Conformity. It is also required that he subscribe without reservation to the Oath of Canonical Obedience. In the presence of this Congregation, I now charge you to make your solemn declaration of these oaths.

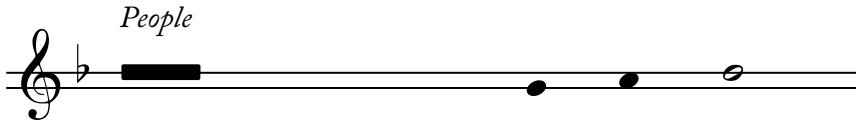




We beseech you to hear us, good Lord: That it may please you to grant peace to the



whole world and to your Church,



We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

*Cantor:* That it may please you to sanctify and bless your holy Church throughout the world,

*People:* **We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

*Cantor:* That it may please you to inspire all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons with the love of you and of your truth,

*People:* **We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

*Cantor:* That it may please you to endue all ministers of your Church with devotion to your glory and to the salvation of souls,

*People:* **We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

*Cantor:* That it may please you to bless this our brother Alex, and to send your grace upon him, that he may duly execute the office to which he is called, to the edification of your Church, and to the honor, praise, and glory of your Name,

*People:* **We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

*Cantor:* That it may please you to guide by your indwelling Spirit those whom you call to the ministry of your Church; that they may go forward with courage, and persevere to the end,

*People:* **We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

*Cantor:* That it may please you to increase the number of ministers in your Church, that the Gospel may be preached to all people,

*People:* **We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

*Cantor:* That it may please you to grant us true repentance, amendment of life, and the forgiveness of all our sins,

*People:* **We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

*Cantor:* That it may please you to hasten the fulfillment of your purpose, that your Church may be one,

*People:* **We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

*Cantor:* That it may please you to grant that we, with all your saints, may be partakers of your everlasting kingdom,

*People:* **We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

*Officiant* *People*

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. **Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.**

*Officiant*

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

*Officiant* *People*

Hear us, O Lord, when we cry out to you; **Have mercy upon us and hear us.**

*Officiant* *People*

O Lord, arise and help us; **And deliver us for your Name's sake.**

*Officiant* *People*

Let your priests be clothed with right - eous - ness; **And let your saints sing with joy.**

*Officiant* *People*

O Lord, hear our prayer; **And let our cry come to you.**





*At the conclusion of the Litany for Ordinations, the Archbishop stands and prays the following Collect, first saying*

*Archbishop:* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with your spirit.**

*Archbishop:* Let us pray.

Almighty God, who by your Son Jesus Christ gave many excellent gifts to your holy Apostles, and charged them to feed your flock: Give your grace to all Bishops, the pastors of your Church, that they may diligently preach your Word, duly administer your Sacraments, and wisely provide godly discipline; and grant to your people that they may obediently follow them, so that all may receive the crown of everlasting glory; through the merits of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, world without end. **Amen.**

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## The Liturgy of the Word

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**The First Lesson** *All are Seated.*

**Isaiah 61: 1–11**

<sup>1</sup> The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; <sup>2</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; <sup>3</sup> to grant to those who mourn in Zion—to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he may be glorified. <sup>4</sup> They shall build up the ancient ruins; they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. <sup>5</sup> Strangers shall stand and tend your flocks; foreigners shall be your plowmen and vinedressers; <sup>6</sup> but you shall be called the priests of the Lord; they shall speak of you as the ministers of our God; you shall eat the wealth of the nations, and in their glory you shall boast. <sup>7</sup> Instead of your shame there shall be a double portion; instead of dishonor they shall rejoice in their lot; therefore in their land they shall possess a double portion; they shall have everlasting joy. <sup>8</sup> For I the Lord love justice; I hate robbery and wrong; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. <sup>9</sup> Their offspring shall be known among the nations, and their descendants in the midst of the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge them, that they are an offspring the Lord has blessed. <sup>10</sup> I will greatly rejoice in the Lord; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. <sup>11</sup> For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

- <sup>1</sup> *O be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*  
serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.*
- <sup>2</sup> *Be assured that the Lord, he is God; \*  
it is he that has made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.*
- <sup>3</sup> *O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise; \*  
be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.*
- <sup>4</sup> *For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting, \*  
and his truth endures from generation to generation.*

**The Second Lesson** *All remain Seated.*

**Acts 20: 17–35**

<sup>17</sup> Now from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. <sup>18</sup> And when they came to him, he said to them: “You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, <sup>19</sup> serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; <sup>20</sup> how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, <sup>21</sup> testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>22</sup> And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, <sup>23</sup> except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. <sup>24</sup> But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. <sup>25</sup> And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. <sup>26</sup> Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all, <sup>27</sup> for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. <sup>28</sup> Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. <sup>29</sup> I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; <sup>30</sup> and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. <sup>31</sup> Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. <sup>32</sup> And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. <sup>33</sup> I coveted no one’s silver or gold or apparel. <sup>34</sup> You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. <sup>35</sup> In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

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



1. Be Thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2. Be Thou my wis - dom and Thou my true Word;  
 3. Be Thou my bat - tle - shield, sword for the fight;  
 4. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.  
 I e - ver with Thee, and Thou with me, Lord;  
 be Thou my dig - ni - ty, Thou my de - light.  
 May I reach heav'n's joys, O bright heav - en's sun!



Thou my best thought by day or by night,  
 Thou my great Fa - ther, I Thy true son;  
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, Thou my high tow'r:  
 Heart of my heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, Thy pre - sence my light.  
 Thou with me dwell - ing, and I with Thee one.  
 Raise Thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.





**The Nicene Creed** *All Stand.*

**We believe in one God,**

**the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, visible and invisible.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,**

**the only-begotten 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 from the Holy Spirit and 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,  
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.**



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## The Exhortation and Examination

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*All are seated except the Bishop Elect, who stands before the Archbishop.*

*The Archbishop addresses and examines the Bishop Elect as follows*

Brother, the Holy Scriptures and the ancient Canons command that we should not be hasty in laying on hands and admitting any person to authority in the Church of Christ, which our Lord purchased with no less price than the shedding of his own blood; so before we admit you to this Office, we will examine you, in order that this Congregation may know how you will conduct yourself in the Church of God.

Are you persuaded that you are truly called to this ministry, according to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ and the Order of this Church?

*Answer* I am so persuaded.

*The following questions are addressed to the Bishop Elect by one or more of the Bishops.*

*Question* Do you believe that the Holy Scriptures contain all things necessary for salvation through faith in Jesus Christ? And are you determined out of the Holy Scriptures to instruct the people committed to your charge, and to teach or maintain nothing as necessary to eternal salvation but that which may be concluded and proved by the Scriptures?

*Answer* I do so believe, and I am so determined, the Lord being my helper.

*Question* Will you then faithfully study the Holy Scriptures, and call upon God by prayer for the true understanding of them, so that you may be able by them to teach and exhort with wholesome doctrine, and to withstand and convince those who contradict it?

*Answer* I will, the Lord being my helper.

*Question* Are you ready, with all faithful diligence, to banish and drive away from the Church all erroneous and strange doctrine contrary to God's Word, and both privately and publicly to call upon others and encourage them to do the same?

*Answer* I am ready, the Lord being my helper.

*Question* Will you renounce all ungodliness and worldly lusts, and live a godly, righteous, and sober life in this present world, that you may show yourself in all things an example of good works for others, that the adversary may be ashamed, having nothing to say against you?

*Answer* I will, the Lord being my helper.

*Question* Will you maintain and set forward, as much as you are able, quietness, love, and peace among all people, and diligently exercise such discipline as is, by the authority of God's Word and by the Order of this Church, committed to you?

*Answer* I will, the Lord being my helper.

*Question* Will you be faithful in examining, confirming, ordaining, and sending the people of God?

*Answer* I will, the Lord being my helper.

*Question* Will you show yourself gentle, and be merciful for Christ's sake, to poor and needy people and to all strangers destitute of help?

*Answer* I will, the Lord being my helper.

*The Congregation may kneel, and prays silently for the fulfillment of these purposes.*

*The Archbishop prays*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who has given you a good will to do all these things, grant you also the strength and power to perform them, accomplishing in you the good work which he has begun, that you may be found perfect and without reproach on the last day; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



*The Bishop Elect kneels or lies prostrate, facing the Archbishop, with the bishops present surrounding the Bishop Elect. The Veni, Creator Spiritus is sung or said over him as follows*

### Veni, Creator Spiritus

1. Come, Ho - ly Ghost, our souls in - spire, and light - en  
 3. Thy bless - ed unc - tion from a - bove is com - fort,  
 5. A - noint and cheer our soil - ed face with the a -

with ce - les - tial fire. 2. Thou the a - noint - ing  
 life, and fire of love. 4. En - a - ble with per -  
 bun - dance of thy grace. 6. Keep far our foes, give

Spi - rit art, who dost thy seven - fold gifts im - part.  
 pet - ual light the dull - ness of our blind - ed sight.  
 peace at home: where thou art guide, no ill can come.

7. Teach us to know the Fa - ther, Son, and thee, of  
 both, to be but One, 8. that through the a - ges  
 all a - long, this may be our end - less song:

9. praise to thy e - ter - nal mer - it,  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit.



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## The Consecration of the Bishop

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*All now stand as witnesses, except the Bishop Elect, who kneels facing the Archbishop.*

*Archbishop:* Lord, hear our prayer;  
*People:* **And let our cry come to you.**  
*Archbishop:* Let us pray.

Almighty God and most merciful Father, of your infinite love and goodness you have given your only Son Jesus Christ to be our redeemer and the author of everlasting life. After he had made perfect our redemption by his death and resurrection, and ascended into heaven, he sent into the whole world his apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers; by the Holy Spirit, through their labor and ministry, he gathered together a great flock to set forth the eternal praise of your holy Name. Grant to this your servant such grace that he may ever be ready to spread abroad your Gospel, the glad tidings of reconciliation with you, and to use the authority given to him, not for destruction, but for salvation; not to hurt, but to help; so that, as a wise and faithful steward, he may give to your family their portion in due season, and at the last may be received into everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Then the Archbishop and at least two other Bishops lay their hands upon the head of the Bishop Elect, the Archbishop and other Bishops saying*

Receive the Holy Spirit for the Office and work of a Bishop in the Church of God, now committed to you by the imposition of our hands; in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*The Archbishop then continues*

Most merciful Father, send down upon this your servant your heavenly blessing; so endue him with your Holy Spirit that, in preaching your Word, he may not only be earnest to reprove, beseech, and rebuke, with all love and godly doctrine, but may also present a wholesome example in word and conduct, in love and faith, in chastity and purity; that, having faithfully run his course, at the Last Day he may receive the crown of righteousness, laid up by the Lord Jesus, our righteous Judge, who lives and reigns with you and the same Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

*The People in a loud voice respond*

**Amen.**

*The new Bishop is now vested according to the Order of Bishops, assisted by his family. During the presentations that follow, the Archbishop may be assisted by others.*

*The Archbishop presents the new Bishop with a Bible saying*

Give heed to reading, exhortation, and doctrine. Think upon the things contained in this Book. Be diligent in them, that your growth in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ may be evident to all. In doing so you shall save both yourself and those who hear you. Be to the flock of Christ a shepherd, not a wolf; feed them, do not devour them. Hold up the weak, heal the sick, bind up the broken, bring back the lapsed, and seek the lost. Do not confuse mercy with indifference; so minister discipline, that you forget not mercy; that when the Chief Shepherd appears, you may receive the never-fading crown of glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Archbishop anoints the forehead of the new Bishop with the Oil of Chrism saying*

Receive the anointing of this oil, and remember continually to stir up the grace of God which is given to you; for God has not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, and love, and self-control.

*The Archbishop gives him a pectoral cross saying*

Receive this cross; remember that he whom you serve reconciled us to God by his own blood.

*The Archbishop gives him a miter saying*

Receive this miter, and remember that your authority rests in God's Word and Holy Spirit.

*The Archbishop gives him an episcopal ring saying*

Take this ring; be faithful to the Bride of Christ.

*The incumbent Bishop presents him with a pastoral staff saying*

I, Neil, Bishop in the Church of God, hereby relinquish my spiritual authority as Bishop of the Gulf Atlantic Diocese. On behalf of this diocese, I receive and acknowledge you to be the Bishop of the same, and as a token of your authority I present you this staff.

*The new Bishop, holding the pastoral staff, shall take this oath*

I, Alex, Bishop in the Church of God, now inducted and acknowledged by you to be the Bishop of this Diocese, receive this staff at your hands as the pledge of my institution and the authority committed to me, and I promise to be a faithful shepherd, so help me God.

*The Bishop's wives gather around and pray for Mrs. Farmer.*

*Archbishop:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And with your spirit.**

# The Holy Communion

At the Offertory

*All Praise*

C. Garven

*Laudes tibi, Domine, offerimus. (We offer praises unto thee, O Lord.)*

*From all that dwell below the skies, let the Creator's praise arise!  
Let the Redeemer's name be sung through every land, by every tongue.*

*Eternal are thy mercies, Lord. Eternal truth attends thy Word.  
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more.  
Sancte Deus, dona nobis pacem. (O Holy God, grant us peace.)*

*All praise to God! Praise His holy name! Praise His name!*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Praise Him, all creatures here below!  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host! Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
All praise, all praise!*

*All funds placed in the offering plate will go to Bishop Alex's Discretionary Fund.  
Checks should be made out to the Gulf Atlantic Diocese with "Bishop's Discretionary fund" in the memo line.*

Presentation Hymn *All Stand.*

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef, with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "All creatures of our God and King, lift praise God from whom all blessings flow; up your voices, let us sing: Alleluia, alleluia! Bright Him, all creatures here below; Alleluia, alleluia! Praise burn-ing sun with gold-en beams, pale sil-ver moon that gen-tly Him a-bove, ye heavn-ly host: praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly gleams, O\_\_\_ praise Him, O\_\_\_ praise Him, Al-le-lu-ia, al-le- Ghost. O\_\_\_ praise Him, O\_\_\_ praise Him, Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!"

## The Sursum Corda

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And with your spirit.**

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant:*

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. 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.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## Sanctus S129

R. Powell

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and  
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.\_\_\_\_\_

*All Kneel.*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved.

By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People:*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*Celebrant:* And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:  
*People* **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Fraction**

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
*People:* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

## The Prayer of Humble Access

*Celebrant and People:*

We do not presume to come to this, your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

## The Invitation to Communion

### Communion Instructions

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*All baptized Christians, regardless of denomination, are welcome to receive the real and living presence of Christ in this Holy Communion.*

*An usher will release the aisles to come forward for Communion. A vergier will direct you to the altar rail where a priest will place a wafer in your hands. There are also standing stations available at the end of each altar rail. You may bypass the altar rail and receive there.*

*If you would like to dip the wafer into the wine, hold it so it is visible and the first chalice bearer will offer you the intinction chalice for you to do so. If you would like to drink from the common cup, consume the bread and drink from the chalice offered by the second chalice bearer.*

*Gluten-free wafers are available from the acolytes in front of the pulpit or the lectern. Once you have obtained your wafer, come to the priest for the words of administration.*

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### Agnus Dei S163 All Sing.

R. Powell

Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

You emptied Yourself, You gave up Your throne  
The glory of God, in flesh and bone  
The earth cannot hold what heaven pours out  
Our hearts can't contain what we can't live without

*We come to the Table, the Feast that You set  
Your body the bread, and Your blood the wine;  
May we never forget*

Before us You go, preparing a place  
The foulest of cups, the taste of disgrace  
The offering You gave, so sorrowf'ly sweet  
When God's heart broke open and love knew defeat

*We come to the Table, the Feast that You set  
Your body the bread, and Your blood the wine;  
May we never forget  
O the Kingdom is come  
Truth and mercy are met  
Your body the bread, and Your blood the wine;  
May we never forget*

All You have done for us  
All You have done for us  
All You have done for us  
May we never forget

Your body the bread, and Your blood the wine;  
May we never forget  
Your body the bread, and Your blood the wine;  
May we never forget

Let us be known by our love  
In every word in every deed honor the Son  
Let our light shine in every eye  
Let us be known by our love

*For the glory of the Father  
For the glory of the Son  
For the glory of the Spirit  
Let us be known by our love (joy) (peace)*

Let us be known by our joy  
In every home in every heart sing to the Lord  
Let our life show goodness and hope  
Let us be known by our joy Chorus

Let us be known by our peace  
In every town in every tribe Jesus is king  
Let us go forth heal and restore  
Let us be known by our peace Chorus





Lord I come, I confess  
Bowing here, I find my rest  
Without You, I fall apart  
You're the one that guides my heart

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You  
Every hour, I need You  
My one defense, my righteousness  
Oh God, how I need You

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more  
Where grace is found is where You are  
And where You are, Lord, I am free  
Holiness is Christ in me

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You  
Every hour, I need You  
My one defense, my righteousness  
Oh God, how I need You

So teach my song to rise to You  
When temptation comes my way  
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You  
Jesus, You're my hope and stay

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You  
Every hour, I need You  
My one defense, my righteousness  
Oh God, how I need You  
You're my one defense, my righteousness  
Oh God, how I need You

My one defense, my righteousness  
Oh God, how I need You

**Communion Music**

*Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me*

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer, there is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom, my steadfast love my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold: My hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to His  
Oh how strange and divine I can sing, "All is mine!"  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken, for by my side, the Savior, He will stay  
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing, for in my need His power is displayed  
To this I hold: My Shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley He will lead  
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven, the future sure, the price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon, and He was raised to overthrow the grave  
To this I hold: My sin has been defeated  
Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh the chains are released I can sing, "I am free!"  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus, for He has said that He will bring me home  
And day by day I know He will renew me, until I stand with joy before the throne  
To this I hold: My hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to Him  
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat,  
"Yet not I but through Christ in me!"

When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat,  
"Yet not I but through Christ in me!"  
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Mine are days that God has numbered, I was made to walk with Him  
Yet I look for worldly treasure, and forsake the King of kings

*But mine is hope in my Redeemer, though I fall His love is sure  
For Christ has paid for every failing, I am His forevermore*

Mine are tears in times of sorrow, darkness not yet understood  
Through the valley I must travel where I see no earthly good

*But mine is peace that flows from heaven and the strength in times of need  
I know my pain will not be wasted, Christ completes His work in me*

Mine are days here as a stranger, pilgrim on a narrow way  
One with Christ I will encounter harm and hatred for His name

*But mine is armor for this battle, strong enough to last the war  
And He has said He will deliver safely to the golden shore*

*And mine are keys to Zion city where beside the King I walk  
For there my heart has found its treasure, Christ is mine forevermore*

Come rejoice now, O my soul! For His love is my reward  
Fear is gone and hope is sure. Christ is mine forevermore! repeat

*And mine are keys to Zion city where beside the King I walk  
For there my heart has found its treasure, Christ is mine forevermore!  
Christ is mine forevermore! Christ is mine forevermore!*



## The Post Communion Prayer *All Kneel.*

*Celebrant and People:*

Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

*The new Bishop prays the following Collect*

Go before us, O Lord, in all our doings with your most gracious favor, and further us with your continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy Name, and finally, through your mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Blessing

*Bishop:* Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

*People:* **The maker of heaven and earth.**

*Bishop:* Blessed be the Name of the Lord;

*People:* **From this time forth for evermore.**

*Bishop:* The blessing, mercy, and grace of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

## Closing Hymn 473

*Lift High the Cross*

*Refrain*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim  
till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.

Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,  
Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied  
O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

The musical score consists of three systems. The first system is the Refrain, with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). It contains two lines of music with lyrics. The second system continues the Refrain with a treble clef and the same key signature, also with two lines of music and lyrics. The third system is the main body of the hymn, with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. It contains four lines of music with lyrics. A bass clef system is visible at the bottom of the page, which appears to be the beginning of the next page's content.

*Repeat Refrain*

the hosts of God in con- quering ranks com - bine.  
 bears on the brow the seal of him who died.  
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.  
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

### The Dismissal

*Deacon:* Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude

*Now Thank We All Our God*

S. Karg-Elert  
 arr. D. Gardiniere

### Serving in the Liturgy

Chief Consecrator	The Most Rev'd Dr. Foley Beach
Co-Consecrators	The Rt. Rev'd Neil Lebhar The Rt. Rev'd Dr. Steve Breedlove The Rt. Rev'd John Miller
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Oil Presenter	Mrs. Mary Langeland
Cross Presenter	Mrs. Samantha Crawford
Episcopal Ring Presenter	Mrs. Charleigh Ward
Mitre Presenter	The Very Rev'd Andrew Rowell
Lectors	Mrs. Beth Kirby Mr. Jose Boada
Chaplain to Bishop-Elect	The Rev'd Michael Mayo
Archbishop's Chaplain	The Rev'd Canon Dr. C. K. Ekeke
Archbishop's Canon	The Rev'd Canon Wesley Jagoe
Deacon	The Rev'd Gabe Holloway
Litanist	The Rev'd Canon Matthew Wilkins

## Serving in the Liturgy (Cont'd)

Director of Music/Organist	Christopher Garven
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Communion Musicians	Jose Boada, Rick Guerry, John Harris, Emily Herring
Worship Dir. Servants of Christ	David LaCagnina
Brass Ensemble	Christopher Moore, Vance Garven, Deborah Garven Justin Hamann, Ramon Garavito
Vergers	John Grant, Cal Melton, Jamey McClenny, Bruce Prevatt, Frances Prevatt, Jake Money, Greg Summers, David Berenguer, Mose Stuart
Acolytes	Elena Rhodes, James Kaiser, Billy Gomer, Katy Merritt, Sammi Coulter, Gabbi Coulter, Justin White, Henrietta Ralston, Phillip Melton, Alexander Van Valkenburgh, Lily Money, Weezie Munroe, Ginger Munroe, Carson Stockton, Anne Osterhaus, Morgan Lynes, Madison Lynes, Levi Pearson, Robin Redmond, Zac Garven, Zoe Garven, Evvy Wacksman, Reagan Owen, Laney Ford, Andrew Nordby, Peter Nordby, Timothy Hughes
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## **A Note From Bishop Alex**

Dear family, friends, and partners in the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ,

I am grateful for this opportunity to thank each of you for your participation today in my consecration as the second Bishop of the Gulf Atlantic Diocese. You bless me by your presence and I am sustained by the prayers and words of support you have expressed in my journey thus far. To quote the Kenyan Anglican liturgy, "I am because we are". Please continue to pray for Jody and me as we undertake this new ministry. Years ago, I was encouraged to memorize Galatians 2:20, "I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." This verse has been my guiding truth as I have submitted to the process for the election of a bishop and all that has followed up to this moment.

I want to take this moment to thank Bishop Neil and Marcia Lebharr for their love and support of my family and the ministry of Servants of Christ all these many years. You both have had a profound influence on our lives and the life of this Diocese and we are forever grateful. Thank you, Neil, for setting such a godly example of what it looks like to live as a bishop among his people.

I want to also thank the Bishop Search Committee for conducting such an organized and thorough process. Most of us are not aware of how many hours you spent in prayer and meetings to get to this day. In addition, I want to thank the Standing Committee, Deans, and Staff of the Gulf Atlantic Diocese for your various parts to prepare the Diocese for the election and consecration of a new bishop.

In addition, special thanks to Archbishop Foley, Bishop Neil, Bishop John, and Bishop Steve for serving as my co-consecrators, along with Bishop Jim serving as one of my presenters. Bishop Martyn, you bless me by your willingness to be my preacher today. Thanks to you, Angela, and Rachel, for the support you have extended to us over the years in Gainesville.

Thank you to Dean Kaiser and the Staff of the Cathedral for all your work to once again host the Diocese for this weekend. You continue to bless us as a diocese in tangible ways.

Special thanks to the members of the worship team at Servants of Christ for leading in communion music. Also, all of you willing to be my presenters and those bringing forth gifts for my episcopal ministry. You represent different times and aspects of my ministry life. The pectoral cross was given by my three amazing children and their spouses. My bishop ring was a gift of Mrs. Joyce Hearn, a dear friend to the Farmers and member of Servants of Christ. I am blessed to be inheriting the Crosier, Cope and Mitre from Bishop Neil.

Last, I want to give thanks for my gifted and beautiful wife, Jody. Thank you for being my partner in ministry and life. I am excited to begin the work of Bishop with you at my side.

In Christ who strengthens me,  
+Alex



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