Holy Communion

with the

Installation of the Bishop

of the

Upstate New York Synod

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Bethany Baptist Church
Syracuse, New York

Saturday, the eighteenth day of September
two thousand twenty-one
at two o’clock in the afternoon
GATHERING

Prelude

Pre-service music selections include:

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* ...................................................... Arr. Richard Walters (b. 1965)

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,
   Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
   Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
   Sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount, I’m fixed upon it
   Mount of Thy redeeming love.

   Here I raise my Ebenezer;
   Hither by Thy help I’ve come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
   Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
   Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
   Interposed His precious blood.

   Oh, to grace how great a debtor!
   Daily I’m constrained to be!
Let that goodness like a fetter,
   Bind my wandering heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
   Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it;
   Seal it for Thy courts above.
Welcome of the Bishop-Elect

All stand as the presiding minister addresses the assembly.

Beloved siblings,
I greet you in the name of Christ.
Grace and peace be with you.
And also with you.

Dear friends, we have come together from many places
to mark a new season of ministry in the life of this synod
as we install our next bishop.

Let us enter this celebration confident that,
through the Holy Spirit, Christ is present with us now,
as we pray that this servant may fulfill God's purpose in his life
and in his ministry among the whole people of God.

Let us go to welcome our bishop-elect.

Representatives of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church introduce the bishop-elect.

Dear friends in Christ, we bring before you the Reverend Lee M. Miller II,
who has served among us faithfully as our pastor and brother in Christ.

With gratitude for his ministry with us, we send him forth to serve
as the bishop of the Upstate New York Synod
of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

The presiding minister leads the assembly in welcoming the bishop-elect.

Lee, pastor in the church of God,
we have looked forward to your coming with great joy.

In the name of Christ, we greet you.

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With all my heart, I thank you for your welcome.

I hope to serve among you in Christ's name and in the joy of the Spirit.

May the peace of God be upon this house and upon this assembly.

Lee, in your baptism you were clothed with Christ,
and you are now called by God through the voice of the church
to enter upon the ministry of bishop.

We remember with joy our common calling
through baptism to serve Christ,
and we celebrate God's call to you, our brother.

My brothers and sisters, as we begin this new season of ministry,
may our celebration recall us to the unity
that is given in baptism and nurtured at the Lord's table.

May we rejoice in the many gifts enriching the life of our church
and be strengthened to proclaim the good news of Christ in the world.

Amen.
Confession and Forgiveness

*)All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at Baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
who creates, redeems and sustains us and all creation.

*Amen.*

To you, O God,
*all hearts are open, to you all desires known.*

*We come to you, confessing our sins.*

*Forgive us in your mercy, and remember us in your love.*

*Show us your ways; teach us your paths;*

*and lead us in justice and truth,*

*for the sake of your goodness,*

*in Jesus Christ our Savior.*

*Amen.*

*)The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness.*

*By water and the Holy Spirit God gives you a new birth,*

*and through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ,*

*God forgives you all your sins.*

*The God of mercy and might strengthen you in all goodness*

*and keep you in eternal life.*

*Amen.*
Entrance Hymn

Come, We That Love the Lord

The assembly remains standing to sing the hymn, turning to face the cross as it passes in procession.

1. Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
2. Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God;
3. The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets;
4. Then let our songs abound, and every tear be dry;

join in a song with sweet accord, join in a song with but children of the heav'nly King, but children of the before we reach the heav'nly fields, before we reach the we're marching through Immanuel's ground, we're marching through Immanuels ground, to fairer worlds on high, to fairer worlds on high.

Refrain

We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion:

we're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.
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.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept.

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.

After the prayer the assembly responds: Amen.

The assembly is seated.

Solo

The Call (from Five Mystical Songs)..............................Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)
Text: George Herbert (1593–1633)

Come, my way, my truth, my life: such a way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all strife; such a life as killeth death.

Come, my light, my feast, my strength: such a light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in length; such a strength as makes his guest.

Come, my joy, my love, my heart: such a joy as none can move; such a love as none can part; such a heart as joys in love.
First Reading

Ezekiel 2:8–3:4

But you, mortal, hear what I say to you; do not be rebellious like that rebellious house; open your mouth and eat what I give you. I looked, and a hand was stretched out to me, and a written scroll was in it. He spread it before me; it had writing on the front and on the back, and written on it were words of lamentation and mourning and woe.

He said to me, O mortal, eat what is offered to you; eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel. So I opened my mouth, and he gave me the scroll to eat. He said to me, Mortal, eat this scroll that I give you and fill your stomach with it. Then I ate it; and in my mouth it was as sweet as honey. He said to me: Mortal, go to the house of Israel and speak my very words to them.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 95:1–7a

The psalm is spoken responsively in alternation between the leader and the assembly.

Come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come before God’s presence with thanksgiving;
and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.

For you, LORD, are a great God,
and a great ruler above all gods.

In your hand are the caverns of the earth;
the heights of the hills are also yours.

The sea is yours, for you made it,
and your hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker.

For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God’s pasture,
and the sheep of God’s hand.
Oh, that today you would hear God’s voice!
Second Reading  

Ephesians 4:4–16

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ’s gift. Therefore it is said, “When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.” (When it says, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body’s growth in building itself up in love.

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Gospel Acclamation  

Isaiah 52:7

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel. All sing the Alleluias:

Soloist:
How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation.

All repeat the Alleluias.
Gospel

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house!’ And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ‘Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.’ I tell you, on that day it will be more tolerable for Sodom than for that town. ‘Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.”

The seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!” He said to them, “I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The assembly remains standing and again sings the Alleluias as the gospel procession returns to the chancel.

Sermon

Following the salutation, the assembly is seated.

A brief silence for reflection follows the sermon.
Hymn of the Day

Take My Life, That I May Be

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, #583

After the hymn is introduced, the assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

1. Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days;
y tu ro-no en él ten-drás. ten-drás.
let them flow in cease-less praise.

2. Que mi vida es para ti, Señor;
not a mite would I withhold;
it shall be no longer mine;

3. Que mis pies tan sólo en pos
beautyful for thee.
pow’r as thou shalt choose.

4. Que mi tiempo todo está
consagrado a tu lloar;
que mi mente y su poder
sean usados en tu honor.

Translated Version

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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 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.
INSTALLATION

Presentation

The secretary of the synod presents the bishop-elect to the presiding minister.
I present Lee Mathers Miller II, who has been elected and called by the church, for installation into the office of bishop of the Upstate New York Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

The assembly is seated.

Address and Questions

The bishop-elect is addressed with words of scripture.

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-elect.

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 Upstate 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 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 minister addresses the assembly.

People of God, representatives of this synod, will you receive Lee 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 bishop-elect kneels.
Hymn of Invocation

Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading  Evangelical Lutheran Worship #401

During the hymn, Lutheran bishops, Episcopal bishops and other full communion judicatory leaders lay hands on the bishop-elect as a sign of the church’s unity.

1 Gracious Spirit, heed our pleading, fashion us all anew.
2 Come to teach us, come to nourish those who believe in Christ.
3 Guide our thinking and our speaking done in your holy name.

Tu-fundo she ya mbingu ni, tu we wa tu wa-pya.
It’s your leading that we’re needing, help us to follow you.
Bless the faithful, may they flourish, strengthened by grace unpriced.
Motivate all in their seeking, freeing from guilt and shame.

Refrain

Njo-o, njo-o, njo-o, Ro-ho mwe-ma.
Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.

Njo-o, njo-o, njo-o, Ro-ho mwe-ma.
Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.

4 Not mere knowledge, but discernment, nor rootless liberty;
turn disquiet to contentment,
doubt into certainty.
5 Keep us fervent in our witness,
unswayed by earth’s allure.
Ever grant us zealous fitness,
which you alone assure.

Following the hymn there is a time of silent prayer.
Thanksgiving

The presiding minister leads the assembly in giving thanks.
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.

The presiding minister lays both hands on the head of the bishop-elect.
Pour out your Spirit upon Lee
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 presiding minister addresses the bishop-elect.
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.

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

We, as people of faith, 
Understanding our purpose and call
To remember whose we are
And where we came from;
That we honor those peoples,
Our Native siblings,
Whose lands we stand on,
The Onondaga Nation, firekeepers of the
Haudenosaunee,
And where the Underground Railroad
Was the way to freedom,
And the fight towards liberation
Of Peoples of African descent;
And our call,
Through the Holy Spirit
To affirm the humanity in all;
To see the Creator’s reflection in all,
Pause now,
As siblings in Christ
And
Pray.

*A brief silence is kept.*

O Creator, who promises us to never
leave us, nor forsake us, to forgive us
You have charged the entirety of what we
understand as the whole church
To be that faithful witness
In the name of the One,
Who loves us and teaches us and heals us,
Jesus Christ.
In our prayers, we uplift broken
relationships
To be renewed and restored
Regardless how we call on you,
Connect with you,
But through your commandment of
Loving one another,
And that commandment pushing the
boundaries
Beyond the surface, towards deeper
meaning.
It is then, we understand what true mercy
and ministry should be
Practicing what we preach,

In your great and abundant mercy,
**Lord, receive our prayers**

O Creator God, who through the waters,
And through the Holy Spirit
**YOU**
Give us strength to do the daily work
Of affirming those of our siblings
To share of their gifts,
No matter how they are called.
For your child,
Lee
Who you have called to this role
To serve as Bishop.
We ask for your Holy Spirit
To empower and encourage him
As in turn,
We know your Holy Spirit empowers and
encourages all leaders
In the many roles and the many different
and creative ways we live out our
ministries
To speak truth,
Even when it is uncomfortable
Even when it challenges the status quo
Even when it calls for equity and equality
Let us break the chains away from that
which seeks to divide us
And turn our very being towards you
**Lord, receive our prayer.**

O Beloved Parent of All,
You have birthed us from stardust,
And filled us with Holy Fire
And your Sacred Breath
You have rooted within us
A purpose
Love
Peace
And you have gifted us the responsibility
To care for Creation
As that neighbor that Jesus taught us
about
That just as we make sure that our
neighbors, and friends are cared for
We too,
Must keep the waters clean, for all
Especially Lake Niagara and Erie,
And all the rivers and streams in between
Must keep the lands safe, for all,
Especially the forests and prairies,
And mountains
Must uphold the sanctity of life,
Especially birds, mammals, insects, sea creatures,
And so many unnamed in this moment
We, must love our neighbor
By being actively Involved
Lord, receive our prayer.

O Creator in all your wisdom,
We are charged
With building the beloved community
That no one go without
That no one feels alone
Or abandoned
Jesus, our Redeemer and Sibling
Taught us,
How to be reconciling towards one another
So in turn
We must be the example
For those who have positions of civil leadership
And places of power.
May they remember
Their fragile humanity
And when they see someone suffering
Because of unjust laws and practices
May your reflection stir their hearts
Towards
Justice
Lord, receive our prayer

Good and gracious Healer of every ill,
We are thankful to be standing before you
Whenever pain or illness or sickness comes
We know,
That our siblings of many faiths and background and cultures
Whom you have given the mission of science and discovery and healing
Are always present and ready
To care for us.
We are still walking this road of a pandemic,
But may we work together
So that all of our siblings,
Are taken care of.
Being sick, feeling crushed, overwhelmed
Sad, anxious, depressed
Can crush our souls
But we also know
There is always someone
Who comes to us
Nurtures us
Just as Jesus nurtured and healed others
Lord, receive our prayer

Beloved God,
When we lose hope
Those cloud of witnesses seem to hover and whisper to us
Our Ancestors speaking beyond the veil,
Reminding us that love does not die Simply because the physical body tires out
We come and are birthed into being
Because you love us
And we are never alone
Not even in that last moment
Because we are cradled and loved
And called by name
And return to you
To be with you
Beyond the veil
Life into Life,
As we struggle with the challenges of life
Pour out your unending grace
So that we can go forward
On,
Lord, receive our prayer
Into your hands, Creator
We place our worries,
Our burdens
Our joys
Our fears
Whether we are crying out for ourselves
Or whether we are crying for others
We know YOU hear our fears, our doubts
And we know
YOU
Have the last say
We thank you,
For everything you have given to us
Especially Jesus Christ,
Our risen Savior
And
She,
The Holy Spirit
Amen.
Giving of a Cross and Crozier

The presiding minister addresses the newly installed bishop.
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 outgoing bishop places the synod’s pectoral cross upon the newly installed bishop.

The presiding minister continues:
Receive this cross and wear it
as a sign of your calling to serve Christ and his people,
and as an emblem of the office to which you have been elected.

The outgoing bishop presents the synod’s crozier to the newly installed bishop.

The presiding minister continues:
Receive this staff
as a sign of your pastoral office:
keep watch over the whole flock in which the Holy Spirit
has appointed you to shepherd in the church of God.

The newly installed bishop stands and the presiding minister presents him to the people.
The assembly may offer acclamation with applause.

Peace

The newly installed bishop greets the assembly in the peace of the risen Christ.
The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ’s peace saying Peace be with you or similar words.

The assembly is seated.
MEAL

Offering

The gathering of an offering and setting of the table is accompanied by special music. Today’s money offerings, to be shared between ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response and New-Start Ministries in the Upstate New York Synod, may be received in the offering plates placed at the rear of the Sanctuary or given on-line by scanning this QR code:

Solo

*For Everyone Born (from Still All My Song Shall Be)*..............................................Brian Mann
Arr. Tom Trenney

For ev’ryone born, a place at the table,
For ev’ryone born, clean water and bread,
A shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
For ev’ryone born, a star overhead,

**Refrain** And God will delight when we are creators of justice
And joy, compassion and peace:
Yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice,
Justice and joy!

For young and for old, a place at the table,
A voice to be heard, a part in this song.
The hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong.

For ev’ryone born, a place at the table,
To live without fear, and simply to be,
To work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
For ev’ryone born, the right to be free.
Offering Prayer

The assisting minister leads the assembly in prayer.
Let us pray.
Holy God, gracious and merciful,
you bring forth food from the earth
and nourish your whole creation,
Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way,
that all may know your care;
and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.
The Lord be with you.
And also 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.

The presiding minister continues:
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through the great shepherd of your flock, our Savior Jesus Christ;
who after his resurrection sent forth the apostles
to preach the gospel and teach all nations,
and promised to be with them, even to the end of the age.
And so, with the glorious company of the apostles,
with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
Sanctus

All join in singing:

Santo, santo, santo, oh Dios del universo:
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of might and mercy,

... llenos están el cielo y la tierra de tu gloria.
your glory fills all heaven and earth. ... You are holy, God.

Bendito el que viene en nombre del Señor...
... Blessed be the Savior, the one who comes in your name.

Hosanna en el cielo. Santoeres, oh Dios.
Hosanna in the highest. You are holy, God.
The presiding minister continues:

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

All creation sings your praise:
Sun, moon, and stars reflect your glory.
Mountains, lakes, and forests declare your wonders.

With Abraham and Sarah
we go out in faith, trusting your promise.
With Miriam and Moses
we celebrate our deliverance from bondage.
With Naomi and Ruth
we bind ourselves together in covenant love.
With Jonathan and David
we delight in the gift of deep and abiding friendship.
With Mary and Elizabeth
we welcome your presence in the birth of Jesus Christ, the Holy One.
With Lazarus, Martha, and Mary
we give thanks for the blessings of family.
With disciples and followers
we marvel at the reign of God come near.
With saints through the ages
we ponder the mystery of Christ’s dying and rising.

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.

With hearts full of memories and hopes,
we break this bread and share this cup,
remembering the death and resurrection of Christ,
and his promise to be with us always
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
O Divine Love,
you are the breath within us.
You are our heart’s desire.
You are our priceless treasure.
You are the garden of paradise.

Come down, O Love divine.
Come among us, O passionate Fire.
Come within us, O Spirit of unity.
Come, Holy Spirit.
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Bless us, O Lord, and these your gifts,
which we are about to receive from your bounty.
Bless our table and the feast we share.
Bless us with gladness of heart.
Come, Holy Spirit.
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

At this table make us your body.
Fill us with gratitude and generosity
that we may bear the fruit of love in word and deed.
Come, Holy Spirit.
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Praise to you, Author of creation.
Praise to you, O Beloved One.
Praise to you, O Giver of all good things.
Praise to you, blessed and holy Trinity,
one God, now and forever.
**Amen.**

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

**Our Father in heaven,**
    hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**
    as we forgive those who sin against us.

**Save us from the time of trial**
    and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,**
    now and forever. **Amen**
Communion

*The presiding minister invites the assembly to the table of the Lord.*

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

**Lamb of God**

Soloist:

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\text{Lamb of God,} & \quad \text{you take away the sin of the world:} \\
& \quad \text{you break the chains of hatred and fear:} \\
& \quad \text{you are the way of justice and peace:} \\
& \quad \text{you are the way of mercy and love:}
\end{align*}
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Assembly:

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\begin{align*}
& \text{grant us peace,} \\
& \text{mercy on us.} \\
& \text{mercy on us,} \\
& \text{mercy on us,}
\end{align*}
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Soloist:

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\begin{align*}
& \text{Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:} \\
& \text{grant us peace,}
\end{align*}
\]

Assembly:

The assembly is seated.

*We believe the body and blood of Christ are present in, with and under the bread and wine. All baptized Christians are invited to receive the Sacrament. At the direction of the ushers, proceed down the aisle and extend your hand to receive the bread, continue across to receive either wine (red) or nonalcoholic grape juice (white), returning to your pew by way of the side aisles. Gluten-free bread is available at each station. A blessing may instead be received from the communion minister by approaching with your hands folded. Please indicate to an usher should you desire communion brought to your pew.*
During communion, the following may be sung, as time allows:

I Come with Joy

1 I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and
2 I come with Christ far and near to find, as all are
3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud division
4 The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever
5 Together met, together bound by all that God has

free, the life of Jesus to recall in
fed, the new community of love in
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
near, is in such friendship better known, a-
done, we’ll go with joy, to give the world the

love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
Christ’s communion bread, in Christ’s communion bread.
strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends.
live among us here, live among us here.
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.
Come to the Table

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Come to the table of mercy, prepared with the wine and the bread.

All who are hungry and thirsty, come, and your souls will be fed.

Come at the Lord’s invitation; receive from his nail-scarred hand.

Eat of the bread of salvation; drink of the blood of the Lamb.
Let Us Break Bread Together

Let us break bread together on our knees;
let us break bread together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees.

Eat This Bread

“Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry.
Or Jesus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hunger.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.”
Jesus Christ, risen Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

After all have communed, the assembly stands at the direction of the presiding minister.
Prayer after Communion

The assisting minister leads the assembly in prayer.

Let us pray.

O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table.

Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.
SENDING

Blessing

The presiding bishop proclaims God's blessing.

Almighty God,
Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and always.

Amen.

Sending Hymn

Go to the World

1 Go to the world! Go into all the earth.
2 Go to the world! Go into every place.
3 Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray;
4 “Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,

Go preach the cross where Christ renews life’s worth,
Go live the word of God’s redeeming grace.
for I am with you till the age shall end,
baptizing as the sign of our rebirth.
As servant church, you follow Christ’s own way.
when all the hosts of glory cry, Amen!”

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Dismissal

The assisting minister dismisses the assembly.
Go in peace. Remember the poor.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Hornpipe (from Water Music Suite)................................. G. F. Handel (1685–1759)

Please remain in your place until the procession has passed.

Everyone is invited to greet our new bishop at a reception held in the fellowship hall.
The Rev. Lee M. Miller II was elected on June 5, 2021 by the Synod Assembly of the Upstate New York Synod to serve as the fifth bishop in the synod’s history. Pr. Miller begins a six-year term on September 1, 2021. Pr. Miller succeeds The Rev. John S. Macholz and is the son of former synod bishop, The Rev. Dr. Lee and Joan Miller.

“I dream a church where love activates people to do justice and share the joy which we receive as a gift,” Bishop Miller says. The Upstate New York Synod is a collaboration of 170 congregations and communities throughout the Upstate region. The synod is united in its proclamation of God’s grace for all people, the work of justice in each community and neighborhood, and the joy that is found connecting communities to one another.

At the time of his election, Bishop Miller served as the Senior Pastor of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Buffalo, NY, where he served for nine years, connecting the congregation to the community through local and global partnerships, collaborations, accompaniment work in racial justice, and in support of local schools and organizations.

Bishop Miller previously served as the lead pastor of St. John’s Evangelical Lutheran Church in Philadelphia, PA, and his first call was to Christus Evangelical Lutheran Church in Camden, NJ. He holds a Master of Divinity degree from the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, and his Bachelor of Arts degree in English was earned from the State University of New York in Albany.

He has served the whole church throughout his ministry as a member of synod councils and candidacy committees as well as serving as a voting member to the 2009 and 2016 ELCA Churchwide Assemblies. Most recently Bishop Miller served as the Dean of the Niagara Frontier conference and sits on the boards of VOICE Buffalo, and the Niagara Lutheran Health System.

Bishop Miller practices daily exercise and is a three-time marathon finisher. He also enjoys good music and a nice nap. He is married to his spouse, Heather, and their greatest joy is their son, Griffin. Bishop Miller is grateful for the love and support of his sister Beth Ann, her husband Eric, two nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, the whole Convry family, the Potts and Greene families in addition to so many friends who have become family along the way.
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NOTES ON THE SERVICE

The installation of a bishop is usually set within a special service, apart from the primary service on a Sunday or festival. The liturgical color for the day is red.

Procession
The entrance procession follows this order: Crucifer, Acolytes, Clergy, Deans of the Upstate New York Synod, Ecumenical guests, Ecumenical bishops, Synodical bishops of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, Secretary of the Synod, Bishop-Elect, Assisting Minister, Presiding Bishop.

It is appropriate for the assembly to acknowledge the symbol of our redemption by turning to face the cross as it passes when it is carried in procession.

Role of the Presiding Minister
At the installation of a synodical bishop, the presiding minister is normally the presiding bishop. The bishop-elect is seated with the assembly until presented by the secretary of the synod for installation as synodical bishop. Beginning at the Peace, the newly installed bishop assumes the role of presiding minister. It is customary for the presiding bishop, when present, to proclaim Christ’s blessing at the Sending.

Laying On of Hands
The laying on of hands embodies the whole church’s prayer for the Holy Spirit to guide and sustain this new season of ministry. Three bishops in historic succession join in the laying on of hands in conformity with the canons of the Council of Nicaea. Other bishops and representatives of churches with which a relationship of full communion has been established with this church also join in the laying on of hands.

Symbols of the Office of Bishop
Symbols associated with the ministry of oversight are presented at the time of installation. The pectoral cross is the one symbol of the office of bishop that is held in common throughout the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The same cross that was worn by the outgoing bishop is presented to the newly elected bishop as part of the rite of installation.

Presentation of the crozier (bishop’s staff) reflects the piety and long-standing practice in this synod, marking the shepherding aspect of the bishop’s ministry. The Crozier which Bishop Lee Miller II will carry in his ministry as a sign of the office was made by Mr. E. Hamandishe of the Chegato parish in rural southern Zimbabwe as a gift for our former bishop, the late Rev. Dr. Lee Miller I.

Creed
Because of its ecumenical significance, the Nicene Creed is especially appropriate for use at this service.

Offering
Check offerings may be made payable to “Upstate New York Synod.”