

THE ORDINATION OF

ELIZABETH WALTERS GILLMAN

TO THE SACRED ORDER OF PRIESTS

by The Right Reverend Alan Scarfe Bishop of Iowa

> St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Des Moines, Iowa

Saturday, February 13, 2021 Five o'clock in the evening

Prelude: "Garrison Jonas" and "Annika Maeve"

Greg Mazunik

Entrance Hymn: "All Creatures of Our God and King"

All stand for the entrance of the presenters, ordinand, and bishop into the Church. Those physically present in the church are asked not to sing along with the music, to minimize aerosol virus transmission.

 All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voices, let us sing: Alleluia, alleluia!
 Bright burning sun with golden beams, pale silver moon that gently gleams,

O praise her, O praise her, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 2 Great rushing winds and breezes soft, you clouds that ride the heavens aloft, O praise her, Alleluia!
 Fair rising morn, with praise rejoice, stars nightly shining, find a voice, Refrain
- 3 Swift flowing water, pure and clear, make music for your Lord to hear, Alleluia, alleluia!
 Fire, so intense and fiercely bright, you give to us both warmth and light, Refrain

The people standing, the Bishop says

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.PeopleGlory to God for ever and ever.

All 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 bishop and people sit. A Priest and a Lay Person, and additional presenters if desired, standing before the bishop, present the ordinand, saying

Alan, Bishop in the Church of God, on behalf of the clergy and people of the Diocese of Iowa, we present to you Elizabeth Walters Gillman to be ordained a priest in Christ's holy catholic Church.

Bishop

Has she been selected in accordance with the canons of this Church? And do you believe her manner of life to be suitable to the exercise of this ministry?

Presenters

We certify to you that she has satisfied the requirements of the canons, and we believe her to be qualified for this order.

The Bishop says to the ordinand

Will you be loyal to the doctrine, discipline, and worship of Christ as this Church has received them? And will you, in accordance with the canons of this Church, obey your bishop and other ministers who may have authority over you and your work?

Answer

I am willing and ready to do so; and I solemnly declare that I do believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, and to contain all things necessary to salvation; and I do solemnly engage to conform to the doctrine, discipline, and worship of The Episcopal Church.

The Ordinand then signs the above Declaration in the sight of all present.

All stand. The Bishop says to the people

Dear friends in Christ, you know the importance of this ministry, and the weight of your responsibility in presenting Elizabeth Gillman for ordination to the sacred priesthood. Therefore, if any of you know any impediment or crime because of which we should not proceed, come forward now, and make it known.

If no objection is made, the Bishop continues Is it your will that Elizabeth be ordained a priest?

The People respond in these or other words People It is.

Bishop Will you uphold her in this ministry?

The People respond in these or other words People **We will.**

The Bishop then calls the people to prayer with these or similar words In peace let us pray to the Lord.

The Litany of Ordination

Leader	God the Father,
People	Have mercy on us.
Leader	God the Son,
People	Have mercy on us.
Leader	God the Holy Spirit,
People	Have mercy on us.
Leader	Holy Trinity, one God,
People	Have mercy on us.
Leader	We pray to you, Lord Christ.
People	Lord, hear our prayer.

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the Day of your Coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

For all members of your Church in their vocation and ministry, that they may serve you in a true and godly life, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Alan our bishop, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons that they may be filled with your love, may hunger for truth, and may thirst after righteousness, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

For Elizabeth, chosen priest in your Church, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

That she may faithfully fulfill the duties of this ministry, build up your Church, and glorify your Name, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

That by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit she may be sustained and encouraged to persevere to the end, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

For her family, that they may be adorned with all Christian virtues, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

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

People Lord, hear our prayer.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

For ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

People To you, O Lord our God.

Lord, have mercy.

PeopleChrist, have mercy.Lord, have mercy.

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Bishop Let us pray.

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Ministry of the Word

The people may sit

First Reading

2 Kings 2:1-12

Reader A reading from the Second Book of Kings.

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 50:1-6 – all pray the psalm in unison

1 The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; *

God has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

- 2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, * God reveals God's self in glory.
- 3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; *

before God there is a consuming flame, and round about God a raging storm.

- 4 God calls the heavens and the earth from above * to witness the judgment of God's people.
- 5 "Gather before me my loyal followers, * those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice."
- 6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of God's cause; * for God is judge.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Reader A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Church at Corinth.

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people. People **Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel

Mark 9:2-9

All stand as able.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

DeaconThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Canon Lydia Kelsey Bucklin

The Nicene Creed

All stand as able and say together:

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 Examination

All are seated except the ordinand, who stands before the Bishop. The Bishop addresses the ordinand as follows

My sister, the Church is the family of God, the body of Christ, and the temple of the Holy Spirit. All baptized people are called to make Christ known as Savior and Lord, and to share in the renewing of his world. Now you are called to work as a pastor, priest, and teacher, together with your bishop and fellow presbyters, and to take your share in the councils of the Church.

As a priest, it will be your task to proclaim by word and deed the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and to fashion your life in accordance with its precepts. You are to love and serve the people among whom you work, caring alike for young and old, strong and weak, rich and poor. You are to preach, to declare God's forgiveness to penitent sinners, to pronounce God's blessing, to share in the administration of Holy Baptism and in the celebration of the mysteries of Christ's Body and Blood, and to perform the other ministrations entrusted to you.

In all that you do, you are to nourish Christ's people from the riches of his grace, and strengthen them to glorify God in this life and in the life to come.

My sister, do you believe that you are truly called by God and his Church to this priesthood?

Answer I believe I am so called.

Bishop	Do you now in the presence of the Church commit yourself to this trust and responsibility?
Answer	I do.
Bishop Answer	Will you respect and be guided by the pastoral direction and leadership of your bishop? I will.
Bishop	Will you be diligent in the reading and study of the Holy Scriptures, and in seeking the knowledge of such things as may make you a stronger and more able minister of Christ?
Answer	I will.

Bishop Answer	Will you endeavor so to minister the Word of God and the sacraments of the New Covenant, that the reconciling love of Christ may be known and received? I will.
Bishop Answer	Will you undertake to be a faithful pastor to all whom you are called to serve, laboring together with them and with your fellow ministers to build up the family of God? I will.
Bishop Answer	Will you do your best to pattern your life [and that of your family, <i>or</i> household, <i>or</i> community] in accordance with the teachings of Christ, so that you may be a wholesome example to your people? I will.
Bishop Answer	Will you persevere in prayer, both in public and in private, asking God's grace, both for yourself and for others, offering all your labors to God, through the mediation of Jesus Christ, and in the sanctification of the Holy Spirit? I will.
Bishop Answer	May the Lord who has given you the will to do these things give you the grace and power to perform them. Amen.

The Consecration of the Priest

All now stand except the ordinand, who kneels facing the Bishop.

Veni Sancte Spiritus

Taizé

A period of silent prayer follows, the people still standing.

The Bishop then says this Prayer of Consecration

God and Father of all, we praise you for your infinite love in calling us to be a holy people in the kingdom of your Son Jesus our Lord, who is the image of your eternal and invisible glory, the firstborn among many brethren, and the head of the Church. We thank you that by his death he has overcome death, and, having ascended into heaven, has poured his gifts abundantly upon your people, making some apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry and the building up of his body.

Here the Bishop lays hands upon the head of the ordinand, and prays

Therefore, Father, through Jesus Christ your Son, give your Holy Spirit to Elizabeth; fill her with grace and power, and make her a priest in your Church.

The Bishop then continues

May she exalt you, O Lord, in the midst of your people; offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to you; boldly proclaim the gospel of salvation; and rightly administer the sacraments of the New Covenant. Make her a faithful pastor, a patient teacher, and a wise councilor. Grant that in all things she may serve without reproach, so that your people may be strengthened and your Name glorified in all the world. All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

The People in a loud voice respond Amen.

The new priest is now vested according to the order of priests.

The Bishop then gives a Bible to the newly ordained, saying

Receive this Bible as a sign of the authority given you to preach the Word of God and to administer his holy Sacraments. Do not forget the trust committed to you as a priest of the Church of God.

The Bishop greets the newly ordained.

The Peace

Bishop The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

All greet the new priest and one another, maintaining six feet of social distancing between different households.

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Music: "Amazing Grace"

The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar. Monies collected will be put into the Ministry Discretionary Fund for new priest. Online participants may give at iowaepiscopal.org.

The Great Thanksgiving

All stand as able.

- *Priest:* The Lord be with you.
- People And also with you.
- *Priest* Lift up your hearts.
- *People* We lift them to the Lord.

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The priest continues:

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Priest and People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The priest continues:

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham, Sarah, and Hagar you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Priest and People Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The priest continues:

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

All say loudly: AMEN.

All pray their preferred version of the Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done,	Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as in heaven.	on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.	Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins	And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those	as we forgive those
who sin against us.	who trespass against us.
Save us from the time of trial,	And lead us not into temptation,
and deliver us from evil.	but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,	For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
now and forever. Amen.	forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The priest breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept. Then may be said

- Priest Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
- *People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.
- *Priest* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion

At the priest's bidding, the people physically present are invited to sanitize hands and then form a line maintaining 6 feet of distance from other households while lining up, waiting to receive, and returning to their places, and to keep their faces covered until back at their places, where they can consume the bread. The priest will drop a piece of gluten-free bread into each person's hand without contact. If there is contact then the priest will re-sanitize her hands. Home-baked bread is used, recognizing that "currently there is no evidence to support transmission of Covid-19 associated with food." (<u>https://www.cdc.gov/foodsafety/newsletter/food-safety-and-Coronavirus.html</u>). The priest will receive last (bread and wine), No wine will be consumed except by the presiding priest.

Remote participants and those present who choose not to receive are assured that **all the benefits of Communion are** received even though the Sacrament is not received with the mouth (BCP, 457). If desired, these participants may pray the following from the Prayer Book for the Armed Services:

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen. Communion Hymn: "The Summons"



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After Communion, the bishop says Let us pray.

All stand, as able, and say

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the holy food of the Body and Blood of your Son, and for uniting us through him in the fellowship of your Holy Spirit. We thank you for raising up among us faithful servants for the ministry of your Word and Sacraments. We pray that Elizabeth may be to us an effective example in word and action, in love and patience, and in holiness of life. Grant that we, with her, may serve you now, and always rejoice in your glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The bishop then asks the new priest to bless the people:

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

Hymn: "God of the Prophets," stanzas 1-3 & 5



Dismissal

The Deacon dismisses the people:

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia. *People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Participants in Today's Liturgy

Presider	The Rt. Rev. Alan Scarfe
Deacon	The Rev. Eric Rucker
Preacher	The Rev. Canon Lydia Kelsey Bucklin
Ordinand	The Rev. Elizabeth Gillman
Presenters	The Rev. Steve Godfrey, Ms. Kinsey Mazunik
Litanist	Mr. Andrew Walters
Lectors	Ms. Katie Walters, Ms. Cora DeVries
Hymns & Prelude	Mr. Greg Mazunik
Offertory Music	Mr. Ben Williams
Audio/Video	The Rev. Meg Wagner, Mr. John Sellers, Dr. David Martin

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