

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Liturgy for the Proclamation of the Word of God, the Ordination of a Deacon and Celebration of the Holy Communion.

**WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE
AND IN THE NAME OF THE LORD**

The Processional Hymn or Song

The Acclamation

Bishop: Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Response: And Blessed be His Kingdom now and forever.
Amen.

**WE CONFESS AND RECEIVE GOD'S
FORGIVENESS FOR OUR SINS**

The Deacon invites the People to recall their sins and to repent of them in silence.

Deacon: Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith; thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it; thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

The Confession of Sin and Declaration of Absolution

The Deacon and the People say:

**Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep,
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own
hearts,
we have offended against Thy holy laws,
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to have
done.**

**But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
spare Thou those who confess their faults,
restore Thou those who are penitent,
according to Thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ
Jesus our Lord;
and grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake,
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous and sober life,
to the glory of Thy holy name. Amen.**

The Bishop says

***Bishop:* May Our Lord Jesus Christ, who has left power to his Church to absolve all sinners who truly repent and believe in Him, of His great mercy forgive you all your offenses; and by His authority committed to me, I absolve you from all your sins; in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.**

Response: Amen.

The Gloria (Sung)

Praise and Worship in Music

The Collect

***Bishop:* 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.**

Response: Amen.

WE PROCLAIM AND RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

The Old Testament Lesson

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Numbers 3:5-10a.

After the Reading, the Reader says

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm—Psalm 100

After the reading of the Psalm, the Reader and People say together

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The New Testament Lesson

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Acts 6:1-7a.

After the Reading, the Reader says

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

The Proclamation of the Gospel

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Deacon: May the Lord be on our minds, on our lips and in our hearts as we hear His Holy Gospel. The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint _____.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Deacon: We are reading from _____'s Gospel chapter _____, beginning at verse _____.

After the Gospel reading, the deacon elevates the book and says:

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

WE MAKE OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH
(The Nicene Creed)

Bishop and People:

**I believe in One God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**I 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 our sake
He came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit
of 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 to judge the living and the dead,
and His kingdom will have no end.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

With the Father and the Son

He is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE CONSECRATION OF A DEACON

The Calling and Presentation

The Bishop is seated. The candidate is called forward. Two priest-presenters and additional lay presenters stand before the Bishop and present the candidate, saying

Presenters: Most Reverend Craig Bates, Bishop in the Church of God, on behalf of the clergy and people of the Diocese of the Northeast, we present to you **Janek Tamme** to be ordained a deacon in Christ's holy catholic Church.

Bishop: Has he been selected in accordance with the canons of this Church? And do you believe his manner of life to be suitable to the exercise of this ministry?

Presenters: We certify to you that he has satisfied the requirements of the canons, and we believe him qualified for this order.

The Bishop says to the candidate

Bishop: 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?

The Candidate answers

Candidate: 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 International Communion of the Charismatic Episcopal Church.

The Candidate then signs the above Declaration in the sight of all present

All stand. The Bishop says to the People

Bishop: Dear friends in Christ, you know the importance of these ministries and the weight of your responsibility in presenting **Janek Tamme** for ordination to the sacred order of deacons. 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

Bishop: Is it your will that **Janek Tamme** be ordained deacon?

Response: It is.

Bishop: Will you uphold this man in his ministry?

Response: We will.

The Exhortation

The People are seated. The Bishop addresses the candidate

Bishop: My son, you are being raised to the order of deacons. The Lord has set an example for you to follow.

As deacon, you will serve Jesus Christ, who was known among His disciples as the one who served others. Do the will of God generously. Serve God and mankind in love and joy. Look upon all unchastity and avarice as worship of false gods; for no man can serve two masters.

Like the men the apostles chose for works of charity, you should be a man of good reputation, filled with wisdom and the Holy Spirit. Show before God and mankind that you are above every suspicion of blame, a true minister of Christ and of God's mysteries, a man firmly rooted in faith.

Never turn away from the hope which the Gospel offers; now you must not only listen to God's word but also preach it. Hold the mystery of faith with a clear conscience. Express in action what you proclaim by word of mouth. Then the people of Christ, brought to life by the Spirit, will be an offering God accepts. Finally, on the last day, when you go to meet the Lord, you will hear Him say: "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your Lord."

The Candidate answers

Amen.

The Examination

The Candidate stands before the Bishop

***Bishop:* My son, before you are ordained deacon, you must declare before the people your intention to undertake the office.**

Are you willing to be ordained for the Church's ministry by the laying on of hands and the gift of the Holy Spirit?

Candidate: I am.

***Bishop:* Are you resolved to hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience, as the Apostle urges, and to proclaim this faith in word and action as it is taught by the Gospel and the Church's tradition?**

Candidate: I am.

***Bishop:* Are you resolved to maintain and deepen a spirit of prayer appropriate to your way of life and, in keeping with what is required of you, to celebrate faithfully the Daily Office for the Church and for the whole world?**

Candidate: I am.

Bishop: Are you resolved to shape your way of life [and that of your family, or household, or community] always according to the example of Christ, whose body and blood you will give to the people?

Candidate: I am.

Bishop: Are you resolved to be faithful in the reading and study of the Holy Scriptures?

Candidate: I am.

Bishop: May the Lord who has given you the will to do these things give you the grace and power to perform them.

Candidate: Amen.

The Promise of Obedience

The Candidate goes to the Bishop and, kneeling before him, places his joined hands between those of the Bishop

Bishop: Do you promise respect and obedience to me and my successors?

Candidate: I do.

Bishop: May God who has begun the good work in you bring it to fulfillment.

The Litany for Ordinations

All stand, and the Bishop invites the People to pray

Bishop: My dear people, let us pray that the all-powerful Father may pour out the gifts of heaven on this servant of His, whom He has chosen to be deacon.

The Candidate prostrates himself

The Litany is prayed responsively

Leader: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

God the Father,
Have mercy on us.

God the Son,
Have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit,
Have mercy on us.

Holy Trinity, one God,
Have mercy on us.

We pray to you, Lord Christ.
Lord, hear our prayer.

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

For Randolph Adler, our Patriarch, for Craig Bates, 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.
Lord, hear our prayer.

The following petitions are prayed by the Bishop who is presiding

**For Janek, chosen deacon in your holy Catholic Church,
we pray to you, O Lord.**

Lord, hear our prayer.

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

Lord, hear our prayer.

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

Lord, hear our prayer.

**For his family, that they may be adorned with all Christian
virtues,**

we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

The leader continues

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.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness she may
preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth,

we pray to you, O Lord.

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.

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.

Lord, hear our prayer.

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

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.

Lord, hear our prayer.

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

To you, O Lord our God.

Bishop: Lord, have mercy

Response: Christ, have mercy

Bishop: Lord, have mercy

The Bishop then says

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

Response: And also with you.

***Bishop:* Let us pray . . .**

Lord God, hear our petitions and give us your help to this act of ministry. We judge this man to be worthy to serve as deacon and we ask you to bless them and make them holy. Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Response: Amen.

*At the conclusion of the Litany, all stand except the Candidate who remains prostrate while the hymn
Veni Creator Spiritus is sung responsively*

VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS

**Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
And lighten with celestial fire.**

**Thou the anointing Spirit art,
Who dost Thy sevenfold gifts impart.**

**Thy blessed unction from above,
Is comfort, life and fire of love.**

**Enable with perpetual light,
The dullness of our blinded sight.**

**Anoint and cheer our soiled face
With the abundance of Thy grace.**

**Keep far our foes, give peace at home
Where Thou art guide, no ill can come.**

**Teach us to know the Father, Son,
And Thee, of both, to be but One.**

**That, through the ages all along,
This may be our endless song:**

**Praise to Thy eternal merit,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

A period of silent prayer follows, the People still standing

The Consecration

The Bishop says the prayer of consecration, the ordinand kneels before him.

**Almighty God,
be present with us by your power.
You are the source of all honor,
you assign to each his rank,
you give to each his ministry.
You remain unchanged,
but you watch over all creation and make it new
through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord:
He is your Word, your power and your wisdom.**

**You foresee all things in your eternal providence
and make due provision for every age.
You make the Church, Christ's body,
grow to its full stature as a new and greater temple.
You enrich it with every kind of grace
and perfect it with a diversity of members
to serve the whole body in a wonderful pattern of unity.**

**You established a threefold ministry of worship and service
for the glory of your name.
As ministers of your tabernacle, you chose the sons of Levi
and gave them your blessing as their everlasting inheritance.**

**In the first days of your Church,
under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit,
the apostles of your Son appointed seven men of good repute
to assist them in the daily ministry,
so that they themselves might be more free for prayer and
preaching.**

**By prayer and the laying on of hands
the apostles entrusted to those chosen men the ministry of
serving at tables.**

**Therefore, Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son,
give your Holy Spirit to **Janek**.
Fill him with grace and power,
and make him a deacon in your Church.**

After hands have been laid on the Candidate, the Bishop continues

**Lord,
look with favor on this servant of yours,
whom we now dedicate to the office of deacon,
to minister at your holy altar.**

**Lord,
send forth upon him the Holy Spirit,
that he may be strengthened
by the gift of your sevenfold grace
to carry out faithfully the work of ministry.**

**May he excel in every virtue:
in love that is sincere,
in concern for the sick and the poor,
in unassuming authority,
in self-discipline and in holiness of life.
May his conduct exemplify your commandments
and lead your people to imitate his purity of life.
May he remain strong and steadfast in Christ,
giving to the world the witness of a pure conscience.
May he in this life imitate your Son,
who came, not to be served but to serve,
and one day reign with Him in heaven.**

**We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.**

Response: *Amen.*

Investiture with Stole

The new Deacon is vested according the Order of Deacons

Presentation of the Bible

The Bishop presents the Deacon with a Bible, saying

**Receive the Gospel of Christ,
whose herald you now are.
Believe what you read,
teach what you believe,
and practice what you teach.**

Presentation of the Prayer Book

The Bishop presents the Deacon with a Prayer Book, saying

**Receive this prayer book,
and be among us
as a man of prayer.**

The Bishop presents the new Deacon to the Congregation

The Bishop prays for the wife of the new Deacon

The Peace

The Bishop says to the Congregation

***Bishop:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.**

***Response:* And also with you.**

The Holy Communion

After the Table is prepared, the Bishop goes to the Table and begins the Great Thanksgiving

The Postcommunion Prayer

In place of the usual Postcommunion Prayer, all say the following together

Almighty Father, 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 **Janek may be to us an effective example in word and action, in love and patience, and in holiness of life. Grant that we, with him, 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 Blessing

The Dismissal

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

Response: Thanks be to God.