

There is nothing that will facilitate our cause more than getting the people to laugh at that religion which brings its influence to support traffic in human flesh. It has deceived us so long that it has overawed us. For a long time when I was a slave, I was led to think from hearing such passages as “servants obey,” etc. that if I dared to escape, the wrath of God would follow me. All are willing to acknowledge my right to be free; but after this

acknowledgment, the good man all I see some difficulty about deluge, there was Shem, Ham, Ham was black and had a curse it would be an attempt to thwart men were set at liberty.” It is this you laugh at—it breaks the charm men at this meeting who hold such mirror to let them see themselves as head[way] against this pro-slavery religion.

I dwell mostly upon the religious aspects, because I believe it is the religious people who are to be relied on in this Anti-Slavery movement. Do not misunderstand my railing—do not class me with those who despise religion—do not identify me with the infidel. I love the religion of Christianity—which cometh from above—which is pure, peaceable, gentle, easy to be entreated, full of good fruits, and without hypocrisy. I love that religion which sends its votaries to bind up the wounds of those who have fallen among thieves. By all the love I bear to such a Christianity as this, I hate that of the Priest and Levite, that with long-faced Phariseeism goes up to Jerusalem and worships, and leaves the bruised and wounded to die. I despise that religion that can carry Bibles to the heathen on the other side of the globe and withhold them from heathen on this side—which can talk about human rights yonder and traffic in human flesh here. I love that which makes its votaries do to others as they would that others should do to them. I hope to see a revival of it—thank God it is revived. I see revivals of it in the absence of the other sort of revivals. I believe it to be confessed now, that there has not been a sensible man converted after the old sort of way, in the last five years. [...] There is another religion. It is that which takes off fetters instead of binding them on—that breaks every yoke—that lifts up the bowed down. The Anti-Slavery platform is based on this kind of religion. It spreads its table to the lame, the halt, and the blind. It goes down after a long neglected race. It passes, link by link till it finds the lowest link in humanity’s chain—humanity’s most degraded form in the most abject condition. It reaches down its arm and tells them to stand up. This is Anti-Slavery—this is Christianity. It is reviving gloriously among the various denominations. It is threatening to supercede those old forms of religion having all of the love of God and none of man in it.

Convention Eucharist On the Feast of Blessed Frederick Douglass

and Ordination of Adam Ballintoy,
Whitney Kimball Coe, and Heather Holland
to the Diaconate

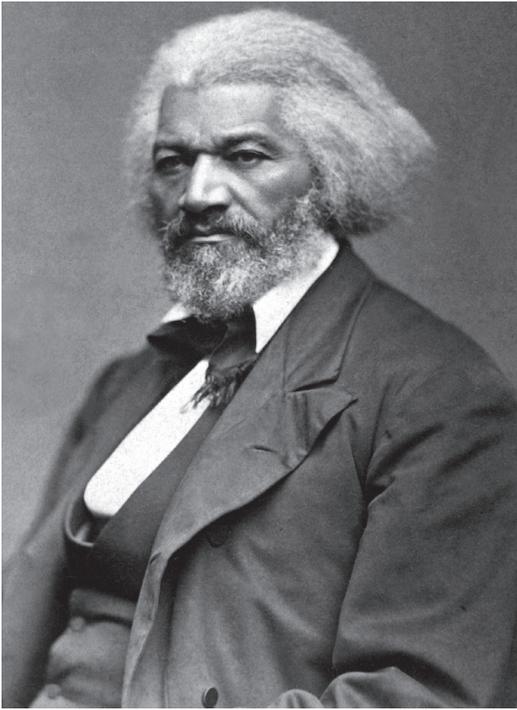
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goes to the Bible and says, “After this thing. You know, after the and Japhet; and you know that put upon him; and I know not but the purposes of Jehovah, if these kind of religion I wish to have there is about it. If I could have the sentiments and could hold up the others see them, we should soon make

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Frederick Douglass c. 1879,
Photo by George Kindall Warren (1834–1884).

Born a slave in February 1818, **Frederick Douglass** was separated from his mother at the age of eight and given by his new owner, Thomas Auld, to his brother and sister-in-law, Hugh and Sophia Auld. Sophia attempted to teach Frederick to read, along with her son, but her husband put a stop to this, claiming that “it would forever unfit him to be a slave.” Frederick learned to read in secret, earning small amounts of money when he could and paying neighbors to teach him.

In 1838, Frederick Bailey (as he was then known) escaped and changed his name to Frederick Douglass. At the age of 14, he had experienced a conversion to Christ in the African Methodist Episcopal Church, and his recollection of that tradition’s spiritual music sustained him in his struggle for freedom: “Those songs still follow me, to deepen my hatred of slavery, and quicken my sympathies for my brethren in bonds.”

An outstanding orator, Douglass was sent on speaking tours in the Northern States sponsored by the American Anti-Slavery Society. The more renowned he became, the more he had to worry about recapture. In 1845, he went to England on a speaking tour. His friends in America raised enough money

to buy out his master’s legal claim to him, so that he could return to the United States in safety. Douglass eventually moved to New York and edited the pro-abolition journal *North Star*, named for the fleeing slave’s nighttime guide.

Douglass was highly critical of churches that did not disassociate themselves from slavery. Challenging those churches, he quoted Jesus’ denunciation of the Pharisees: “They bind heavy burdens and grievous to be borne, and lay them on men’s shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers” (Matthew 23:4).

A strong advocate of racial integration, Douglass disavowed Black separatism and wanted to be counted as equal among his white peers. When he met Abraham Lincoln in the White House, he noted that the President treated him as a kindred spirit without one trace of condescension. Douglass died in 1895.

We thank you for attending and participating in today’s service of Diocesan Convention Eucharist and Ordination. All material for worship may be found in this booklet. Today’s offering is dedicated to the discretionary funds of each of the ordinands. Please consider making a donation in the offering plate or online with the QR code below.

Hearing assistance devices are available from the ushers in the narthex. If your personal hearing device is T-coil enabled, you may activate that in the nave.

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THE ORDINATION OF DEACONS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service”

The Hymnal 1982 #610

All stand

1 Lord, whose love through hum - ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man
 2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home - less; still the hun - gry cry for
 3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal - ing
 4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we

need, who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, of - fered mer - cy's
 bread; still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we
 light, in its height and depth and great - ness, dawns up - on our
 go, to the child, the youth, the a - ged love in liv - ing

per - fect deed, we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship
 mourn our dead. As, O Lord, your deep com - pas - sion
 quick - ened sight, mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens
 deeds to show; hope and health, good will and com - fort,

not of voice a - lone, but heart, con - se - crat - ing
 healed the sick and freed the soul, use the love your
 your com - pas - sion bids us bear, stir - ring us to
 coun - sel, aid, and peace we give, that your ser - vants,

to your pur - pose ev - ery gift that you im - part.
 Spi - rit kin - dles still to save and make us whole.
 tire - less striv - ing, your a - bun - dant life to share.
 Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

The people standing, the Bishop says

Blessed be the God of our salvation:

People **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

Bishop 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. The presenters, standing before the bishop, present the ordinands, saying

Brian, Bishop in the Church of God, on behalf of the clergy and people of the Diocese of East Tennessee, we present to you Adam Ballintoy, Whitney Kimball Coe, and Heather Holland to be ordained deacons in Christ's holy catholic Church.

Bishop Have they been selected in accordance with the canons of this Church? And do you believe their manner of life to be suitable to the exercise of this ministry?

Presenters We certify to you that they have satisfied the requirements of the canons, and we believe them to be qualified for this order.

The Bishop says to the ordinands

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?

Ordinands 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 Ordinands then sign 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 Adam Ballintoy, Whitney Kimball Coe, and Heather Holland 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

Is it your will that Adam, Whitney, and Heather be ordained deacons?

People **It is.**

Bishop Will you uphold them in this ministry?

People **We will.**

The Bishop then calls the people to prayer with these words

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

All kneel, and the Person appointed leads the Litany for Ordinations

Cantor *People*

God the Fa - ther, Have mer - cy on us.

Cantor *People*

God the Son, Have mer - cy on us.

Cantor *People*

God the Holy Spir - it, Have mer - cy on us.

Cantor *People*

Holy Trini - ty, one God, Have mer - cy on us.

Cantor *People*

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

Cantor

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,

People

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 Sean, our Presiding 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.

For Adam, Whitney, and Heather, chosen deacons in your Church, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That they 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 they may be sustained and encouraged to persevere to the end, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

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. **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. **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 the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord. **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. **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.**

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. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Frederick Douglass, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another,

People



and all our life to Christ our God. To you, O Lord our God.

Cantor *People* *Cantor and People*



Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Bishop Let us pray.

Almighty God, we bless your Name for the witness of Frederick Douglass, whose impassioned and reasonable speech moved the hearts of people to a deeper obedience to Christ: Strengthen us also to speak on behalf of those in captivity and tribulation, continuing in the way of Jesus Christ our Liberator; who with you and the Holy Spirit dwells in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

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 FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 32:11-18

Lector A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Tremble, you women who are at ease,
shudder, you complacent ones;
strip, and make yourselves bare,
and put sackcloth on your loins.
Beat your breasts for the pleasant fields,
for the fruitful vine,
for the soil of my people
growing up in thorns and briars;
yes, for all the joyous houses
in the jubilant city.
For the palace will be forsaken,
the populous city deserted;
the hill and the watchtower
will become dens forever,
the joy of wild asses,
a pasture for flocks;
until a spirit from on high is poured out on us,
and the wilderness becomes a fruitful field,
and the fruitful field is deemed a forest.
Then justice will dwell in the wilderness,
and righteousness abide in the fruitful field.
The effect of righteousness will be peace,
and the result of righteousness, quietness and trust forever.
My people will abide in a peaceful habitation,
in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

Psalm 35:23-28

Lector The Psalm appointed for today is a portion of Psalm 35, which we will read responsively by the whole verse.

- 23 Awake, arise, to my cause! *
to my defense, my God and my Lord!
- 24 **Give me justice, O LORD my God,
according to your righteousness; *
do not let them triumph over me.**
- 25 Do not let them say in their hearts,
“Aha! just what we want!” *
Do not let them say, “We have swallowed him up.”
- 26 **Let all who rejoice at my ruin be ashamed and disgraced; *
let those who boast against me be clothed with dismay and shame.**
- 27 Let those who favor my cause sing out with joy and be glad; *
let them say always, “Great is the LORD,
who desires the prosperity of his servant.”
- 28 **And my tongue shall be talking of your righteousness *
and of your praise all the day long.**

THE SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 2:10-13

Lector A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, “I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.” And again, “I will put my trust in him.” And again, “Here am I and the children whom God has given me.”

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

“In Christ There Is No East Or West”

The Hymnal 1982 #529

All stand

Unison or harmony

1 In Christ there is no East or West, in
2 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what -
3 In Christ now meet both East and West, in

him no South or North, but one great fel - low -
e'er your race may be! Who serves my Fa - ther
him meet South and North, all Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
as his child is sure - ly kin to me.
one in him, through - out the whole wide earth.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 4:14-21

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON

The Right Reverend Phoebe Roaf
Bishop of West Tennessee

THE NICENE CREED *All stand*

All **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:
 by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he became incarnate from 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.
 With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.
 He 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 ordinands, who stand before the Bishop. The Bishop addresses the ordinands as follows

My brother and sisters, every Christian is called to follow Jesus Christ, serving God the Father, through the power of the Holy Spirit. God now calls you to a special ministry of servanthood directly under your bishop. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are to serve all people, particularly the poor, the weak, the sick, and the lonely.

As deacons in the Church, you are to study the Holy Scriptures, to seek nourishment from them, and to model your life upon them. You are to make Christ and his redemptive love known, by your word and example, to those among whom you live, and work, and worship. You are to interpret to the Church the needs, concerns, and hopes of the world. You are to assist the bishop and priests in public worship and in the ministration of God's Word and

Sacraments, and you are to carry out other duties assigned to you from time to time. At all times, your life and teaching are to show Christ's people that in serving the helpless they are serving Christ himself.

My brother and sisters, do you believe that you are truly called by God and his Church to the life and work of a deacon?

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 Will you be guided by the pastoral direction and leadership of your bishop?
Answer I will.

Bishop Will you be faithful in prayer, and in the reading and study of the Holy Scriptures?
Answer I will.

Bishop Will you look for Christ in all others, being ready to help and serve those in need?
Answer I will.

Bishop Will you do your best to pattern your life and that of your household in accordance with the teachings of Christ, so that you may be a wholesome example to all people?
Answer I will.

Bishop Will you in all things seek not your glory but the glory of the Lord Christ?
Answer I will.

Bishop May the Lord by his grace uphold you in the service he lays upon you.
Answer Amen.

THE CONSECRATION OF THE DEACONS

All now stand except the ordinands, who kneel facing the Bishop. The hymn Veni Creator Spiritus is sung.

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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.

The hymn continues on the next page.

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.

A period of silent prayer follows, the people still standing. The Bishop then says this Prayer of Consecration

O God, most merciful Father, we praise you for sending your Son Jesus Christ, who took on himself the form of a servant, and humbled himself, becoming obedient even to death on the cross. We praise you that you have highly exalted him, and made him Lord of all; and that, through him, we know that whoever would be great must be servant of all. We praise you for the many ministries in your Church, and for calling these your servants to the order of deacons.

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

Therefore, Father, through Jesus Christ your Son, give your Holy Spirit to Adam/Whitney/ Heather; fill him/her with grace and power, and make him/her a deacon in your Church.

The Bishop continues

Make them, O Lord, modest and humble, strong and constant, to observe the discipline of Christ. Let their life and teaching so reflect your commandments, that through them many may come to know you and love you. As your Son came not to be served but to serve, may these deacons share in Christ's service, and come to the unending glory of him 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 deacons are now vested according to the order of deacons.

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

Receive this Bible as a sign of the authority to proclaim God's Word and to assist in the ministrations of his holy Sacrament.

THE PEACE

The Bishop then says to the congregation

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Drinkin' of the Wine

arr. Rosephanye Powell

Drinkin' of the wine, O yes, my Lord.
I oughta been to heaven ten thousand years, drinkin' of the wine.
If my mother ask for me, tell her death done summon me. Refrain.
Ain't but one thing I done wrong: stayin' in the wilderness mos' too long. Refrain.
Eatin' of the bread, O yes, my Lord. Refrain.

PRESENTATION HYMN

"We Are Marching In The Light Of God"

Wonder, Love, and Praise 787

All stand

The musical score is written for voice and piano in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the light of God, We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the light of, the light of God, we are march - ing in the light of, God, We are march - ing light of God. We are march - ing, march - ing, we are". The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords and includes several triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a bracket) in both hands.

march - ing, march - ing, we are march - ing in the light of, the
 God.

We are march - ing
 light of God. We are march - ing, march - ing we are

march - ing, march - ing, we are march - ing in the light of God.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

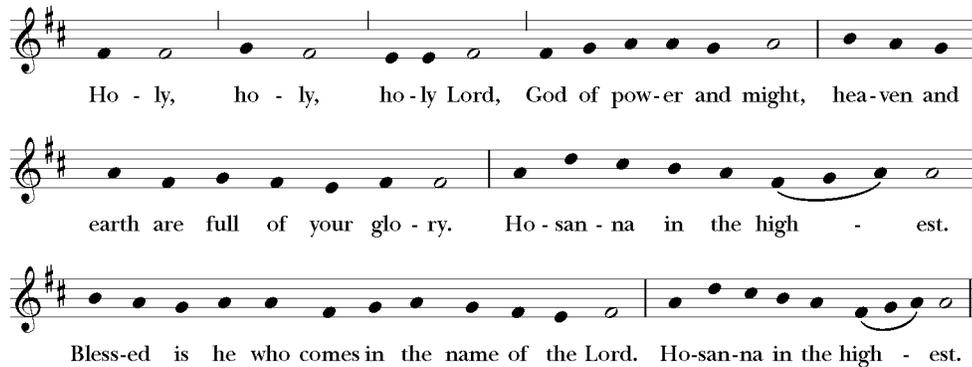
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through the great shepherd of your flock, Jesus Christ our Lord; who after his resurrection sent forth his apostles to preach the Gospel and to teach all nations; and promised 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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

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Celebrant and People



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.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

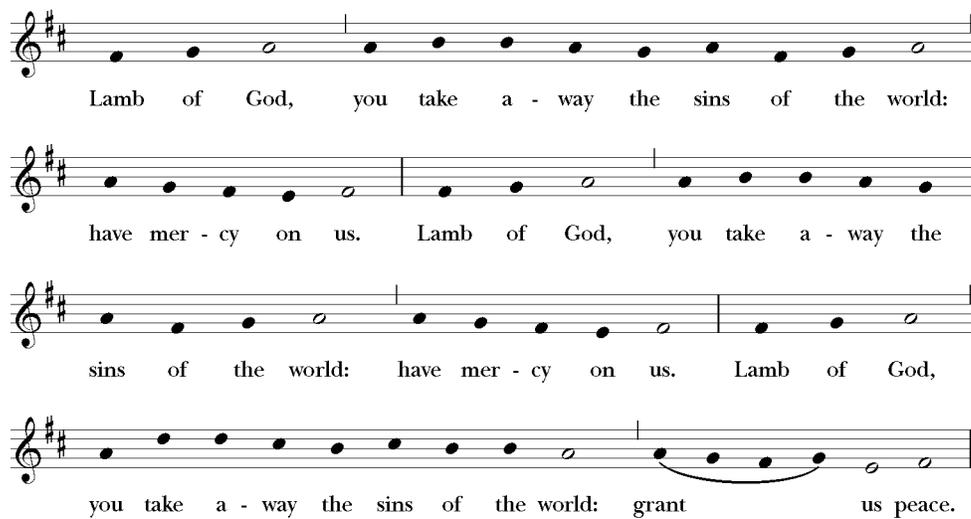
All **Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your Name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those
 who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
 and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

FRACTION ANTHEM

The Hymnal 1982 S-161



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.

THE INVITATION

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION MOTET

This Little Light Of Mine

arr. William Bradley Roberts

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Oh, ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.
All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine.

COMMUNION HYMN

“Now Let Us Rise and Hymn the Grace”

Wonder, Love, and Praise #781

1. Now let us rise and hymn the grace that brings us
2. That we may o - pen love's em - brace to wel - come
3. Re - joic - ing let us take this "Peace!" In - to the

to this time and place. Full ded - i - ca - tion
all the hu - man race, here let no walls of
world that we in - crease Christ's reign of jus - tice,

here is owed the rich - es that our past be - stowed: God, in this
hate di - vide, but let Christ's "Peace!" a - lone a - bide. God, help us
truth, and love that heav - en come on earth, and of this bless - ing

time your church re - new; en - a - ble us your will to do.
all this dream ful - fill; en - a - ble us to do your will.
we, with grace a - new, still seek God's will to know and do.

COMMUNION HYMN

“There Is A Balm In Gilead”

The Hymnal 1982 #676

Refrain



There is a balm in Gil - e - ad, to make the wound - ed whole, there is a balm in Gil - e - ad, to heal the sin - sick soul. soul.

1 Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged, and
2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you think my work's in vain, but then the Ho - ly can - not pray like Paul, you can tell the love of Spi - rit re - vives my soul a - gain. Je - sus, and say, "He died for all."

Repeat Refrain

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

All 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 Adam, Whitney, and Heather may be to us an effective example in word and action, in love and patience, and in holiness of life. Grant that we, with them, 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 Bishop blesses the people.

CLOSING HYMN

“Go Forth For God; Go To The World In Peace”

The Hymnal 1982 #347



1 Go forth for God; go_____ to the world in peace;
2 Go forth for God; go_____ to the world in love;
3 Go forth for God; go_____ to the world in strength;
4 Go forth for God; go_____ to the world in joy,



be of good cour - age, armed with heaven - ly grace,
strength - en the faint, give cour - age to the weak;
hold fast the good, be ur - gent for the right;
to serve God's peo - ple ev - ery day and hour,



in God's good Spi - rit dai - ly to in - crease,
help the af - flict - ed; rich - ly from a - bove
ren - der to no one e - vil; Christ at length
and ser - ving Christ, our ev - ery gift em - ploy,



till in his king - dom we_____ be - hold his face.
his love sup - plies the grace_____ and power we seek.
shall o - ver - come all dark - ness with his light.
re - joic - ing in the Ho - ly Spi - rit's power.

THE DISMISSAL

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on We Shall Overcome

Carl Haywood



About Today's Preacher

The Rt. Rev. Phoebe Roaf, a lifelong Episcopalian, grew up in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. Following her work as a public policy analyst and attorney, she was ordained as a priest in the Diocese of Louisiana. She served as Associate Rector of Trinity Episcopal Church in New Orleans, Louisiana and Rector of St. Philip's Episcopal Church in Richmond, Virginia, prior to her ordination and consecration as the fourth Bishop of the Diocese of West Tennessee on May 4, 2019. Bishop Phoebe is a graduate of Virginia Theological Seminary.

During her tenure in West Tennessee, Bishop Phoebe has focused on supporting small congregations and initiatives for children, youth and young adults. She has also encouraged the diocesan leadership team to reconsider the function and role of a diocese through participation in the Diocesan Leadership Initiative and the Diocesan Vitality Initiative. She is a board member of the Joint Audit Committee of The Episcopal Church and Episcopal Relief and Development, and she served on the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop from 2021 to 2024.

Liturgical Leadership

Celebrant

The Right Reverend Brian L. Cole
Bishop of East Tennessee

Preacher

The Right Reverend Phoebe Roaf
Bishop of West Tennessee

Acolytes

Francie Elrod, Jim Lamb, Russ Van Patten, Dick Phelps

Deacon

The Venerable Jerry Askew, PhD

Litanist

The Reverend Casey Perkins

Music

Combined Musicians from Church of the Ascension, Knoxville,
St. John's Episcopal Church, Johnson City, St. Stephen's, Oak Ridge, and
St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Athens

Presenters and Vesters

For Adam Ballintoy

Simon Ballintoy, Theodora Dantzler
The Reverend Bailey Norman, The Reverend Amanda Lippe

For Whitney Kimball Coe

The Reverend Claire Brown, G. David Brown,
Lucy Coe, Susannah Coe

For Heather Holland

The Reverend Dr. Laura Bryant, The Reverend RJ Powell, Alan Ragsdale

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