



THE ORDINATION OF
LAURIE WARREN
TO THE
SACRED ORDER OF DEACONS

SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2020
11:00 A.M.

ST. JOHN'S, PETALUMA
DIOCESE OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

PARTICIPANTS IN THE ORDINATION

Officiants

The Rt. Rev. Megan Traquair, Bishop of the Diocese of Northern California
The Rev. Canon Andrea McMillin, Canon to the Ordinary
The Very Rev. Daniel Green, Rector, St. John's, Petaluma

Presenters for Laurie Warren

The Very Rev. Daniel Green
Ms. Betty Petrillo
Ms. Jan Slaby

Litanist

The Rev. Kate Sefton

Lectors

Ms. Betty Petrillo
Ms. Jan Slaby

Gospeler

The Rev. Kate Sefton

Organist

Ms. Kira Poluektov, St. John's, Petaluma

Musicians

Mr. Miles KcKenzie
Ms. Kristina Ibarra

Cantors

Mr. Jay Elmquist
Dr. Derek Keller
Ms. Bernadette Mondok

Altar Flowers

Flowers are given in thanksgiving
for the Ordination of Laurie Warren by the Le Vesque Family

Altar Guild

Ms. Allie Andrews
Ms. Heather Oehm

PREFACE TO THE ORDINATION RITES

The Holy Scriptures and ancient Christian writers make it clear that from the apostles' time, there have been different ministries within the Church. In particular, since the time of the New Testament, three distinct orders of ordained ministers have been characteristic of Christ's holy Catholic Church. First, there is the order of bishops who carry on the apostolic work of leading, supervising, and uniting the Church. Secondly, associated with them are the presbyters, or ordained elders, in subsequent times generally known as priests. Together with the bishops, they take part in the governance of the Church, in the carrying out of its missionary and pastoral work, and in the preaching of the Word of God and administering his holy Sacraments. Thirdly, there are deacons who assist bishops and priests in all of this work. It is also a special responsibility of deacons to minister in Christ's name to the poor, the sick, the suffering, and the helpless.

The persons who are chosen and recognized by the Church as being called by God to the ordained ministry are admitted to these sacred orders by solemn prayer and the laying on of episcopal hands. It has been, and is, the intention and purpose of this Church to maintain and continue these three orders; and for this purpose, these services of ordination and consecration are appointed. No persons are allowed to exercise the offices of bishop, priest, or deacon in this Church unless they are so ordained, or have already received such ordination with the laying on of hands by bishops who are themselves duly qualified to confer Holy Orders.

It is also recognized and affirmed that the threefold ministry is not the exclusive property of this portion of Christ's catholic Church, but is a gift from God for the nurture of his people and the proclamation of his Gospel everywhere. Accordingly, the manner of ordaining in this Church is to be such as has been, and is, most generally recognized by Christian people as suitable for the conferring of the sacred orders of bishop, priest, and deacon.

Book of Common Prayer, page 510

THE ORDINATION OF A DEACON

Prelude Music

Voluntary

Processional Hymn 490: *I want to walk as a child of the light*

Opening Sentences

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

People: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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.

People: **Amen.**

The Presentations

A Priest and a Lay Person, standing before the bishop, present the Ordinand, saying:

Presenters: **Megan, Bishop in the Church of God, on behalf of the clergy and people of the Diocese of Northern California, we present to you Laurie Warren to be ordained a deacon in Christ's holy catholic Church.**

Bishop: Has Laurie 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 Laurie has satisfied the requirements of the canons, and we believe Laurie 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.

Bishop: Dear friends in Christ, you know the importance of this ministry, and the weight of your responsibility in presenting Laurie Warren 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 Laurie be ordained a deacon?

People: **It is.**

Bishop: Will you uphold her in this ministry?

People: **We will.**

Bishop: I invite the Presenters to return to their seats.

The Bishop and Presenters return to their places as the Litanist comes forward.

Bishop: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

All may stand or kneel as able.

The Litany for Ordinations

Litanist: God the Father,
People: **Have mercy on us.**

Litanist: God the Son,
People: **Have mercy on us.**

Litanist: God the Holy Spirit,
People: **Have mercy on us.**

Litanist: Holy Trinity, One God,
People: **Have mercy on us.**

Litanist: We pray to you, Lord Christ.
People: **Lord hear our prayer.**

Litanist: 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.**

Litanist: 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.**

Litanist: For Michael, 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.
People: **Lord hear our prayer.**

Litanist: For Laurie, chosen deacon in your Church, we pray to you, O Lord.
People: **Lord hear our prayer.**

Litanist: 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.**

Litanist: 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.**

Litanist: For her family, that they may be adorned with all Christian virtues, we pray to you, O Lord.
People: **Lord hear our prayer.**

Litanist: 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.**

Litanist: 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.**

Litanist: 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.**

Litanist: 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.**

Litanist: 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.**

Litanist: 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.**

Litanist: 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.**

Litanist: 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.**

Litanist: 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.**

Litanist: Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary and 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.**

Litanist: Lord, have mercy,

People: **Christ, have mercy.**

All: **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 tranquillity the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were being 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.

People: **Amen.**

Ordinand returns to their seat.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

The Lesson from the Old Testament

Jeremiah 1:4-9

Read by Ms. Jan Slaby

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord." Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth."

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Reader: 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! *
People: **My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**

2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
**by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.**

3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.

4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

6 They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

7 LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.

8 Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.

9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, *
**and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

10 For the LORD God is both sun and shield; *
he will give grace and glory;

11 No good thing will the LORD withhold *
from those who walk with integrity.

12 O LORD of hosts, *
happy are they who put their trust in you!

The Lesson from the Epistles

Acts 6:2-7

Read by Ms. Betty Petrillo

So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, "It would not be rights for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word." This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit; also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas from Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith.

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**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 worshiped 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 Ordinand, who stands before the Bishop.

The Bishop addresses the Ordinand as follows:

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

Ordinand: **I believe I am so called.**

Bishop: Do you now in the presence of the Church commit yourself to this trust and responsibility?

Ordinand: **I do.**

Bishop: Will you respect and be guided by the pastoral direction and leadership of your bishop?

Ordinand: **I will.**

Bishop: Will you be faithful in prayer, and in the reading and study of the Holy Scriptures?

Ordinand: **I will.**

Bishop: Will you look for Christ in all others, being ready to help and serve those in need?

Ordinand: **I will.**

Bishop: Will you do your best to pattern your life in accordance with the teachings of Christ, so that you may be a wholesome example to all people?

Ordinand: **I will.**

Bishop: Will you in all things seek not your glory but the glory of the Lord Christ?
Ordinand: **I will.**
Bishop: May the Lord by his grace uphold you in the service he lays upon you.
Ordinand: **Amen.**

The Consecration of the Deacons

The people stand as able. The Ordinand kneels, facing the Bishop.

The Hymn at the Laying on of Hands: Veni Sancte Spiritus

Cantors: Mr. Jay Elmquist, Dr. Derek Keller, Ms. Bernadette Mondok

A period of silent prayer follows. The people remain standing, as able.

The Prayer of Consecration

Bishop: 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 this your servant to the order of deacons.

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 Laurie; fill her with grace and power, and make her a deacon in your Church.

The Bishop continues:

Make Laurie, O Lord, modest and humble, strong and constant, to observe the discipline of Christ. Let her life and teaching so reflect your commandments, that through her many may come to know you and love you. As your Son came not to be served but to serve, may this deacon 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.

All respond: **Amen.**

The new deacon is now vested according to the order of deacons.

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

Laurie, receive this Bible as the sign of your authority to proclaim God's Word and to assist in the ministration of his holy Sacraments.

The Peace

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

The Welcome

The Very Rev. Daniel Green, Rector, St. John's Episcopal Church
The Rt. Rev. Megan Traquair, Bishop of the Diocese of Northern California

The offering today will go to start the discretionary fund for today's ordinand. Please be generous.



The Diocese of Northern California is providing an opportunity for electronic giving to the Ordinations Discretionary fund during today's service. If you would like to give online, text "EDNC Ordinations" to 73256 or follow the QR code above. Follow the prompts and select "Ordinations Discretionary" from the menu of options and enter the amount you'd like to give.

You may also follow this link: bit.ly/OrdinationsDiscretionary

The Offertory

Offertory Hymn 593: *Make me a servant of your peace*

The Great Thanksgiving *(Eucharistic Prayer B, BCP 367)*

Bishop: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Bishop: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**
Bishop: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The Bishop 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 to 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 (*said by all*)

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

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,

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

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 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.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

The Breaking of the Bread

The Bishop breaks the consecrated bread.

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

Bishop: The gifts of God for the people of God.

Communion Hymn: *Harp music offered and played by Ms. Kira Poluektov*

Closing Prayer

Bishop: Let us pray.
People: **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 Laurie 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's Blessing

Bishop: Our Help is in the Name of the Lord;
People: **The maker of heaven and earth.**

Bishop: Blessed be the Name of the Lord,
People: **From this time forth for evermore.**

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

The Dismissal

The new Deacon dismisses the people with these words:

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

Organ Voluntary



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