



Book of Worship

2017 Annual Conference Session

June 4-7, 2017 • Jekyll Island, GA

The 151st Session of the South Georgia Conference

Opening Service of Worship

Sunday, June 4, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.

GATHERING AND PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

*OPENING SONG

Holy Spirit You Are Welcome Here

Kim Walker

WELCOME

Bishop R. Lawson Bryan
Resident Bishop, South Georgia Annual Conference

*WORSHIP SET

Open Up the Heavens

Chris Tomlin

All My Fountains

Chris Tomlin

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Camp Connect Leadership Team

The offering is designated for the South Georgia Conference Disaster Response Fund.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Holy Spirit, Rain Down
SHOUT! and AWAKEN Youth Choirs

Hillsong Worship

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 2:1-21

Leaders: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Bishop James E. Swanson
Resident Bishop, Mississippi Episcopal Area

SENDING FORTH

*CLOSING SONG

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Charlie Hall

*BENEDICTION

Bishop R. Lawson Bryan

*Please stand as able

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WORSHIP SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

YOUTH CHOIR

SHOUT! And AWAKEN Youth Choirs

Kingsland United Methodist Church and St. Marys United Methodist Church

YOUTH CHOIR DIRECTOR

Mrs. Dara Davis

Director of Music Ministries

St. Marys UMC

WORSHIP LEADER

Mrs. Lynleigh Kaye Hall

Wesley Foundation at
Georgia Southern University

WORSHIP LEADER

Mr. Ben Morales

Wesley Foundation at
Georgia Southern University

READER 1

Rev. Vicki Scott
Scott's Chapel UMC
Emory Chapel UMC

READER 2

Rev. Jin-Won Park
Korean Savannah UMC

READER 3

Rev. Ramon Hernandez
Harmony UMC

**The Service for the
Ordination of Elders with Commissioning**
Monday, June 5, 2017 – 7:00 P.M.

ENTRANCE

CONCERT PRELUDE

Canzon Super
Music from the Royal Fireworks
Trumpet Tune in G
Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals
Organ & Brass

Samuel Scheidt, arr. Haynor
G.F. Handel, Arr. Wolff
Jeremy Bankson
S. Karg-Elert, arr. Tucker

CHIMING THE HOUR

INTROIT

Upon This Rock

John Ness Beck (1930-1987)

Upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

I will give thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

And whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven.

And whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Lo, the winter is past; the rain is over and gone;

the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds has come.

Arise, and come away.

Please stand at the direction of the conductor and join in singing the processional hymn.

*HYMN AT THE PROCESSION

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

*GREETING AND PRAYER

Bishop R. Lawson Bryan
Resident Bishop, South Georgia Annual Conference

The bishop greets the people and they respond:

The grace of Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

We come together to praise God,
to hear the Holy Word, and
to seek for ourselves and others the power, presence, and direction of the Holy Spirit.

Let us pray.

**Eternal God, by Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit
you gave to your apostles many excellent gifts.**

**Give your grace
to all servants of your church,
that we may with diligence and faithfulness
fulfill our various ministries.**

**Grant that we your people may follow where you lead,
perfect our ministries,
and live in joyful obedience to your will,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

RECOGNITION OF COMMON MINISTRY AND REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

The bishop, standing near a baptismal font, begins:

Ministry is the work of God,
done by the people of God.
Through baptism
all Christians are made part of the priesthood of all believers,
the church, the body of Christ, made visible in the world.
We all share in the ministry of Christ, and of His love and service
for the redemption of the human family and the whole of creation.
Therefore, in celebration of our common ministry,
I call upon all God's people gathered here:

The bishop may scoop and pour water from the font and say:

Remember your baptism and be thankful.

We remember our baptism and affirm our common ministry.

The people are seated.

ANTHEM

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

Dale Wood

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone;
chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one;
Holy Zion's help forever, and her confidence alone.
To this temple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of Hosts, today!
With thy wonted loving-kindness hear thy servants as they pray,
With thy fullest benediction shed within its walls always.
Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one;
One in might and one in glory, while unending ages run.

Text: 7th Century Latin; Trans. John Mason Neale

Golden Isles Festival Chorus

PRESENTATION OF PERSONS TO BE COMMISSIONED, ORDAINED OR RECOGNIZED

On behalf of the laity of local congregations
who have examined and approved these candidates,

Mrs. Gloria Morgan
Conference Lay Leader

and on behalf of the Board of Ordained Ministry of this annual conference,
which has recommended these persons,
and this annual conference, which has approved them,
we present:

The Reverend Scott Tucker
Board of Ordained Ministry Chair

Each candidate stands when his or her name is read and remains standing.

To be commissioned to the work of an elder:

Gerald Ray Akin, Jr.
John P. Grantham
Eric Kyle Mayle
Scott Dozier Stanfill

To be ordained elders:

Jonathan Fitts Fuller
James Clayton Varnell

After all the candidates have been presented, the bishop says:

These persons are by God's grace
to be commissioned, recognized or ordained to ministry
in the holy church of Christ.

Bishop R. Lawson Bryan

Those authorized by the Church to inquire about them
have discerned that they are persons
of sound learning and of Christian character,
and possess the necessary signs of God's grace,
and have demonstrated a profound commitment to serve Jesus Christ.
Therefore, we believe them to be duly called to serve God.
We ask you, people of God,
to declare your assent
to the commissioning and ordination of these persons.

Do you trust that they are worthy, by God's grace,
to be commissioned, ordained or recognized?

We do! Thanks be to God!

Will you uphold them in their ministry?

With God's help, we will!

THE GENERAL EXAMINATION

The bishop continues facing the candidates.

My sisters and brothers in Christ,
you have been called
to a commissioned or ordained ministry.
The church now confirms your calling.

As commissioned or ordained ministers,
you are to be coworkers with the laity, bishops,
deacons, diaconal ministers, deaconesses, home missionaries,
commissioned ministers, local pastors and elders.

Remember that you are called
to serve rather than to be served,
to proclaim the faith of the church and no other,
to look after the concerns of God above all.

So that we may know that you believe yourselves
to be called by God
and that you profess the Christian faith, we ask you:

Do you believe that God has called you
to the life and work of ordained ministry?

I do so believe.

Do you believe in the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
and confess Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?

I do so believe and confess.

Are you persuaded that the Scriptures of the
Old and New Testaments contain all things necessary for salvation
through faith in Jesus Christ
and are the unique and authoritative standard
for the church's faith and life?

I am so persuaded, by God's grace.

Will you be faithful in prayer,
in the study of the Holy Scriptures,
and with the help of the Holy Spirit
continually rekindle the gift of God that is in you?

I will, with the help of God.

Will you do your best to pattern your life
in accordance with the teachings of Christ?

I will, with the help of God.

Will you, in the exercise of your ministry,
lead the people of God
to faith in Jesus Christ,
to participate in the life and work of the community, and
to seek peace, justice, and freedom for all people?

I will, with the help of God.

Will you be loyal to The United Methodist Church,
accepting its order, liturgy, doctrine, and discipline,
defending it against all doctrines contrary to God's Holy Word,
and committing yourself to be accountable with those serving with you,
and to the bishop and those who are appointed to supervise your ministry?

I will, with the help of God.

The bishop addresses the candidates:

May God,
who has given you the will to do these things,
give you grace to perform them,
that the work begun in you may be brought to perfection.

The congregation audibly affirms the action, saying,

Amen.

The bishop, presenters, and candidates are seated.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

ANTHEM

The Last Words of David

Randall Thompson (1899-1984)

He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God.

And he shall be as the light of the morning, when the sun riseth, even a morning without clouds;

As the tender grass springing out of the earth by clear shining after rain.

Alleluia. Amen.

2 Samuel 23:3-4

Golden Isles Festival Chorus

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

John 2:1-11

The Reverend Doctor Rick Lanford
North Central District Superintendent

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM

The Call

David Ashley White

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:

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

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:

such a light as shows a feast,
such a feast as mends in length,
such a strength as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:

such a joy as none can move,
such a love as none can part,
such a heart as joys in love.

Text by George Herbert (1593-1633)

Golden Isles Festival Chorus

SERMON

When the Wine Runs Out

Bishop R. Lawson Bryan

OFFERING

The Reverend Chris Ramsey
Northeast District Superintendent

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Majesty and Glory of Your Name

Tom Fettke

When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of Your fingers;

The moon and stars suspended in space.

Oh, what is man, that you are mindful of him?

You have given man a crown of glory and honor,

And have made him a little lower than the angels.

You have put him in charge of all creation:

The beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea.

But, what is man that you are mindful of him?

O Lord, our God, the majesty and glory of Your name

Transcends the earth and fills the heavens.

O Lord, our God, little children praise You perfectly,

And so would we, and so would we.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The majesty and glory of Your name.

Alleluia!

*DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Reverend Doctor Nita Crump
Southwest District Superintendent

HYMN

Be Thou My Vision
(Verse 1)

SLANE

THE EXAMINATION OF PERSONS BEING COMMISSIONED

The candidates for commissioning come.

The bishop says to the congregation:

By affirming the covenant of baptism,
all members of the holy church of Christ pledge
to serve as representatives of Christ in the world.

Christ gave all of us this command:

“Ask the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest.”

We have asked, and the Lord has answered.

These sisters and brothers know our Savior’s concern for God’s people,
see the plentiful harvest,
and are ready to respond generously to the Lord
in the words of the prophet: “Here I am; send me.”

Urged on by the love of Christ and strengthened by the Holy Spirit,
they now come to declare in public
their desire to live out the covenant made at their baptism
by binding themselves to the service of God
under the supervision of the bishop
and the guidance of ordained colleagues
and by being appointed to share as servant leaders
in the body of Christ.

Today we commission them to service
as they continue to prepare for ordained ministry among us.

THE PRAYER OF COMMISSIONING WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS

The candidates kneel.

The bishop, extending arms over all of the candidates, prays:

God of the apostles and prophets, of the martyrs and teachers,
you raise up men and women to be apostolic leaders in your church.

By your Holy Spirit
help these, your servants,
to understand and live the mystery of your love with boldness and joy.

Deepen their sense of purpose
as they exercise commissioned ministry.

Empower them, and those who will walk with them to guide their ministry,
together with all of your people,
to heal the sick,
love the outcast,
resist evil,
preach the Word, and
give themselves freely for your name’s sake.

Family and friends may stand in support of each candidate as he or she comes in turn to center kneeler.
The bishop will place hands on their shoulders and pray:

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon *Name*.
Send *him/her* now to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ,
to announce the reign of God,
and to equip the church for ministry,
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All audibly affirm the action, saying,

Amen.

As the hymn begins, the bishop, assisted by the conference secretary,
the chair of the order of Deacons, and the chair of the order of Elders greet the newly commissioned clergy.
Once greeted, the candidates return to their seats.

HYMN

Be Thou My Vision
(Verse 2)

SLANE

LAYING ON OF HANDS AND PRAYER FOR ELDERS

The candidates kneel.
The people pray for them in silence.
The bishop, with hands extended over those being ordained, prays:

We praise you, eternal God,
because you have called us to be a priestly people,
offering to you acceptable worship through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
Apostle and High Priest, Shepherd and Bishop of our souls.

We thank you that, by dying, Christ has overcome death
and, having ascended into heaven,
has poured forth gifts abundantly on your people,
making some apostles, some prophets,
some evangelists, some pastors and teachers,
to equip the saints for the work of ministry,
to build up the body of Christ,
and to fulfill your gracious purpose in the world.

Give to these your servants the grace and power they need
to serve you in this ministry.
Make them faithful pastors, patient teachers, and wise counselors.

Enable them to serve without reproach,
to proclaim the gospel of salvation,
to administer the sacraments of the new covenant,
and to offer with all your people
spiritual sacrifices acceptable to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Family members and friends may stand where they are to pray for each ordinand
as he or she comes in turn to center kneeler with sponsor.
The bishop will place hands on his or her head and pray:

Almighty God, pour upon *Name* the Holy Spirit,
for the office and work of an elder in the holy church of Christ.

All audibly affirm the action, saying,

Amen.

Immediately the candidate places hands on a Bible as he says:

Name, take authority as an elder
to preach the Word of God,
to administer the Holy Sacraments,
and to order the life of the Church
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All audibly affirm the action, saying,

Amen.

HYMN

Be Thou My Vision
(Verse 3)

SLANE

INVITATION TO ORDAINED MINISTRY

Bishop R. Lawson Bryan

As the hymn begins, the newly ordained and sponsoring elders return to their seats

HYMN

Here I Am, Lord

Dan Schutte

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

The grace of Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all always.
Go in peace
to serve God and your neighbor in all that you do.
We are sent in the name of Christ. Thanks be to God!

*HYMN AT THE RECESSION

Go, Make of All Disciples

LANCASHIRE

*POSTLUDE

"Toccata" from *Symphony No. V in F Minor*
Organ

Charles-Marie Widor

*Please stand as able

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ORGANIST

Mr. Cameron Cody
Organist & Artist In Residence
Chapelwood UMC, Houston, TX

MUSICIANS

Golden Isles Festival Chorus
Coastal Brass Choir
Golden Isles

BIBLE BEARER

The Reverend Henry Bass
South Central District Superintendent

BIBLE BEARER

The Reverend Doctor Edwin Cooper
Northwest District Superintendent

The Orders of Ministry in The United Methodist Church

Candidates for ordination certified prior to January 1, 1997, were ordained deacon and admitted into probationary membership in the annual conference. A minimum of two years later this deacon may have been ordained elder and admitted into full membership in the annual conference. The 1996 General Conference eliminated the “two-step” process of ordination. A candidate for ministry is now commissioned for service and is then ordained after a minimum period of three years.

The commissioned candidate may be ordained as an Elder or Deacon.

Elder - ordained to word and service, sacrament and order, and becomes an itinerating member of the annual conference.

Deacon - ordained to word and service and becomes a non-itinerating member of the annual conference.

The Ministry of a Deacon – From the earliest days of the church, deacons were called and set apart for the ministry of love, justice, and service; of connecting the church with the most needy, neglected, and marginalized among the children of God. Deacons are called by God, from among the baptized, to a lifetime of servant leadership, authorized by the Church, and ordained by a bishop. Deacons give leadership in the Church’s life in the teaching and proclamation of the Word; in worship, and in assisting the elders in the administration of the sacraments of baptism and the Lord’s Supper; in forming and nurturing disciples; in conducting marriages and burying the dead; in the congregation’s mission to the world; and in leading the congregation in interpreting the needs, concerns, and hopes of the world. It is the deacons, in both person and function, whose distinctive ministry is to embody, articulate, and lead the whole people of God in its servant ministry.

The Ministry of an Elder – Elders are ordained ministers who, by God’s grace, have completed their formal preparation and have been commissioned and have served as a probationary member, have been found by the Church to be of sound learning, of Christian character, possessing the necessary gifts and evidence of God’s grace, and whose call by God to ordination has been confirmed by the Church. Elders are ordained to a lifetime ministry of Service, Word, Sacrament, and Order. They are authorized to preach and teach the Word of God, to administer the sacraments of baptism and Holy Communion, and to order the life of the Church for mission and ministry. The servant leadership of the elder is expressed by leading the people of God in worship and prayer, by leading persons to faith in Jesus Christ, by exercising pastoral supervision in the congregation, and by leading the Church in obedience to mission in the world.

Instruments and Sign Acts for the Ordering of Ministry

Ordinations and consecrations ritualize the distinctiveness of the different orders. Thus, not only what is said but what is done and the signs and instruments employed are significant. Following are the distinguishing signs and instruments:

For Deacon (Probationary and Full Connection)

Stole – over the left shoulder and fastened under the right arm

Instrument – towel, pitcher, and basin

For Elder

Stole – yoked at the back of the neck, hanging straight down from the shoulders

Instrument – chalice and paten

For Bishop

Elder’s stole – to be worn from the beginning of the service

Instrument – crozier (pastoral or shepherd’s staff)

The Bible is an instrument common to all the orders of Christ’s ministry.

ANTHEM

Above All
ConneXion Church

Lenny Leblanc and Paul Baloche

SERMON

The Strong Arms of Jesus

Bishop B. Michael Watson
Ecumenical Officer of The United Methodist Church

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE (NAMING OF THE HONORED DEAD)

The Reverend James Duke, Jr.
Memoirs Committee Member

The name of each of the honored dead is read aloud.
Family members and friends are invited to stand in place for silent prayer as the name of a loved one is read.
After each name is read, a bell is rung and the congregation responds:

Thank you, Lord, for this your servant.

MINISTERS

Edwin Bryan O'Neil
August 22, 1931 – April 10, 2016

Sammy Clark
September 28, 1932 – May 4, 2016

Bernard K. Henry, Sr.
August 16, 1927 – May 6, 2016

Walter Max Hill
January 9, 1929 – August 10, 2016

James Gaston Pollock
July 9, 1931 – August 10, 2016

Annie Louise Johnson
July 11, 1922 – September 15, 2016

David Keith Willett
January 20, 1959 – September 25, 2016

Ronald Joseph Burbank
November 20, 1942 – December 11, 2016

Robert Lee Vickery, Jr.
July 2, 1930 – December 11, 2016

James Randell Daniell
September 12, 1945 – December 15, 2016

Herman A. Howell
July 4, 1923 – December 28, 2016

Joe Reynolds
May 22, 1936 – March 16, 2017

Ramus Guy Freeman
April 14, 1927 – March 26, 2016

SPOUSES

Margaret Ione Reid
Surviving Spouse of Carlton F. Reid, Sr.
July 31, 1921 – March 23, 2016

Mary Grace Scoates McCurley
Surviving Spouse of Harry W. Scoates, Jr.
March 26, 1921 – April 13, 2016

Glenda Faye Webb
Surviving Spouse of Ronald Kenneth Webb
July 6, 1946 – May 12, 2016

Betty H. Oliver
Spouse of Rev. Thomas Tinsley Oliver
August 13, 1931 – June 22, 2016

Carol Wood Mathis
Spouse of Rev. Dr. Vance B. Mathis
August 26, 1935 – July 19, 2016

Betty L. Houston
Surviving Spouse of Rev. Lawrence E. Houston, Jr.
April 14, 1926 – September 12, 2016

Patricia Drake Aultman
Spouse of Rev. Richard G. Aultman
March 24, 1931 – October 12, 2016

Jeanette Bittner
Spouse of Rev. Raymond Leroy Bittner
December 31, 1922 – October 12, 2016

Jessie Mathis
Spouse of Rev. Hubert Guy Mathis, Jr.
August 28, 1946 – October 20, 2016

Emma Dell Hendley Brooks
Spouse of Rev. James Allen Brooks
July 27, 1936 – November 6, 2016

Florine Lois Chappell
Surviving Spouse of Rev. Robert P. Chappell, Sr.
August 6, 1931 – December 3, 2016

Mabel Estelle Martin Harris-Webb
Surviving Spouse of Rev. James Redding Webb, Jr.
August 28, 1918 – December 10, 2016

Janie Ophelia Ray
Spouse of Rev. Randall Ray, Sr.
May 6, 1943 – December 22, 2016

Golda Faye Penny Hudson
Spouse of Rev. David Elzie Hudson
December 21, 1934 – January 5, 2017

Rosalie V. Johnson
Spouse of Rev. Joseph Morgan Johnson
July 5, 1934 – January 12, 2017

Myrna Eidson Roberts
Spouse of Rev. Larry B. Roberts
January 11, 1937 – January 15, 2017

Marguerite Emmalyn D. Adams
Surviving Spouse of Rev. Arthur Ray Adams
May 6, 1926 – January 20, 2017

Virginia Ripley Fauthauer Smith
Surviving Spouse of Rev. Clarence E. Smith, Jr.
September 6, 1937 – February 13, 2017

Beauford Morris Johnson
Surviving Spouse of Rev. Annie Louise Johnson
March 7, 1924 – February 21, 2017

Mary Catharyn Osborn
Spouse of Rev. James Robert Osborn
October 16, 1942 – February 26, 2017

Jane Inman Shirah
Surviving Spouse of Rev. Dr. Jason Shirah
August 22, 1926 – March 21, 2017

Laren Gail Reinheld
Spouse of Rev. William Reinheld, Jr.
April 22, 1946 – March 23, 2017

Frances S. Ramsey
Surviving Spouse of Rev. Dr. Gilbert Ramsey
June 16, 1927 – March 30, 2017

**O God of both the living and the dead,
we praise your holy name for all your servants
who have faithfully lived and died.
We thank you for the sacred ties that bind us
to those unseen who encompass us as a cloud of witnesses.
We pray that,
encouraged by their example and strengthened by their fellowship,
we may be diligent followers
and that nothing will be able to separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

INVITATION

Bishop R. Lawson Bryan
Resident Bishop, South Georgia Annual Conference

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin
and seek to live in peace with one another.
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Bishop R. Lawson Bryan

**Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

All pray in silence.

Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

ALL: Glory to God. Amen.

*THE PEACE

Bishop R. Lawson Bryan

Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.

OFFERING

The Reverend Doctor Craig Rickard
Memoirs Committee Member

The offering is designated for the Fund for Special Relief

As forgiven and reconciled people, let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Agnus Dei
ConneXion Church Choir

Michael W. Smith

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD 100TH

*TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

Bishop R. Lawson Bryan

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Bishop R. Lawson Bryan

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

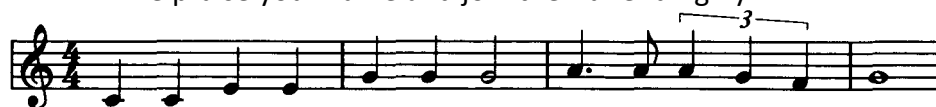
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might.



Heav-en 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.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.
On the night in which he gave himself up for us he took bread,
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:
“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over, he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
“Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

**And so,
in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.**



Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain!

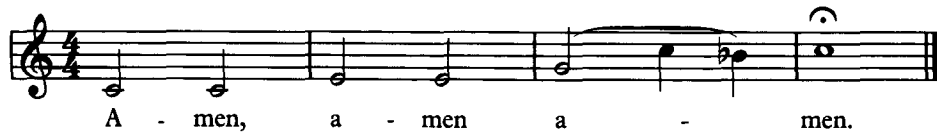
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.

**Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.**

Renew our communion with all your saints,
especially those whom we name before you in our hearts.
Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
strengthen us to run with perseverance the race that is set before us,
looking to Jesus, the Pioneer and Perfecter of our faith.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other,
and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory,
and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

**Through your Son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God,
now and forever.**



And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

**Our Father, which 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,
forever. Amen.**

***BREAKING THE BREAD**

Bishop R. Lawson Bryan

Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body,
for we all partake of the one loaf.
The bread over which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.
The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

***GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP**

Bishop R. Lawson Bryan

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**
The blood of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

Please remain seated until directed by an usher to receive Communion.

MUSIC DURING THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Bishop R. Lawson Bryan

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.**

**Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SENDING FORTH

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Bishop R. Lawson Bryan

Go forth in peace.
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

Amen.

*HYMN AT THE RECESSION

Love Divine All Loves Excelling

BEECHER

*GOING FORTH

*POSTLUDE

I Know That My Redeemer Lives
Organ

arr. Robert A. Hobby

*Please stand as able

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Relying upon God’s grace, and without reservation, we offer our gifts for our ministry in the world and the building up of Christ’s church. We affirm the ministry of our bishop in consecration, in ordination, in commissioning, and in appointing us to these various ministries to which God has called us. We so reverently accept our appointments with a glad mind and will, remembering that God has called us to these ministries. We affirm that we have made a vow to Christ and to the Church universal to serve. We pray we shall remain ever open to God’s grace as we respond to God’s call. We will cherish these whom we are called to lead and will respect the gifts and graces of all who serve Christ with us in the Church.

THE COVENANT PRAYER

Now, beloved, let us bind ourselves with willing bonds to our covenant God, and take the yoke of Christ upon us.

Christ has many services to be done. Some are the responsibility of all the baptized. Others require the skills, gifts, and graces of those set apart by ordination. Some are easy, others are difficult. Some bring honor, others bring reproach. Some are suitable to our natural inclinations and temporal interests, others are contrary to both. In some we please ourselves, in others we cannot please Christ except by denying ourselves. Yet the power to do all these things is assuredly given us in Christ, who strengthens us. Therefore, let us make the covenant of God our own. Let us engage our hearts to the Lord, and resolve in his strength never to go back. Being thus prepared, let us now in sincere dependence on his grace and trusting in his promises, yield ourselves anew to him.

Pray in silence.

All:

I am no longer my own, but Yours. Put me to what you will. Rank me with whom you will. Put me to doing. Put me to suffering. Let me be employed for you or laid aside for you, exalted for you, or brought low for you. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things. Let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to your pleasure and disposal. And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, You are mine and I am Yours, so be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

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Bishop R. Lawson Bryan

The grace of Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all always.

Go in peace
to serve God and your neighbor in all that you do.

We are sent in the name of Christ. Thanks be to God!

*CLOSING HYMN

Go Make of All Disciples

LANCASHIRE

*POSTLUDE

Organist

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