

THE ORDINATION OF A DEACON

CATHERINE WALTHER MONTGOMERY



**TUESDAY IN EPIPHANY
14 JANUARY 2025 AD
FIVE O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING**

THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF FLORIDA
THE RIGHT REVEREND CHIP STOKES BISHOP
SAINT JOHN'S CATHEDRAL
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

THE MINISTERS OF THE ORDINATION

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The Right Reverend Chip Stokes

Preacher

The Reverend Canon Beth Tjoflat

Patens

The Right Reverend Chip Stokes
The Reverend Catherine Montgomery

Litanist

The Reverend Wiley Ammons

Deacon

The Reverend Deacon Leila Quinlan

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Lisa Foster
Keith Lenger
Liesl Gavronsky-Howsare
Melissa Johnson

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Amy Crawford
Shannon Darke
Emily Rutledge

Old Testament Lector

Georgia Montgomery

Psalm Lector

Brooks Slater

Epistle Lector

Liesl Gavronsky-Howsare

Vergers of the Service

St. John's Cathedral Vergers' Guild

Ushers and Acolytes

St. John's Cathedral

Music

Timothy Tuller, Canon for Music,
St. John's Cathedral

THE CLERGY AND LAY PRESENTERS OF THE ORDINAND

Clergy and Lay Presenters for Catherine Montgomery

The Reverend Thomas Reeder
Janet Burnside
Steve Crosby
Mike Shepherd
Jenny Johnson Weeks

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Welcome to Saint John's Cathedral! We are delighted to worship with you today. During this service, we ask that all cell phones and audible pagers be turned off, and that no flash photography is used.

Following the service the congregation is invited to a reception honoring Catherine in Taliaferro Hall.

Voluntary

Prelude on *Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern*

Dietrich Buxtehude

In Procession, Hymn 382

“King of glory, King of peace”

General Seminary

Facing the People the Bishop says,
Blessed be God.

People Forever and 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. *Amen.*

The Presentation

The Bishop and People sit. The Ordinand and her Presenters come before the Bishop. Each group of Presenters addresses the Bishop saying
Chip, Bishop in the Church of God, on behalf of the clergy and people of the Diocese of Florida, we present to you

Catherine Walther Montgomery

to be ordained a deacon in Christ's holy catholic Church.

Bishop

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

Presenters

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

The Bishop says to the Ordinand

Catherine, 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 the Church, obey your bishop and other ministers who may have authority over you and your work?

The Ordinand answers

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

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

All stand. The Bishop says to the People

Dear friends in Christ, you know the importance of this ministry, and the weight of your responsibility in presenting Catherine Walther Montgomery 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 Catherine be ordained a deacon?

The People respond

It is.

Bishop

Will you uphold her in this ministry?

The People respond


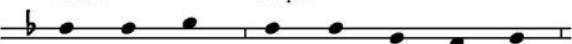
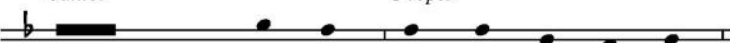


We will.

The Bishop then calls the people to prayer

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

All kneel for the Litany.

The Litany for the Ordination

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| <i>Cantor</i> | <i>People</i> |
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| God the Fa - ther, Have mer - cy on us. | |
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| <i>Cantor</i> | <i>People</i> |
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| God the Son, Have mer - cy on us. | |
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| <i>Cantor</i> | <i>People</i> |
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| God the Holy Spir - it, Have mer - cy on us. | |
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| <i>Cantor</i> | <i>People</i> |
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| Holy Trini - ty, one God, Have mer - cy on us. | |
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| <i>Cantor</i> | <i>People</i> |
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| We pray to you, Lord Christ. Lord, hear our prayer. | |

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

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, Chip and Scott, our Assisting Bishops, 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 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.

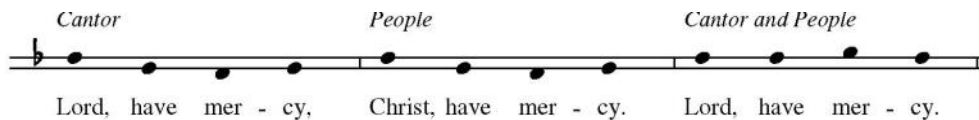
For ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord.

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 all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God. To you, O Lord our God.



Bishop The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Bishop Let us pray.

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

The People are seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The First Reading

Jeremiah 1:4-9

Georgia Montgomery

Lector

A reading from the book of Jeremiah.

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."

Lector

The Word of the Lord

People

Thanks be to God.

A period of silence for reflection follows the reading.

Psalm 84 (read responsively)

Brooks Slater

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! *
 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 Second Reading

2 Corinthians 4:1-6

Liesl Gavronsky-Howsare

Lector

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Lector

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

A period of silence for reflection follows the reading.

Hymn 593

"Lord make us servants of your peace"

The Gospel

Luke 22:24-27

Gospeler

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

People

Glory to you Lord Christ.

A dispute arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves."

Gospeler

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Canon Beth Tjoflat

The People stand.

The Nicene Creed

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 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 of a Deacon

All are seated except the Ordinand, who stand 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 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 your 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 a Deacon

All now stand except the Ordinand who kneels facing the Bishop. The Bishop and People sing responsively.

Hymn 503

“Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire”

Veni Creator Spiritus

A period of silent prayer follows; the People remain standing.

The Bishop then says the Proper 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 this your servant to the order of deacons.

Here the Bishop lays hands upon the head of the Ordinand and prays the following prayer.

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

The Bishop then continues

Make Catherine, 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 Catherine 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 Deacon is now vested according to the order of Deacons.

The Bishop then says

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

The Bishop then says to the congregation

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

The Clergy and People greet one another.

Welcome

Hymn at the Offering

LEVAS 191

His Eye is on the Sparrow

Presentation Hymn

LEVAS 221

This Little Light of Mine

The offering this evening will go towards the new deacon's discretionary fund through St. Mary's Episcopal Church to be used for the benefit of our neighbors most in need. Scan the QR Code on page 11 of this bulletin and choose CM Fund.

The Great Thanksgiving

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 our thanks and praise.

The Bishop continues

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The People stand or kneel. The Bishop continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Bishop is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing the wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. AMEN.

The Bishop says

The Gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Music at the Communion

LEVAS 188

"It is well with my soul"

The Postcommunion Prayer

The People stand or kneel.

The Bishop and the People say together

Almighty Father, we thank you for feeding us with the holy food of the Body and Blood of your Son, and for uniting us

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

The Bishop then says

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

In Procession, Hymn 492

“Sing ye faithful, sing with gladness”

Finnian

The Newly Ordained Deacon dismisses the People.

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

People

Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

Carillon

Herbert Murrill



Please join us for a reception in Taliaferro Hall.

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