



THE ORDINATION  
*of*  
RITA JO CARSON KENDAGOR  
*to*  
THE SACRED ORDER OF PRIESTS

SATURDAY, MAY 28, 2022 † 10AM



ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
*Kansas City, Missouri*

Opening Procession *(standing)*

## God of the prophets

## The Hymnal 1982, #359

1 God of the pro - phets, bless the pro - phets' heirs! E - li - jah's  
 2 A - noint them pro - phets! Teach them thine in - tent: to hu - man  
 3 A - noint them priests! help them to in - ter - cede with all thy  
 \*4 A - noint them kings! Yea, king - ly kings, O Lord! A - noint them  
 5 Make them a - pos - tles, her - alds of thy cross; forth may they

1 man - tle o'er E - li - sha cast: each age for thine own sol - emn  
 2 need their quick - ened hearts a - wake; fill them with power, their lips make  
 3 roy - al priest - hood born of grace; through them thy Church pre - sents in  
 4 with the Spi - rit of thy Son: theirs not a mon - arch's crown or  
 5 go to tell all realms thy grace: in - spired of thee, may they count

1 task pre - pares, make each one strong - er, no - bler than the last.  
 2 el - o - quent for right - eous - ness that shall all e - vil break.  
 3 word and deed Christ's one true sac - ri - fice with thank - ful praise.  
 4 ty - rant's sword; theirs by the love of Christ a king - dom won.  
 5 all but loss, and stand at last with joy be - fore thy face.

Words: St. 1-2 and 4-5, Denis Wortman, alt.; st. 3, Carl Daw; Music: Toulon, melody from Psaumes octante trois de David, abridged; harm. Charles Winfred Douglas

Opening Acclamation & Collect *(standing)*

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

*People* And blessed be his 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. Amen.

# THE PRESENTATION

*The bishop and people sit. The Presenters, standing before the bishop, present the ordinand, saying*

Diane, Bishop in the Church of God, on behalf of the clergy and people of the Diocese of West Missouri, we present to you Rita Jo Carson Kendagor to be ordained a priest 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 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. 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 Rita for ordination to the sacred priesthood. 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 Rita be ordained a priest?

*The People respond with these or other words*

**It is.**

*Bishop*

Will you uphold her in this ministry?

*People*


**We will.**

The Bishop then calls the people to prayer with these or similar words  
In peace let us pray to the Lord.

## The Litany for Ordinations *(kneeling or standing, as you are able)*

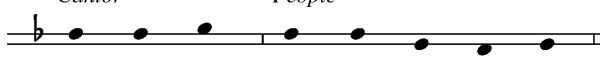
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*Cantor* *People*



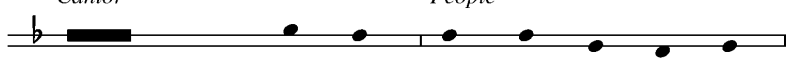
God the Fa - ther, Have mer - cy on us.

*Cantor* *People*



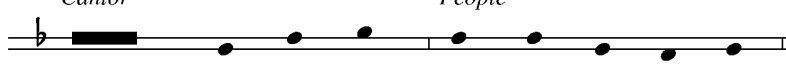
God the Son, Have mer - cy on us.

*Cantor* *People*




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

*Cantor* *People*



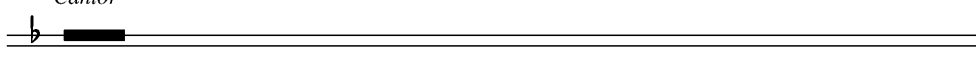
Holy Trini - ty, one God, Have mer - cy on us.

*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.

Setting: Ver. *Hymnal* 1982.  
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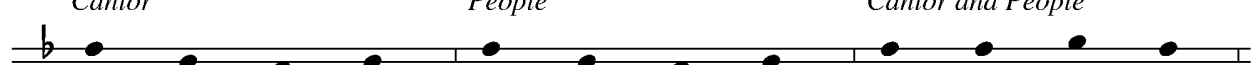
Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed and most-glorious Virgin Mary, Mother of God, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another

*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.

*The Bishop stands and prays the Collect, first saying*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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 MINISTRY OF THE WORD

The First Lesson *(seated)*

Isaiah 6:1-8

*Lector* A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

A Song of Praise

*My House is Full*

The Sensational Nightingales

*Presented by the St. Augustine's Liturgical Dancers*

The Second Lesson

Philippians 4:4-9

*Lector* A Lesson from Paul's Letter to the Philippians.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

*Surely, it is God who saves me*

*Refrain*



Sure - ly, it is God who saves me; I will



trust in him and not be a - fraid. For the Lord is my strong-hold and my

*Fourth time to Coda* ⊕ 1, 3



sure de-fense, and he will be my Sav - ior. ——— 1. There -  
3. Cry a -



fore you shall draw wa - ter with re - joic - ing from the springs of sal -  
loud in - hab - i - tants of Zi - on, ring out your



va - tion. And on that day you shall say, give thanks to the Lord and  
joy, — for the great one in the midst of you is the

2



call up - on his name.  
Ho - ly One of Is - rael.



2. Make his deeds known a-mong the peo - ples; see that they re-mem-ber that his



name is ex - alt - ed. Sing the prais-es of the Lord, for he has done great

*D.C.* ⊕ CODA



things, and this is known in all the world.

WORDS: From *The Book of Common Prayer* (Isa. 12:2-6)  
MUSIC: Jack Noble White  
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FIRST SONG  
Irregular with Refrain

**The Holy Gospel** *(standing)*

John 6:35-38

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

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

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon** *(seated)*

The Rev. John Spicer  
Rector, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

**The Nicene Creed** *(standing; prayed in unison)*

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 ordinand, who stands before the Bishop.*

*The Bishop addresses the ordinand as follows*

My sister, the Church is the family of God, the body of Christ, and the temple of the Holy Spirit. All baptized people are called to make Christ known as Savior and Lord, and to share in the renewing of his world. Now you are called to work as a pastor, priest, and teacher, together with your bishop and fellow presbyters, and to take your share in the councils of the Church.

As a priest, it will be your task to proclaim by word and deed the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and to fashion your life in accordance with its precepts. You are to love and serve the people among whom you work, caring alike for young and old, strong and weak, rich and poor. You are to preach, to declare God's forgiveness to penitent sinners, to pronounce God's blessing, to share in the administration of Holy Baptism and in the celebration of the mysteries of Christ's Body and Blood, and to perform the other ministrations entrusted to you.

In all that you do, you are to nourish Christ's people from the riches of his grace and strengthen them to glorify God in this life and in the life to come.

My sister, do you believe that you are truly called by God and his Church to this priesthood?

*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 respect and be guided by the pastoral direction and leadership of your bishop?

*Answer* I will.



*Bishop* Will you be diligent in the reading and study of the Holy Scriptures, and in seeking the knowledge of such things as may make you a stronger and more able minister of Christ?

*Answer* I will.

*Bishop* Will you endeavor so to minister the Word of God and the sacraments of the New Covenant, that the reconciling love of Christ may be known and received?

*Answer* I will.

*Bishop* Will you undertake to be a faithful pastor to all whom you are called to serve, laboring together with them and with your fellow ministers to build up the family of God?

*Answer* 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?

*Answer* I will.

*Bishop* Will you persevere in prayer, both in public and in private, asking God's grace, both for yourself and for others, offering all your labors to God, through the mediation of Jesus Christ, and in the sanctification of the Holy Spirit?

*Answer* I will.

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

*Answer* Amen.

# THE CONSECRATION OF THE PRIEST

All stand except the Ordinand, who kneels facing the Bishop and the Presbyters who stand to the right and left of the Bishop.



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.



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.

Words: Latin, 9<sup>th</sup> cent.; tr. Jon Cosin; para. Of *Veni Creator Spiritus*; Music: VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS, plainsong, Mode 8

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

God and Father of all, we praise you for your infinite love in calling us to be a holy people in the kingdom of your Son Jesus our Lord, who is the image of your eternal and invisible glory, the firstborn among many brethren, and the head of the Church. We thank you that by his death he has overcome death, and, having ascended into heaven, has poured his gifts abundantly upon your people, making some apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry and the building up of his body.

*Here the Bishop lays hands upon the head of the Ordinand, the Priests who are present also laying on their hands. At the same time, the Bishop prays*

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

May she exalt you, O Lord, in the midst of your people; offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to you; boldly proclaim the gospel of salvation; and rightly administer the sacraments of the New Covenant. Make her a faithful pastor, a patient teacher, and a wise councilor. Grant that in all things she may serve without reproach, so that your people may be strengthened and your Name glorified in all the world. All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 priest is now vested according to the order of priests.*

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

Receive this Bible as a sign of the authority given you to preach the Word of God and to administer his holy Sacraments. Do not forget the trust committed to you as a priest of the Church of God.

*The Bishop now anoints the hands of the new priest saying*

The Father anointed our Lord Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. By this anointing you are entrusted to take into your hands the holy things of God; you will join with our Lord Jesus to sanctify the Christian people, to lead his people in the sacraments of the Church, and to spread God's Kingdom in all the world.

*The Bishop greets the newly ordained.*

## **The Peace**

*The new Priest then says to the congregation*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*    **And also with you.**

The Presbyters present greet the newly ordained; who then greets family members and others, as may be convenient. The Clergy and People greet one another.

Offertory Anthem     *How lovely are thy messengers from St. Paul*     F. MENDELSSOHN

*How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace.  
To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words, throughout all the lands their glad tidings.*

Offertory Hymn *(standing)*     *Be thou my vision*     Hymnal 305



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,



all else be nought to me, save that thou art—  
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!



thou my best thought, — by day or by night,  
thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;  
Heart of my heart, — what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.  
still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

Words: Isish, ca. 700; versified Mary Elizabeth Byrne; tr. Elanor H. Hull, alt.; Music: Slane, Irish ballad melody; adapt. The Church Hymnary, 1927.

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*Bishop*     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 him thanks and praise.

*The Celebrant proceeds with the Preface*

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks...

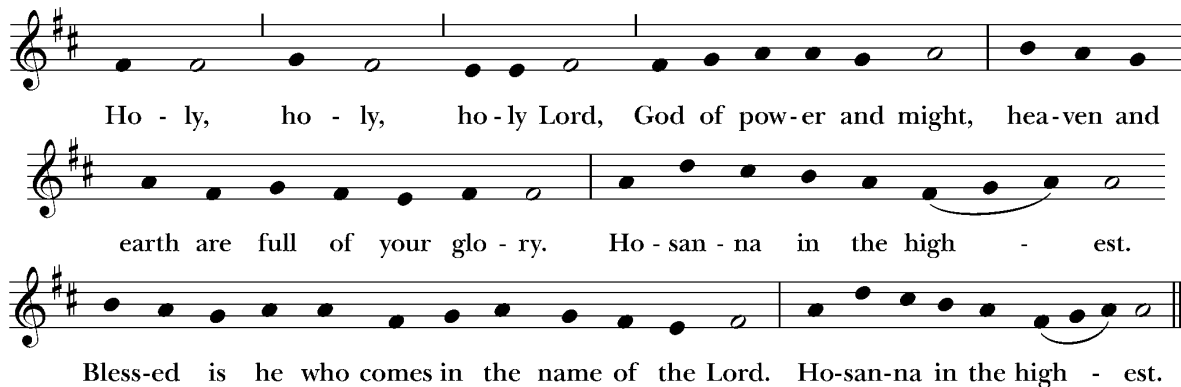
...Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

*Celebrant and People*

**Sanctus**

*Holy, holy, holy Lord*

Hymnal S-124



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.

Setting: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd

*The congregation is invited to stand or kneel as the Bishop continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.*

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*

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,

Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.

Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## The Breaking of the Bread

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

### Fraction Anthem

Hymnal S-164

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
there - fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Setting: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

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.

All are invited to the altar rail. All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion without regard to denominational affiliation. If you have not been baptized or do not wish to receive Holy Communion, simply fold your arms across your chest, and the communion minister will know to give you a blessing instead. If you feel led to follow Christ in his call to be baptized, please see a member of the clergy immediately following this service to schedule your baptism.

Communion Hymn

Where He leads me I will follow

Lift Every Voice and Sing, #144

1. I can hear my Sav - ior call - ing, — I can hear my Sav - ior call - ing, —  
 2. I'll go with Him through the gar - den, — I'll go with Him through the gar - den, —  
 3. I'll go with Him through the judge - ment, — I'll go with Him through the judge - ment, —  
 4. He will give me grace and glo - ry, — He will give me grace and glo - ry, —

1. I can hear my Sav - ior call - ing, — "Take thy cross and fol - low, fol - low me."  
 2. I'll go with Him through the gar - den, — I'll go with Him, with Him all the way.  
 3. I'll go with Him through the judge - ment, — I'll go with Him, with Him all the way.  
 4. He will give me grace and glo - ry, — And go with me, with me all the way.

Where He leads me I will fol - low, — Where He leads me I will fol - low, —

Where He leads me I will fol - low, — I'll go with Him, with Him all the way.

1. Glo - ry, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!  
 2. I feel bet - ter, so much bet - ter,

1. — Since I laid my bur - den down.  
 2. — Since I laid my bur - den down,

1. — Glo - ry, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!  
 2. — I feel bet - ter, so much bet - ter,

1. — Since I laid my bur - den down.  
 2. — Since I laid my bur - den down.

- 3. Feel like shouting, "Hallelujah!" etc.
- 4. I am climbing Jacob's ladder. etc.

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

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 Rita may be to us an effective example in word and action, in love and patience, and in holiness of life. Grant that we, with him, may serve you now, and always rejoice in your glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.



## The Blessing

*The Bishop then asks the new priest to bless the people. The new Priest says*

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

## Dismissal

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

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

*The Altar Party departs followed by the congregation.*

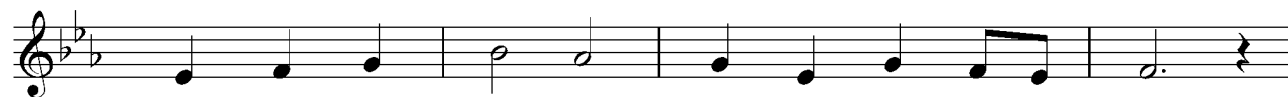
## Closing Procession

### *Go forth for God*

Hymnal 347



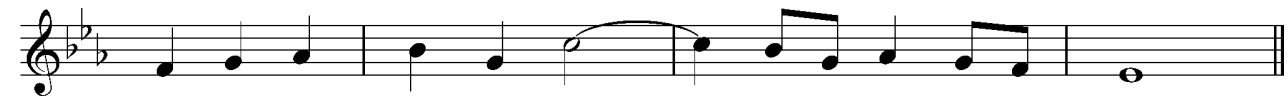
1 Go forth for God; go \_\_\_\_\_ to the world in peace;  
2 Go forth for God; go \_\_\_\_\_ to the world in love;  
3 Go forth for God; go \_\_\_\_\_ to the world in strength;  
4 Go forth for God; go \_\_\_\_\_ to the world in joy,



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.

Words: John Raphael Peacey and *English Praise*, alt.; Music: Litton, Erik Routley

## Postlude

*Improvvisato (Op. 37, No. 6)* Arthur Bird





# NEWLY ORDAINED PRIEST

The Rev. Rita Jo Carson Kendagor

Presented by: The Rev. Chas Marks, The Rev. Mary Donovan, Carol Hobbs, Philip Lofflin, Keith Johnson

Vested by: Prisca Kendagor and Zahara Kendagor

## LITURGICAL PARTICIPANTS

Celebrant	The Rt. Rev. Diane M. Jardine Bruce
Homilist	The Rev. John Spicer
Bishop's Chaplain	The Rev. Charles Everson
Litanist	Mark Burroughs
Lectors	C.J. Duffie, Pamela Berry
Deacon	The Ven. Bruce Bower
Thurifer	Brandon Kirmer
Crucifers	Olivia Henson, John Kirmer
Ushers	Steve McCord, Steve Sutton
Organist and Director of Music	Dr. Thomas R. Vozzella
Choral Ensemble	St. Andrew's Singers

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*Bishop Bruce expresses her appreciation to all who participated behind the scenes to make this celebration possible. Well done, good and faithful servants!*

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