

January 23, the Ordination of a Deacon

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Third Sunday after the Epiphany

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Prelude

French Dance No. 1, “L’Agréable” by Marin Marais

Alexander Stefaniak piano, Eliana Haig viola

*The congregation is invited to say the words together **in bold**. Please sing along with us!*

Welcome

The Rev. Mike Angell welcomes the congregation.

Opening Hymn
God of the Women. Voices Found Hymnal #21
 The Holy Communion Choir

Unison

1. God of the wo - men who an - swered your call
 2. God of the wo - men who walked Je - sus' way
 3. God of the wo - men long put to the test

Trust - ing your pro - mis - es giv - ing their all
 Giv - ing their re - sourc - es, learn - ing to pray
 Left out of stor - ies for - got - ten, op - pressed,

Wo - men like Sa - rah and Ha - nah and Ru - th
 Ma - ry Jo - an - na Su - san - ah and mo - re
 Qu - et - ly ask - ing who smiled at my bi - rth

Give us their cour - age to live in your truth
 May we give free - ly as they did be - fore
 In Je - sus' dy - ing you show us our worth

4. God of the women who ran from the tomb,
 Prayed with the others in that upper room,
 Then felt your Spirit on Pentecost Day —
 May we so gladly proclaim you today.

5. O God of Phoebe and ministers all,
 May we be joyful in answering your call.
 Give us the strength of your Spirit so near
 That we may share in your ministry here.

Text: The Rev. Carolyn Winfrey Gillette from her book "Gifts of Love"
 Tune: *Slane* Traditional

Opening Dialogue

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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. A Priest and a Lay Person, and additional presenters if desired, standing before the bishop, present the ordinand, saying:

Mariann, Bishop in the Church of God, on behalf of the clergy and people of the Diocese of Missouri., we present to you Margaret Goldstein. 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 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?

Meg

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 Margaret Goldstein 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 Meg be ordained a deacon?

The People respond in these or other words

It is.

Bishop

Will you uphold her in this ministry?

The People respond in these or other words

We will.

The Bishop then calls the people to prayer with these or similar words

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

All kneel, and the Person appointed leads the Litany for Ordinations, or some other approved litany.

God the Father,
Have mercy on us.
God the Son,
Have mercy on us.
God the Holy Spirit,
Have mercy on us.

Holy Trinity, one God,
Have mercy on us.
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 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.
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 especially Joe our President and Kamala our Vice-
President,
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 the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected,
we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal,
we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

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

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

The Bishop stands and reads the following 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 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. **Amen.**

The Ministry of the Word

THE FIRST READING:

A Reading from the book of Jeremiah (Jeremiah 1:4-9)

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.'

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

THE PSALM (PSALM 119:33-40)

33 Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, *
and I shall keep it to the end.

34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; *
I shall keep it with all my heart.

35 Make me go in the path of your commandments, *
or that is my desire.

36 Incline my heart to your decrees *
and not to unjust gain.

37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; *
give me life in your ways.

38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, *
which you make to those who fear you.

39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, *
because your judgments are good.

40 Behold, I long for your commandments; *
in your righteousness preserve my life.

**Glory to God, Source of all being, Incarnate Word, and Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.**

THE GOSPEL READING

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke (Luke 22:24-27)
Glory to You, Lord Christ.

A dispute also 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.

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon: The Rev. Gini Gerbasi

Rector, St. John's Georgetown, Washington DC

The 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 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, 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?

Meg: I believe I am so called.

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

Meg: I do.

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

Meg: I will.

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

Meg: I will.

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

Meg: I will.

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

Meg: I will.

Bishop: Will you in all things seek not your glory but the glory of the Lord Christ?

Meg: I will.

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

Meg: Amen.

The Consecration of the Deacon

All now stand except the ordinand, who kneels facing the bishop.

Hymn:

Will You Come and Follow Me – John Bell and Graham Maule

1. Will you come and fol - low me If I but
 2. Will you leave your - self be - hind If I but
 3. Will you let the blind - ed see If I but
 4. Will you love the 'you' you hide If I but
 5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true When you but

call your name? _____ Will you go where you don't
 call your name? _____ Will you care for cruel and
 call your name? _____ Will you set the pris' - ners in
 call your name? _____ Will you quell the fear in -
 call my name. _____ Let me turn and fol - low

know And nev - er be the same? _____ Will you
 kind And nev - er be the same? _____ Will you
 free And nev - er be the same? _____ Will you
 side And nev - er be the same? _____ Will you
 you And nev - er be the same. _____ In your

let my love be shown, _____ Will you let my name be
 risk the hos - tile stare _____ Should your life at - tract or
 kiss the le - per clean _____ And do such as this un -
 use the faith you've found _____ And re - shape the world a -
 com - pa - ny I'll go _____ Where your love and foot - steps

known, _____ Will you let my life be
 scare, _____ Will you let me an - swer
 seen, _____ And ad - mit to what I
 round _____ Through my sight and touch and
 show. _____ Thus I'll move and live and

grown In you and you in me? _____
 prayer In you and you in me? _____
 mean In you and you in me? _____
 sound In you and you in me? _____
 grow In you and you in me. _____

A period of silent prayer follows, the people still standing.

The Bishop then says this Prayer of Consecration

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

The Bishop continues

Make her, 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.

The People in a loud voice respond **Amen.**

The new deacon is now vested according to the order of deacons, with the assistance of her spouse.

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

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 Peace is then exchanged. Consider sending a text, a message on Facebook, or even writing a letter or email to someone who could use some peace.

The Peace is then exchanged.

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

The new deacon sets the table.

The Eucharist

Presider The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People 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, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through the great shepherd of your flock, Jesus Christ our Lord; who after his resurrection sent forth his apostles to preach the Gospel and to teach all nations; and promised to be with them always, even to the end of the ages.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

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

The Presider continues. At the following words concerning the bread, the Presider is to hold it; and at the words concerning the cup to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel to be consecrated.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.

Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, 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, 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of all your children, that with all the saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

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 Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Presider Breaks the Consecrated Bread. A Period of Silence is Kept

Then may be sung or said

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Gracious and Loving God, on this day we are not able to gather around your table to celebrate your presence in the sacrament of bread and wine. We are not able to share your peace with one another.

Nevertheless, we lift up our hearts, we join with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven as we proclaim you holy and receive you into our hearts by faith.

Strengthen our love for you. Help us offer our sacrifice with all your faithful people, that we may restore health and wholeness to one another and to all your creation. Give us patience and hope as we long for the day when we can gather and break bread together again. Through Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Concluding Prayer

Almighty Father, we thank you for uniting us through Christ 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 Meg 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 Blessing

The Bishop blesses the people.

Concluding Hymn:

I the Lord of Sea and Sky – Wonder Love and Praise Hymnal #812

Verses

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my
 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my
 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the

peo - ple cry. All who dwell in deep - est sin my hand will
 peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them, they turn a -
 poor and lame. I will set a feast for them, my hand will

save. I who made the stars of night,
 way. I will break their hearts of stone,
 save. Fin - est bread I will pro - vide

I will make their dark - ness bright. Who will bear my
 give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak my
 till their hearts be sat - si - fied. I will give my

light to them? Whom shall I send? _____
 word to them. Whom shall I send? _____
 life to them. Whom shall I send? _____

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. _____ Is it I, Lord? _____ I have

heard you call-ing in the night. _____ I will go, Lord, _____

_____ if you lead me, _____ I will hold your peo - ple in my

heart. _____ heart. _____

The new Deacon dismisses the congregation:
Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God. *Alleluia Alleluia*

Aurelia, (The Church's One Foundation) by Samuel Wesley
Dr. Jason Farris, organist

Service Leaders

Ordinand: Margaret (Meg) Barry Goldstein
Presenters: The Rev. Mike Angell, The Rev. Gini Gerbasi,
Richard and Kathryn Barry, Margaret Huckaby
Presider: The Rt. Rev. Mariann Edgar Budde
on behalf of The Rt. Rev. Deon K. Johnson
Preacher: The Rev. Gini Gerbasi,
Rector of St. John's Georgetown, Washington DC
Vesting: Brian Goldstein
Deacon: The Rev. Chester Hines
Lectors: The Hon. Joe Adams, Margaret Huckaby
Organist for St. John's Georgetown, Dr. Jason Farris

The flowers at St. John's are given in thanksgiving for Margaret Barry Goldstein and in celebration of her ordination to the Diaconate by her parents Richard and Kathryn Barry

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The Eucharistic Prayer is Enriching our Worship 1 Eucharistic Prayer 1

The Prayer for Spiritual Communion was composed by Holy Communion parishioner Bob Lewis.