

THE ORDINATION OF  
*K Casenhiser*  
TO THE SACRED ORDER OF DEACONS

Holy Eucharist  
May 24, 2025  
10:00 am

St. Martin's Church, Providence  
The Right Reverend W. Nicholas Knisely,  
Bishop





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INTROIT

"Be thou my vision"

HYMN 390 Praise to the Lord

OPENING ACCLAMATION

*The people remain standing**Bishop* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***Bishop* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. 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*

Nicholas, Bishop in the Church of God, on behalf of the clergy and people of the Diocese of Rhode Island, we present to you K Casenhiser 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?

*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 K Casenhiser 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 K be ordained a deacon?

*The People respond*  
**It is.**

*Bishop*  
Will you uphold her in this ministry?  
*The People respond*  
**We will.**

*Bishop*  
In peace let us pray to the Lord.

*All kneel for the Litany for Ordinations*

### LITANY FOR ORDINATIONS

*Leader* God the Father,  
*People* **Have mercy on us.**  
*Leader* God the Son,  
*People* **Have mercy on us.**  
*Leader* God the Holy Spirit,  
*People* **Have mercy on us.**  
*Leader* Holy Trinity, one God,  
*People* **Have mercy on us.**  
*Leader* We pray to you, Lord Christ.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**  
*Leader* For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the  
Day of your Coming, we pray to you, O Lord.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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, 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 K, chosen deacon in your Church, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That she may faithfully fulfill the duties of this ministry, build up your Church, and glorify your Name, we pray to  
you, O Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit she may be sustained and encouraged to persevere to the end, we pray to  
you, O Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For her family, that they may be adorned with all Christian virtues, 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 Donald our 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 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 the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, and 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* Lord have mercy.

*People* **Christ, have mercy.**

*Bishop* Lord, have mercy.

*The bishop stands and says:*

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 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 people are seated*

If there is among you anyone in need, a member of your community in any of your towns within the land that the Lord your God is giving you, do not be hard-hearted or tight-fisted towards your needy neighbour. You should rather open your hand, willingly lending enough to meet the need, whatever it may be. Be careful that you do not entertain a mean thought, thinking, 'The seventh year, the year of remission, is near', and therefore view your needy neighbour with hostility and give nothing; your neighbour might cry to the Lord against you, and you would incur guilt. Give liberally and be ungrudging when you do so, for on this account the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake. Since there will never cease to be some in need on the earth, I therefore command you, 'Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbour in your land.'

*Reader* The Word of the Lord

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

PSALM 37:27-33, 39, 41

Novit Dominus

*Sung by the choir*

27 The righteous are always generous in their lending,  
and their children shall be a blessing.

28 Turn from evil, and do good,  
and dwell in the land for ever.

29 For the Lord loves justice;  
he does not forsake his faithful ones.

30 They shall be kept safe for ever,  
but the offspring of the wicked shall be destroyed.

31 The righteous shall possess the land  
and dwell in it for ever.

32 The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom,  
and their tongue speaks what is right.

33 The law of their God is in their heart,  
and their footsteps shall not falter.

39 Mark those who are honest;  
observe the upright;  
for there is a future for the peaceable.

41 But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the Lord;  
he is their stronghold in time of trouble.

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbours, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labour and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord

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

*The People stand for the Gospel.*

HYMN 516 Come down, O Love divine vv. 1-2

## THE GOSPEL

Luke 9:10-17

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

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

On their return the apostles told Jesus all they had done. He took them with him and withdrew privately to a city called Bethsaida. When the crowds found out about it, they followed him; and he welcomed them, and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and healed those who needed to be cured.

The day was drawing to a close, and the twelve came to him and said, 'Send the crowd away, so that they may go into the surrounding villages and countryside, to lodge and get provisions; for we are here in a deserted place.' But he said to them, 'You give them something to eat.' They said, 'We have no more than five loaves and two fish—unless we are to go and buy food for all these people.' For there were about five thousand men. And he said to his disciples, 'Make them sit down in groups of about fifty each.' They did so and made them all sit down. And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. And all ate and were filled. What was left over was gathered up, twelve baskets of broken pieces.

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord

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

HYMN 516 Come down, O Love divine v.3

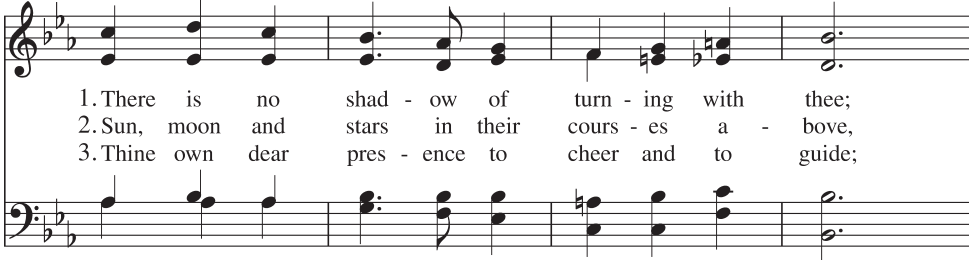
## THE SERMON

The Rev. Linda Mackie Griggs


HYMN LEVAS 189 Great is thy faithfulness



1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther,  
2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,  
3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



1. There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee;  
2. Sun, moon and stars in their cours - es a - bove,  
3. Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;



1. Thou chang - est not, thy com - pas - sions, they fail not,  
2. Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness,  
3. Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



1. As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
2. To thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.  
3. Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

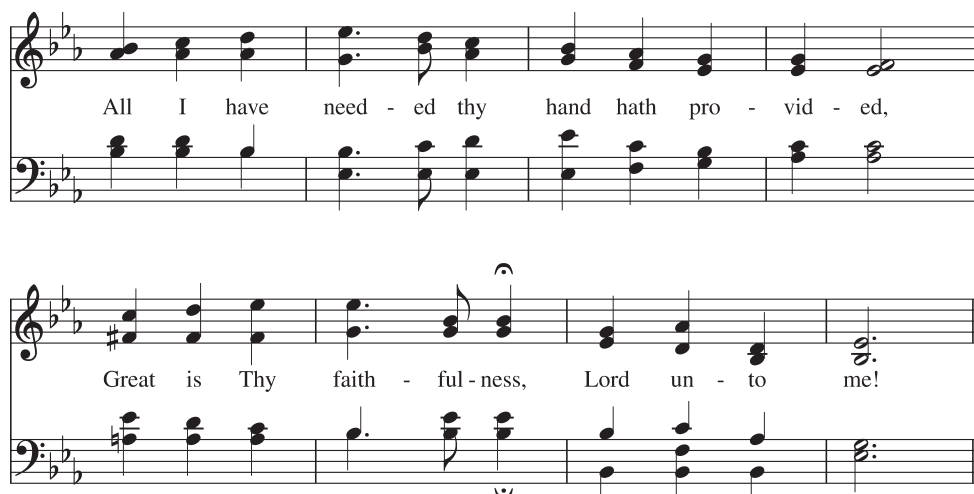


Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!



Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;





### 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

*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?  
*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 be guided by the pastoral direction and leadership of your bishop?  
*Answer* I will.

*Bishop* Will you be faithful in prayer, and in the reading and study of the Holy Scriptures?  
*Answer* I will.

*Bishop* Will you look for Christ in all others, being ready to help and serve those in need?  
*Answer* 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?  
*Answer* I will.

*Bishop* Will you in all things seek not your glory but the glory of the Lord Christ?  
*Answer* I will.

*Bishop* May the Lord by his grace uphold you in the service he lays upon you.  
*Answer* Amen.

## THE CONSECRATION

*All now stand except the ordinand, who kneels facing the bishop. The hymn Veni Sancte Spiritus is sung by all.*

The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Bass) and a Cantor. It is in the key of D major (two sharps) and 6/8 time. The first system shows the beginning of the hymn with the lyrics 'Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus.' The second system is marked 'Cantor' and contains two verses. The first verse begins with '1. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, from heav - en shine forth' and continues with 'with your glo - rious light. Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus.' The second verse begins with '2. Come from the four winds, O Spir - it, come breath of God; dis -' and continues with 'perse the shad - ows ov - er us, re - new and strength - en your peo - ple. Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus.' The score uses various musical notations including eighth notes, quarter notes, and rests, with lyrics written below the notes.

Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus.

*Cantor*

1. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, from heav - en shine forth  
with your glo - rious light. Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus.

2. Come from the four winds, O Spir - it, come breath of God; dis -  
perse the shad - ows ov - er us, re - new and strength - en your  
peo - ple. Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus.

*Translation: Come, Holy Spirit.*

Words: Pentecost Sequence: Taizé Community, 1978. Music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994).

*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, saying*

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

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. The Bishop then gives a Bible to the newly ordained, saying* Receive this Bible as a sign of your authority to proclaim God's Word and to assist in the ministration of his holy Sacraments.

*The Bishop greets the newly ordained.*

## THE PEACE

*All stand as the Bishop says to the congregation:*

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*The People greet one another with a sign of God's peace. Then all sit for the Announcements.*

ANTHEM

"If ye love me"

Thomas Tallis (c1505-1585)

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*The people stand.*

*The Celebrant faces the people and says:*

The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Bishop* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Bishop* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through the great shepherd of your flock, Jesus Christ our Lord; who after his resurrection sent forth his apostles to preach the Gospel and to teach all nations; and promised to be with them always, even to the end of the ages. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS

*Mass of St Hugh, Healey Willan (1880-1958)*

*The People remain standing or kneel as the Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,  
*Celebrant and People*

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

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St George and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

**AMEN.**

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

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

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

*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.

Communion Anthems

“The Call”  
“O Sacrum Convivium”

R. Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)  
Robert Petrich (1938-2022)

HYMN 693 Just as I am

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant: Let us pray.*

*Celebrant and People*

**Almighty Father, we thank you for feeding us with the holy food of the Body and Blood of your Son, and for uniting us through him in the fellowship of your Holy Spirit. We thank you for raising up among us faithful servants for the ministry of your Word and Sacraments. We pray that K 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 blesses the people.*

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

*People* **The maker of heaven and earth.**

*Bishop* Blessed be the Name of the Lord;

*People* **From this time forth for evermore.**

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

*All then rise for the dismissal.*

## THE DISMISSAL

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

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

HYMN 528 Lord, you give the great commission

Postlude

*Fesival Postlude on “Hyfrydol”*

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## PARTICIPANTS

Ordaining Bishop and Celebrant	The Right Reverend Dr. W. Nicholas Knisely, SOSc.
Sponsoring Priest	The Rev. Drake Douglas
Preacher	The Rev. Linda Mackie Griggs
Bishop's Chaplain	Thomas May
Master of Ceremony	The Rev. Mark Sutherland
Gospeller	The Rev. Christina Salzer
Lectors	Cameron Freedman-Casenhiser, Holland Freedman-Casenhiser, Olivia Stine
Intercessor/Cantor	The Rev. Samantha Christopher
Presenters	The Rev. Drake Douglas, Annie Kammerer, The Rev. Joan Testin, Alec Grande, Sam Hester, Russ Casenhiser, Becky Casenhiser, Judah Milner
Vesters	The Rev. Mark Sutherland, Tom Casenhiser, Loretta Miller
Musicians	The St Martin's Choir, Dr. Gabe Alfieri, Director
Organist	John Brooks
Crucifer	Melinda DelCioppio
Torch Bearers	Elizabeth Mueller, Joshua Maria Garcia
Ushers and Greeters	Cathy Bodner, Donna Huntley, Maya Fenn, and Sarosh Fenn
Altar Guild	Paul Bergeron, Ann and Frank Pellegrino
Sound and Light	Nate Talbutt
Photography	David Brookhart
Sexton	David Ely

Many thanks to St Martin's for their generous hospitality today.

FRANCES PERKINS  
PUBLIC SERVANT AND PROPHETIC WITNESS, 1965

Frances Perkins (April 10, 1880– May 14, 1965) was the U.S. Secretary of Labor from 1933 to 1945, and the first woman appointed to the U.S. Cabinet. As a loyal supporter of her friend, Franklin D. Roosevelt, she helped pull the labor movement into the New Deal coalition. She and Interior Secretary Harold Ickes were the only original members of the Roosevelt cabinet who remained in offices for his entire presidency. During her term as Secretary of Labor, she was largely responsible for the U.S. adoption of social security, unemployment insurance, federal laws regulating child labor, and adoption of the federal minimum wage.

She achieved statewide prominence as head of the New York Consumers League in 1910 and in that position she lobbied with vigor for better working hours and conditions. The next year, she witnessed the tragic Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire, a pivotal event in her life. In 1918, Perkins accepted Governor Al Smith's offer to join the New York State Industrial Commission, becoming its first female member. She became chairwoman of the commission in 1926.

In 1929 the newly-elected New York governor, Franklin D. Roosevelt, appointed Perkins as the state industrial commissioner. Having earned the cooperation and respect of various political factions, Perkins ably helped put New York in the forefront of progressive reform. She expanded factory investigations, reduced the workweek for women to 48 hours, and championed minimum wage and unemployment insurance laws.

In 1933 President Roosevelt appointed Perkins as Secretary of the Department of Labor, a position she held for twelve years, longer than any other Secretary of Labor. With few exceptions, President Roosevelt consistently supported the goals and programs of Secretary Perkins. In an administration filled with compromise, the president's support for the agenda of Frances Perkins was unusually constant.

As Secretary of Labor, Perkins played a key role in the cabinet by writing New Deal legislation, including minimum-wage laws. Her most important contribution, however, came in 1934 as chairwoman of the President's Committee on Economic Security. In this post, she was involved in all aspects of the reports and hearings that ultimately resulted in the Social Security Act of 1935.

Following her tenure as Secretary of Labor, in 1945 Perkins was asked by President Harry Truman to serve on the United States Civil Service Commission, which she did until 1952, when her husband died and she resigned from federal service. During this period, she also published a memoir of her time in FDR's administration called *The Roosevelt I Knew*, which offered a sympathetic view of the president.

Following her government service career, Perkins remained active as a teacher and lecturer at the New York State School of Industrial and Labor Relations at Cornell University until her death in 1965 at age 85.

— From Wikipedia

As a young adult she discovered the Episcopal Church and was confirmed at the Church of the Holy Spirit in Lake Forest, Illinois, on June 11, 1905, and was a faithful and active Episcopalian for the remainder of her life.

During her time as Secretary of Labor, she would take time away from her duties on a monthly basis and make a retreat with the All Saints' Sisters of the Poor in nearby Catonsville, Maryland.

— from Holy Women, Holy Men