



A Mission of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina
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CELEBRATION OF NEW MINISTRY
EVE OF THE ASCENSION
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GATHERING

People's Prelude

Welcome

A period of silence is kept. During this time we prepare ourselves in heart and in mind to worship God together.

Gathering Hymn

Opening Acclamation

Bishop Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Bishop There is one Body and one Spirit;

People There is one hope in God's call to us;

Bishop One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People One God, Creator of all.

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 Wardens stand near the Bishop.

The Bishop states the purpose of the gathering; and concludes

Bishop People of the Advocate, you have reflected on your ministry and discerned your choice for a new Vicar.

Wardens We have chosen and called Marion Sprott-Goldson to be our Vicar, and she has accepted.

Bishop I commend your choice and affirm this call.

The Letter of Institution (BCP, p. 557) is read. The Bishop continues

Are you, the people of the Advocate, ready to continue in your ministry with Marion as your priest?

People We are.

The Wardens escort the Priest from the middle to the front of the assembly.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Representatives present the lectern Bible and say

Marion, with this Bible we proclaim and hear God's living Word. Join us in the ministry of telling the Good News to the World.

Vicar Amen. Let us hear again the Good News of salvation.

The Lessons

After each reading the lector says, "Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people." The people respond, "Thanks be to God."

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

Psalm 47

¹ Clap your hands, all you peoples; *
shout to God with a cry of joy.

² For God Most High is to be feared; *
God is the great Sovereign over all the earth.

³ God subdues the peoples under us, *
and the nations under our feet.

⁴ God chooses our inheritance for us, *
the pride of Jacob whom God loves.

⁵ God has gone up with a shout, *
the Most High with the sound of the ram's-horn.

⁶ Sing praises to God, sing praises; *
sing praises to our Sovereign, sing praises.

⁷ For God is Sovereign over all the earth; *
sing praises with all your skill.

⁸ God reigns over the nations; *
God sits upon the holy throne.

⁹ The nobles of the peoples have gathered together *
with the people of the God of Abraham.

¹⁰ The rulers of the earth belong to God, *
who is highly exalted.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

Sequence Hymn

The Gospel Luke 24:44-53

Before the Gospel
Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to...
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the Gospel
Presider The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Imogen Rhodenhiser

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Bishop Marion; people of The Advocate: in Holy Baptism we received full adoption through God's grace and full empowerment for ministry through the Holy Spirit. Will you work together as partners in the mission of the Church, to reconcile all people to God through Christ?

People We will, with God's help.

Bishop The water of baptism signifies our eternal covenant with God. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to Christ, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The Bishop blesses the water.

We pray you, O God, sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit, that all who in baptism are cleansed from sin and born again may continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Vicar Let us renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we renounce Satan and all his works, and promise to serve God faithfully in God's holy Catholic Church.

Vicar Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People I do.

Vicar Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Vicar Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
 He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
 and born of the Virgin Mary.
 He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
 He descended to the dead.
 On the third day he rose again.
 He ascended into heaven,
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Vicar Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting.

Vicar Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Vicar Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Vicar Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Vicar Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

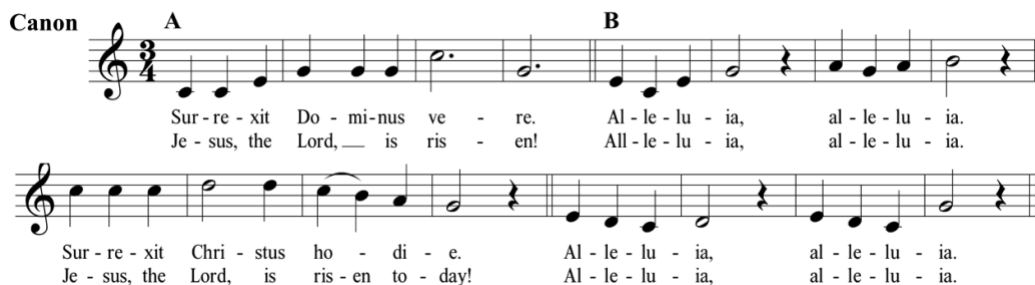
Vicar Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop May Almighty God, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, and called us to ministry in Jesus Christ, keep us in eternal life by his grace; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

As the Bishop and Vicar asperge the people, we sing: **Surrexit Dominus**

Canon



Sur - re - xit Do - mi - nus ve - re. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
 Je - sus, the Lord, is ris - en! All - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Sur - re - xit Chri - stus ho - di - e. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
 Je - sus, the Lord, is ris - en to - day! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Prayers

A symbol of prayer (an icon) is brought forward from the congregation.

Marion, with this we offer our prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings to God.

Vicar Amen. In the Spirit of God, who searches the heart and knows our deepest needs, let us pray for the Church, the world, and all who yearn for Christ's healing.

Intercessor Friends, take heart: the presence of the Risen Christ is filling this place even as we pray. So let us boldly offer our prayers, saying, "Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer."

Great God of Promise, you have blessed your Church with the presence of your Holy Spirit. Guide us as we go out to share the Good News. Abide with us forever, even to the end of the ages.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Holy One, you have exalted your Son Jesus far above every earthly ruler and authority. May all things come under his gracious dominion. We pray that the violence and division of this world might be transformed by the power of Christ's love.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Creator God, give us ears to hear your voice in the crashing of the waves. Give us eyes to see your Spirit dance on the face of the deep.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

O God, you promise to be with us always and everywhere: speak to our lonely hearts; assure us with your presence. And then, Lord Christ, come to us again as you promised.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, your power is immeasurably great: heal those who are sick; fill the despairing with hope; and lift up the lowly.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Mighty God, you have opened the door to new and unending life through the resurrection of your Son, Jesus: Life the dying and the dead into your holy presence and grant them peace.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

The Vicar then stands in the midst of the assembly and says

Vicar O Lord my God, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; yet you have called your servant to stand in your house, and to serve at your altar. To you and to your service I devote myself, body, soul, and spirit. Fill my memory with the record of your mighty works; enlighten my understanding with the light of your Holy Spirit; and may all the desires of my heart and will center in what you would have me do.

Make me an instrument of your salvation for the people entrusted to my care, and grant that I may faithfully administer your holy Sacraments, and by my life and teaching set forth your true and living Word. Be always with me in carrying out the duties of my ministry. In prayer, quicken my devotion; in praises, heighten my love and gratitude; in preaching, give me readiness of thought and expression; and grant that, by the clearness and brightness of your holy Word, all the world may be drawn into your blessed kingdom. All this I ask for the sake of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Representatives present a stole and oil, saying

Marion, with prayer, companionship and laying-on of hands we bring the reconciling presence of Christ to those who seek healing. Join us in this ministry by calling us to repentance and assuring us of God's forgiveness and love.

Vicar Amen. Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, loves you eternally, and reconciles you to one another.

All stand. The new Vicar says to the people

Vicar The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and the wine.

Addressing the Vicar, they say

Marion, when we share the bread and the cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. Join us at God's table to offer and bless our gifts of bread and wine.

Vicar Amen. Together, let us keep the feast.

Bishop We offer thanksgiving to God for the ministries represented by these symbols, and ask God's grace to live ever more fully into the commitments we have made in Baptism. **Amen.**

Offertory Procession and Song

The Great Thanksgiving [Eucharistic Prayer I, Enriching Our Worship]

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.**

Bishop It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

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

The musical score consists of three systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav - en and earth are filled with your glo -

ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name

of the Lord, of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high -

est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bishop

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant 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 wine to be consecrated.

Bishop 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:

All [SEP] **Christ has died, Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Bishop 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 your daughters and sons, that with all your 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.

All **AMEN.**

Bishop As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in the key of D major (two sharps). The lyrics are: "Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name, your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven." The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a steady rhythm. The lyrics are placed below the notes on the Treble staff.

Give us today our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins as we for-give those who sin a-against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and de-liv-er us from e-vil. For the king-dom,

the power and the glo-ry are yours, now and for e-ver. A-men.

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The Breaking of the Bread

The Priest breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept, then:

Bishop Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Bishop Behold what you are.

People **May we become what we receive.**

[Adapted from St. Augustine's Homily #272: On the Eucharist]

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

A gluten-free bread is available for those who need it. Simply let us know as the host comes your way. Those who do not wish to receive are invited to fold their arms and receive a blessing.

Those gathered at home are invited to offer the following prayer:

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Those at home may also request a delivery of the communion, which will be delivered after the liturgy.

Communion Song

Prayer after Communion

Bishop Let us pray.

All God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Bishop We have celebrated this new pastoral relationship in the great prayer of the Church. Marion, I commend to your love and care the people of the Advocate. My brothers and sisters in Christ, I commend to your love and care your new Vicar, colleague and friend, Marion.

WE GO FORTH

Blessing God's blessing be with you,
Christ's peace be with you,
the Spirit's outpouring be with you,
now and always. Amen.

Going Forth Hymn

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Easter Troparion

Three times

Christ is ri - sen from the dead, tram - pling down death by death,
and up - on those in the tombs, be - stow - ing life.

Music: Serbian melody. Copying for local use is permitted and encouraged.

All Alleluia!

Presider	<i>The Rt. Rev. Samuel Rodman Bishop of North Carolina</i>
Preacher	<i>The Rev. Imogen Rhodenhiser Rector, The Church of the Good Shepherd, Raleigh, NC</i>
Vicar	<i>The Rev. Marion Sprott-Goldson Vicar of The Church of the Advocate</i>
Musician	<i>Dr. Erica Fedor</i>