The Ordination of
Taylor Franklin Johnson
and
Jeannie Rice Randall
to the Sacred Order of Priests
and
The Reception of Holy Orders of
Amy Diller Guida

Wednesday, April 15, 2026
Six o'clock in the evening

St. Thomas Episcopal Church
Huntsville, Alabama

The Ordination of Priests

Prelude

Never Alone — Craig Phillips

Marlene Brown, Flute, and Susan Fletcher, Organ

Hymn in Procession

Lord, you give the great commission — **Hymn 528**

Opening Acclamation

Bishop Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Collect for Purity

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 as the Examinees are presented.

Presenters Glenda, Bishop in the Church of God, on behalf of the clergy and people of the Diocese of Alabama, we present to you Taylor Franklin Johnson|Jeannie Rice Randall to be ordained a priest in Christ's holy catholic Church.

Presenter Glenda, Bishop in the Church of God, on behalf of the clergy and people of the Diocese of Alabama, I present to you Amy Diller Guida to be received as a priest into this Communion.

Bishop Have they been selected in accordance with the canons of this Church? And do you believe their manner of life to be suitable to the exercise of this ministry?

Presenters We certify to you that they have satisfied the requirements of the canons, and we believe them to be qualified for this order.

Bishop 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?

Examinees I am willing and ready to do so; and I solemnly declare that I do believe 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 Examinees then sign the Declaration in the sight of all present.

Bishop Amy, we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you and your holy orders into the fellowship and priesthood of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. **Amen.**

All stand.

Dear friends in Christ, you know the importance of this ministry, and the weight of your responsibility in presenting Taylor Franklin Johnson and Jeannie Rice Randall 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

Bishop Is it your will that Taylor and Jeannie be ordained as priests?

People **It is.**

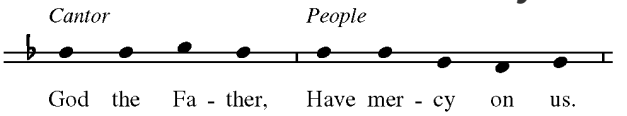
Bishop Will you uphold them in this ministry?

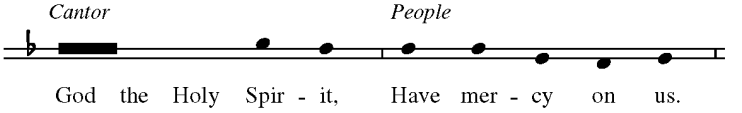
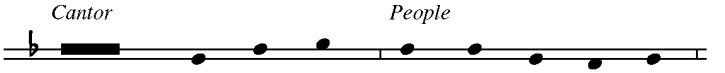
People **We will.**

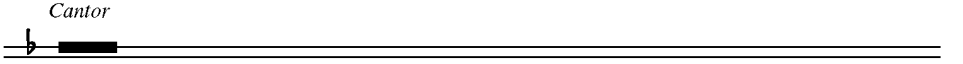
Bishop In peace let us pray to the Lord.

All kneel as able.

The Litany for Ordinations







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 Glenda, our 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 Taylor, Jeannie, and Amy, chosen priests in your Church, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

That they 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 they may be sustained and encouraged to persevere to the end, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For their families, 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, that they may serve justice and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

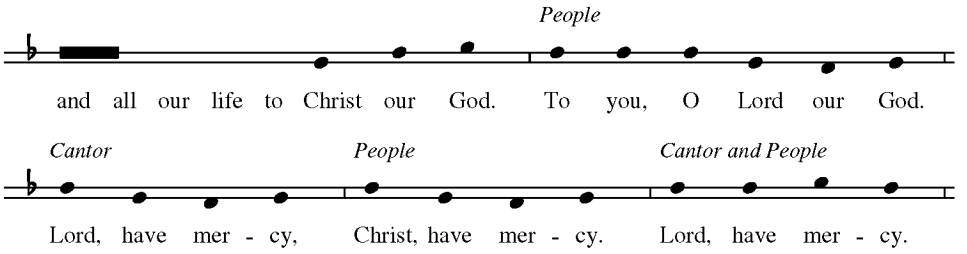
For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

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 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 Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Matthew, St. Thomas, St. Timothy, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another,



The Collect for Ordination

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 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

Please be seated.

The First Reading — Isaiah 6:1-8

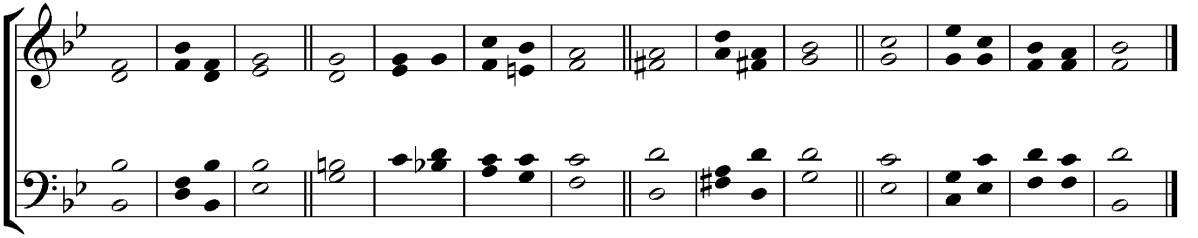
In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.'

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!' Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 132:8-19

George Thalben-Ball

8 Arise, O LORD, in|to your | resting-place, *
you and the|ark of |your|strength.

9 Let your priests be|clothed with|righteousness; *
let your faithful |people|sing with|joy.

10 For your servant |David's|sake, *
do not turn away the|face of|your A-|nointed,

11 The LORD has sworn an|oath to|David; *
in|truth,he|will not|break it:

12 "A son, the|fruit of•your |body *
will I|set up-|on your|throne.

13 If your children keep my covenant
and my testimonies that|I shall|teach them, *
their children will sit up-|on your|throne for•ever-|more."

14 For the LORD has|chosen|Zion; *
he has desired her|for his|habi-|tation:

15 "This shall be my | resting- | place for | ever; *
here will I dwell, for | I de- | light in | her.

16 I will surely | bless • her pro- | visions, *
And | satis- | fy her | poor with | bread.

17 I will clothe her | priests • with sal- | vation, *
and her faithful | people • will re- | joice and | sing.

18 There will I make the horn of | David | flourish; *
I have prepared a | lamp for | my A- | nointed.

19 As for his enemies, I will | clothe them • with | shame; *
but as for | him, his | crown will | shine."

The Second Reading — Philippians 4:4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn
Be thou my vision — **Hymn 488**

The Gospel — John 10:11-18

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me, just as the Father knows me, and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon — The Rt. Rev. Glenda S. Curry, Ph.D.

All stand.

The Nicene Creed — BCP 358

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,

of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Examination of the Candidates for Ordination

All are seated except the Ordinands, who stand before the Bishop. The Bishop addresses them as follows

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

Ordinands I believe I am so called.

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

Ordinands I do.

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

Ordinands 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?

Ordinands 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?

Ordinands 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?

Ordinands I will.

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

Ordinands 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?

Ordinands 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.

Ordinands Amen.

The Consecration of the Priests

All stand. The ordinands kneel facing the Bishop.

Hymn

Come, Holy Ghost **Hymn 503**

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

After the silence, all priests are invited to come forward for the consecration.

Prayer of Consecration

Bishop 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 each 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 Taylor|Jeannie; fill him|her with grace and power, and make him|her a priest in your Church.

May he|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 him|her a faithful pastor, a patient teacher, and a wise councilor. Grant that in all things he|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 priests are now vested according to the order of priests.

Bishop 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 greets the newly ordained.

The Peace BCP 360

New Priests The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The ministers and people may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Anthem

Christ Has No Body Now But Yours David Ogden

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All offerings given today will be divided between the new priests' discretionary funds. To donate online, scan this QR code; checks and cash may be placed in the offering plate. Checks can be made payable to St. Thomas Episcopal Church with "Ordination" in the memo line. Thank you for your generosity.

Please stand when the Offering is brought forward to the altar.

Presentation Hymn

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow **verse 3 of Hymn 380**

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B BCP 367

Celebrant 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.

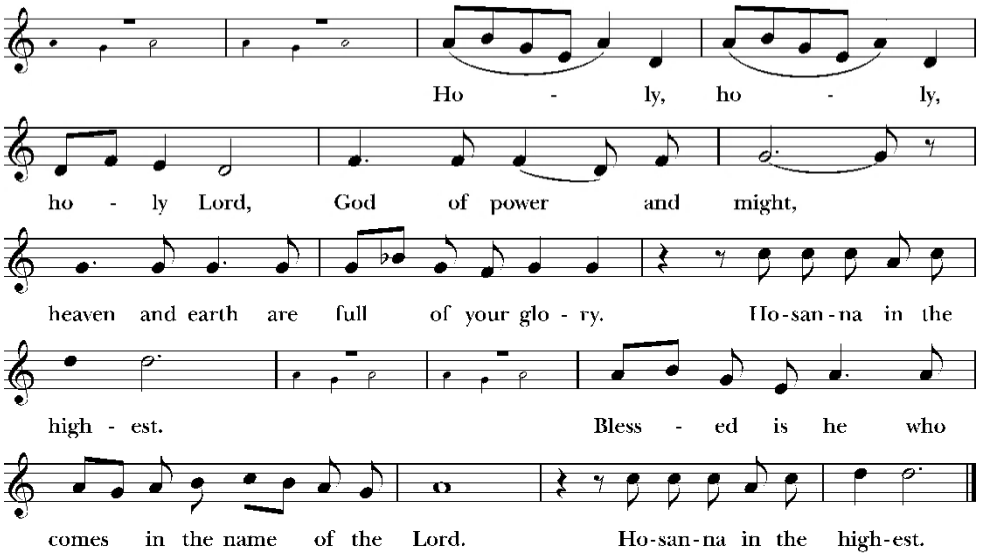
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus **Hymn S-128**



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The people stand or kneel. 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,
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 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.**

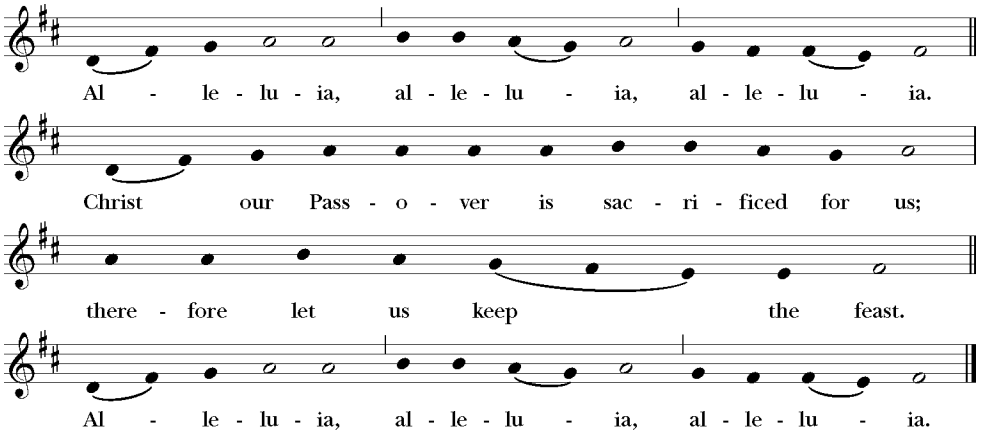
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer — BCP 364

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 Breaking of the Bread — Hymn S-154

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



The Communion of the People

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion in the Episcopal Church. To receive a blessing instead, cross your arms across your chest. For gluten-free bread, clasp your hands together.

Communion Hymns

I sing a song of the saints of God **Hymn 293**

God be in my head **Hymn 694**

I sought the Lord, and afterward I knew **Hymn 689**

Postcommunion Prayer **BCP 535**

Bishop Let us pray.

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 Taylor, Jeannie, and Amy may be to us an effective example in word and action, in love and patience, and in holiness of life. Grant that we, with them, 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

Hymn in Procession

Alleluia, sing to Jesus! **Hymn 460**

The Dismissal

Postlude

Fanfare Craig Sellar Lang

Please join us in the Parish Hall for a reception to celebrate with Taylor, Jeannie and Amy.

Liturgical Participants

Celebrant and Preacher
The Rt. Rev. Glenda Sharp Curry, Ph.D.

Presenters for the Rev. Taylor Franklin Johnson
Gina Johnson, The Rev. Sarah DiCarlo-Watts,
The Rev. Michael Goldsmith, The Rev. Susan Sloan

Presenters for the Rev. Jeannie Rice Randall
Melanie Delap, Sally Upchurch,
The Rev. Donavan Cain, The Rev. Polly Robb

Presenter for the Rev. Amy Diller Guida
The Rev. Canon Cameron Nations

Assisting Priests
The Rev. Donavan Cain, Rector, St. Thomas
The Rev. Katie Kirk-Costas, Associate Rector, St. Thomas

Deacon
The Rev. Dave Drachlis

Organist Sam Wright

Cantor Kathy Heim

The Combined Choirs of St. Thomas, St. Timothy's, and St. Matthew's
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