

The Ordination of a Priest
Paula Kaye Jefferson
Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth



St. Martin-in-the-Fields
Keller, Texas
Tuesday December 15, 2020
5:00pm

The Ordination of a Priest

Prelude

Sleepers Wake!

J. S. Bach

Please stand as you are able for the Processional and remain standing until the Presentation.

Processional Hymn 390 *Praise to the Lord*

LOBE DEN HERREN

Bishop

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

People

And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. 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.

People

Amen.

The people are seated

THE PRESENTATION

Presenters

Scott, Bishop in the Church of God, on behalf of the clergy and the people of the Diocese of Fort Worth, we present to you Paula Kaye Jefferson to be ordained a priest in Christ's Holy Catholic Church.

Bishop

Has she been selected in accordance with the canons of this Church? And do you believe her manner of life to be suitable to the exercise of this ministry?

Presenters

We certify to you that she has satisfied the requirements of the canons, and we believe her to be qualified for this order.

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?

Ordinand

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 do contain all things necessary for 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.

The people stand.

Bishop Dear friends in Christ, you know the importance of this ministry, and the weight of your responsibility in presenting Paula Kaye Jefferson 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.

Is it your will that Paula be ordained a priest?

People **It is.**

Bishop Will you uphold her in this ministry?

People **We will.**

Bishop In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

The Litany for Ordinations

Please kneel as you are able.

Litanist God the Father,
People ***Have mercy on us.***

Litanist God the Son,
People ***Have mercy on us.***

Litanist God the Holy Spirit,
People ***Have mercy on us.***

Litanist Holy Trinity, one God,
People ***Have mercy on us.***

Litanist We pray to you, Lord Christ.
People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Litanist 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.***

Litanist 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.
People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Litanist For Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Scott our bishop, and for all Bishops, Priests and Deacons, that they may be filled with your love, and hunger for truth, and may thirst after righteousness, we pray to you, O Lord.
People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Litanist For Paula, chosen priest in your Church, we pray to you, O Lord.
People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Litanist 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.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Litanist For her family and community, that they may be adorned with all Christian virtues, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Litanist 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.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Litanist 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.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Litanist 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.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Litanist 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.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Litanist 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.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Litanist 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.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Litanist 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.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Litanist 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.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Litanist 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.

People

Lord, hear our prayer.

Litanist

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Martin, and all the Saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another

People

To you, O Lord our God.

Litanist

Lord, have mercy.

People

Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

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.

People

Amen.

The MINISTRY OF THE WORD

The people are seated.

The First Lesson

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 the 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!"

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 43 *Judica me, Deus*

- 1 Give judgment for me, O God,
and defend my cause against an ungodly people; *
deliver me from the deceitful and the wicked.
- 2 For you are the God of my strength;
why have you put me from you? *
and why do I go so heavily while the enemy
oppresses me?
- 3 Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, *
and bring me to your holy hill
and to your dwelling;
- 4 That I may go to the altar of God,
to the God of my joy and gladness; *
and on the harp I will give thanks to you, O God my God.

5 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? *
and why are you so disquieted within me?

6 Put your trust in God; *
for I will yet give thanks to him,
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

The Second Lesson

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 worry 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, beloved, 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^[d] these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

The people stand.

Sequence Hymn 488

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

The Gospel

John 6:35-38

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

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me.

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

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

The Sermon

The Very Reverend Ron Pogue

The people stand.

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 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

The people are seated. The ordinand remains standing.

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

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

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

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

Ordinand: I believe I am so called.

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

Ordinand: I do.

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

Ordinand: 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?

Ordinand: 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?

Ordinand: 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?

Ordinand: 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 your people?

Ordinand: 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 meditation of Jesus Christ, and the sanctification of the Holy Spirit?

Ordinand: 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.

Ordinand: Amen.

THE CONSECRATION OF THE PRIEST

The people stand except the Ordinand, who kneels facing the Bishop, and the Priests who stand to the right and left of the Bishop.

Consecration Hymn

Veni Sancte Spiritus

Jacques Berthier

In a style of Taizé, the following refrain is repeated multiple times as a solo verse is sung, simultaneously.

Ostinato Refrain

The musical score consists of three staves. The top staff is labeled 'Melody' and is in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The middle staff is labeled 'Harmony' and is in the same key and time. The bottom staff is in the same key and time. The lyrics 'Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus.' are written below each staff. The melody is a simple, rhythmic line of eighth notes. The harmony consists of chords that support the melody. The bass line is a simple, rhythmic line of eighth notes.

Music J. Berthier

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During the hymn the participating clergy gather around the candidate for the laying on of hands.

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

The Bishop then says this Prayer of Consecration:

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

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

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

The Bishop then continues

May she exalt you, O Lord, in the midst of your people; offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to you; boldly proclaim the gospel of salvation; and rightly administer the sacraments of the New Covenant. Make her a faithful pastor, a patient teacher, and a wise councilor. Grant that in all things she may serve without reproach, so that your people may be strengthened and your Name glorified in all the world. All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

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

The new priest is now vested according to the order of priests.

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

New Priest The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The clergy and people greet one another with a sign of God's peace.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory 416 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

LUCERNA LAUDONIAE

The offering at Paula's ordination goes to her discretionary fund. You may text 817-270-6880 with an amount + BENEVOLENCE to give or you may scan the image below to give online, or [click HERE](#).



The Great Thanksgiving

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 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:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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 calling us 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 Martin 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 forever. **AMEN.**

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

People **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

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Ministration of Communion

After those at the Altar have received the Sacrament, they will proceed to the Parking Lot to serve those in their vehicles. The driver of each vehicle will take what is needed and serve others inside the vehicle. After you have received, please retain the empty vessels until you exit the Parking Lot, where Ushers will be collecting them so that they can be taken to the Sacristy.

Communion Hymns

Hymn 657 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* HYFRYDOL

Hymn 645 st 1, 3, 5 *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* ST. COLUMBA

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Said by all.

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 Paula 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 forever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

New Priest: The blessing of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn 618 *Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones* LAAST UNS ERFREUEN

THE DISMISSAL

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Savior of the Nations, Come!* J. S. Bach

Participants

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| Ordaining Bishop and Celebrant: | The Right Reverend Scott Mayer |
| Preacher: | The Very Reverend Ron Pogue |
| Chaplain to the Ordaining Bishop: | The Reverend Canon Janet Waggoner |
| Deacon: | The Reverend Ayo Omoniyi |
| Litanist: | Phyllis Bess |
| Lectors: | Sara Elise Scaggs, godchild Henry Roy Harmon, godchild The Reverend Doctor Jacquetta Chambers |
| Presenters: | Keen Haynes, Sr. Warden The Reverend Canon Janet Waggoner Phyllis Bess |
| Assisting with Vesting: | The Very Reverend Ron Pogue Phyllis Bess |
| Crucifer: | Deneice Wood |
| Ushers: | Mr. Rex Angle, Mrs. Kerry Angle |
| Organist / Soloist | Dr. Joseph Henry |