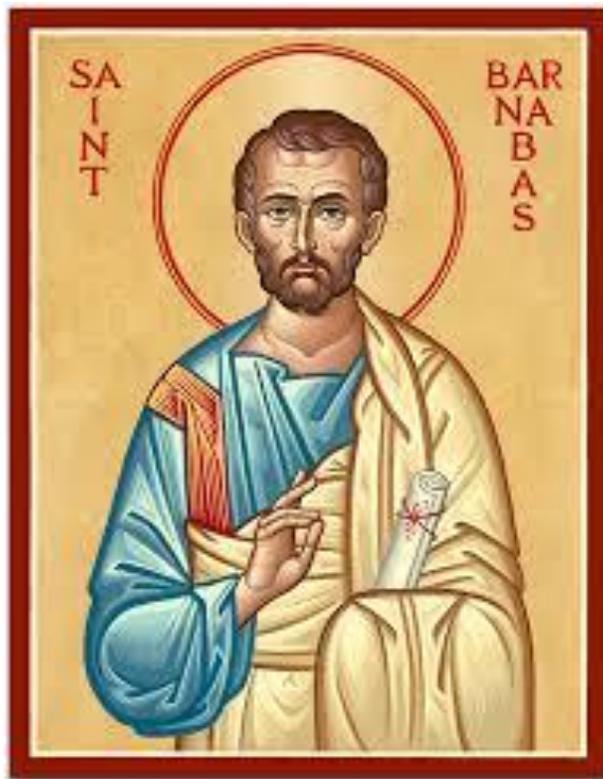


The Ordination of a Deacon
Paula Kaye Jefferson
The Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth



St. Luke's in the Meadow Episcopal Church
Thursday, June 11, 2020
1 P.M.

The Ordination to the Sacred Order of Deacons

Prelude

Trio on St. Columba by Joyce Jones

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

Processional Hymn Rejoice Ye Pure In Heart

Hymnal 556

- 1 Rejoice, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your glorious banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing
- 2 With all the angel choirs, with all the saints of earth,
pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rapture, noblest mirth.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing
- 3 Your clear hosannas raise, and alleluias loud:
while answering echos upward float, like wreaths of incense cloud.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing
- 4 Yes, on through life's long path, still chanting as ye go, from youth to age,
by night and day, in gladness and in woe.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing
- 5 Still lift your standard high, still march in firm array,
as warriors through the darkness toil, till dawns the golden day.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing
- 6 At last the march shall end; the wearied ones shall rest;
the pilgrims find their Father's house, Jerusalem the blest.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing
- 7 Then on, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your glorious banner wave on high the cross of Christ your King.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing

Bishop
People

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

People

Amen.

The people are seated

THE PRESENTATION

The bishop and people sit

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 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.

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, as able

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 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.

Is it your will that Paula be ordained a deacon?

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 stand, as you are able.

God the Father,

People: *Have mercy on us.*

God the Son,

People: *Have mercy on us.*

God the Holy Spirit,

People: *Have mercy on us.*

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 deacon 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 the members of her 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 relived 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 ever blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Barnabas, and all the Saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.
People **To you, O Lord our God.**

Litanist Lord, have mercy
People **Christ, have mercy**

Litanist 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 42:5-12

Thus says God, the LORD,
 who created the heavens and stretched them out,
 who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
 and spirit to those who walk in it:
I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,
 I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
 a light to the nations,
 to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
 from the prison those who sit in darkness.
I am the LORD, that is my name;
 my glory I give to no other,
 nor my praise to idols.
See, the former things have come to pass,
 and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
 I tell you of them.
Sing to the LORD a new song,
 his praise from the end of the earth!
Let the sea roar and all that fills it,
 the coastlands and their inhabitants.
Let the desert and its towns lift up their voice,
 the villages that Kedar inhabits;
let the inhabitants of Sela sing for joy,
 let them shout from the tops of the mountains.
Let them give glory to the LORD,
 and declare his praise in the coastlands.

Psalm 112

Beatus vir

Hallelujah!
Happy are they who fear the Lord *
 and have great delight in his commandments!

Their descendants will be mighty in the land; *
 the generation of the upright will be blessed.

Wealth and riches will be in their house, *
 and their righteousness will last forever.

Light shines in the darkness for the upright; *

the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

It is good for them to be generous in lending *
and to manage their affairs with justice.

For they will never be shaken; *
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; *
their heart is right;
they put their trust in the Lord.

Their heart is established and will not shrink, *
until they see their desire upon their enemies.

They have given freely to the poor, *
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with honor.

The wicked will see it and be angry;
they will gnash their teeth and pine away; *
the desires of the wicked will perish.

The Second Lesson

Acts 11:19-30; 13:1-3

Those who were scattered because of the persecution that took place over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, and they spoke the word to no one except Jews. But among them were some men of Cyprus and Cyrene who, on coming to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists also, proclaiming the Lord Jesus. The hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number became believers and turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he rejoiced, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast devotion; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were brought to the Lord. Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for an entire year they met with the church and taught a great many people, and it was in Antioch that the disciples were first called "Christians."

At that time prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. One of them named Agabus stood up and predicted by the Spirit that there would be a severe famine over all the world; and this took place during the reign of Claudius. The disciples determined that according to their ability, each would send relief to the believers living in Judea; this they did, sending it to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.

Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a member of the court of Herod the ruler, and Saul. While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand, as able

Sequence Hymn

The King of Love

Hymnal 645

- 1 The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.
- 2 Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.
- 3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.
- 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still, they cross before to guide me.
- 5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight; thy unction grace bestoweth;
and oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never:
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever

The Gospel

Matthew 10:7-16

Jesus said to the twelve, "As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town. "See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves."

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

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

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

The Sermon

The Very Rev. Cynthia Briggs Kittredge

The people stand, as able

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 before the Bishop.

Bishop: 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?

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 be guided by the pastoral direction and leadership of your bishop?

Ordinand: 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, *or* household, *or* community] 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.

Ordinand: Amen.

The Consecration of the Deacon

The people stand, as able, except the ordinand who stands facing the bishop.

Hymn

Veni Creator Spiritus

Hymnal 504

Come Holy Ghost, or sould inspire, and lighten with celestial fire
Thou the anointing Spirit art, who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart
Thy blessed unction from above is comfort, life and fire of love.
Enable with perpetual light the dullness of our blinded sight
Annoint and cheer our soiled face with the abundance of they grace
Keep far our foes, give peace at home: where thou art guide, no ill can come.
Teach us toknow the Father, Son, and thee, of both, to be but One.

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

The Bishop then says this Prayer of Consecration

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

Here the Bishop lays hands upon the head of the ordinand, and prays

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

The Bishop then continues

Make her, O Lord, modest and humble, strong and constant, to observe the discipline of Christ. Let her life and teaching so reflect your commandments, that through her many may come to know you and love you. As your Son came not to be served but to serve, may this deacon share in Christ's service, and come to the unending glory of him who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

The People in a loud voice respond Amen.

The new deacon is now vested according to the order of deacons.

The Bishop gives a Bible to the newly ordained, saying

Receive this Bible as the sign of your authority to proclaim God's Word and to assist in the ministration of his holy Sacraments.

The Peace

The Bishop then says to the congregation

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Bishop and the Clergy present now greet the newly ordained.

The new Deacon then exchanges greetings with family members and others, as may be convenient.

The Clergy and People greet one another.

The Blessing

The Bishop blesses the people

Bishop: The blessing, mercy, and grace of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you forever.

People: Amen

The Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Participants

Ordaining Bishop and Celebrant:	The Right Reverend J. Scott Mayer
Preacher:	The Very Rev. Cynthia Kittredge
Chaplain to the Ordaining Bishop:	The Rev. Canon Janet Waggoner
Deacon for the Gospel:	The Rev. Dana Wilson
Litanist:	Ms. Phyllis Bess
Lectors:	Ms. Evie Larimore The Rev. Richelle Thompson
Presenters:	The Rev. Reagan Gonzalez The Rev. Frank Reeves Ms. Evie Larimore
Assisting with Vesting:	The Rev. Frank Reeves The Rev. Reagan Gonzalez

