

# THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE *of* TEXAS



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## THE ORDINATION OF THE REV. DR. AMY McGAUGHY MOEHNKE TO THE SACRED ORDER OF PRIESTS

THE FEAST OF ST. MATTHIAS THE APOSTLE

Calvary Episcopal Church  
Bastrop, Texas

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24 2024  
FOUR O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON

*We invite you to prepare for worship in silence and reflection. Please pray for the Ordinand and her family. Please make sure your cell phone is turned off and please refrain from taking photographs during the service. Children are always welcome in worship at Calvary, and we also offer Nursery care for children from birth to 4 years old in the school building to the left of the sanctuary. Restrooms are located in our Parish Hall, which is across Alley A. Amy has written a letter on page 18 of the bulletin. Thank you for joining us for this very special service.*

**PRELUDE**

The Church's One Foundation

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**THE WORD OF GOD**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN 400**

All Creatures of Our God and King

*Lasst uns erfreuen*

**OPENING ACCLAMATION**

*All standing, the Bishop says*

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

*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

**THE COLLECT FOR PURITY**

*BCP p. 355*

*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:*

*Presenters:* Andy, Bishop in the Church of God, on behalf of the clergy and people of the Diocese of Texas, we present to you Amy Moehnke 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.

*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?

*The ordinand responds*

*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 Amy Moehnke 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, and the People respond

**Bishop:** Is it your will that Amy 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.

All kneel as able as the Litanist leads the Litany for the Ordinations

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### THE LITANY FOR ORDINATIONS

*Cantor* *People*

God the Fa - ther, Have mer - cy on us.

*Cantor* *People*

God the Son, Have mer - cy on us.

*Cantor* *People*

God the Holy Spir - it, Have mer - cy on us.

*Cantor* *People*

Holy Trini - ty, one God, Have mer - cy on us.

*Cantor* *People*

We pray to you, Lord Christ. Lord, hear our prayer.

*Cantor*

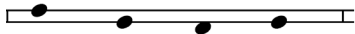
For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the Day of your Coming,

*People*

we pray to you, O Lord. 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.

*People*



Lord, hear our prayer.

For Michael, 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 Amy, chosen priest 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, 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 all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another,

	<i>People</i>		
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	and all our life to Christ our God.	To you, O Lord our God.	
	<i>Cantor</i>	<i>People</i>	<i>Cantor and People</i>
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	Lord, have mer - cy,	Christ, have mer - cy.	Lord, have mer - cy.

*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 tranquillity 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 sit for the reading.*

**THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES**

*Isaiah 6:1-8*

*A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.*

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!”

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## THE PSALM

Psalm 43

Mode 1

Refrain

Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me.

1. Give judgment for me, O God, and defend my cause against an un-god-ly peo-ple; deliver me from the deceitful and the wick-ed. 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 ene-my op-press-es me? Refrain 3. Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwell-ing;

4. That I may go to the altar of God, to the God of my joy and glad-ness; and on the harp I will give thanks to you, O God my God. Refrain

5. Why are you so full of heav-i-ness, O my soul? and why are you so disquiet-ed with-in me? 6. Put your trust in God; for I will yet give thanks to him, who is the help of my coun-te-nance, and my God. Refrain

Alleluia ad libitum

## LETTERS TO THE CHURCH

Philippians 4:4-9

A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians.

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.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

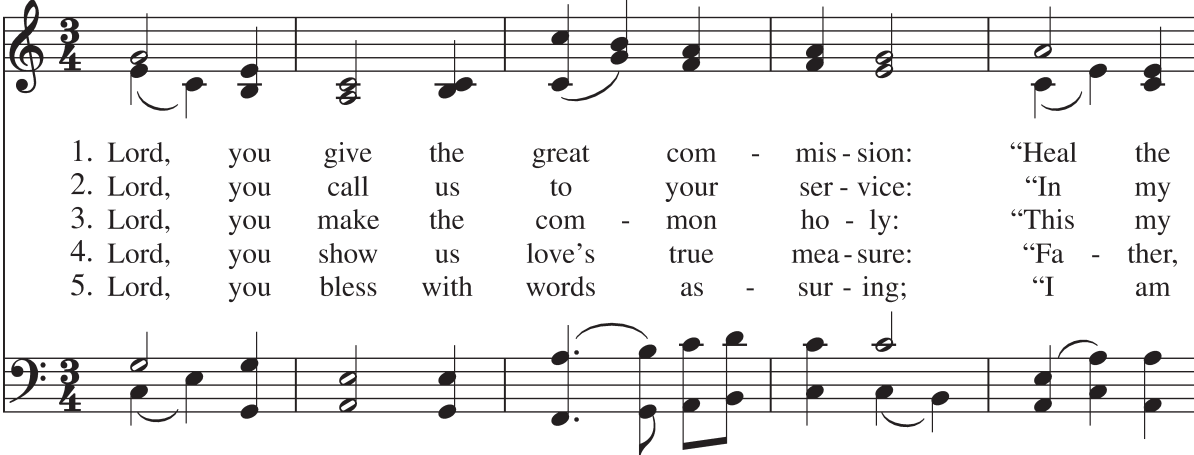
People: Thanks be to God.

*Please stand as you are able.*

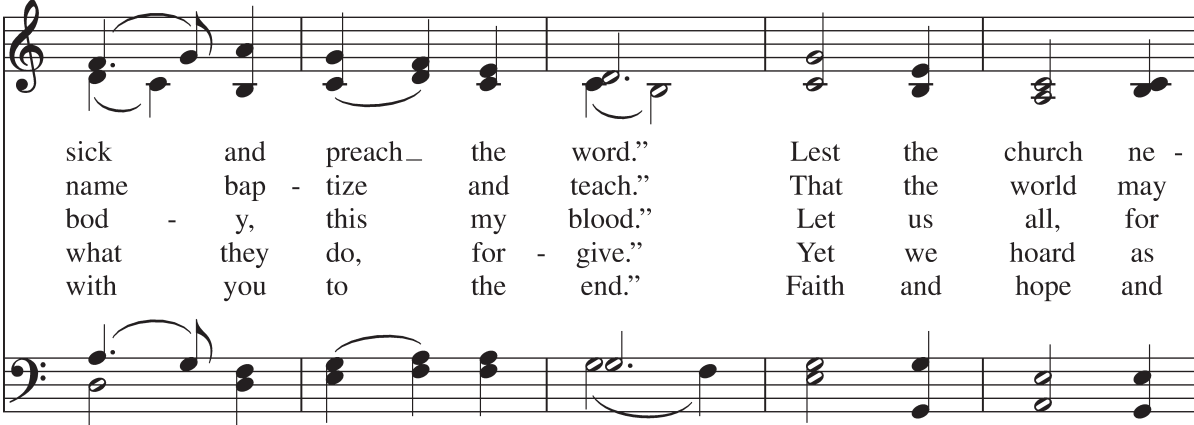
**GRADUAL HYMN WLP 780**

Lord You Give the Great Commission

*Rowthorn*



1. Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the  
2. Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my  
3. Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my  
4. Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa - ther,  
5. Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing; "I am



sick and preach the word." Lest the church ne -  
name bap - tize and teach." That the world may  
bod - y, this my blood." Let us all, for  
what they do, for - give." Yet we hoard as  
with you to the end." Faith and hope and



glect its mis - sion, and the gos - pel go un -  
trust your prom - ise, life a - bun - dant meant for  
earth's true glo - ry, dai - ly lift life heav - en -  
pri - vate trea - sure all that you so free - ly  
love re - stor - ing, may we serve as you in -

heard, help us wit - ness to your pur - pose  
 each, give us all new fer - vor, draw us  
 ward, ask - ing that the world a - round us  
 give. May your care and mer - cy lead us  
 tend and, a - mid the cares that claim us,

*Refrain*

with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty. }  
 clos - er in com - mun - i - ty. } With the Spir - it's  
 share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty. }  
 to a just so - ci - e - ty. }  
 hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty. }

gifts em - power us for the work of min - is - try.

Words: Jeffery Rowthorn (b. 1934), Music: *Abbot's Leigh*, Cyril Vincent Taylor (1907-1991).

**THE GOSPEL**

*Matthew 9:35-38*

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

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

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

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



*Please be seated.*

## **THE SERMON**

*The Rev. Carissa Baldwin-McGinnis,  
Vicar, Northside Episcopal Church*

*Said by all, standing.*

## **THE NICENE CREED**

*BCP P. 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**

*All are seated except the ordinand, who stands before the Bishop.*

*The Bishop addresses the ordinand as follows*

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.

*Bishop* 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 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 mediation of Jesus Christ, and in the sanctification of the Holy Spirit?

*Ordinand* I will.

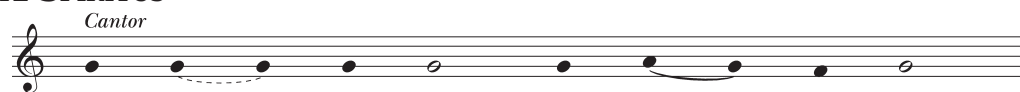
*Bishop* May the Lord who has given you the will to do these things give you the grace and power to perform them.

*Ordinand* Amen.

## THE CONSECRATION OF THE PRIEST

All now stand except the ordinand, who kneels facing the Bishop and the presbyters who stand to the right and left of the Bishop.

### VENI SANCTE SPIRITUS



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, our souls in - spire,  
 2 Thou the a - noint - ing Spi - rit art,  
 3 Thy bless - ed unc - tion from a - bove

*All*

and light - en with ce - les - tial fire.  
 who dost thy seven - fold gifts im - part.  
 is com - fort, life, and fire of love.



4 En - a - ble with per - pet - ual light  
 5 A - noint and cheer our soil - ed face  
 6 Keep far our foes, give peace at home:  
 7 Teach us to know the Fa - ther, Son,

*All*

the dull - ness of our blind - ed sight.  
 with the a - bun - dance of thy grace.  
 where thou art guide, no ill can come.  
 and thee, of both, to be but One,

*Cantor*

8 that through the a - ges all a - long,

*All*

this may be our end - less song:

*Cantor*

9 praise to thy e - ter - nal mer - it,

*All*

Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit.

Words: Latin, 9th cent.; tr. John Cosin (1594-1672); para. of *Veni Creator Spiritus*. Music: *Come Holy Ghost*, John Henry Hopkins Jr. (1820-1891); adapt. and harm. David Hurd (b. 1950). Harmonization, Copyright © 1985 David Hurd.

*A period of silent prayers 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 Bishops prays*

Therefore, Father, through Jesus Christ your Son, give your Holy Spirit to Amy; 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 VESTING OF A NEW PRIEST

*At the vesting with a stole, the Bishop says*

Receive this stole, the symbol of service to which you are called. Our Lord Jesus Christ, whose servant you are, support you with his grace, that you may always be a sign of the love and care which God has for all creation. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*At the vesting with a chasuble, the Bishop says*

Receive this chasuble, the garment of humility. Our Lord Jesus Christ, who said, "My yoke is easy, and my burden is light," give you grace so to help others to bear the burdens of this life, that your ministry may be a sign to all people of the generosity and gentleness of the kingdom that is to come. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*The Bishop then gives a Bible to the newly ordained, saying*

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. **Amen.**

*The new Priest is given a chalice in which lies an unconsecrated Host as the Bishop says*

Accept from the Holy People of God the gifts to be offered to God. Remember the great charge that is committed to your care, and imitate always the mystery you celebrate. God give you courage to walk in the way of the cross of Christ, that you may share in the glory of his resurrection. **Amen.**

*The Bishop greets the newly ordained Priest and presents her to the congregation.*

## THE PEACE

*The new Priest says to the congregation:*

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

*The Presbyters present and greet the newly ordained; who then greets family members and others, as may be convenient. The Clergy and People greet one another.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

## THE OFFERTORY

*Today's offering will go to the Curate's Discretionary Fund which Mother Amy can use to assist those in need. Please be generous.*

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Here I Am Lord

*Dan Schutte*

*Please stand as you are able.*

## THE DOXOLOGY

*380 vs. 3*

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*Eucharistic Prayer B BCP pg. 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 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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**THE SANCTUS LEVAS 255**

Holy, Holy, Holy

*A Mass for a Soulful People*

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 He who comes in the name of the Lord,  
 Ho - san - na in the  
 high est, ho - san - na in the high - est.





*Celebrant and 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 AND SHARING OF THE BREAD & WINE**

*Celebrant Alleluia.* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

*A period of silence is kept*

**FRACTION ANTHEM**

Now

*Dupree*

Now the sil-ence, now the peace, now the em-pty hands up-lift-ed;  
now the kneel-ing, now the plea, now the Fa-ther's arms in wel-come; Now the hear-ing,  
now the pow-er, now the ves-sel brimmed for pour-ing; now the bo-dy,  
now the blood, now the joy-ful cel-e-bra-tion now. Now. Now.

*Celebrant* The gifts of God for the People of God.

*All people are welcome at God's table. To receive at the altar, please line up in the center of the aisle. To receive at the standing station on the pulpit/ensemble side, stand in the right line. To receive at the standing station on the lectern/choir side, stand in the left line. When you receive, you may eat the host or dip it into the chalice. You may also drink from the chalice. We use real wine. If you would like a gluten-free wafer you may ask for one or point to your hand with one finger. If you would like to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest. If you would like communion brought to you, please let an usher know.*

**COMMUNION HYMN RENEW 225**

I Will Change Your Name

*Butler*

**COMMUNION HYMN RENEW 243**

Be Not Afraid

*Dufford*

**COMMUNION HYMN RENEW 106**

The King of Love

*Baker*

## POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

*The Book of Common Prayer, page 535*

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Celebrant* 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 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 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 BLESSING

*The Bishop then asks the new priest to bless the people.*

*The new Priest says*

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN 390

Praise to the Lord

*Lobe Den Herren*

## THE DISMISSAL

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

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

## POSTLUDE

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*Please join us for a celebratory reception in the Parish Hall following the service.*

Dearest family and friends-

Over the past several months many have asked me how long I've been preparing to be ordained a priest. "Practically my whole life!", I would respond. For those who have known me awhile, you know that this is in many ways true! I have felt in my bones a call to ordained ministry since I was 17 years old. And even before that I loved the Church and found in God a source of light and life like nothing else. This has, I believe, always been the place that I was created to serve.

And so here we are. Finally! Here we are. The road to get to this day has been long, and winding, and at times very arduous. I have seen the Church at her best and her worst. I have felt my most at home and my most betrayed.

So many of you have been light when I could only see dark, and hope when I could only feel despair. You have encouraged me, and prayed with me; you have laughed with me and cried with me. You brought food and drink and healing oil. You never stopped affirming my sense of call. You saw me. You have laid down stepping stones for me to land on, dropped crumbs for me to follow, held out lanterns to guide my way. And I am grateful for each of you.

Through all of it, God has been faithful. God has been so very, very faithful. Even when I wondered why I would feel called to something I didn't get to do, I never felt abandoned or forgotten or forsaken by God. God has been my constant companion for as long as I can remember. I do not take this lightly or for granted. I know what a gift that is and I am grateful for it.

I am especially thinking today of two people: my father, Clay McGaughy, who in his own way dedicated me to the Lord when I was born needing surgery to repair a collapsed lung. Though he is no longer living on this earth I know that he is proud of me and is saying from afar, "Yeah. You did it, Aim. You did it." And my mother, Patsy Mc-Gaughy, who took me to church week after week and who instilled in me a heart for serving those who most have forgotten. Though she is not able to be with us today, I know that she is proud of me and is saying in her heart, "Good job, darling. You did it."

I am especially thankful today for two people: my husband, Steve Bishop, who has stood unwaveringly by my side through all of it. I cannot imagine a better partner for me in this life, and I love what we have created together. And my daughter, Hannah Moehnke, with whom I get to live out my vocation to motherhood in ways that satisfy and delight me. I love you more than I can say and am so glad I get to be your mother.

Though it took me longer than I would have chosen to get to this day, I can't imagine being at a more perfect church for the start of my ordained life than Calvary Episcopal. Wow. Wow. Y'all blew me away the first Sunday I was here with your warmth, and joy and deep love of Jesus. The Spirit is doing something spectacular here and to be with you in this particular moment of this congregation's life is a stunning experience. I am glad to not have missed this!

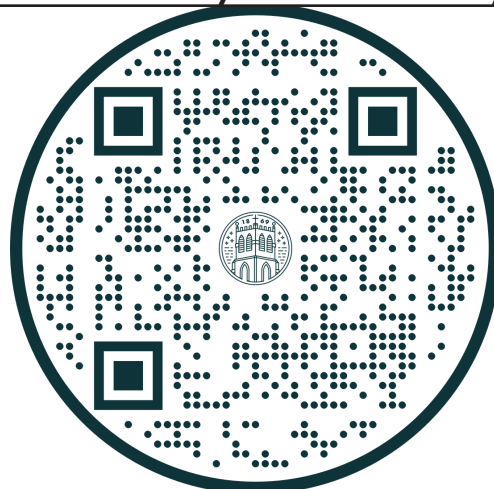
I will close with two passages of scripture that have been important to me for many years. “I am confident in this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Christ.” This verse from Philippians has been one of encouragement to me when I wasn’t sure how this story was going to end up. It called me back to the One in whom it all began, the God who is steady, and true and who does not play games with people’s lives. I knew that somehow, someday we would end up where we were supposed to be.

And the second is from the book of Ephesians: “Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask for or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever.” Infinitely more! Yes to that! To God be all the glory, all the time.

It has been my joy and delight to share this day with you. Thank you for joining me!

With much love and many blessings,  
Amy

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