

THE ORDINATION OF A DEACON

Ted Hamby Clarkson, Jr.

Friday, December 18, 2020 3:00 p.m.

All Saints' Chapel
The University of the South
Sewanee, Tennessee

Preface to the Ordination Rites

The Holy Scriptures and ancient Christian writers make it clear that from the apostles' time, there have been different ministries within the Church. In particular, since the time of the New Testament, three distinct orders of ordained ministers have been characteristic of Christ's holy Catholic Church. First, there is the order of bishops who carry on the apostolic work of leading, supervising, and uniting the Church. Secondly, associated with them are the presbyters, or ordained elders, in subsequent times generally known as priests. Together with the bishops, they take part in the governance of the Church, in the carrying out of its missionary and pastoral work, and in the preaching of the Word of God and administering his holy Sacraments. Thirdly, there are deacons who assist bishops and priests in all of this work. It is also a special responsibility of deacons to minister in Christ's name to the poor, the sick, the suffering, and the helpless.

The persons who are chosen and recognized by the Church as being called by God to the ordained ministry are admitted to these sacred orders by solemn prayer and the laying on of episcopal hands. It has been, and is, the intention and purpose of this Church to maintain and continue these three orders; and for this purpose these services of ordination and consecration are appointed. No persons are allowed to exercise the offices of bishop, priest, or deacon in this Church unless they are so ordained, or have already received such ordination with the laying on of hands by bishops who are themselves duly qualified to confer Holy Orders.

It is also recognized and affirmed that the threefold ministry is not the exclusive property of this portion of Christ's catholic Church, but is a gift from God for the nurture of his people and the proclamation of his Gospel everywhere. Accordingly, the manner of ordaining in this Church is to be such as has been, and is, most generally recognized by Christian people as suitable for the conferring of the sacred orders of bishop, priest, and deacon.

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Organ Voluntary

Komm, Heiliger Geist, Herre Gott, BWV 652 J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

The People stand, as able.

Due to the increased risk of the spread of COVID-19 posed by singing, all singing and chanting will be done by the musicians in the quire.

Procession Hymn 665

- 1. All my hope on God is founded; he doth still my trust renew, me through change and chance he guideth, only good and only true, God unknown, he alone calls my heart to be his own.
- 2. Mortal pride and earthly glory, sword and crown betray our trust; though with care and toil we build them, tower and temple fall to dust.

 But God's power, hour by hour, is my temple and my tower.
- 3. God's great goodness e'er endureth, deep his wisdom passing thought: splendor, light, and life attend him, beauty springeth out of naught.

 Evermore from his store new-born worlds rise and adore.
 - 4. Daily doth the almighty Giver bounteous gifts on us bestow; his desire our soul delighteth, pleasure leads us where we go.

 Love doth stand at his hand; joy doth wait on his command.
- 5. Still from earth to God eternal sacrifice of praise be done, high above all praises praising for the gift of Christ his Son. Christ doth call one and all: ye who follow shall not fall.

The Invitation

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

People And blessed be his 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. Amen.

The people are seated.

THE PRESENTATION

The bishop and people sit.

Presenters John Neil, Bishop in the Church of God, on behalf of the clergy and the people of the

Diocese of Fort Worth, we present to you Ted Hamby Clarkson, Jr. to be ordained a

deacon in Christ's holy catholic Church.

Bishop Has he been selected in accordance with the canons of this Church? And do you

believe his manner of life to be suitable to the exercise of this ministry?

Presenters We certify to you that he has satisfied the requirements of the canons, and we believe

him 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 to 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 Ted Hamby Clarkson, Jr. 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 Ted be ordained a deacon?

People It is.

Bishop Will you uphold him in this ministry?

People We will.

Bishop In peace let us pray to the Lord.

The Litany for Ordinations

The People kneel, as 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 Ted, chosen deacon in your Church, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Litanist That he 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 he 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 his 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 5 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 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.

All 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. **Amen**.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

The people are seated.

The First Lesson Sirach 39:1-8

He seeks out the wisdom of all the ancients, and is concerned with prophecies; he preserves the sayings of the famous and penetrates the subtleties of parables; he seeks out the hidden meanings of proverbs and is at home with the obscurities of parables. He serves among the great and appears before rulers; he travels in foreign lands and learns what is good and evil in the human lot. He sets his heart to rise early to seek the LORD who made him, and to petition the Most High; he opens his mouth in prayer and asks pardon for his sins. If the great LORD is willing, he will be filled with the spirit of understanding; he will pour forth words of wisdom of his own and give thanks to the LORD in prayer. The LORD will direct his counsel and knowledge, as he meditates on his mysteries. He will show the wisdom of what he has learned, and will glory in the law of the LORD'S covenant.

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

Psalm 84

Sung by the choir to a setting by C. H. H. Parry

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! * My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; * by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! * they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! * whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, * for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, * and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
- 7 LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; * hearken, o God of Jacob.
- 8 Behold our defender, O God; * and look upon the face of your Anointed.
- 9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, * and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- 10 For the LORD God is both sun and shield; *
 he will give grace and glory;
 11 No good thing will the LORD withhold *
- 11 No good thing will the LORD withhold * from those who walk with integrity.
- 12 O LORD of hosts, *
 happy are they who put their trust in you!

<u>The Second Lesson</u>

II Corinthians 4:1-6

Since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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

The people stand, as able.

<u>The Sequence</u> Hymn 530

- O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God, in every need thou bringest aid;
 thou comest forth from God's great throne, from God, the Father and the Son;
 O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God.
 - 2. O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God, increase our faith in our dear Lord; unless thy grace the power should give, none can believe in Christ and live; O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God.
- 3. O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God, make us to love thy sacred word; the holy flame of love impart, that charity may warm each heart; O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God.
- 4. O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God, enlighten us by that same word; teach us to know the Father's love, and his dear Son who reigns above; O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God.

The Gospel

Luke 12:35-38

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

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

The People are seated.

The Sermon

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 brother, 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 brother, do you believe that you are truly called by God and his Church to the life

and work of a deacon? 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.

Ordinand

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?

Ordinand I will.

Bishop Will you look for Christ in all others, being ready to help and serve those in need?

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 all people?

Ordinand I will.

Bishop Will you in all things seek not your glory but the glory of the Lord Christ?

Ordinand 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 kneels facing the bishop.

<u>Veni Creator Spiritus</u>
Hymn 504

Come Holy Ghost, or souls 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

Anoint and cheer our soiléd face with the abundance of thy grace. Keep far our foes, give peace at home: where thou art guide, no ill can come.

Teach us to know the Father, Son, and thee, of both, to be but One, that through the ages all along, this by be our endless song:

Praise to thy eternal merit,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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 Ted; fill him with grace and power, and make him a deacon in your Church.

The Bishop then continues:

Make him, O Lord, modest and humble, strong and constant, to observe the discipline of Christ. Let his life and teaching so reflect your commandments, that through he 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:

Bishop 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

Bishop The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Offertory

<u>Anthem</u>

Seek to Serve by Lloyd Pfautsch

May I live in the world as one who always seeks to serve;
may I live as one who knows the love of God.
Lord, teach me how to live and how to serve.
With my ears may I hear, with my eyes may I see;
with my lips may I speak, may your Word be heard through me.
Thus, as I live each day, may love sustain the will to serve. Amen.

Instructions for making a donation to Deacon Clarkson's discretionary fund are found on page sixteen of the bulletin.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Great Thanksgiving

The people stand, as able.

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift 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:

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.

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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; 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 the everblessed Virgin Mary 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 for ever. **AMEN**.

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

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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread, and a period of silence is kept.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Hymn 53

- 1. Once he came in blessing, all our ills redressing; came in likeness lowly, Son of God most holy; bore the cross to save us, hope and freedom gave us.
- 2. Sill he comes within us, still his voice would win us from the sins that hurt us, would to Truth convert us: not in torment hold us, but in love enfold us.

- 3. Thus, if thou canst name him, not ashamed to claim him, but wilt trust him boldly nor dost love him coldly, he will then receive thee, heal thee, and forgive thee.
 - 4. One who thus endureth bright reward secureth. Come then, O Lord Jesus, from our sins release us; let us here confess thee till in heaven we bless thee.

Post-Communion

Celebrant Let us pray.

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 Ted may be to us an effective example in word and action, in love and patience, and in holiness of life. Grant that we, with him, 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 Bishop blesses the people, after which the new Deacon dismisses them.

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

People Thanks be to God.

Organ Voluntary

Toccata on Veni Emmanual Adolphus Hailstork (b. 1941)

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The Right Reverend J. Neil Alexander, *Celebrant*The Reverend Ted Clarkson, *Preacher*The Reverend David Goodpaster, *Deacon*Dr. Kenneth Miller, *Organist and Choirmaster*

The choir is comprised of members of the School of Theology.

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Presenters

Mr. Michael Whitman

Mrs. Allison Horton Clarkson

The Reverend Robert Lamborn

The Reverend Catherine Ann Ballinger

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Sydney Clements, Crucifer

James and Paul Mazur, Torchbearers

Meghan Mazur, Litanist

Adam Dawkins and Sister Hannah, CSM, Readers

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The Reverend Marcella Robinson, Acolyte Master

Rachel Eskite, Shari Harrison, and Becca Walton, Sacristans

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THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF FORT WORTH "Los Brazos de Dios" The Right Reverend J. Scott Mayer, Bishop



ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH
"Pro Omnibus Sanctis"
The Reverend Christopher N. Jambor, Rector

Instructions for making a donation to Deacon Clarkson's Discretionary Fund

1. **By check:** A check can be mailed to:

All Saints' Episcopal Church, 5001 Crestline Road, Fort Worth, TX 76107 Please put "Ted Clarkson" in the memo line.

2. By text message: Text ASECFW and the amount you wish to give to 73256

Select Benevolent from the drop-down list

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then select **Benevolent** from the drop-down list.

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Enter the amount to give, select Benevolent from the Fund list, add Ted Clarkson's name in the memo field.