The Ordination of a Priest

Saint Peter and Saint Paul, Apostles

Monday, June 29, 2020

5:00 p.m.

All Saints’ Episcopal Church

Fort Worth, Texas

The Right Reverend J. Scott Mayer, Presiding

The altar flowers are given to the greater glory of God and in thanksgiving for the ordinations of Corrie Maddon Cabes and Mary Madeleine Hill to the sacred order of priests.
The Ordination of a Priest

The Organ Prelude, God of the prophets, bless the prophets’ heirs!

The Procession, Hymn 370

ST. PATRICK’S BREASTPLATE

1. I bind unto myself today the strong Name of the Trinity, by invocation of the same, the Three in One, and One in Three.

2. I bind this day to me for ever, by power of faith, Christ’s Incarnation; his baptism in the Jordan river; his death on cross for my salvation; his bursting from the spicèd tomb; his riding up the heavenly way; his coming at the day of doom: I bind unto myself today.
The Opening Acclamation

**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 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

Scott, Bishop in the Church of God, on behalf of the clergy and people of the Diocese of Fort Worth, we present to you Corrie Madden Cabes 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?

Answer
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 Corrie 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
Is it your will that we ordain Corrie a priest?
The People respond in these words
It is.

Bishop
Will you uphold her in this ministry?

The People respond in these words
We will.

Litany for Ordinations

The Bishop then calls the people to prayer with these or similar words

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

All kneel. The person appointed leads the Litany for Ordinations.

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.
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.
Lord, hear our prayer

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Scott our bishop, Sam and Rayford our assisting bishops,
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 Corrie, 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 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 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 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**

**Litanist and People**  
Lord, have mercy.
At the end of the litany, the Bishop stands and reads the Collect for the Day, first saying

*Bishop* The Lord be with you.
*People* And also with you.
*Bishop* Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified you by their martyrdom: Grant that your Church, instructed by their teaching and example, and knit together in unity by your Spirit, may ever stand firm upon the one foundation, which is Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Lesson, Ezekiel 34:11-16 *(sit)* Revised Standard Version

Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when some of his sheep have been scattered abroad, so will I seek out my sheep; and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. And I will bring them out from the peoples, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the fountains, and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them with good pasture, and upon the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on fat pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the crippled, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will watch over; I will feed them in justice."

The Gradual, Psalm 87 *Fundamenta ejus*

1 On the holy mountain stands the city he has founded; *
   the Lord loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.

2 Glorious things are spoken of you, *
   O city of our God.

3 I count Egypt and Babylon among those who know me; *
   behold Philistia, Tyre, and Ethiopia: in Zion were they born.

4 Of Zion it shall be said, “Everyone was born in her, *
   and the Most High himself shall sustain her.”

5 The Lord will record as he enrolls the peoples, *
   “These also were born there.”

6 The singers and the dancers will say, *
   “All my fresh springs are in you.”
I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus who is to judge the living and the
dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word, be urgent in season and
out of season, convince, rebuke, and exhort, be unfailing in patience and in teaching. For
the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears
they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own likings, and will turn away
from listening to the truth and wander into myths. As for you, always be steady, endure
suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfil your ministry. For I am already on the point
of being sacrificed; the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I
have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown
of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and
not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

The Sequence, Hymn 482

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The Holy Gospel, John 21:15-19 (stand)

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After his resurrection Jesus revealed himself to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and when they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Feed my lambs.” A second time he said to him, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Tend my sheep.” He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you girded yourself and walked where you would; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish to go.” (This he said to show by what death he was to glorify God.) And after this he said to him, “Follow me.”

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon (will be aired with the entire service at a later time.)

The Nicene Creed (stand)

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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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 a pastor, priest, and teacher, together with your bishop and fellow presbyters, and to take your share in the councils of the Church.

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

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

*Answer* I believe I am so called.

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

*Answer* I do.

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

*Answer* 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?

*Answer* 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?

*Answer* 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?

*Answer* 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?

*Answer* 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?
**Answer**
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.

**Answer**
Amen.

**The Consecration of the Priest**

*All now stand except the ordinance, who kneels facing the Bishop while the following is prayed.*

1. Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire, and lighten
2. Thou the anointing life, and fire of love. 4. Enable with perpetual dance of thy grace. 6. Keep far our foes, give
   *petual light the dullness of our blind ed sight.*
   *peace at home: where thou art guide, no ill can come.*

7. Teach us to know the Father, Son, and thee, of both, to be but One, 8. that through the ages all along, this may be our endless song:

9. Praise to thy eternal merit,
   *Fa ther, Son, and Holy Spirit.*
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. At the same time the Bishop prays

Therefore, Father, through Jesus Christ your Son, give your Holy Spirit to Corrie; 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.

As the Priest is vested with the stole, the Bishop may say
Take the yoke of the Lord, for his yoke is easy, and his burden is light.

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.
The Peace

The new Priest then says to the congregation

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Bishop greets the newly ordained.

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

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

The new Priest says

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

The Dismissal

A Deacon, or a Priest if no deacon is present, dismisses the people.

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

People Thanks be to God.

The Organ Postlude, God is Love, let heaven adore him

ABBOT’S LEIGH
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Dr. Stephen Bishop

Organist/Choirmaster

Clive Driskill-Smith

Litanist

Olivia Cabes

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