

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN
COLORADO

Ordinations to the Sacred Order of Priests

The Feast of Richard Hooker
November 7, 2026
Ten O'Clock in the Morning
Saint John's Cathedral

THE ORDER OF PROCESSION

Thurifer

Torch + Cross + Torch

Choir

Verger

Chair of the Commission on Ministry

President of the Standing Committee

Lectors

Verger

St. Aidan's, Boulder Banner
Presenters
Kevin Conrad Patrick Criley

St. John's, Boulder Banner
Presenters
Cate Colburn-Smith

Saint John's Cathedral, Denver Banner
Presenters
Angela Hummel

Calvary Church, Golden Banner
Presenters
John D. Thexton

Vested Clergy

Verger

Sub-Deacon

The Cathedral Chapter

The Bishop's Canons

The Bishop

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

VOLUNTARY Adagio: Organ Symphony No. 5, Op. 42, No. 1 Charles-Marie Widor

All stand for the procession.

HYMN 412 Earth and all stars *Earth and All Stars*

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION and COLLECT FOR PURITY

Bishop Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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.**

All sit.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES

The Presenters address the Bishop, saying

Kym, Bishop in the Church of God, on behalf of the Clergy and People of the Diocese of Colorado, we present to you Kevin, Cate, Angela, and John to be ordained priests in Christ's holy catholic Church.

The Bishop asks

Have they been selected in accordance with the canons of this Church?
And do you believe their manner of life to be suitable to the exercise of this ministry?

The Presenters declare

We certify to you that they have satisfied the requirements of the canons,
and we believe them qualified for these orders.

The Bishop then says to the Ordinands

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 Ordinands 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 Candidates sign the Oath of Conformity. All then stand.

The Bishop addresses all present, saying

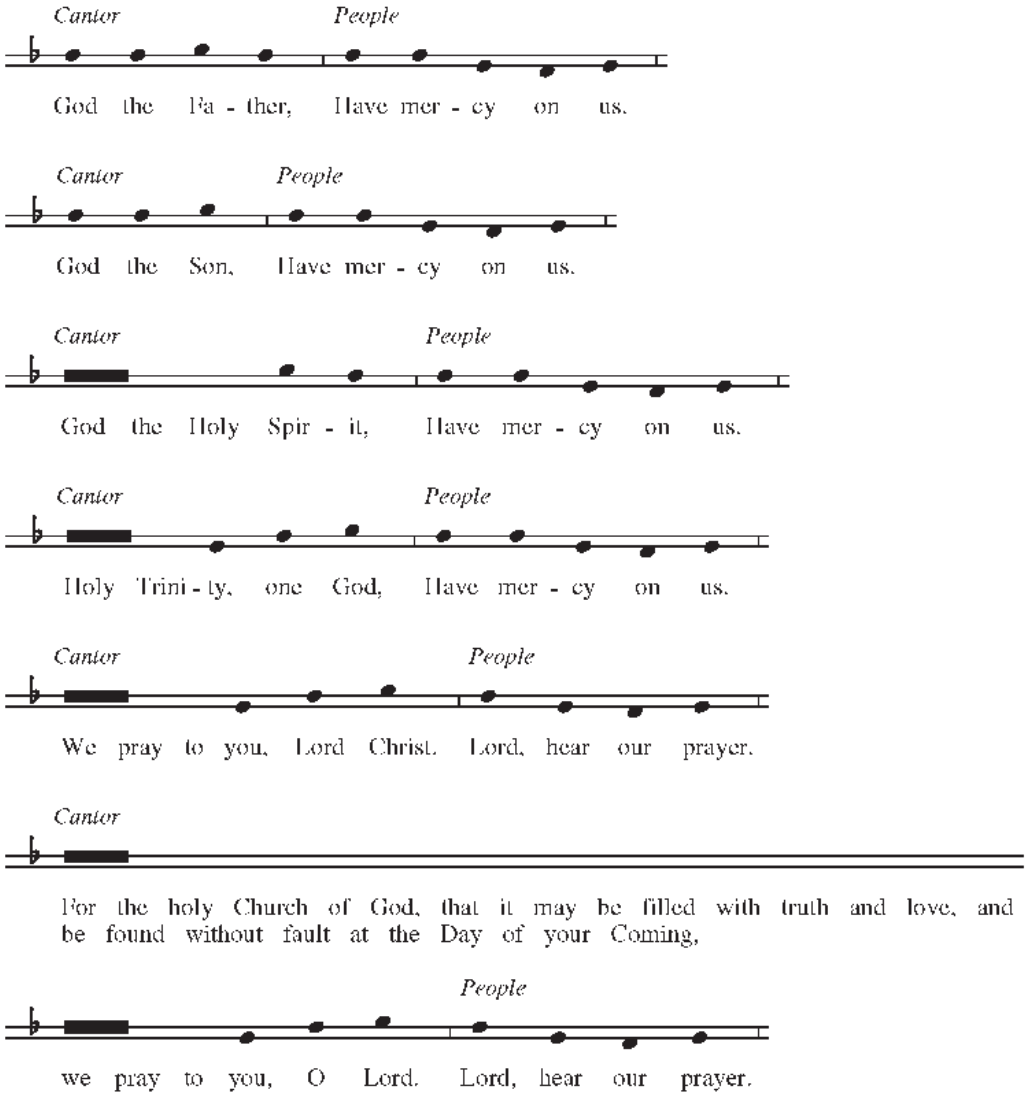
Dear friends in Christ, you know the importance of these ministries, and the weight of your responsibility in presenting Kevin, Cate, Angela, and John for ordination to the sacred priesthood. Therefore if any of you know any impediment or crime because of which we should not proceed, come forward now and make it known.

If no objection is made, the Bishop continues asking the People

Bishop	Is it your will that Kevin, Cate, Angela, and John be ordained priests?
People	**It is.**
Bishop	Will you uphold them in these ministries?
People	**We will.**
Bishop	In peace let us pray to the Lord.

As the Bishop kneels, all kneel.
The Ordinands prostrate themselves on the floor in front of the Chancel steps.

THE LITANY FOR ORDINATIONS



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 Sean, our Presiding Bishop; for Kym, our Bishop; for Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury; 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 Kevin, Cate, Angela, and John, chosen priests in your Church; we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

That they may faithfully fulfill the duties of these ministries, 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 they may be sustained and encouraged to persevere to the end, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For their families, 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 we 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, especially the President of the United States; the Governor of this State; and the Mayor of this City; that they may serve justice and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

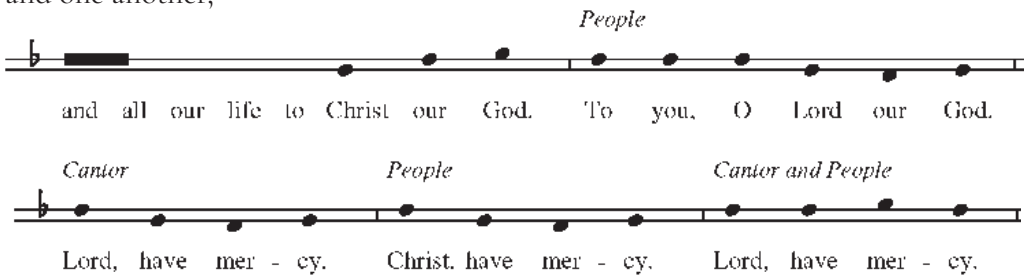
For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

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 for 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-blessèd Virgin Mary, and all your saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another,



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

O God of truth and peace, you raised up your servant Richard Hooker in a day of bitter controversy to defend with sound reasoning and great charity the catholic and reformed religion: Grant that we may maintain that middle way, not as a compromise for the sake of peace, but as a comprehension for the sake of truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

All sit.

THE FIRST LESSON Ecclesiasticus 44:10-15 Madeleine Turner *Lector*

These also were godly men, whose righteous deeds have not been forgotten; their wealth will remain with their descendants, and their inheritance with their children's children. Their descendants stand by the covenants; their children also, for their sake. Their offspring will continue for ever, and their glory will never be blotted out. Their bodies are buried in peace, but their name lives on generation after generation. The assembly declares their wisdom, and the congregation proclaims their praise.

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

PSALM 37:1-9 Saint Martin's Psalter

Sung by the choir.

1 Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; *
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
2 For they shall soon wither like the grass, *
and like the green grass fade away.
3 Put your trust in the Lord and do good; *
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.
4 Take delight in the Lord, *
and he shall give you your heart's desire.
5 Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him, *
and he will bring it to pass.
6 He will make your righteousness as clear as the light *
and your just dealing as the noonday.
7 Be still before the Lord *
and wait patiently for him.
8 Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, *
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.
9 Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; *
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.

THE SECOND LESSON 1 Corinthians 2:6-16 Sarah McAfee *Lector*

Among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"—these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual. Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny. "For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

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

All stand for the proclamation of the Gospel.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The choir sings the Alleluia, followed by the Congregation. All repeat after the verse.



Verse The commandments of the Lord are sure; they stand fast forever and ever.

THE GOSPEL

John 17:18-23

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

Looking up to heaven, Jesus said, "As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth. "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me."

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

All sit.

THE SERMON

The Right Reverend Kimberly D. Lucas *Bishop of the Episcopal Church in Colorado*

All stand.

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,
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.

All sit.

THE EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES FOR THE PRIESTHOOD

The candidates come forward and stand before the Bishop.

Bishop
Kevin, Cate, Angela, and John: 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	Kevin, Cate, Angela, and John, do you believe that you are truly called by God and his Church to this priesthood?
Ordinands	I believe I am so called.
Bishop	Do you now in the presence of the Church commit yourself to this trust and responsibility?
Ordinands	I do.
Bishop	Will you respect and be guided by the pastoral direction and leadership of your Bishop?
Ordinands	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?
Ordinands	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?
Ordinands	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?
Ordinands	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?
Ordinands	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?
Ordinands	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.
Ordinands	Amen.

The Ordinands kneel.
The Congregation stands and the choir sings Veni Creator Spiritus.

THE CONSECRATION OF THE PRIESTS

Silent prayer is kept and the Bishop says the Prayer of Consecration over the Ordinands.

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.

Each Ordinand comes before the Bishop. The Bishop lays hands upon the head of each Ordinand and prays

Therefore, Father, through Jesus Christ your Son, give your Holy Spirit to *N*; fill them with grace and power, and make them a priest in your Church.

May *they* 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 *them* a faithful pastor, a patient teacher, and a wise councilor. Grant that in all things *they* 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 newly ordained Priests are then vested according to the Order of Priests.
At the vesting, the Bishop says

Receive this stole and chausuble, the symbols 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.**

The Bishop now anoints the hands of the new priests, saying

Grant, O gracious Lord, to consecrate and sanctify these hands by this unction, and by our blessing; that whatsoever they shall bless may be blessed, and whatsoever they shall consecrate may be consecrated and sanctified in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The new Priests are presented with a Bible and Prayer Book as the Bishop says
Receive this Bible and Prayer Book as signs 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 newly ordained Priests then move to the chancel.

The Bishop presents the new Priests to the People, saying
Greet your new Priests.

All rejoice with applause.

THE PEACE

With the Bishop's blessing, the new priests extend the Peace of God, saying

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

ANNOUCEMENTS The Very Reverend Patrick Gahan *Interim Dean*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM The King of love my shepherd is Harry Rowe Shelley

Sung by the choir.

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am His, and he is mine forever. Where streams of living water flow, my ransom'd soul he leadeth, and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth. Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me, and on his shoulder gently laid, and home rejoicing brought me. 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. Thou spread'st a table in my sight, thy unction grace bestoweth, and O the transport of delight, with which my cup o'er floweth. And so through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never; Good Shepherd may I sing thy praise within thy house for ever! Amen.

All stand at the invitation of the Bishop.

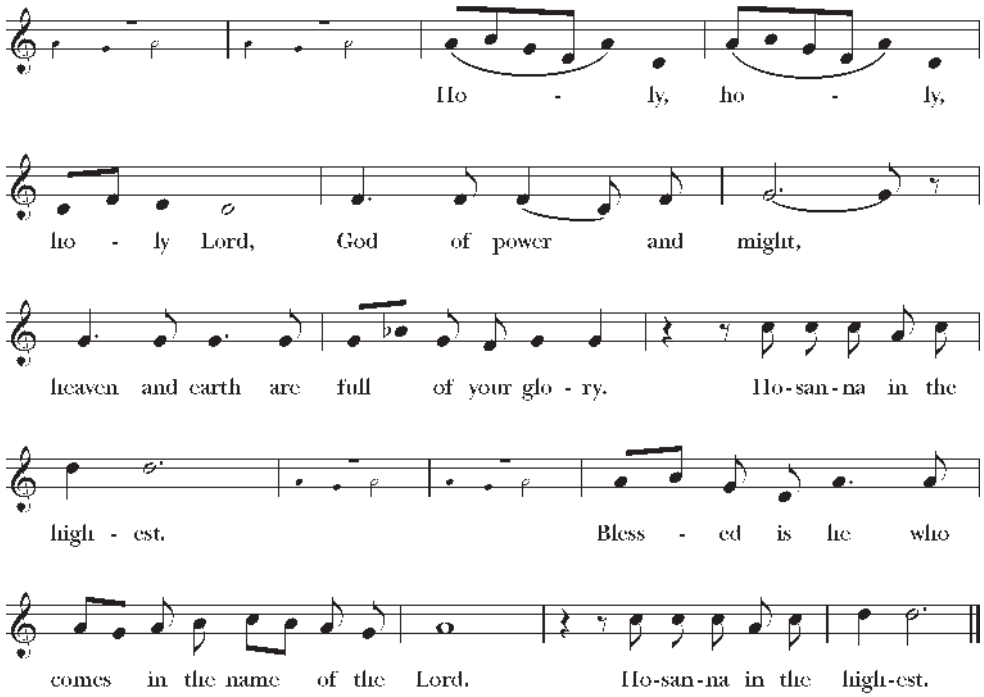
THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer A*

Presider	The Lord be with you.
People	**And also with you.**
Presider	Lift up your hearts.
People	**We lift them to the Lord.**
Presider	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	**It is right to give our 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:

SANCTUS and BENEDICTUS William Mathias



Presider
Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

Silence.

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

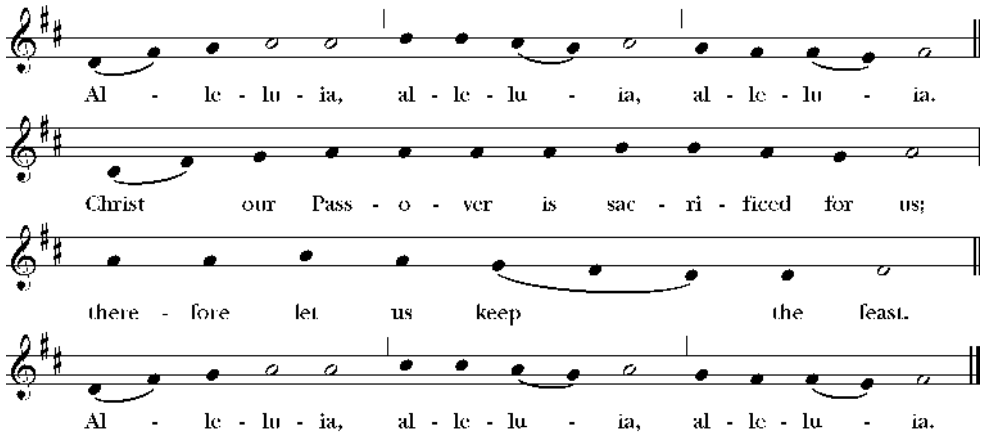
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Bishop breaks the consecrated bread and the People sing

PASCHA NOSTRUM

David Hurd



THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Following the invitation to Communion, all are invited forward. Extend your hands to receive a wafer from the priest. Gluten-free is available upon request. You may stand or kneel at the altar rail; please fill in from the outside toward the center. A verger is present if you need assistance. For those desiring to receive wine, it is available from the common Cup or you are invited to intinct your wafer in the chalice. When receiving the wine from the chalice, please help guide the chalice to your lips. If you choose to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest.

ANTHEM *Here, O my Lord* Percy Whitlock

Sung by the choir.

Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face; here faith can touch and handle things unseen; Here would I grasp with firmer hands thy grade; and all my weariness upon Thee lean. Here would I feed upon the Bread of God; here drink with Thee the royal wine of Heav'n; Here would I lay aside each earthly load, and taste a-fresh the calm of sin forgiv'n.

HYMN 655 O Jesus, I have promised *Nyland*

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

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 Kevin, Cate, Angela, and John may be to us an effective example in word and action, in love and patience, and in holiness of life. Grant that we, with them, 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

At the Bishop's invitation, the new priests bless the People, saying

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

HYMN 475 God himself is with us *Tysk*

THE DISMISSAL

The Bishop invites the newly ordained Priests to dismiss the people saying

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY Finale: from Organ Symphony No. 6, Op. 42, No. 2 Charles-Marie Widor

Presider & Preacher
The Right Reverend Kimberly D. Lucas *Bishop of Colorado*

Bishop's Canons
The Reverend Canon Sarah Bjornebo
The Reverend Canon Greg Foraker
The Reverend Canon Vanessa Stickler-Glass

Cathedral Chapter
The Very Reverend Patrick Gahan *Interim Dean*
The Reverend Canon Paul Keene *Canon for Parish Life*
The Reverend Deacon Jack Karn *Deacon for Community Partnerships*

Deacon of the Word
The Reverend Deacon Gary Darress

Deacon of the Table
The Reverend Deacon Jan Pearson

President of the Standing Committee
Chuck Theobold

Representative of the Commission on Ministry
The Reverend Doug Bleyle

Musicians
Dr. Michael Boney *Director of Music*
Aaron Hirsch *Guest Organist*
Saint John's Cathedral Choir

ORDAINED TO THE PRIESTHOOD

The Reverend Kevin Conrad Patrick Criley
Sending Parish: St Aidan's, Boulder
Serving At: St John's, Boulder
Presenters: The Reverend Steve Wengrovius, The Reverend Zach Parris, Jennifer Garcia, Sarah Rhodes
Vesters: Scott Criley and Stacy Hommel
Banner Bearer: Alec Celecki

The Reverend Cate Colburn-Smith
Sending Parish: St John's, Boulder
Serving At: St Aidan's, Boulder
Presenters: The Reverend Janine Schenone, Mark Guzzi, The Reverend Amanda Barker, The Reverend Mike Kornelsen
Vesters: Frank Colburn, Charlotte Smith, Mary Smith
Banner Bearer: Lu Walters

The Reverend Dr. Angela Hummel
Sending Parish: Saint John's Cathedral, Denver
Serving At: Trinity Episcopal Church, Greeley
Presenters: The Reverend Brian Winter, Gaile Koehler, and Dirk DeVries
Vesters: The Reverend Janet Fullmer and Terrie Abbot
Banner Bearer: Merrie Berthel, Judy Gregory

The Reverend John D. Thexton
Sending Parish: Calvary Church, Golden
Serving At: Church of the Ascension & Holy Trinity, Pueblo
Presenters: The Reverend Denis Ford, The Reverend Jo Ann Ford, Rachelle Werme
Vesters: The Reverend Tim Phenna, The Reverend Scott Campbell
Banner Bearer: Ann Ladd

Thank Yous from the Ordinands

The Reverend Cate Coleburn-Smith

My ordination to the priesthood marks the culmination of a decades-long journey of listening and discernment, learning and unlearning, striving and surrendering, shedding and becoming. I offer my deepest thanks to all who have walked with me and sometimes carried me.

To my husband Chris, daughters Charlotte and Mary, parents Frank and Charlotte, extended family, and seminary classmates: thank you for loving me, believing in me, and cheering me on.

To my sending parish, St. John's Boulder, especially my discernment committee, my field ed parish, St. Thomas Denver, my curacy parish, St. Aidan's Boulder, my seminary professors, and my Clinical Pastoral Education colleagues: thank you for teaching me to live more fully into my calling as a baptized Christian, and now as a pastor, priest, and teacher.

To my amazing friends: thank you for your loyalty and patience when I've been too caught up in work, seminary, and family to tend to our friendship. Know that I love you.

To God, thank you for your persistence, faithfulness, and sustenance.

For your prayers and love, I am forever grateful. I pray that I may be of service to each of you as I begin the next chapter of my life in Christ.

The Reverend Kevin Criley

Thank you all who have supported and prayed for me throughout this journey. I owe special gratitude to my wife, Sarah, my parents, Scott and Stacy, my sister, Megan, and my grandparents, Mary, Edward, Paul, and Marilyn. I have been blessed to have friends who have been incredibly supportive of this call from the first. I am very grateful to my sending parish, St. Aidan's - Boulder. Mthrs. Mary Kate & Kay, and Fr. Steve are amazing priests, thank you for all of the guidance, prayer, and support! Thank you to Frs. Durango and Charles for their guidance. Thank you to my amazing discernment committee for walking with me on this journey: Carina, Jennie, Chris, Fran, and Neil. I am grateful for the Bread and Belonging Campus Ministry and Pastor Zach providing a space to grow in faith. I am also incredibly thankful for the formation I received as an intern at Christ Church - Alexandria. Thank you to Rev. Noelle, Rev. Robbie, and Brett for welcoming me into that wonderful community. In addition, thank you to all my Friends at VTS, Sko Friars! Lastly, I am thankful to Mthr. Janine and St. John's for the opportunity to serve such a great congregation.

The Reverend John Thexton

There are far too many people to thank, and far too little space in this bulletin to do so properly!

To the friends, family, pastors, teachers, and congregations who have nurtured, challenged, encouraged, and prayed for me along this journey: thank you. Your faithfulness has shaped my own, and I carry something of each of you into this new chapter of ministry.

To Richard and Brenda, thank you for being wonderful exemplars of a life lived faithfully in Christ. Your love, wisdom, and encouragement have been gifts beyond measure.

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Love,

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