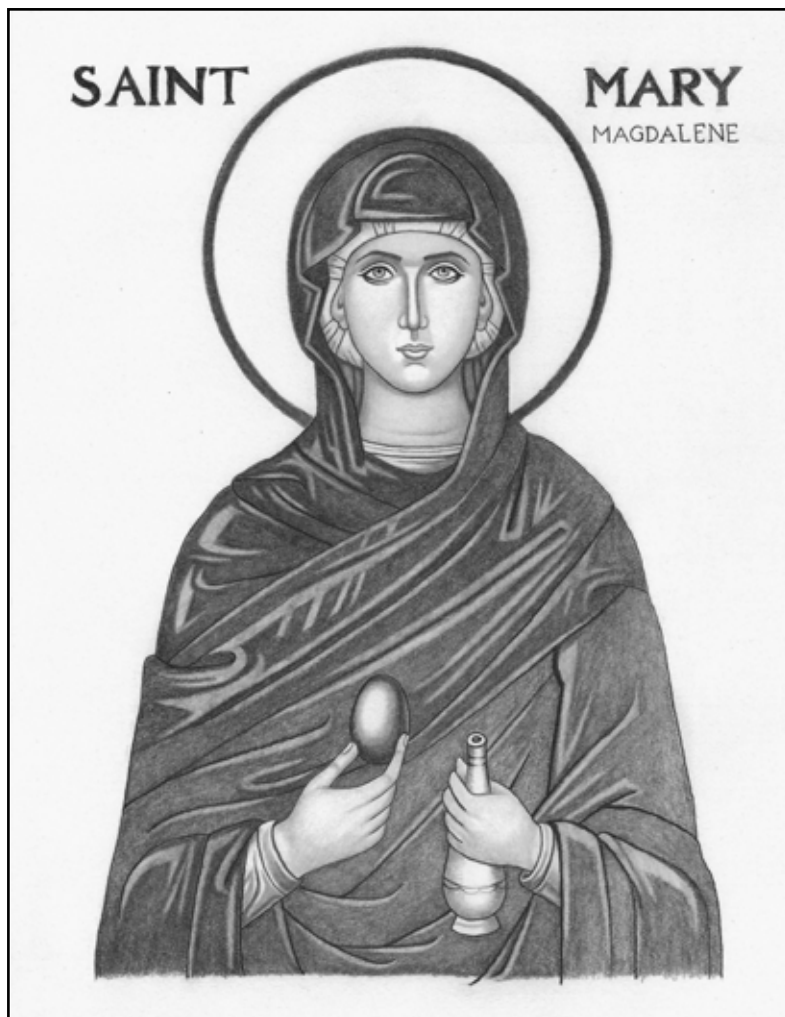


THE ORDINATION OF
Ranie Halski Neislar

TO THE SACRED ORDER OF DEACONS
IN CHRIST'S ONE CATHOLIC AND APOSTOLIC CHURCH



April Twenty-sixth, Two Thousand Twenty
Two o'clock in the Afternoon

SAINT PAUL'S CHURCH
AUGUSTA, GEORGIA
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THE ORDINATION OF A DEACON

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Rebecca Groom Te Velde

Paraphrase on "St. Patrick's Breastplate"
Keith Shafer

PROCESSION HYMN 370

St. Patrick's Breastplate and Deirdre



1 I bind un - to my - self to - day the strong Name of the Trin - i - ty, by
in - vo - ca - tion of the same, the Three in One, and One in Three.

2 I bind this day to me for ev - er, by power of faith, Christ's In - car -
na - tion; his bap - tism in the Jor - dan riv - er; his death on cross for my sal -
va - tion, his burst - ing from the spic - ed tomb; his rid - ing up the heaven - ly
way; his com - ing at the day of doom: I bind un - to my
self to - day. Christ be with me, Christ with - in me, Christ be - hind me, Christ be -
fore me, Christ be - side me, Christ to win me, Christ to com - fort and re - store me.
Christ be - neath me, Christ a - bove me, Christ in qui - et, Christ in dan - ger, Christ in
hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stran - ger.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

Bishop Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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

Presenters Scott, Bishop in the Church of God, on behalf of the clergy and people of the Diocese of Georgia, we present to you Ranie Halski Neislar to be ordained a deacon in Christ's holy catholic Church.

Bishop Has she been selected in accordance with the canons of this Church? And do you believe her manner of life to be suitable to the exercise of this ministry?

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

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.

The People rise.

Bishop Dear friends in Christ, you know the importance of this ministry, and the weight of your responsibility in presenting Ranie Neislar 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.

Bishop Is it your will that Ranie be ordained a deacon?
People **It is.**

Bishop Will you uphold her in this ministry?
People **We will.**

Bishop In peace let us pray to the Lord.

The People kneel.

THE LITANY FOR ORDINATIONS

The Reverend John Jenkins

Leader God the Father,
People **Have mercy on us.**

God the Son,
Have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit,
Have mercy on us.

Holy Trinity, one God,
Have mercy on us.

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

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, for Scott our Bishop, for Frank our bishop-elect, 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 Ranie, chosen deacon 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.

Leader That by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit she may be sustained and encouraged to persevere to the end, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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 the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Saint Paul, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

Leader Lord, have mercy.
People **Christ, have mercy.**
Leader Lord, have mercy.

COLLECT THE CHURCH

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 are seated.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 1:4-9

Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD." Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth."

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

- 33 Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, *
and I shall keep it to the end.
- 34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; *
I shall keep it with all my heart.
- 35 Make me go in the path of your commandments, *
for that is my desire.
- 36 Incline my heart to your decrees *
and not to unjust gain.
- 37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; *
give me life in your ways.
- 38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, *
which you make to those who fear you.
- 39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, *
because your judgments are good.
- 40 Behold, I long for your commandments; *
in your righteousness preserve my life.

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 4:1-6

Therefore, 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 rise to sing and remain standing for the proclamation of the Gospel.



1 King of glo - ry, King of peace, I will love thee;
 2 Where - fore with my ut - most art, I will sing thee;
 3 Sev'n whole days, not one in sev'n, I will praise thee;



and that love may nev - er cease, I will move thee.
 and the cream of all my heart, I will bring thee.
 in my heart, though not in heav'n, I can raise thee.



Thou hast grant - ed my re - quest, thou hast heard me;
 Though my sins a - gainst me cried, thou didst clear me;
 Small it is in this poor sort to en - roll thee;



thou didst note my work - ing breast, thou hast spared me.
 and a - lone, when they re - plied, thou didst hear me.
 e'en e - ter - ni - ty's too short to ex - tol thee.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 22:24-27

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke.

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

A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Reverend Amy S. Bradley

THE NICENE CREED

The People rise.

All 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 People are seated.

THE EXAMINATION

Bishop My sister, every Christian is called to follow Jesus Christ, serving God the Father, through the power of the Holy Spirit. God now calls you to a special ministry of servanthood directly under your bishop. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are to serve all people, particularly the poor, the weak, the sick, and the lonely.

As a deacon in the Church, you are to study the Holy Scriptures, to seek nourishment from them, and to model your life upon them. You are to make Christ and his redemptive love known, by your word and example, to those among whom you live, and work, and worship. You are to interpret to the Church the needs, concerns, and hopes of the world. You are to assist the bishop and priests in public worship and in the ministration of God's Word and Sacraments, and you are to carry out other duties assigned to you from time to time. At all times, your life and teaching are to show Christ's people that in serving the helpless they are serving Christ himself.

Bishop My sister, do you believe that you are truly called by God and his Church to the life and work of a deacon?

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

Answer I will.

Bishop Will you be faithful in prayer, and in the reading and study of the Holy Scriptures?

Answer I will.

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

Answer I will.

Bishop Will you do your best to pattern your life in accordance with the teachings of Christ, so that you may be a wholesome example to your people?

Answer I will.

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

Answer I will.

Bishop May the Lord by his grace uphold you in the service he lays upon you.

Answer Amen.

The People rise.

THE CONSECRATION OF THE DEACON

The Ordinand kneels before the Bishop



1. Come, Ho - ly Ghost, our souls in - spire, and light - en with ce - les - tial fire.
 3. Thy bless - ed unc - tion from a - bove is com - fort, life, and fire of love.
 5. A - noint and cheer our soil - ed face with the a - bun - dance of thy grace.



2. Thou the a - noint - ing Spi - rit art, who dost thy sev'n fold gifts im - part.
 4. En - a - ble with per - pet - ual light the dull - ness of our blind - ed sight.
 6. Keep far our foes, give peace at home: where thou art guide, no ill can come.



7. Teach us to know the Fa - ther, Son, and thee, of both, to be but One,



8. That through the a - ges all a - long, this may be our end - less song:



9. praise to thy e - ter - nal mer - it, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit.

All observe a period of silent prayer.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Bishop 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.

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

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

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

The People in a loud voice respond: AMEN.

*The new deacon is now vested according to the order of deacons
and the Bishop presents 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 Bishop and the Clergy present greet the newly ordained.
The Clergy and People exchange the peace of the Lord.*

The People are seated.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM

Love Unknown

"My song is love unknown"

Kathleen Chandler, Soprano and John Robertson, Tenor

My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me, love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be.
O who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die? He came from his blest throne,
salvation to bestow: but men made strange and none the longed-for Christ would know. But O my
friend, my friend indeed, who at my need his life did spend! Here might I stay and sing, no story so
divine: never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine! This is my friend, in whose sweet praise I
all my days could gladly spend. Amen. - Samuel Crossman

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B

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.**

Celebrant 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

S-125, by Richard Proulx

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes. There are some ties and slurs used to connect notes across phrases.

The People may stand or kneel throughout the Eucharistic Prayer.

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant 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,

All **We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant 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 Saint Paul 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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

All 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.
All observe a period of silent reflection.*

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

S-169, by Ray W. Urwin

Cantor

My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the

All

Lord. My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord.

Cantor *All*

Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood dwell in me and I in them. My

flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord.

THE INVITATION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

The People rise.

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 Ranie 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 DISMISSAL

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

CONCLUDING PROCESSION HYMN 529

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1 In Christ there is no East or West, in
2 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what -
3 In Christ now meet both East and West, in

him no South or North, but one great fel - low -
e'er your race may be! Who serves my Fa - ther
him meet South and North, all Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
as his child is sure - ly kin to me.
one in him, through - out the whole wide earth.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

arranged by Richard Proulx

“In Christ there is no East or West”
Mr. Shafer

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and
in honor of the ordination of Ranie Neislar.
Given by Keith and June Shafer.*

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