



The Ordination of a Deacon

Perry Michael Pauley

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All Saints' Episcopal Church
Phoenix, Arizona

On the Nature and History of the Diaconate

“The community chose ... individuals full of faith and the Holy Spirit, and the Apostles laid hands on them ... and the word of God continued to prosper.” (Acts 6:5-7)

In Acts, we see the early Christian community striving to follow Jesus. In choosing deacons from their midst to keep them vigilant about the plight of their neighbor, they embraced their baptismal call to *diakonia*, meaning caring for those in need and cherishing God’s creation, as essential to discipleship.

Diakonia is not the strong serving the weak. It is deep mutual sharing. Both the servant and the served are transformed by Christ’s love. The Association of Episcopal Deacons states: “Deacons are to model and lead, by inspiring, empowering, and engaging every baptized person in living out the *diakonia* of all believers in everyday life.” Deacons do not “do” *diakonia* for us, they lead us to servant ministry, the essence of our baptismal covenant.

Deacons take the Good News into the community, inviting us to share the love of Christ across boundaries of wealth, religion, age, ethnicity and language. While engaging the community, the deacon hears the stories and aspirations of the poor, the rejected, the sick and lonely and the disenfranchised. In a ministry of petition and advocacy, the deacon gathers these “prayers of the people” and proclaims them in church meetings, corporate board rooms, and legislative hearings, everywhere the cry of God’s people needs to be heard.

Deacons ask challenging questions: Who is not at the table? How does God ask us to care for others? Are the decisions of government, business, civic groups and the Church consistent with Scriptural tradition? This is a prophetic ministry.

The deacon serves with us, people, priest and bishop, at the Lord’s Table, as a sign of our baptismal promise “to seek and serve Christ in all persons.” This is a ministry of sharing responsibility. The work of the deacon is building capacity and commissioning: helping us recognize God’s gifts to us and sending us out to act. Deacons challenge us to live into our own diaconal calling, to go out and do the work God has given us to do.

Deacons are a bridge between the Church and the world: what deacons do to model and lead in the world is reflected by what deacons do every Sunday when we gather for Eucharist.

*—Excerpts from the “The Diaconate in the Diocese of Arizona for the 21st Century,”
a Pastoral Letter of the Right Reverend Kirk Stevan Smith, 5th Bishop of Arizona, June 2014*

Holy Eucharist + Rite II

VOLUNTARY

“Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme” (“Awake, the voice is calling us.”)

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

The Word of God

Please stand

ENTRANCE PROCESSION

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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 and the ordinand are seated for The Presentation.

The Presenters remain standing.

THE PRESENTATION

Bishop The candidate for Ordination will now be presented.

Presenters Jennifer, Bishop in the Church of God, on behalf of the clergy and people of the Diocese of Arizona, we present to you Perry Michael Pauley to be ordained 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 he is qualified for this order.

All presenters are seated and the ordinand now stands.

The Bishop addresses the ordinand, saying

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 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, then all stand.

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

If no objection is made, the Bishop continues

Bishop Is it your will that Perry be ordained deacon?

People **It is.**

Bishop Will you uphold him in this ministry?

People **We will.**

Bishop In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Please kneel

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.

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, 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.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Litanist For Perry, a 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 his family, the members of his household or 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 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, family, 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 relieved 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, Saint James, Saint Christopher, 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 Lord, have mercy.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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 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.**

A READING FROM THE PROPHET JEREMIAH

JEREMIAH 45:1-5

The word that the prophet Jeremiah spoke to Baruch son of Neriah, when he wrote these words in a scroll at the dictation of Jeremiah, in the fourth year of King Jehoiakim son of Josiah of Judah: Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, to you, O Baruch: You said, “Woe is me! The LORD has added sorrow to my pain; I am weary with my groaning, and I find no rest.” Thus you shall say to him, “Thus says the LORD: I am going to break down what I have built, and pluck up what I have planted—that is, the whole land. And you, do you seek great things for yourself? Do not seek them; for I am going to bring disaster upon all flesh, says the LORD; but I will give you your life as a prize of war in every place to which you may go.”

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 7:1-10

Domine, Deus meus

- 1 O Lord my God, I take refuge in you; *
save and deliver me from all who pursue me;
- 2 Lest like a lion they tear me in pieces *
and snatch me away with none to deliver me.
- 3 O Lord my God, if I have done these things: *
if there is any wickedness in my hands,
- 4 If I have repaid my friend with evil, *
or plundered him who without cause is my enemy;
- 5 Then let my enemy pursue and overtake me, *
trample my life into the ground,
and lay my honor in the dust.

- 6 Stand up, O Lord, in your wrath; *
rise up against the fury of my enemies.
- 7 Awake, O my God, decree justice; *
let the assembly of the peoples gather round you.
- 8 Be seated on your lofty throne, O Most High; *
O Lord, judge the nations.
- 9 Give judgment for me according to my righteousness, O Lord, *
and according to my innocence, O Most High.
- 10 Let the malice of the wicked come to an end,
but establish the righteous; *
for you test the mind and heart, O righteous God.

A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

ACTS 11:27-12:3

At that time prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. One of them named Agabus stood up and predicted by the Spirit that there would be a severe famine over all the world; and this took place during the reign of Claudius. The disciples determined that according to their ability, each would send relief to the believers living in Judea; this they did, sending it to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.

About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.)

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel Hymn and the Proclamation of the Gospel.

Meditate on the lyrics of the hymn as the organ plays. No congregational singing, please.

THE GOSPEL HYMN

Come Down, O Love Divine

HYMNAL #516

1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine,
2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn
3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,
and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
for none can guess its grace, till Love cre - ate a place

and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
where - in the Ho - ly Spi - rit makes a dwell - ing.

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The mother of the sons of Zebedee came to Jesus with her sons, and kneeling before him, she asked a favor of him. And he said to her, “What do you want?” She said to him, “Declare that these two sons of mine will sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom.” But Jesus answered, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?” They said to him, “We are able.” He said to them, “You will indeed drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left, this is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father.”

When the ten heard it, they were angry with the two brothers. But Jesus called them to him and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated

HOMILY

The Reverend Peter Fabre
Priest-in-Charge
St. Christopher’s Episcopal Church

A period of silence for meditation follows the sermon.

Please 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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE EXAMINATION

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

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.

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

Ordinand I believe I am so called.

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

Ordinand I do.

Bishop Will you 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, or household, or community 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.

All now stand except the ordinand, who kneels facing the Bishop.

THE CONSECRATION HYMN

Veni Creator Spiritus

Hymnal #504

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
and lighten with celestial fire.

Thou the anointing Spirit art,
who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.

Thy blesséd unction from above
is comfort, life, and fire of love.

Enable with perpetual light
the dullness of our blinded sight.

Anoint and cheer our soiled 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 may be our endless song:

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

*Latin, 9th cent.; tr. John Cosin (1594-1672); para. of Veni Creator Spiritus
This selection is in the public domain.*

A period of silence follows, after which the Bishop says

THE 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 Perry Michael Pauley and, after a period of silence, prays

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

People **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

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holy Communion

THE OFFERTORY

The offering today goes to support the Deacon Formation Academy of the Diocese of Arizona.

Please give generously! Checks may be made out to The Episcopal Diocese of Arizona, designated "Deacon Formation Academy" in the memo line. All gifts may be mailed to the Diocesan Office, 114 W. Roosevelt St., Phoenix, Arizona 85003-1406.

Please stand

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Then, the Celebrant proceeds

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:

Said together

SANCTUS

**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.

The people kneel or continue to stand as is their custom. The Celebrant continues

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 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."

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

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

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Please stand

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant & 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 Perry 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 BLESSING

The Bishop then blesses the people, saying

Let us pray.

Bishop Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

People **The maker of heaven and earth.**

Bishop Blessed be the Name of the Lord;

People **From this time forth for evermore.**

Bishop The blessing, mercy, and grace of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

RETIRING PROCESSION

DISMISSAL

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

“Veni Creator Spiritus” (“Come, Creator, Spirit”)

Nicolas de Grigny (1672-1703)



The ministry of a deacon is to represent Christ and his Church, particularly as a servant of those in need; and to assist bishops and priests in the proclamation of the Gospel and the administration of the sacraments.

*Book of Common Prayer
Catechism, Page 856*

Service Personnel

The Right Reverend Jennifer A. Reddall - Bishop of the Diocese of Arizona

The Reverend Emilie Finn - Celebrant and Litanist

The Reverend Peter Fabre - Preacher

Michelle Twitchell Pauley – Presenter

Joseph Ripka – Presenter and Organist

With Special Thanks

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