

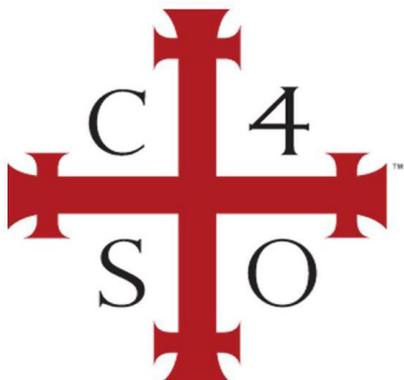
THE ORDINATION
OF A DEACON

Nancy Lynn Upton Nethercott

Saturday May 15, 2021 | 3pm

The Table

Indianapolis, Indiana



Prelude: How Great Thou Art

Oh Lord, my God, when I, in awesome wonder
 Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
 I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
 Thy power throughout the universe displayed*

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
 How great Thou art, how great Thou art
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 How great Thou art, how great Thou art

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing
 Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
 That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing
 He bled and died to take away my sin*

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation
 And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart
 Then I shall bow, in humble adoration
 And then proclaim, my God, how great Thou art*

Welcome

Opening Acclamation & Collect For Purity

The People standing, the Bishop says

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

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

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Bishop Let us pray.

The Bishop and People pray

**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. The Presenters, standing before the Bishop, present the Ordinand, saying

Presenters Bishop Dan Scott, on behalf of the clergy and people of the Diocese of Churches for the Sake of Others, we present to you Nancy Nethercott 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 satisfied the requirements of the canons, and we believe her qualified for this order.

The Bishop says to the Ordinand

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?

The Ordinand then declares

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 Anglican 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 Nancy Nethercott for ordination to the sacred order of deacons.

4 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 Nancy be ordained as a Deacon?

People **It is.**

Bishop Will you uphold her in her ministry?

People **We will.**

Bishop In peace let us pray to the Lord.

The Litany for Ordinations

The Bishop is seated, and the congregation is invited to kneel or remain seated.

God the Father, **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 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 Nancy Nethercott, 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.

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 her family and the community she serves, 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 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 those who have died in the hope of the resurrection and for the loved ones now experiencing grief and loss, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

Lord, hear our prayer.

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At the conclusion of the Litany for Ordinations, the Bishop shall stand and say

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Bishop Let us pray.

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were being cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

Old Testament Reading *Jeremiah 1:4-9*

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsive Psalm Reading *Psalms 19:7-14*

The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul.

The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart.

The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever.

The decrees of the LORD are firm, and all of them are righteous.

They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold;

they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb.

By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

But who can discern their own errors?

Forgive my hidden faults.

Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me.

Then I will be blameless, innocent of great transgression.

May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, oh LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.

New Testament Reading *2 Corinthians 4:1-6*

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

All stand for the reading of the Gospel.

Gospel Hymn

Alleluia, Alleluia, Yours are the words of life

Gospel Reading *John 15:1-9*

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

...The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Gospel Hymn

Alleluia, Alleluia, Yours are the words of life

The Sermon

Confession of Faith: The Nicene Creed

All stand to recite the Nicene creed, the Bishop first saying

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, visible and invisible.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten 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 from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and was made 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.**

The Examination

All are seated except the Ordinand, who stands before the Bishop who says

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?

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 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.

The Consecration of the Deacon

All now stand, except the Ordinand, who kneels or prostrates herself facing the Bishop. (Nancy has chosen to prostrate herself as an act of humility and a symbol of death-to-self as she enters the servant-leadership role of Deacon at The Table.)

¹⁰**Song: Spirit of the Living God**

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me

Spirit of the living God, move among us all;
Make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love:
Humble, caring, selfless, sharing.
Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love.

A period of silent prayer follows, the people still standing. The Bishop then says this Prayer of Consecration

O God, most merciful Father, we praise you for sending your Son Jesus Christ, who took on himself the form of a servant, and humbled himself, becoming obedient even to death on the cross. We praise you that you have highly exalted him, and made him Lord of all; and that, through him, we know that whoever would be great must be servant of all. We praise you for the many ministries in your Church, and for calling this your servant to the order of deacons.

Here the Bishop lays hands upon the head of the Ordinand and prays

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

The Bishop gives a Bible to the newly ordained, saying

Receive this Bible as the sign of your authority to proclaim God's Word and to assist in the ministrations of his holy Sacraments.

The Peace

Bishop
People

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

Holy Communion

Offertory

The offering is collected for a discretionary mission fund for the newly ordained Deacon. The Doxology is sung while the altar is prepared.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him all creatures here below
Praise him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant
People
Celebrant
People
Celebrant
People

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise!

The Celebrant continues

It is right, our duty and our joy, 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 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:

(sung together)

**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 Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

People

**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, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. + Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made

one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

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!**

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

(sung together)

**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 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
forever and ever. Amen.**

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

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

The Celebrant makes the following invitation

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb. Church, behold what you are! Become what you receive!

(sung together)

**O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.**

The People come to the kneeling rail to receive Communion.

The Celebrant receives the Sacrament in both kinds, and ministers the Bread to the newly-ordained Deacon, who delivers the Bread to the People.

Song: How Deep the Father's Love For Us

How deep the Father's love for us / How vast beyond all measure
 That He should give His only Son / To make a wretch His treasure
 How great the pain of searing loss
 The Father's love in Christ displayed
 As wounds which mar the Chosen One / Bring many sons to glory

Behold the man upon a cross / My sin upon His shoulders
 Ashamed I hear my mocking voice / Call out among the scoffers
 It was my sin that held Him there / Until it was accomplished
 His dying breath has brought me life / I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything / No gifts, no power, no wisdom
 But I will boast in Jesus Christ / His death and resurrection
 Why should I gain from His reward? / I cannot give an answer
 But this I know with all my heart: his wounds have paid my ransom

Song: Take My Life

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee
 Take my moments and my days,
 Let them flow in ceaseless praise
 Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love
 Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee

Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my King
 Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from Thee
 Take my silver and my gold, not a might would I withhold
 Take my intellect and use every power as You choose

*Here am I, all of me, take my life, it's all for Thee

Take my will and make it Thine, it shall be no longer mine
 Take my heart, it is Thine own, it shall be Thy royal throne
 Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Your feet it's treasure store
 Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for Thee

The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant and People together say the following

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 Nancy 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 Bishop blesses the People saying

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.**

The Dismissal

The newly ordained Deacon dismisses the People saying

Deacon

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

People

Thanks be to God!

All are invited to a reception for
Deacon Nancy at Fall Creek Abbey:
2439 N. Park Ave., Indianapolis

Participating in the service today

Consecrating Bishop

The Rt. Rev. Dan Scott

Sermon

The Rt. Rev. Dan Scott

Celebrant

The Rev. Ben Sternke

Presenters

Josie Fasoldt

Jean Gill

The Rev. Teresa Sherrill

The Rev. Ben Sternke

Readers

Jon Crawford

The Rev. Ryan Donoho

Olivia Ortman

The Rev. Spencer Ruark

The Rev. Matt Tebbe

Musicians

Scott and Alicia Leming

Worship Dance

Traci Cosby

