



**EPISCOPAL DIOCESE**  
*of Rhode Island*

**THE ORDINATION OF**  
**George Hartwell Hylton**  
**TO THE SACRED ORDER OF DEACONS**



The Order of Service for Holy Eucharist  
Rite II

September 12, 2020

10:00 a.m.

Grace Church in Providence

The Right Reverend W. Nicholas Knisely  
XIII Bishop of Rhode Island

*PLEASE CHECK THAT ALL CELL PHONES AND OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES ARE SILENCED.*

*Please stand at the Bishop's invitation.*

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Bishop* **A**LMIGHTY 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

*All are seated. A Priest and a Lay Person, and additional Presenters if desired, stand before the Bishop, present the Ordinand, saying*

Nicholas, Bishop in the Church of God, on behalf of the clergy and people of the Diocese of Rhode Island, we present to you George Hartwell Hylton to be ordained a 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 him to be qualified for this order.

*The Bishop says to the Ordinand*

Will you be loyal to the doctrine, discipline, and worship of Christ as this Church has received them? And will you, in accordance with the canons of this Church, obey your bishop and other ministers who may have authority over you and your work?

*Answer*

I am willing and ready to do so; and I solemnly declare that I do believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, and to contain all things necessary to salvation; and I do solemnly engage to conform to the doctrine, discipline, and worship of The Episcopal Church.

*The Ordinand then signs the above Declaration in the sight of all present.*

*All stand. The Bishop says to the People*

**D**EAR FRIENDS IN CHRIST, you know the importance of this ministry, and the weight of your responsibility in presenting Hartwell 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*

Is it your will that Hartwell be ordained a deacon?

*The People respond in these or other words*

**It is.**

*Bishop*

Will you uphold him in this ministry?

**We will.**

*Bishop*

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

*All kneel for the litany.*

THE LITANY FOR ORDINATIONS

*Leader* God the Father,

*People* **Have mercy on us.**

*Leader* God the Son,

*People* **Have mercy on us.**

*Leader* God the Holy Spirit,

*People* **Have mercy on us.**

*Leader* Holy Trinity, one God,

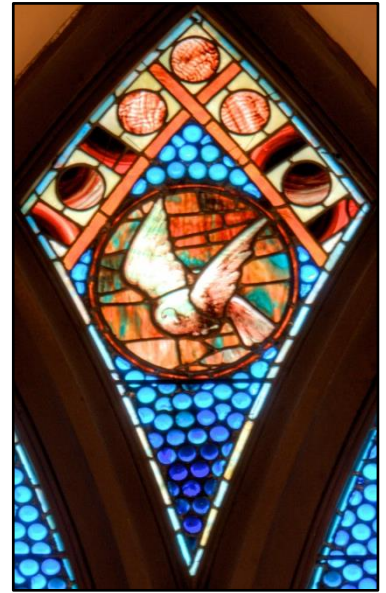
*People* **Have mercy on us.**

*Leader* We pray to you, Lord Christ.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* 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.**



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, 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 Hartwell, chosen deacon in your Church, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That he 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 he may be sustained and encouraged to persevere to the end, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For his 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, especially Donald our president, 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 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.**

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

*The Bishop stands and says:*

*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 People are seated.*

THE OLD TESTAMENT

*Ecclesiasticus 39:1-8*

**H**E SEEKS OUT the wisdom of all the ancients, and is concerned with prophecies; he preserves the sayings of the famous and penetrates the subtleties of parables; he seeks out the hidden meanings of proverbs and is at home with the obscurities of parables. He serves among the great and appears before rulers; he travels in foreign lands and learns what is good and evil in the human lot. He sets his heart on rising early to seek the Lord who made him, and to petition the Most High; he opens his mouth in prayer and asks pardon for his sins. If the great Lord is willing, he will be filled with the spirit of understanding; he will pour forth words of wisdom of his own and give thanks to the Lord in prayer. The Lord will direct his counsel and knowledge, as he meditates on his mysteries. He will show the wisdom of what he has learned, and will glory in the law of the Lord's covenant.

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

PSALM 119:33-40

*Legem pone*

*The psalm will be prayed responsively by whole verse. (The Congregation alternates with the Reader.)*

- <sup>33</sup> Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, \*  
and I shall keep it to the end.
- <sup>34</sup> **Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; \***  
**I shall keep it with all my heart.**
- <sup>35</sup> Make me go in the path of your commandments, \*  
for that is my desire.
- <sup>36</sup> **Incline my heart to your decrees \***  
**and not to unjust gain.**

<sup>37</sup> Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; \*  
give me life in your ways.

<sup>38</sup> **Fulfill your promise to your servant, \***  
**which you make to those who fear you.**

<sup>39</sup> Turn away the reproach which I dread, \*  
because your judgments are good.

<sup>40</sup> **Behold, I long for your commandments; \***  
**in your righteousness preserve my life.**

THE EPISTLE

*1 Timothy 3:7-13*

**M**OREOVER, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace and the snare of the devil. Deacons likewise must be serious, not double-tongued, not indulging in much wine, not greedy for money; they must hold fast to the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. And let them first be tested; then, if they prove themselves blameless, let them serve as deacons. Women likewise must be serious, not slanderers, but temperate, faithful in all things. Let deacons be married only once and let them manage their children and their households well; for those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and great boldness in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*The People stand for the Gospel.*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

*Luke 22:24-27*

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to 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."

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Canon Jonathan Huyck, *Rector of Grace Church*

*All stand to say*

THE NICENE CREED

**W**E 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.  
 The Bishop addresses the Ordinand as follows*

**M**Y 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.

**A**S 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.

My brother, 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 and that of your family in accordance with the teachings of Christ, so that you may be a wholesome example to all 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 CONSECRATION

*All now stand except the Ordinand, who kneels facing the Bishop.*

*The hymn Veni Creator Spiritus is sung by the Cantors.*

HYMN 504

*Come Holy Ghost, our souls inspire, and lighten with celestial fire.  
Thou the anointing Spirit art, who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.  
Thy blessed 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. Amen.*

*Words: Latin, 9<sup>th</sup> cent.; tr. John Cosin (1594-1672); para. of Veni Creator Spiritus*

*Music: Veni Creator Spiritus, plainsong, Mode 8*

*A period of silent prayer follows, the People remain 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, saying*

**T**HEREFORE, FATHER, through Jesus Christ your Son, give your Holy Spirit to Hartwell; fill him with your grace and power, and make him a deacon in your Church.

**M**AKE 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.

*The People in a loud voice respond. AMEN.*

*The new Deacon is now vested according to the Order of Deacons.*

*The Bishop then gives a Bible to the newly ordained, saying*

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

*The Bishop greets the newly ordained.*

THE PEACE

*All stand as the Bishop says to the Congregation,*

*Bishop*      The Peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*      **And also with you.**

*The People greet one another with a sign of God's peace. Then all sit for the Announcements.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*The People stand.*

*The Celebrant faces the People saying*

*Bishop*      The Lord be with you.

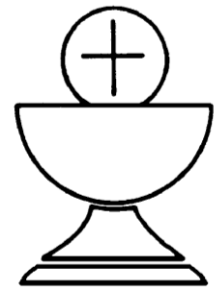
*People*      **And also with you.**

*Bishop*      Lift up your hearts.

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

*Bishop*      Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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



**I**T 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

*Celebrant and People*

**H**OLY, 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 remain standing or kneel as the Celebrant continues*

**W**E 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.



**O**N 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."

**A**FTER 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,

*Celebrant and People*

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

*The Celebrant continues*

**A**ND 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.

**W**E 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 the ever-blessed Virgin Mary 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.

**B**Y 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 say,

**O**UR 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 bread. A period of silence is kept, then is said:*

*Bishop* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

THE COMMUNION

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**A**LMIGHTY 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 Hartwell 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 EPISCOPAL BLESSING

*The Bishop then blesses the People.*

*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.**

*All then rise for the dismissal.*

THE DISMISSAL

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

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

*Fugue in E-flat Major, "St. Anne" (BWV 552ii)*

J. S. Bach



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*Ordaining Bishop and Presider*

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The Rev. Canon Jonathan Huyck,

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The Rev. Kit Sharp McLean (*in absentia*)

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*Audio-Visual Coordinator & Cantor*

Bradford Kleyla

*Many thanks to the clergy and people of Grace Church, the Altar Guild, and support staff for their generous hospitality today.*

Go ye into  
all the world,  
and preach the gospel to  
every creature.



Mark 16:15



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XIII Bishop of Rhode Island**

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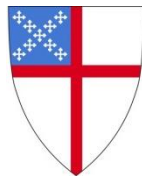
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