

Rite of Ordination with Litany

RITE OF ORDINATION

Doxology (*All Stand*)

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit!

All: And blessed be His kingdom, now and forever. Amen!

Celebrant: The Lord be with you!

All: And with your spirit!

All: Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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 glorious Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(The ordinand is presented)

Celebrant/Presenter: I present for ordination to the holy ministry of Word and Sacrament *Craig Stuart Beaton*, For, after due inquiry, we find that he is lawfully called to this office and ministry, and that he is fit, able and well suited for this office. He has been prepared and examined for this ministry and has been called by the Church to the office of pastor.

All: Thanks be to God.

Celebrant: 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.

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins, transforms our lives and gives His Church the gift of pastors and teachers for the edifying of the Body of Christ.;

All: His mercy endures forever.

Hymn - Come Holy Ghost, Creator Blest

First Lesson (The Congregation may be seated)

Reader (Before Reading Text) The First Lesson is taken from the book of Exodus, the 40th chapter, verse 12 through verse 15.

And you shall bring Aaron and his sons to the door of the Tabernacle of the congregation, and wash them with water. And you shall put upon Aaron the holy garments, and anoint him, and sanctify him; that he may minister to me in the priest's office. And you shall bring his sons, and clothe them with robes. "You shall anoint them as you anointed their father, that they may minister to me as priests; for their anointing shall sure be an everlasting priesthood throughout their generations

Reader (After Reading Text) This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson

Reader (Before Reading Text) The Second Lesson is taken from the book of I Peter, the 5th chapter, verse 1 through verse 4.

The presbyters who are among you I exhort, I who am a fellow presbyter and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that will be revealed: Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by constraint but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly; nor as being Lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock: and when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away.

Reader (After Reading Text) This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel (All Stand)

(The Celebrant moves into the midst of the congregation for the reading of the Gospel... Christ in our midst)

Celebrant (Before Reading Text) The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew, chapter 9, verses 35-38.

Gloria Tibi

All Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

Celebrant (After Reading Text) The Gospel of the Lord.

Laus Tibi

All Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Psalm 99

The Sermon (*Pastor/Celebrant is Standing & Congregation is Seated*)

Stand

Celebrant: As a congregation of our Lord Jesus Christ and believers in God The Holy Trinity in Whom do you trust and in Whom do you ultimately rely upon to shepherd this congregation?

The Apostle's Creed (*Summary of the Christian Faith*) (*by the word "catholic" is meant the universal church of all faithful believers in Christ regardless of denominational ties, not only the church of Rome*)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. AMEN.

All Sit, Ordinand remains standing

The officiant addresses the ordinand(s):

Celebrant: Craig Beaton, you have received of the Lord Jesus Christ a call to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. Do not shun to declare unto your charge the whole counsel of God. Take heed to yourself, and to all the flock, over which the Holy Ghost has made you an overseer, to feed the church of God, which He has purchased with His own blood.

According to the biblical and apostolic pattern you are now to be set apart to the office of Word and Sacrament in the one holy catholic Church by the laying on of hands and by prayer. Our Lord Jesus Christ says: "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." (John 20:21-23)

And again: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age." (Malt 26:18-20)

St. Paul writes: I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. (1 Cor. 11:23-26)

The officiant questions the ordinand(s):

Celebrant: Before almighty God, to whom you must give account, and in the presence of this congregation, I ask: Will you assume this office, believing that the Church's call is God's call to the ministry of Word and Sacrament?

Ordinand: I will, God helping me.

Celebrant: The Church in which you are to be ordained confesses that the Holy Scriptures are the Word of God and are the norm of its faith and life. We accept, teach, and confess the Apostles', the Nicene, and the Athanasian Creeds. We also acknowledge the Westminster Confession of Faith as amended and explained in our Constitution as a true witness and faithful exposition of the Holy Scriptures. Will you therefore preach and teach in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and these creeds and confessions?

Ordinand: I will, God helping me.

Celebrant: Will you be diligent in your study of the Holy Scriptures and in your use of the means of grace? Will you pray for God's people, nourish them with the Word and Holy Sacraments, and lead them by your own example in faithful service and holy living?

Ordinand: I will, God helping me.

Celebrant: Will you give faithful witness in the world, that God's love may be known in all that you do?

Ordinand: I will, God helping me.

Celebrant: Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things, through His Holy Spirit graciously give you the strength, love and wisdom to perform them.

All: Amen

All Stand

Celebrant: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. For the holy catholic Church, that it may be filled with truth and love and by your grace be found without fault at the last day: Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Celebrant: For all members of the Church, that they may serve you in true and godly lives: Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Celebrant: For Mickey Schneider, our presbytery moderator, and for Jack Phelps, our council moderator, and for all those responsible for the care and nurture of your people: Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Celebrant: For *Craig Beaton*, chosen to be a pastor in the Church, that he may faithfully fulfill the duties of this ministry, serve your people, build up your Church, and glorify your name: Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Celebrant: For the peace of the Church, that our divisions may be overcome and that we may serve the world as one people in one Lord Jesus Christ: Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Celebrant: For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and understanding may grow among nations and peoples: Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Celebrant: For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, the lonely, the forgotten, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected: Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Celebrant: For the glorious company of all the saints, those who have died in faith and those who live in certain hope, we praise you. That their witness may give us courage until the day of Jesus Christ: Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

The ordinand(s) may kneel.

The celebrant begins the thanksgiving.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father, we bless you for your infinite love in Christ our Lord, in whom we have redemption and forgiveness of sins according to the riches of his grace. We thank you that by his death your Son has overcome death and, having been raised by your mighty power, has ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things. We praise you that Christ has poured out his gifts abundantly on the Church, making some apostles, some prophets, some pastors and teachers, to equip your people for their work of ministry for building up the body of Christ.

The celebrant lays both hands on the head of the ordinand(s). Other clergy may impose their right hands.

Celebrant: Eternal God, through your Son, Jesus Christ, pour out your Holy Spirit upon Craig and fill him with the gifts of grace for the ministry of Word and Sacrament. Bless his proclamation of your Word and administration of your Sacraments, O Lord, so that your Church may be gathered for praise and strengthened for service. Make him a faithful pastor, patient teacher, wise counselor. Grant that in all things he may serve without reproach, that your people may be renewed and your name be glorified in the Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever.

All: Amen

All Sit, Ordinand remains kneeling

A Bible is given & a stole is placed over the ordinand's shoulders as the celebrant says:

Celebrant: Receive this Bible as a sign of the authority given to you to preach the Word of God and to administer his holy sacraments. Do not forget the trust committed to you as a pastor of the Church of God. Receive this stole as a sign of the yoke of Christ, and walk in obedience to the Lord Jesus, serving his people and remembering his promise: "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." (Matt 11:28-30)

The newly ordained stands.

Celebrant: "Strive for righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith." (1 Tim. 6:11-12)

"Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you guardians, to feed the Church of the Lord which he obtained with his own blood." (Acts 20:28)

"Tend the flock of God that is your charge, not by constraint but willingly, not for shameful gain but eagerly, not as domineering over those in your charge but being examples to the flock. And when the chief shepherd is manifested you will obtain the unfading crown of glory." (1 Peter 5:2-4)

"This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy." (1 Cor. 4:1-2)

Celebrant: Care for God's people, bear their burdens and do not betray their confidence. So discipline yourself in life and teaching that you preserve the truth, giving no occasion for false security or illusory hope. Witness faithfully in word and deed to all people. Give and receive comfort as you serve within the Church. And be of good courage, for God has called you, and your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

The newly ordained kneel for the blessing.

Celebrant: The God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory forever and ever.

All: Amen

Stand

The celebrant and newly ordained turn to face the congregation.

Celebrant: Will you, assembled as the people of God and speaking for the whole Church, receive *Craig Beaton* as a messenger of Jesus Christ sent to serve God's people with the Gospel of hope and salvation? Will you regard him as a servant of Christ?

All: We will.

Celebrant: Will you pray for him; help and honor him for his work's sake, and in all things strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?

All: We will.

Celebrant: Let it be acclaimed that *Craig Beaton* is ordained a minister in the Church of Christ. He has Christ's authority to preach the Word and administer the Sacraments, serving God's people.

All: Amen. Thanks be to God.

Charge: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **Amen.**

Song of Simeon (Nunc Dimittis - Luke 2:29-32)

Benediction (*see Cover Sheet*)

Recessional Psalm, Hymn or Canticle

Celebrant Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord and the God of Peace be with you!

All **Thanks be to God**

Postlude