The Ordination of Kevin Wayne Todd
to the Sacred Order of Deacons in
Christ’s One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church

The Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina

Thursday, July 9, 2020
7:00 p.m.
Saint James Church
Hendersonville, North Carolina
Preface to the Ordination Rites

The Holy Scriptures and ancient Christian writers make it clear that from the apostles’ time, there have been different ministries within the Church. In particular, since the time of the New Testament, three distinct orders of ordained ministers have been characteristic of Christ’s holy Catholic Church. First, there is the order of bishops who carry on the apostolic work of leading, supervising, and uniting the Church. Second, associated with them are the presbyters, or ordained elders, in subsequent times generally known as priests. Together with the bishops, they take part in the governance of the Church, in the carrying out of its missionary and pastoral work, and in the preaching of the Word of God and administering his holy Sacraments. Third, there are deacons who assist bishops and priests in all of this work. It is also a special responsibility of deacons to minister in Christ’s name to the poor, the sick, the suffering, and the helpless.

The persons who are chosen and recognized by the Church as being called by God to the ordained ministry are admitted to these sacred orders by solemn prayer and the laying on of episcopal hands. It has been, and is, the intention and purpose of this Church to maintain and continue these three orders; and for this purpose these services of ordination and consecration are appointed. No persons are allowed to exercise the offices of bishop, priest, or deacon in this Church unless they are so ordained, or have already received such ordination with the laying on of hands by bishops who are themselves duly qualified to confer Holy Orders.

It is also recognized and affirmed that the threefold ministry is not the exclusive property of this portion of Christ’s catholic Church, but is a gift from God for the nurture of his people and the proclamation of his Gospel everywhere. Accordingly, the manner of ordaining in this Church is to be such as has been, and is, most generally recognized by Christian people as suitable for the conferring of the sacred orders of bishop, priest, and deacon.

The Book of Common Prayer
The Ordination of a Deacon

Voluntary  * Nun Bitten Wir Den Heiligen Geist (We Now Implore the Holy Ghost) Bux WV 208  
Dietrich Buxtehude

* Please stand at the sound of the bell.

Hymn 518 (blue hymnal)  “Christ is made the sure foundation”  Westminster Abbey

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4 \text{ Here vouch-safe to all thy servants what they ask of thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ever} \\
1 \text{ Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone, chosen of the Lord, and precious,}

2 \text{ All that dedicated city, dearly loved of God on high, in exultant jubilation} \\
3 \text{ To this temple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of Hosts, to day; with thy wonted loving-kindness}

4 \text{ Here vouch-safe to all thy servants what they ask of thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ever} \\
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Bishop  Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

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 Presentation

Bishop McLoughlin and the people sit. The Ordinand’s presenters come forward, standing before the Bishop they present the Ordinand.

Presenters  José, Bishop in the Church of God, on behalf of the clergy and people of the Diocese of Western North Carolina, we present to you Kevin Wayne Todd 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 addresses 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?

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.

All stand.
Kevin was previously ordained in another denominational tradition, therefore;

The Ecclesiastical Authority of this Diocese is satisfied that Kevin accepts the Doctrine, Discipline, and Worship of this Church and now desires to be ordained a Deacon in this Church. We are about to confer upon Kevin the grace and authority of Holy Orders as this Church has received them and requires them for the exercise of the ministry of a Deacon.

Dear friends in Christ, you know the importance of this ministry, and the weight of your responsibility in presenting Kevin 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, Bishop McLoughlin continues._

Is it your will that Kevin be ordained a deacon?

It is.

Will you uphold him in this ministry?

We will.

_Bishop McLoughlin then calls the people to prayer._

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

_Those who are able are invited to kneel; the Cantor leads the Litany for Ordinations._

**The Litany for Ordinations**

Phillip Haynie, cantor
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 José, our 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 Kevin, 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, 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 James, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another.

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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.*

*All sit.*
The Ministry of the Word

The Old Testament Lesson

Reader A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 84:1-8 (Please join the cantor in singing the Antiphon) Peter Hallock

ANTIPHON

Cantor: My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God. The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

ALL REPEAT THE ANTIPHON

Cantor: Happy are they who dwell in your house! They will always be praising you. Happy are the people whose strength is in you! whose hearts are set on the pilgrims’ way.

ALL REPEAT THE ANTIPHON

Cantor: Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, for the early rains have covered it with pools of water. They will climb from height to height, and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

ALL REPEAT THE ANTIPHON

Cantor: Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; hearken, O God of Jacob. Behold our defender, O God; and look upon the face of your anointed.

ALL REPEAT THE ANTIPHON
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  Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People  Thanks be to God.

Hymn, WLP 778  “We all are one in mission”  Nyland

1. We all are one in mission, we all are one in call,
   our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

2. We all are called for service to witness in God’s name.
   Our ministries are dif’rent, our purpose is the same:
   the steward of salvation was nailed upon a tree.
   Now let us be a vessel for God’s redeeming Word.

3. We all behold one vision, a stark reality.
   A single, great commission compels us from above
   to touch the lives of others by God’s surprising grace,
   Yet resurrected Justice gives rise that we may share
   We all are one in mission, we all are one in call,

4. Now let us be united and let our song be heard.
   to plan and work together that all may know Christ’s love.
   so people of all nations may feel God’s warm embrace.
   free reconciliation and hope amid despair.
   our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.
The Holy Gospel

Deacon 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.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Deacon Tim Jones

Following a short period of reflective silence all 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 worshipped 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 Bishop McLoughlin.

The Bishop addresses the Ordinand as follows:
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 respect and 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 you 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?

_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 facing Bishop McLoughlin.*
Come Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
Thou the anointing Spirit impart,
Blessed unction from above
and light with celestial fire.

Who dost thy seven-fold gifts impart,
Is comfort, life, and fire of love.

Enable with perpetual light
Anoint and cheer our soiled face
Keep far our foes, give peace at home:
Teach us to know the Father, Son,

The dullness of our blinded sight
With the abundance of thy grace.
Where thou art guide, no ill can come.
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.
A period of silent prayer follows, the people still standing. The Bishop then 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 the Ordinand.

Bishop Therefore, Father, through Jesus Christ your Son, give your Holy Spirit to Kevin; 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 then gives a Bible to the newly ordained.

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

The Bishop then says to the congregation

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Bishop and the Clergy now greet the newly ordained. The new Deacon then exchanges greetings with family members and others, as may be convenient. The Clergy and People greet one another.

Welcome and Announcements The Reverend Dr. Carol Jablonski
The Holy Communion

Bishop McLoughlin begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture. All sit.

Offertory Solo  Alleluia!

Phillip Haynie, baritone  Ferdinand Hummel

O Lord, My God! Early did I seek thee out.
My soul for thee was thirsting, Lord;
It longed for thee in a land of draught.
O thou didst lead me by the hand,
Who languished in a barren land!
Thy mercy, I sing with joy devout!
Alleluia!
O thou, dear Lord, thou art my Shepherd
Thy mercy doth my soul restore;
Thy rod and staff they are my comfort,
My cup of joy behold it runneth o’er!
Beside the waters still me leading,
In pastures green thou bad’st me live,
My soul exalts thee, my voice shall rise
Thy mercy praising to the sky!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
—Frederick Marteen, from Psalm 23 & 63

The Lord’s Prayer

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

Bishop and People
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

A Prayer of Spiritual Reception

Bishop  Be present, Lord Jesus, as you were present with your disciples; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope.

People  In union with your faithful people gathered at every altar where the Holy Eucharist is celebrated, we desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory.

Bishop  Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts.

People  Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come.

Bishop  Lord of the Feast, we thank you for gathering us as your people. We call to remembrance the many times we have been fed at your table and we lament our distance now.

People  May your Holy Spirit sustain us and all your Church until we gather together again. We ask this for the sake of your love. Amen.  (adapted from The Prayer Book for the Armed Services, 2008 Edition)
Communion Solo  *Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me*  
*Adoro te devote*, arr. K. Lee Scott

Phillip Haynie, baritone

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be;  
Help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee.  
And with words that help and heal thy life would mine reveal,  
And with actions bold and meek, for Christ my Savior, speak.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be;  
Help me now thy truth to see, I would be like thee.  
And with wisdom kind and clear, thy life in mine appear,  
And with actions sisterly speak Christ’s sincerity.

Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be;  
Show thy mercy tenderly, make me more like thee.  
Separate from sin, I would and cherish all things good,  
And whatever I can be give him who gave me thee.

Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be;  
Help me now thy pow’r to see, I would be like thee.  
‘Gainst all weapons hell can wield, be thou my strength and shield,  
Let thy word my weapon be, Lord Thine the victory.

Gracious Spirit dwell with me, I would be like thee.

*Bishop*  Let us pray.

*Bishop and People*

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 Kevin 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.*

**Episcopal Blessing**

**Hymn 377**  “All people that on earth do dwell”  
*Old Hundredth*
**The new Deacon dismisses the people.**

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

**People**  Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Voluntary**  *Chorale Prelude on “Now Thank We All Our God”*  Sigfrid Karg-Elert

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Regarding *Diakonia* (Diaconal Ministry)

“All Christians are called through the Baptismal Covenant to live out *diakonia* through what they do and how they live their daily life in the world. This is the first and most fundamental expression of *diakonia*. Organized expressions of *diakonia* occur at the congregational level as well as through those who are set apart as ordained deacons. 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—cannot—“do” *diakonia* on behalf of the baptized, but they help to lead all people, including the ordained, into the servant ministry of all believers, which is the essence of our Baptismal Covenant” (from *Unexpected Consequences: The Diaconate Renewed* by Susanne Watson Epting).

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*Everlasting God,*
*your Son Jesus Christ girded himself with a towel*
*and washed his disciples’ feet;*
*grant us the will to be the servant of others*
*as he was servant of all,*
*who gave up his life and died for us,*
*yet lives and reigns with you*
*and the Holy Spirit,*
*one God now and for ever. Amen*

(adapted from Collects for Maundy Thursday from *A New Zealand Prayer Book*)
The Ministers of the Ordination

The Celebrant
The Right Reverend José McLoughlin, Bishop of Western North Carolina

The Preacher and Deacon of the Mass
The Reverend Deacon Tim Jones

The Presenters of the Ordinand
The Reverend Doctor Carol Jablonski
The Reverend Christiana Olsen
The Reverend Tim Jones
Mr. Brad Gee
Dr. Julie Todd
Mr. Christoph Herpel

The Musicians
Mr. Brad Gee, Director of Music/Organist
Mr. Phillip Haynie, Cantor/Soloist

The Lector
The Reverend Christiana Olsen

The Presenters of the Symbol of Ministry
Dr. Julie Todd