Eucharistic Liturgy
With the Rite of Ordination of a Deacon

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Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption
Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Friday, June 19, 2020
2:30 PM
Gathering Antiphon:  All You Who Seek a Comfort Sure

Now hear him as he speaks to us those words for ever blest:  
“All you who labor, come to me, and I will give you rest.”
O heart adored by saints on high, and hope of sinners here, 
we place our every trust in you and lift to you our prayer.

Text: *Quicumque certum quaeritis*; latin 18th C.; Tr. By Edward Caswall, 1814-1878, alt.
Music: KINGSFOLD, CMD, English traditional

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES
RITO INTRODUCTORIO

Greeting

Penitential Act

Gloria

| Gloria | Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the high-est, and on earth peace, on earth peace to people of good will. |

To Verses Repeat Refrain Final

A - men.
Verse 1

1. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Verse 2

2. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.
Gloria (continued)

Verse 3

3. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
   you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the
   Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly
   Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

Collect

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD
LITURGIA DE LA PALABRA

First Reading: Deuteronomy 7:6-11
**Responsorial Psalm:**

*Psalm 103:1–2, 3–4, 6–7, 8 and 10*

The Lord’s kindness is everlasting to those who fear him.

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**Second Reading:**  
1 John 4:7-16

**Gospel Acclamation:**

*Alleluia, alleluia.*  
*Celtic Mass*  
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**Gospel:**  
*Matthew 11:25-30*

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**THE RITE OF ORDINATION**

**RITO DE ORDENACIÓN**

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**ELECTION OF THE CANDIDATE**

*(PLEASE BE SEATED)*

**Calling of the Candidate**

On behalf of the entire community, the candidate for ordination is called by name.

He responds to the call, “Present.”

**Presentation of the Candidate**

Testimony is given to his readiness and, in the name of the whole Church, request is made that the Bishop ordain him.


**Election by the Bishop and Assent of the People**

The Bishop, in the name of the Church, chooses him to be ordained. The consent of the People of God is required before a member of the Church can be ordained for service to the Church. As representatives of all God’s people, we respond:

*All: “Thanks be to God”*

We express our approval with applause.

HOMILY: Bishop Gruss

**Promise of the Elect**

The candidate is asked if he is willing to be ordained for the Church’s ministry, to discharge the office of deacon with humility and love, to hold fast to the mystery of faith, to proclaim this faith in word and deed, to embrace the celibate state, and to pray for the Church and the whole world.

**Promise of Obedience**

The candidate kneels before the Bishop and promises obedience to the Bishop and his successors in the Diocese of Saginaw.
Litany of Supplication: (Please Stand)

Invitation to Prayer

The Bishop invites the assembly to invoke the assistance of the saints.

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**Concluding Prayer**

*Laying on of Hands and Prayer of Ordination*

The candidate has expressed his readiness and willingness to accept the call to the diaconate. He now receives the strength of the Holy Spirit as the Bishop silently imposes his hands upon him.

With his hands extended over the candidate, the Bishop prays.
Explanatory Rites

Investiture with Stole and Dalmatic
Deacons, priests and bishops wear the stole, a symbol of their ordained ministries. The dalmatic is the liturgical vestment of the deacon. Kevin will be vested by Father Bob Schikora.

Acclamation: “Glory and Praise”

Handing on of the Book of Gospels
As herald of the Good News, Kevin is instructed to believe what he reads, teach what he believes, and practice what he teaches.

Acclamation: “Glory and Praise”

Kiss of Peace
The Bishop will exchange a Kiss of Peace with Kevin.

Acclamation: “Glory and Praise”
Creed

I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
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.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.
Preparation of the Altar and Gifts

Prayer Over the Gifts

Eucharistic Acclamations
Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Holy

San - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
The Mystery of Faith

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

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The Great Amen

Amen, amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen, amen.


Communion Rite

The Lord’s Prayer

The Sign of Peace
Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. World, grant us peace.

Communion Song: Pan de Vida

Refrain

* Pan de Vi - da, cuer-po del Se - ñor,

cup of bless - ing, blood of Christ the Lord.

At this ta - ble the last shall be first, ** po -
der es ser - vir. por-que Dios es a - mor.

Verses

1. † We are the dwell-ing of God,

2. Us - te des me lla - man “Se - ñor,” me in -

3. † There is no Jew or Greek,

fra - gi le and wound-ed and weak. We are the
cli - no a la - var - les los pies: Ha - gan lo
there is no slave or free: there is no

bod - y of Christ, called to be the com -
mis - mo, hu - mil - des, sir - vién - do se
wom - an or man; only heirs of the

pas - sion of God.

u - nos a o - tros.

D.C.

* Bread of Life, body of the Lord, ** power is for service, because God is Love.
*** You call me “Lord,” and I bow to wash your feet:
you must do the same, humbly serving each other.

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Prayer After Communion

The Concluding Rites

Ritos Finales

Blessing

Dismissal

Closing Antiphon: O God, beyond All Praising

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay; For we can only wonder at every gift you send, at blessings without number and mercies without end. We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word; we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

Tune: THAXTID, 13 13 13 13 13 13; Gustave Holst, 1874-1934
Receive the Gospel of Christ, whose herald you have become. Believe what you read, teach what you believe, and practice what you teach.

From the Rite of Ordination of a Deacon
A Message of Thanks...

Praised be Jesus Christ!

My heart is filled with thanksgiving on this joyous day. First, I would like to thank my parents for laying the foundation of love and faith in my life. Your support, along with the support from the rest of my family, has been instrumental in helping me become the man I am today.

I would like to thank all the priests, catechists, and youth ministers all the way from my childhood years through my college years. You generously encouraged and guided me in my quest to explore the depths of our rich faith. I am immensely grateful for the formation I have received from Saint John Vianney College Seminary and Sacred Heart Major Seminary. These past several years in the seminary have helped my mind and heart be more and more conformed to the mind and heart of Christ.

Thank you to Father Jose’ Cabrera and All Saints Parish as well as Father Bob Schikora and Holy Family Parish. The time I have spent interning in these parishes has been a great blessing to me and has strengthened my desire for ordained ministry.

To my brother deacon-classmates present today and to all the friends I have made along this journey, know that I thank God for you and for the inestimable gift of spiritual friendship.

A big thank you to Bishop Gruss, the Office of Liturgy, and the communications and maintenance staff of the Cathedral and diocese for all the work that went into this day.

All praise and all thanksgiving be to God! Please pray for me!

Sincerely,

Kevin Wojciechowski
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