



THE CELEBRATION OF A NEW MINISTRY
for
Archdeacon and Associate to the Archdeacon

Opening Hymn God of Grace and God of Glory #594

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

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

Collect for Purity

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.**

Bishop **Lord, have mercy.**

People **Christ, have mercy.**

Bishop **Lord, have mercy.**

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 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, on God, for ever and ever. Amen

Reader **A reading from 1 Corinthians (3:4-11)**

Reader **The Word of the Lord.**

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 34: 1-8 (Read Responsively by full verse)

All Stand

Gradual Hymn Be Thou My Vision #488

Deacon **The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (25:31-40)**

Deacon **The Gospel of the Lord**

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

Homily The Rt. Rev. J. Jon Bruno

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father 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, she is worshiped and glorified.
She 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**

Recognition of Retiring Archdeacon

Bishop _____, we appreciate the dedicated leadership you have shown over the _____ years you have served this Diocese and Community of Deacons as our Archdeacon. You have been a faithful servant, diligent role model, spiritual leader and careful steward of the trust placed upon you. You have brought the Holy Spirit among us in many ways. As a Community of Deacons, we will miss those gifts as we try to discern the future God has planned for us.

We wish you every wonderful gift from our Lord, Jesus Christ, and with grateful thanks from all whom you have touched during your tenure.

Let us pray.

Ever living God, whose power knows no bounds, we hold up before you Joanne, that she who has been a faithful leader in your church and is now setting aside the role of Archdeacon, may continue to grow in faith and share in the fullness of your life-giving spirit through your Son our Savior Jesus Christ.

People Amen

(Deacons present a gift.)

The retiring Archdeacon presents the newly appointed Archdeacon with the following words:

Bishop, I present to you _____ to be installed as Archdeacon of the Diocese of Los Angeles.

Bishop _____, do you promise, in the presence of this congregation, to commit yourself to serve the diocese and your bishops as Archdeacon and to support the Community of Deacons in and of the Diocese of Los Angeles?

Archdeacon I do.

Bishop Will you pledge to be faithful in tending to the deacons in your care, to consult with your bishops and your fellow archdeacons, and to be an intermediary between the world and the church, and the diaconate and the church?

Archdeacon I will with God's help.

Bishop (to congregation)

Will you who witness these vows commit yourselves to seek and serve Christ in all persons?

People We will

Bishop Let us pray:

We bless you, O God, for raising up in many places ministries to nurture all your people.

We welcome _____ to these new responsibilities, to be among us as our archdeacon, and to stand beside us in our work and our joy, our celebration and in sorrow. We ask that you bless our work together, that their ministry will not praise personal accomplishments, but will rather be to your honor and glory. May we all have the hearts and minds and hands to be faithful stewards of your household. May we be one with you as we engage in the tasks before us. And may the servant-leader Jesus Christ be our constant guide and companion today, tomorrow and always. Amen.

Bishop blesses the people

The blessing, mercy, and grace of Almighty God, The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you forever.

All **Amen**

Closing Hymn "Servant Song"

Deacon dismisses the people

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

All **Thanks be to God**