

The Celebration of a New Ministry



The Installation of
The Rev. Chris Cole
as Priest in Charge of
Grace Episcopal Church
Muskogee, Oklahoma

by

The Rev. Canon Eric Cooter
Canon to the Ordinary of the Diocese of Oklahoma

The Feast of Saint Philip and Saint James
May 2, 2022

The Institution

The Wardens, standing before the Canon with the new minister, say these or similar words

Wardens: Canon Eric, we have come together today to welcome Fr. Chris Cole, who has been chosen to serve as Priest in Charge of Grace. We believe that he is well qualified, and that he has been prayerfully and lawfully selected.

The Canon will read the Letter of Institution. The Canon then says:

Canon: Chris, do you, in the presence of this congregation, commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility?

Chris: I do.

The Canon then addresses the congregation:

Canon: Will you who witness this new beginning support and uphold Chris in this ministry?

People: **We will.**

The Canon, standing, says:

Canon: Let us then offer our prayers to God for all his people, for this congregation, and for Chris, their Priest in Charge.

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.**

Leader: 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.

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

Leader: For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Poulson, our own 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.

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

Leader: For Chris, chosen priest in your Church, we pray to you, O Lord.

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

Leader: That he may faithfully fulfill the duties of this ministry, build up your Church, and glorify your Name, we pray to you, O Lord.

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

Leader: 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.

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

Leader: 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.

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

Leader: 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.

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

Leader: 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.

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

Leader: 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.

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

Leader: 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.

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

Leader: 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.

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

Leader: 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.

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

Leader: 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.

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

Leader: 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.

People: **To you, O Lord our God.**

Leader: Lord, have mercy.

People: **Christ, have mercy.**

Leader: Lord, have mercy.

The Canon then says:

Canon: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Canon: Let us pray. Everliving God, strengthen and sustain Chris, that with patience and understanding he may love and care for your people; and grant that together they may follow Jesus Christ, offering to you their gifts and talents; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Lesson: Numbers 21:4-9

Reader: From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food."

Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live. "So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Reader: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

People: **and his mercy endures for ever.**

Reader: Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim

People: **that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.**

Reader: He gathered them out of the lands;

People: **from the east and the west, from the north and the south.**

Reader: Some were fools and took the rebellious ways;

People: **they were afflicted because of their sins.**

Reader: They abhorred all manner of food

People: **and drew near to death's door.**

Reader: Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,

People: **and he delivered them from their distress.**

Reader: He sent forth his word and healed them

People: **and saved them from the grave.**

Reader: Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy

People: **and the wonders he does for his children.**

Reader: Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving

People: **and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.**

The Second Lesson: Ephesians 2:1-10E

Reader: You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved--and raised up with him and seated us within him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of GOD—not he result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel: John 3:14-21

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Reader: And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgement, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon: The Rev. Canon Eric Cooter,
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The Induction

Representatives of the congregation and of the clergy of the diocese stand before the Canon with the new minister.

Pam Lipscomb presents a Bible, saying:

Pam: Chris, accept this Bible, and be among us as one who proclaims the Word.

People: **Amen.**

The Canon presents a vessel of water, saying:

Canon: Chris, take this water, and help our Bishop baptize in obedience to our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Pat Wilcox presents a stole, saying:

Pat: Chris, receive this stole, and be among us as a pastor and priest.

People: **Amen.**

Tim Holder presents a book of prayers, saying:

Tim: Chris, receive this book, and be among us as a man of prayer.

People: **Amen.**

Peggy Jones presents oil, saying:

Peggy: Chris, use this oil, and be among us as a healer and reconciler.

People: **Amen.**

The Warden, Alex Wilson, now presents the keys of the church, saying:

Alex: Chris, receive these keys, and let the doors of this place be open to all people.

People: **Amen.**

Rev. Cheryl Harder-Missine of the diocese presents the Constitution and Canons of this Church, saying:

Reverend: Chris, obey these Canons, and be among us to share in the councils of this diocese.

People: **Amen.**

B.J. Charbonneau and Altar Guild present bread and wine, saying

B.J.: Chris, take this bread and wine, and be among us to break the Bread and bless the Cup.

People: **Amen.**

The Canon then says

Canon: Chris, let all these be signs of the ministry which is our Bishop's and yours in this place.

People: **Amen.**

The new Minister kneels in the midst of the church, and says:

Chris: O Lord my God, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; yet you have called your servant to stand in your house, and to serve at your altar. To you and to your service I devote myself, body, soul, and spirit. Fill my memory with the record of your mighty works; enlighten my understanding with the light of your Holy Spirit; and may all the desires of my heart and will center in what you would have me do. Make me an instrument of your salvation for the people entrusted to my care, and grant that I may faithfully administer your holy Sacraments, and by my life and teaching set forth your true and living Word. Be always with me in carrying out the duties of my ministry. In prayer, quicken my devotion; in praises, heighten my love and gratitude; in preaching, give me readiness of thought and expression; and grant that, by the clearness and brightness of your holy Word, all the world may be drawn into your blessed kingdom. All this I ask for the sake of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Canon then presents the new minister to the congregation, saying

Canon: Greet your new Priest in Charge.

The Congregation expresses its approval. Applause is appropriate. The Canon greets the new minister. The new Minister then says to the people:

Chris: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Announcements

The Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

The Celebrant proceeds:

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant & People: **Holy, 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 stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues:

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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."

After 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant & People: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

The Celebrant continues:

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

Celebrant: All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By 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.

The Lord's Prayer

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

Celebrant & People: **Our 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 consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation:

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All Baptized Christians are invited to receive Communion. To Receive a blessing, please cross your arms.

Communion Hymns:	<i>Now My Tongue, the Mystery Telling</i>	Hymnal # 329
	<i>I Am the Bread of Life</i>	# 335
	<i>Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace</i>	# 593

The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us Pray.

Celebrant & 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 Fr. Lee 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.**

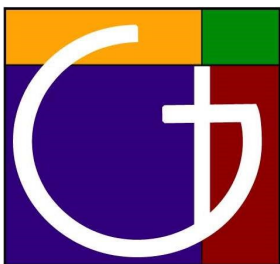
The Blessing

Closing Hymn:	<i>Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee</i>	Hymnal # 376
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The Dismissal

Serving Today

Celebrant..... The Rev. Canon Eric Cooter
Organist..... Tom Starnes
Lectors..... B.J. Charbonneau and Lance Scott
Acolyte..... Van Odom



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