

# *The Celebration of a New Ministry*



The Installation of  
The Rev. Omar Cisneros  
as Rector of  
Grace Episcopal Church  
Muskogee, Oklahoma  
by  
The Rt. Rev. Poulson C. Reed  
Bishop of the Diocese of Oklahoma

On the Feast Day of  
Thomas Gallaudet and Henry Winter Syle  
August 27, 2025

## Prelude

Opening Hymn: #525

*The Church's One Foundation*

Aurelia

## The Institution

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

**Wardens:** Bishop Poulson, we have come together today to welcome Fr. Omar Cisneros, who has been chosen to serve as Rector of Grace. We believe that he is well qualified, and that he has been prayerfully and lawfully selected.

*The Bishop will read the Letter of Institution. The Bishop then says:*

**Bishop:** Omar, do you, in the presence of this congregation, commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility?

**Fr. Omar:** I do.

*The Bishop then addresses the congregation:*

**Bishop:** Will you who witness this new beginning support and uphold Omar in this ministry?

**People:** **We will.**

*The Bishop, standing, says:*

**Bishop:** Let us then offer our prayers to God for all his people, for this congregation, and for Omar, their Rector.

## The Litany for Ordinations Hymnal #S-390

*Cantor* *People*  
God the Fa - ther, Have mer cy on us.

*Cantor* *People*  
God the Son, Have mer - cy on us.


*Cantor* *People*  
God the Holy Spir - it, Have mer - cy on us.

*Cantor* *People*  
Holy Trini - ty, one God, Have mer - cy on us.


*Cantor* *People*  
We pray to you, Lord Christ. Lord, hear our prayer.

*Cantor*  
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,

*People*  
we pray to you, O Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

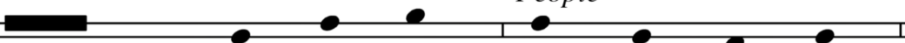
*Cantor*  
b   
For all members of your Church in their vocation and ministry, that they may serve you in a true and godly life,


*People*  
b   
we pray to you, O Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

*Cantor*  
b   
For Sean, 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,


*People*  
b   
we pray to you, O Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

*Cantor*  
b   
For Omar, chosen priest in your Church,

*People*  
b   
we pray to you, O Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

*Cantor*  
b   
That he may faithfully fulfill the duties of this ministry, build up your Church, and glorify your Name,


*People*  
b   
we pray to you, O Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

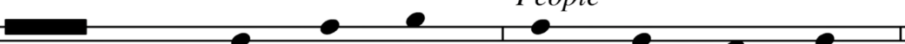
*Cantor*  
b   
That by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit he may be sustained and encouraged to persevere to the end,

*People*  
b   
we pray to you, O Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

*Cantor*  
b   
For Grace, committed to their renewal as a congregation,

*People*  
b   
we pray to you, O Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

*Cantor*  
b   
That they may discern your mission and follow where you lead,

*People*  
b   
we pray to you, O Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

*Cantor*



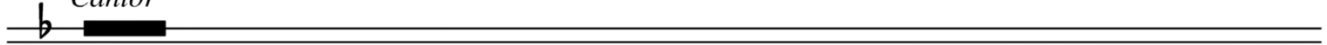
That they may grow as disciples of Jesus and deepen their lives of prayer,

*People*



we pray to you, O Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

*Cantor*



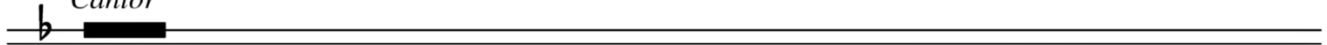
That they may reach out to their neighbors, sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ,

*People*



we pray to you, O Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

*Cantor*



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,

*People*



we pray to you, O Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

*Cantor*



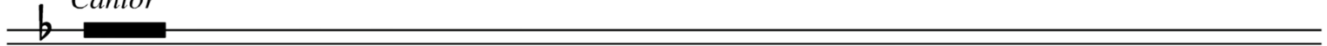
For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth,

*People*



we pray to you, O Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

*Cantor*



For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel,

*People*



we pray to you, O Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

*Cantor*



For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples,

*People*



we pray to you, O Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

*Cantor*



For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice and promote the dignity and freedom of every person,

*People*



we pray to you, O Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

*Cantor*

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,

*People*

we pray to you, O Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

*Cantor*

For ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives,

*People*

we pray to you, O Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

*Cantor*

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,

*People*

we pray to you, O Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

*Cantor*

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, Thomas Gallaudet, Henry Winter Syle, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another,

*People*

and all our life to Christ our God. To you, O Lord our God.

*Cantor*

*People*

*Cantor and People*

Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer cy.

*The Bishop then says:*

*Bishop (standing)*

*People*

*Bishop*

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us pray.

*Bishop:* Everliving God, strengthen and sustain Omar, 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.**

O Loving God, whose will it is that everyone should come to you and be saved: We bless your holy Name for your servants Thomas Gallaudet and Henry Winter Syle, and we pray that you will continually move your Church to respond in love to the needs of all people; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Liturgy of the Word

### The First Lesson: Isaiah 35:1-7

*Tyler:* A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

*Tyler:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

### The Psalm 119:1-8



- Cantor:* 1 Happy are they whose way is | blameless, \*
- People:* who walk in the | law of the Lord!
- 2 Happy are they who observe | his decrees \*  
and seek him | with all their hearts!
- 3 Who never do | any wrong, \*  
but always walk | in— his ways.
- 4 You laid down your com- | mandments, \*  
that we should | fully keep them.
- 5 Oh, that my ways were made | so direct \*  
that I might | keep your statutes!
- 6 Then I should not be put to | shame, \*  
when I regard all | your commandments.
- 7 I will thank you with an un- | feigned heart, \*  
when I have learned your | righteous judgments.
- 8 I will keep your | statutes; \*  
do not utterly | forsa—ke me.

### The Second Lesson: 2 Thessalonians 1:3–4

*Brita:* A reading from the second letter to the Thessalonians.

We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of everyone of you for one another is increasing. Therefore we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith during all your persecutions and the afflictions that you are enduring.

*Brita:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn: #448**

***O love, how deep, how broad, how high***  
***(v. 1-3 before, v. 4-6 after Gospel)***

*Please stand as you are able.*

**The Gospel: Mark 7:31–37**

*Deacon:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

*Deacon:* Jesus returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to Jesus a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

*Fr. Omar:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon:** The Rt. Rev. Poulson Reed, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma

**The Induction**

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

*Representative of the congregation (Tim Holder) presents a Bible, saying:*

*Tim:* Omar, accept this Bible, and be among us as one who proclaims the Word.

*People:* **Amen.**

*The Bishop presents a vessel of water, saying:*

*Bishop:* Omar, take this water, and help me baptize in obedience to our Lord.

*People:* **Amen.**

*Presenter (Marlene Odom) presents a stole, saying:*

*Marlene:* Omar, receive this stole, and be among us as a pastor and priest.

*People:* **Amen.**

*Presenter (Joshua Chapman) presents a book of prayers, saying:*

*Josh:* Omar, receive this book, and be among us as a man of prayer.

*People:* **Amen.**

*Presenter (Pam Lipscomb) presents oil, saying:*

*Pam:* Omar, use this oil, and be among us as a healer and reconciler.

*People:* **Amen.**

*The Wardens (Katherine Coburn & B.J. Charbonneau) now present the keys of the church, saying:*

*Wardens:* Omar, receive these keys, and let the doors of this place be open to all people.

*People:* **Amen.**

*Representative clergy (Canon Betsy Randall) of the diocese present the Constitution and Canons of this Church, saying:*

**Cn. Betsy:** Omar, obey these Canons, and be among us to share in the councils of this diocese.  
**People:** **Amen.**

*Other Representatives of the congregation (Pat Wilcox & D.I. Wilkinson) present bread and wine, saying:*

**Pat & D.I.:** Omar, take this bread and wine, and be among us to break the Bread and bless the Cup.  
**People:** **Amen.**

*The Bishop then says*

**Bishop:** Omar, let all these be signs of the ministry which is mine and yours in this place.  
**People:** **Amen.**

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

**Fr. Omar:** 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 Bishop then presents the new minister to the congregation, saying*

**Bishop:** Greet your new Rector.

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

**Fr. Omar:** 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 Offertory Sentence:**

**Fr. Omar:** Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

### **The Offertory Hymn: #174**

***At the Lamb's high feast we sing***

*Please remain seated.*

### **Doxology: #380 v. 3**

*Please stand & sing as you are able.*



# The Great Thanksgiving

*Eucharistic Prayer A*

*The people remain standing.*

**Sursum Corda: #S-120**

*Please remain standing.*

*Celebrant*                      *People*  
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant*                      *People*  
Lift up your hearts. 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. Because in the obedience of your saints you have given us an example of righteousness, and in their eternal joy a glorious pledge of the hope of our calling. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Sanctus: #S-125**

***Holy, holy, holy***

*A Community Mass Proulx*

*The people sit, 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.**

**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.

**Celebrant:** 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.

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.*

### **Fraction Anthem: #S-154**

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation:*

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

*At Grace Episcopal Church, all baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please tell the usher if you need communion brought to you at your seat. IF you wish to receive the bread only, hold your palms upward, consume the bread, and cross your arms over your chest when the chalice bearer approaches. Those who do not wish to receive Holy Communion are invited to come to the altar rail to receive a Blessing, indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest when the priest approaches.*

### **Communion Hymn: #335**

***I Am the Bread of Life***

### **The Post Communion Prayer**

**Bishop:** Let us Pray.

**Bishop & 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. Omar 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: #376**

***Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee***

*Please stand & sing.*

### **The Dismissal**

## Serving Today

Celebrant.....	The Rt. Rev. Poulson C. Reed
Bishop's Chaplain.....	The Rev. Canon Betsy Randall
Rector.....	The Rev. Omar Cisneros
Deacon of the Gospel.....	The Rev. Bert Bibens
Deacon of the Table .....	The Rev. Tom Harrington
Cantor.....	Caitlin Lindsey
1st Reader.....	Tyler Martin
2nd Reader.....	Brita Cantrell
Senior Warden .....	Katherine Coburn
Junior Warden .....	B.J. Charbonneau
Congregational Representatives .....	Tim Holder
	Marlene Odom
	Joshua Chapman
	Pam Lipscomb
	Pat Wilcox
	D.I. Wilkinson
1st Cross .....	Pat Wilcox
Torch .....	Silas Johnson
Torch / Plates .....	Skye Jardine
2nd Cross .....	Andrew Jardine
Altar Guild.....	Marlene Odom
Organist.....	Oscar Ho
Media.....	Nancy Scott

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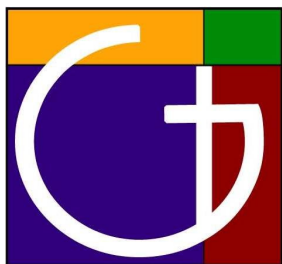
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**Ministers:** All the People of God (BCP p. 855)

**Rector:** The Rev. Omar Cisneros

**Sr. Warden:** Katherine Coburn

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**Deacon Emeritus:** The Rev. Thomas A. Harrington

**Organist:** Oscar Ho

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