

A Service of Ordination

Yvonne Amanor-Boadu
to the Sacred Order of Deacons

Sunday, June 14, 2020 • 1:30 p.m.
St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Manhattan, Kansas
The Episcopal Diocese of Kansas

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.
People Amen.

The Presentation

The Bishop and People are seated. The Ordinand and her Presenters stand before the Bishop.

Presenters Cathleen, Bishop in the Church of God, on behalf of the clergy and people of the Diocese of Kansas, we present to you Yvonne Amanor-Boadu to be ordained a deacon in Christ's holy catholic Church.

Bishop Has she been selected in accordance with the canons of this Church? And do you believe her manner of life to be suitable to the exercise of this ministry?

Presenters We certify to you that she has satisfied the requirements of the canons, and we believe her to be qualified for this order.

The Bishop says to 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.

Bishop Dear friends in Christ, you know the importance of this ministry, and the weight of your responsibility in presenting Yvonne Amanor-Boadu 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, the Bishop continues

Bishop Is it your will that Yvonne be ordained a deacon?
People ***It is.***

Bishop Will you uphold her in this ministry?
People ***We will.***

Bishop In peace let us pray to the Lord.

The Litany for Ordinations

All kneel.

God the Father,
Have mercy on us.

God the Son,
Have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit,
Have mercy on us.

Holy Trinity, one God,
Have mercy on us.

We pray to you, Lord. Christ.
Lord, hear our prayer.

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.

Lord, hear our prayer.

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 Cathleen, 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 Yvonne, chosen deacon in your Church, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That she 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 she may be sustained and encouraged to persevere to the end, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For her 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 and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

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 in tranquility 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, one God, for ever and ever.

People Amen.

The Ministry of the Word

The Congregation is seated.

Lector A reading from the book of 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."

(Jeremiah 1:4-9)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

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

Psalm 84

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 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.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 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.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
- 7 Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.
- 8 Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.
- 9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, *
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- 10 For the Lord God is both sun and shield; *
he will give grace and glory;
- 11 No good thing will the Lord withhold *
from those who walk with integrity.
- 12 O Lord of hosts, *
happy are they who put their trust in you!

*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 worshiped 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 the Bishop. The Bishop addresses her, saying

My sister, 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 teachings are to show Christ's people that in serving the helpless they are serving Christ himself.

My sister, 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 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 your best to pattern your life and that of your household in accordance with
the teachings of Christ, so that you may be a wholesome example to your 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 the Bishop.

A period of silent prayer follows, the People still standing.

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.

Here the Bishop lays hands upon the head of the Ordinand, and prays

Bishop Therefore, Father, through Jesus Christ your Son, give your Holy Spirit to Yvonne; fill her
with grace and power, and make her a deacon in your Church. Make her, O Lord, modest
and humble, strong and constant, to observe the discipline of Christ. Let her life and
teaching so reflect your commandments, that through her 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 newly ordained is now vested according to the order of Deacons.

The Bishop then gives the new Deacon a Bible, saying

Bishop Receive this Bible as a sign of your authority to proclaim God's Word and to assist in the
 ministration of his holy Sacraments.

The Peace

The Bishop introduces the newly ordained Deacon to the congregation.

The Bishop then says

Bishop The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People ***And also with you.***

The Bishop greets the newly ordained. The Clergy and People greet one another.

The People are seated.

The Offertory

An offertory sentence is said by the Bishop.

The People stand, as they are able, as representatives of the congregation bring forward the offering of bread and wine.

The Great Thanksgiving

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Bishop Lift up your hearts.

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

Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Bishop

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 the great shepherd of your flock, Jesus Christ our Lord; who after his resurrection sent forth his apostles to preach the Gospel and to teach all nations; and promised to be with them always, even to the end of the ages. 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:

Bishop and 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. The Bishop continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Bishop and People

***We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;***

The Bishop continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

People AMEN.

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

*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 Bishop breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

The invitation to Holy Communion

A spiritual communion is a devotional action that anyone can pray. It expresses the desire to receive Holy Communion at a moment where circumstances impede them from actually receiving the consecrated bread and wine.

The Bishop and those receiving spiritual communion only pray this prayer.

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving as I proclaim your resurrection. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Bishop
People

Let us pray.
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 Yvonne may be to us an effective example in word and action, in love and patience, and in holiness of life. Grant that we, with her, 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 Bishop then blesses the People.

People ***Amen.***

The new Deacon offers the Dismissal

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

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



Participants in today's service

Ordinand	Yvonne Amanor-Boadu
Celebrant and Preacher	The Right Reverend Cathleen Chittenden Bascom
Presenters	The Reverend Patrick Funston Deacon Sandy Horton-Smith Ms. Deb Lamb The Reverend Casey Rohleder
Vester	Ms. Suzanne Hipple
Archdeacon	The Venerable Monte Giddings