

The Ordination of a Priest

Mary Russell Barnett

March 23, 2020

6:00 p.m.

The Commons

Meriden, Connecticut

THE ORDINATION OF A PRIEST

PRELUDE – *Canticle of the Turning*

Bishop Bless the Lord, who forgives all our sins.
People **His mercy endures forever**

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.**

THE PRESENTATION

The people sit.

Presenters Ian, Bishop in the Church of God, on behalf of the clergy and people of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut, we present to you Mary Russell Barnett to be ordained a priest 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.

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 bishops 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. Please stand as you are able.

Bishop Dear friends in Christ, you know the importance of this ministry, and the weight of your responsibility in presenting Mary for ordination to the sacred priesthood. 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

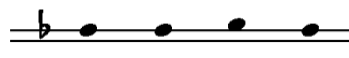
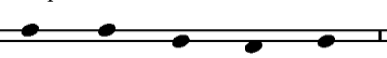
Bishop Is it your will Mary be ordained a priest?
People **It is.**

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

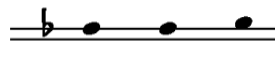
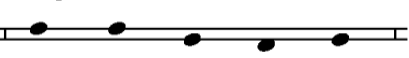
LITANY FOR ORDINATIONS

Bishop In peace let us pray to the Lord.

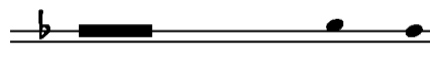

Please kneel as you are able.

Cantor  *People* 

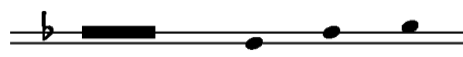
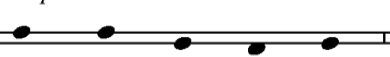
God the Fa - ther, Have mer - cy on us.

Cantor  *People* 

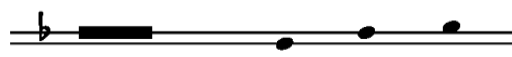

God the Son, Have mer - cy on us.

Cantor  *People* 

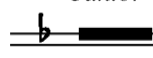
God the Holy Spir - it, Have mer - cy on us.

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 For all members of your Church in their vocation and ministry, that they may serve you in true and godly life, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Cantor For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for Ian and Laura, our bishops 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.**

Cantor For Mary, chosen priest in your Church, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Cantor That she 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.**

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

Cantor For her family, that they may be adorned with all Christian virtues, we pray to you, O Lord.
People **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, we pray to you, O Lord.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Cantor For the mission of God, that in faithful witness the Church may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.
People **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, we pray to you, O Lord.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Cantor 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.**

Cantor 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.**

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

Hymn: Canticle of the Turning

Irish Traditional Arr. Rory Cooney

$\text{♩} = 76$

Guitar tacet, or play melody

(Kybd.) *unis.*

1. My _

6 Em C D Em C D

(1.) soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the God of my heart is great, and my
 (2.) I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me, and your
 (3.) halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a stone will be left on stone. Let the
 (4.) na - tions rage from age to age, we re - mem - ber who holds us fast: God's -

10 Em G D Em C Em

spir - it sings of the won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait. You
 mer - cy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be. Your
 king be - ware for your jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant from his throne. The
 mer - cy must de - liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp. This

14 G D Em C D

fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my weak - ness you did not spurn, so from
 ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn, you will
 hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can nev - er earn: There are
 sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the prom - ise which holds us bound, 'til the

18 Em G D Em C Em

east to west shall my name be blessed. Could the world be a - bout to turn? }
 show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn. } My
 ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn. }
 spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round. }

22 G D Em C D

div. *unis.*

heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a -

unis.

heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a -

To Coda

26 Em C D Em C Em

div.

way all tears, for the dawn draws - near, and the world is a - bout to — turn!

way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world — is a - bout to turn!

30 G D Em C Em

1.2.3. 3° To Coda

Coda

35 Em G D Em C *unis.*

turn! My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice

bout to turn! My hear shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires — of your

- 2. Through -
- 3. From the
- 4. Though the

39 D Em C D Em C

div. *a tempo*

burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws - near, and the world is a - bout to —

jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world — is a -

43 Em G D Em C Em

rit.

turn.

bout to turn!

rit.

THE EPISTLE – Hebrews 10: 4-10

It is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,

"Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body you have prepared for me;
in burnt offerings and sin offerings
you have taken no pleasure.
Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God'
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me)."

When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the Jesus Christ once for all.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL – Luke 1:26-38

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

Rev. Canon Lee Ann Tolzman

The Celebrant stands. Please stand as you are able.

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the 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 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 the ordinand as follows:

My sister, the Church is the family of God, the body of Christ, and the temple of the Holy Spirit. All baptized people are called to make Christ known as Savior and Lord, and to share in the renewing of his world. Now you are called to work as pastor, priest, and teacher, together with your bishop and fellow presbyters, and to take your share in the councils of the Church.

As a priest, it will be your task to proclaim by word and deed the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and to fashion your life in accordance with its precepts. You are to love and serve the people among whom you work, caring alike for young and old, strong and weak, rich and poor. You are to preach, to declare God's forgiveness to penitent sinners, to pronounce God's blessing, to share in the administration of Holy Baptism and in the celebration of the mysteries of Christ's Body and Blood, and to perform the other ministrations entrusted to you.

In all that you do, you are to nourish Christ's people from the riches of his grace, and strengthen them to glorify God in this life and in the life to come.

My sister, do you believe that you are truly called by God and his Church to this priesthood?

Answer I believe I am so called.

Bishop Do you now in the presence of the Church commit yourself to this trust and responsibility?

Answer I do.

Bishop Will you respect and be guided by the pastoral direction and leadership of your bishops?

Answer I will.

Bishop Will you be diligent in the reading and study of the Holy Scriptures, and in seeking the knowledge of such things as may make you a stronger and more able minister of Christ?

Answer I will.

Will you endeavor so to minister the Word of God and the sacraments of the New Covenant, that the reconciling love of Christ may be known and received?

Answer I will.

Will you undertake to be a faithful pastor to all whom you are called to serve, laboring together with them and with your fellow ministers to build up the family of God?

Answer I will.

Will you do your best to pattern your life in accordance with the teachings of Christ, so that you may be a wholesome example to your people?

Answer I will.

Will you persevere in prayer, both in public and in private, asking God's grace, both for yourself and for others, offering all your labors to God, through the mediation of Jesus Christ, and in the sanctification of the Holy Spirit?

Answer Amen.

May the Lord who has given you the will to do these things give you the grace and power to perform them.

Answer Amen.

THE CONSECRATION OF THE PRIEST

All stand except the ordinand, who kneels facing the Bishop.

Chant quietly in unison

Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus.

A period of silent prayer follows, the people still standing. The Bishop then says this Prayer of Consecration

God and Father of all, we praise you for your infinite love in calling us to be a holy people in the kingdom of your Son Jesus our Lord, who is the image of your eternal and invisible glory, the firstborn among many brethren, and the head of the Church. We thank you that by his death he has overcome death, and, having ascended into heaven, has poured his gifts abundantly upon your people, making some apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry and the building up of his body.

Here the Bishop lays hands upon the head of the ordinand, the priest who are present also laying on their hands. At the same time the Bishop prays

Therefore, Father, through Jesus Christ your Son, give your Holy Spirit to Mary; fill her with grace and power, and make her a priest in your Church.

The Bishop then continues

May she exalt you, O Lord, in the midst of your people; offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to you; boldly proclaim the gospel of salvation; and rightly administer the sacraments of the New Covenant. Make her a faithful pastor, a patient teacher, and a wise councilor. Grant that in all things *she* may serve without reproach, so that your people may be strengthened and your Name glorified in all the world. All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

The people in a loud voice respond. AMEN.

The new priest is now vested according to the order of priests. The Bishop gives a Bible to the newly ordained, saying

Receive this Bible as a sign of the authority given you to preach the Word of God and to administer his holy Sacraments. Do not forget the trust committed to you as a priest of the Church of God.

The Bishop greets the newly ordained.

THE PEACE

The new priest then says to the congregation

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

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 our thanks and praise.**

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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant 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.

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,

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

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 forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

People and Celebrant

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

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

FRACTION ANTHEM - What We Need is Here

The image shows a musical score for a two-part setting of the text "What we need is here." The score is written in 2/2 time and B-flat major. It consists of two systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are: "What we need is here." The melody is simple and contemplative, with a long note on "need" and "is".

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This brief phrase, quoted in a Wendell Berry poem, relies on the context to give it meaning. Sing as a gathering song, during holy communion, or anytime you wish to acknowledge God's presence among the people. Harmonies may emerge out of the melody.

Celebrant

We pray now together that we might be in spiritual communion with our Lord, Jesus Christ and with all those in our community.

People In union, O Lord with the faithful at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is celebrated, we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. We present to you our souls and bodies with the earnest wish that we may always be united to you. And since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, we ask you to come spiritually into our hearts. We unite ourselves to you, and embrace you with all the affections of our souls. Let nothing ever separate you from us. May we live and die in your love. Amen.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty Father, we thank you for uniting us through Jesus Christ 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 *Mary* 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 BLESSING

RECESSIONAL 1982 Hymnal #488: Be Thou My Vision

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,
all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;
Heart of my heart, what - ev - er be - fall,
wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

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THE DISMISSAL

Deacons Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE -(instrumental) *Canticle of the Turning*

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

All God's People

The Right Reverend Ian T. Douglas, Bishop Diocesan

Ordinand	The Rev. Mary Russell Barnett
Preacher	The Rev. Canon Lee Ann Tolzman
Gospeller	The Rev. Mary Anne Osborn
Cantor	Sam Jenkins
1 st Lector	Pam Ferguson
2 nd Lector	Dave Jenkins
Lay Presenter	Pam Ferguson
Clergy Presenter	The Rev. Mary Anne Osborn
Vesters	Mollie Jenkins, Ben Jenkins
Sponsoring Parish	The Church of the Holy Trinity, Middletown

*As Mary's ordination was originally scheduled for the Feast of the Annunciation,
we are wearing white and using the propers for that day.*

As Kingfishers Catch Fire

BY GERARD MANLEY HOPKINS

As kingfishers catch fire, dragonflies draw flame;
As tumbled over rim in roundy wells
Stones ring; like each tucked string tells, each hung bell's
Bow swung finds tongue to fling out broad its name;
Each mortal thing does one thing and the same:
Deals out that being indoors each one dwells;
Selves – goes itself; *myself* it speaks and spells,
Crying *Whát I dó is me: for that I came.*

I say móre: the just man justices;
Keeps grace: thát keeps all his goings graces;
Acts in God's eye what in God's eye he is –
Christ – for Christ plays in ten thousand places,
Lovely in limbs, and lovely in eyes not his
To the Father through the features of men's faces.