

*The Service of Ordination
of
John Charles Martin, Jr.
to the
Sacred Order of Priests*

*June 20, 2020 at 10:30 am
St. James Episcopal Church, Westernport, MD*

The Episcopal Diocese of Maryland

Prelude:

Processional Hymn Hymnal 1982, # 370

- 1 I bind unto myself today
 the strong Name of the Trinity,
 by invocation of the same,
 the Three in One, and One in Three.

- 2 I bind this day to me forever,
 by power of faith, Christ's Incarnation;
 his baptism in the Jordan River;
 his death on cross for my salvation;
 his bursting from the spiced tomb;
 his riding up the heavenly way;
 his coming at the day of doom:
 I bind unto myself today.

- 5 I bind unto myself today
 the power of God to hold and lead,
 his eye to watch, his might to stay,
 his ear to hearken, to my need;
 the wisdom of my God to teach,
 his hand to guide, his shield to ward;
 the word of God to give me speech,
 his heavenly host to be my guard.

- 7 I bind unto myself the Name,
 the strong Name of the Trinity,
 by invocation of the same,
 the Three in One, and One in Three.
 Of whom all nature hath creation,
 eternal Father, Spirit, Word:
 praise to the Lord of my salvation,
 salvation is of Christ the Lord.

The Ordination of a Priest

The people standing, the Bishop says

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

People *And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.*

The Bishop then says

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 bishop and people sit. A Priest and a Lay Person, and additional presenters if desired, standing before the bishop, present the ordinand.

The Presenters say:

Robert, Bishop in the Church of God, on behalf of the clergy and people of the Diocese of Maryland, we present to you *John Charles Martin, Jr.* to be ordained a priest in Christ's holy catholic Church.

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

Presenters: We certify to you that *he* has satisfied the requirements of the canons, and we believe *him* to be qualified for this order.

The Bishop to ordinand

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 signs the above Declaration in the sight of all present.

All stand. *The Bishop says to the people*

Dear friends in Christ, you know the importance of this ministry, and the weight of your responsibility in presenting *John Charles Martin* 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:

Is it your will that *John* be ordained a priest?

The People **It is.**

Bishop: Will you uphold *him* in this ministry?

The People respond **We will.**

The Bishop:

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Bishop The Lord be with you

People **And also with you.**

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 being 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. *Amen.*

The Ministry of the Word

Old Testament: Isaiah 6:1-8 A Vision of God in the Temple

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said:

‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.’

⁴The pivots* on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: ‘Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!’

⁶ Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph* touched my mouth with it and said: ‘Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.’ ⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?’ And I said, ‘Here am I, send me.’

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Response: Psalm 132:8-19

⁸ *Rise up, O Lord, and go to your resting-place,*

- you and the ark of your might.*
- ⁹ *Let your priests be clothed with righteousness,
and let your faithful shout for joy.*
- ¹⁰ *For your servant David's sake
do not turn away the face of your anointed one.*
- ¹¹ *The Lord swore to David a sure oath
from which he will not turn back:
'One of the sons of your body
I will set on your throne.*
- ¹² *If your sons keep my covenant
and my decrees that I shall teach them,
their sons also, for evermore,
shall sit on your throne.'*
- ¹³ *For the Lord has chosen Zion;
he has desired it for his habitation:*
- ¹⁴ *'This is my resting-place for ever;
here I will reside, for I have desired it.*
- ¹⁵ *I will abundantly bless its provisions;
I will satisfy its poor with bread.*
- ¹⁶ *Its priests I will clothe with salvation,
and its faithful will shout for joy.*
- ¹⁷ *There I will cause a horn to sprout up for David;
I have prepared a lamp for my anointed one.*
- ¹⁸ *His enemies I will clothe with disgrace,
but on him, his crown will gleam.'*

The Epistle



A Reading from the Letter to the Ephesians (**Ephesians 4:7, 11-16**)

7 But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift.
¹¹The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery,

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon
Townsend

The Rt. Rev. Martin

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 worshipped 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

My brother, John, 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 brother,* 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 bishop?

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.**

Bishop 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.**

Bishop 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.**

Bishop Will you do you best to pattern your life [and that of your family, or household, or community] in accordance with the teachings of Christ, so that you may be a wholesome example to your people?

Answer **I will.**

Bishop 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 **I will.**

Bishop 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^[11:11]_[SEP:SEP]

All now stand except the ordinand, who kneels facing the

A period of silent prayer follows.

The Bishop

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,

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

The Bishop then continues:

May John 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 *him* a faithful pastor, a patient teacher, and a wise councilor. Grant that in all things *he* 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, forever and ever.

The People: Amen.

The new priest is now vested

The Bishop then 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.**

At the Celebration of the Eucharist

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Preface for ordinations:

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 till 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:

***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.

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 and People
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

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.

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 forever. *AMEN.*

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,
Forever and ever. Amen.***

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

[Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation
The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep us in everlasting life. [*Amen.*]

After Communion

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 John. 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 forever. Amen.

The new Priest says

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

A Deacon, or a Priest if no deacon is present, dismisses the people

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Recessional Hymn **Wonder Love and Praise Hymnal, # 780**

1 Lord, you give the great commission:
 “Heal the sick and preach the word.”
 Lest the church neglect its mission,
 and the gospel go unheard,
 help us witness to your purpose
 with renewed integrity.

Refrain:

- With the Spirit's gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.
- 2 Lord, you call us to your service:
"In my name baptize and teach."
life abundant meant for each,
give us all new fervor, draw us
closer in community. [Refrain]
- 3 Lord, you make the common holy:
"This my body, this my blood."
Let us all, for earth's true glory,
daily lift life heavenward,
asking that the world around us
share your children's liberty. [Refrain]
- 4 Lord, you show us love's true measure:
"Father, what they do, forgive."
Yet we hoard as private treasure
all that you so freely give.
May your care and mercy lead us
to a just society. [Refrain]
- 5 Lord, you bless with words assuring:
"I am with you to the end."
Faith and hope and love restoring,
may we serve as you intend
and, amid the cares that claim us,
hold in mind eternity. [Refrain]

Postlude

Participating in the Service:

Ordaining Bishop: The Rt. Rev. Robert W. Ihloff, *Assisting Bishop of Maryland*

Preacher: The Rt. Rev. Martin Townsend, *Bishop of Easton, retired*

Deacon: The Rev. Gail Landers,

Presenters: The Rev. Garrett H. Carskadon, *Rector, St. James Episcopal Church, Westernport*

Vesting: Mrs. Donna J. Martin
Mr. David J. Martin
Mrs. Shirley Vinci, *Senior Warden, St. James*
Mr. John O. Fazenbaker III, *Junior Warden*
Mr. Robert Lupton, *Treasurer, St. James*
Mrs. Joann Johnson, *St. James*

Reader: Ms. Judy Mason, *Lay Minister, and St. James*

Organist: Mr. Mark Steiner

Choir: Dr. Scott J. Riley
Mrs. Leeann Riley
Mr. Clyde Bantz
