



***The Ordination To the Priesthood of  
The Rev. Georgiana Mary Frances Stewart***

***THE FEAST OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE  
July 22, 2020***

**WELCOME AND TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

We welcome you to St. Paul's, Sydenham and this service of ordination. We begin by acknowledging the traditional territory upon which we gather. For many thousands of years, the Anishinaabeg, Haudenosaunee and Huron Wendat Peoples have sought to walk gently on this land. We seek a new relationship with the Original Peoples of this land, one based in honour and deep respect.

## ***Order of Service***

### ***Words of Welcome***

***Bishop:*** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

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

***Bishop:*** Almighty God,

***People:*** **To you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. 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 Collect for Ordination***

***Bishop:*** God of unchangeable power and eternal light, look favourably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery. By the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquillity 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. ***Amen.***

### ***The Collect for St. Mary Magdalene***

***Bishop:*** Almighty God, whose blessed Son restored Mary Magdalene to health of body and of mind, and called her to be a witness of his resurrection: Mercifully grant that by your grace we may be healed from all our infirmities and know you in the power of his unending life; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

### ***The Proclamation of The Word***

***First Reading:*** A Reading from the Book of Judith

Then Judith put ashes on her head, opened her robe to reveal the sackcloth she was wearing under her clothes, and bowed down with her face to the floor. It was the time that the evening incense was being offered in the Temple in Jerusalem, and Judith prayed in a loud voice: Your power does not depend on the size and strength of an army. You are a God who cares for the humble and helps the oppressed. You give support and protection to people who are weak and helpless; you save those who have lost hope. Now hear my prayer, O God of my ancestor Simeon, the God in whom Israel trusts, ruler of heaven and earth, creator of the rivers and the seas, king of all creation. Hear my prayer and my deceitful words wound and kill those who have planned such cruelty against your covenant and your holy Temple, against Mount Zion and the land you have given your people. your whole nation and every tribe recognize that you are God, almighty and all-powerful, and that you alone protect the people of Israel!"

*Judith 9:1, 11-14*

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

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

### ***Psalm***

As the deer pants for streams of water,  
**so my soul pants for you, my God.**

My soul thirsts for God, for the living God;  
**When can I go and meet with God?**

My tears have been my food day and night;  
**while people say to me all day long, “Where is your God?”**

These things I remember as I pour out my soul:  
**how I used to go to the house of God under the protection of the Mighty One with shouts of joy and praise among the festive throng.**

Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me?  
**Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.**

My soul is downcast within me;  
**therefore I will remember you from the land of the Jordan, the heights of Hermon—from Mount Mizar.**

Deep calls to deep in the roar of your waterfalls;  
**all your waves and breakers have swept over me.**

*Psalm 42:1-7*

### ***The Gospel***

*Gospeller:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Gospeller:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John

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

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!” So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus’ body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. They asked her, “Woman, why are you crying?” “They have taken my Lord away,” she said, “and I don’t know where they have put him.” At this, she turned around and

saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher"). Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her. *John 20:1-3, 11-18*

*Gospeller:* The Gospel of Christ.

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

### ***Sermon***

#### ***The Nicene Creed***

***Bishop:*** Let us confess our faith, as we say,

***All:*** 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.**

**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 Presentation of the Priest Ordinand***

**Presenters:** Michael, bishop in the Church of God, on behalf of the clergy and people of the Diocese of Ontario, we present Georgiana Mary Frances Stewart to be ordained a priest in Christ's holy catholic Church.

**Bishop:** Has she been selected in accordance with the canons and customs 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 been duly selected, and we believe her to be qualified for this order.

**Bishop:** Georgiana, 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 promise to conform to the doctrine, discipline, and worship of the Anglican Church of Canada.

*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 Georgiana for ordination to the sacred priesthood. Therefore, if any of you know any impediment or crime for 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 Georgiana be ordained a *priest*?

**People:** *It is.*

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

**People:** *We will.*

### ***The Examination of the Priest Ordinand***

*Please sit, except the ordinand who stands before the bishop.*

**Bishop:** Georgiana, 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 Saviour and Lord, and to share in the renewing of his world. Now you are called to work as a 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 preside at the administration of holy baptism and at 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.

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 endeavour 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, labouring together with them and with your fellow ministers to build up the family of God?

**Answer:** I will.

**Bishop:** 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.

**Bishop:** Will you persevere in prayer, both in public and in private, asking God's grace, both for *yourself* and for others, and offering all your labours 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 Litany for Ordination***

**Litanist:** God the Father,

**People:** ***Have mercy on us.***

**Litanist:** God the Son,

**People:** ***Have mercy on us.***

**Litanist:** God the Holy Spirit,

**People:** ***Have mercy on us.***

**Litanist:** Holy Trinity, one God,

**People:** ***Have mercy on us.***

**Litanist:** We pray to you, Lord Christ.

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

**Litanist:** 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.***

**Litanist:** 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.***

**Litanist:** For Michael, 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.

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

**Litanist:** For **Georgiana**, chosen a priest in your Church, we pray to you, O Lord.

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

**Litanist:** That she may faithfully fulfil the duties of this ministry, build up your Church, and glorify your name, we pray to you, O Lord.

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

**Litanist:** 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.*

**Litanist:** 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.*

**Litanist:** 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.*

**Litanist:** 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.*

**Litanist:** 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.*

**Litanist:** For all who have died in the communion of the 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.*

**Litanist:** Rejoicing in the fellowship of St. Mary Magdalene, Saint Paul, and all of the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and all of our life to Christ our God.

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

**Bishop:** Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**Bishop:** Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,

**All:** And lighten with celestial fire;

Thou the anointing Spirit art,

Who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.

Thy blessed unction from above  
Is comfort, life, and fire of love,  
Enable with perpetual light  
The dullness of our blinded sight.

Anoint and cheer our soiled face  
With the abundance of thy grace:  
Keep far our foes, give peace at home;  
Where thou art Guide no ill can come.

Teach us to know the Father, Son,  
And thee, of Both, to be but One;  
That through the ages all along  
This may be our endless song,  
Praise to thy eternal merit,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

### ***The Consecration of the Priest***

*The ordinand, who kneels facing the bishop and the presbyters, who stand to the right and left of the bishop. The bishop reaches out his hands toward the ordinand, and says:*

***Bishop:*** We praise and glorify you, almighty Father, because you have formed throughout the world a holy people for your own possession, a royal priesthood, a universal Church.

We praise and glorify you because you have given us your only Son Jesus Christ to be the Apostle and High Priest of our faith, and the Shepherd of our souls.

We praise and glorify you that by his death he has overcome death; and that, having ascended into heaven, he has given his gifts abundantly to your people, making some, apostles; some, prophets; some, evangelists; some, pastors and teachers; to equip them for the work of ministry and to build up his Body.

And now we give you thanks that you have called *this* your *servant* to share this ministry entrusted to your Church.

*The bishops and priests lay their hands on the head of the ordinand.*

***Bishop:*** Send down your Holy Spirit upon your *servant Georgiana*, whom we consecrate in your name to the office and work of a priest in the Church.

Almighty Father, give to *this* your *servant* grace and power to fulfil *her* ministry among the people committed to *her* charge; to watch over them and care for them; to absolve and bless them in your name; and to proclaim the gospel of your salvation. Set *her* among your people to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable in your sight, and as you have called *her* to your service, make *her* by the gift of your Holy Spirit worthy of *her* calling. Give *her* wisdom and discipline to

work faithfully with all *her* fellow servants in Christ, that the world may come to know your glory and your love.

Accept our prayers, most merciful Father, through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and your Holy Spirit, belong glory and honour, worship and praise, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

*The new priest is now vested according to the order of priests.*

*The bishop presents a Prayer Book and a chalice and paten to the new priest, saying:*

**Bishop:** Receive this Prayer Book and this chalice and paten as signs 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 presents the new priest to the congregation.*

### **The Peace**

**Bishop:** To crown all things, there must be love to bind all together and complete the whole. Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

**Bishop:** As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:

**All: *Our Father in heaven,***

***hallowed be your name,***

***your kingdom come, your will be done,***

***on earth as in heaven.***

***Give us today our daily bread.***

***Forgive us our sins,***

***as we forgive those***

***who sin against us.***

***Save us from the time of trial,***

***and deliver us from evil.***

***For the kingdom,***

***the power***

***and the glory are yours,***

***now and for ever. Amen.***

**Bishop:** We thank you for raising up among us faithful servants for the ministry of your word and sacraments. We pray that Georgiana may be to us a godly 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 our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

***The Blessing***

***Bishop:*** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

***People:*** ***The maker of heaven and earth.***

***Bishop:*** Blessed be the name of the Lord,

***People:*** ***From this time forth for evermore.***

***Bishop:*** The blessing, mercy, and grace of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. ***Amen.***

**The Dismissal**

***Deacon:*** Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

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

***Participants***

The Bishop:	The Rt. Rev. Michael Oulton
Preacher:	The Rev. Dr. William Morrow
Gospeller:	The Rev. Canon Sharon Dunlop
Litanist:	The Venerable Wayne Varley
Reader:	Michael Capon

***Presenters for The Rev. Georgiana Stewart***

**Clergy:**

The Rev. Sue Beare

**Lay:**

Holly Gwynne-Timothy

***Vester***

Michael Capon

***Presenters for Diocese of Ontario***

The Rev. Lynn Mitchell, The Rev. Canon Don Ford

