CELEBRATION OF ANEW MINISTRY

Being the Induction and Institution of The Reverend Dr. Warren Leibovitch as Rector of St. Francis in the Valley Episcopal Church 9 October 2021 at 5 o'clock in the Afternoon

Organ Prelude J.S. Bach, 1685-1750

Sinfonia, BWV 29

OPENING HYMN

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation: join the great throng, psaltery, organ, and song, sounding in glad adoration.

2. Praise to the Lord;
over all things he gloriously reigneth:
borne as on eagle-wings,
safely his saints he sustaineth.
Hast thou not seen
how all thou needest hath been
granted in what he ordaineth?

3. Praise to the Lord,
who doth prosper thy way and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy
shall ever attend thee;
ponder anew
what the Almighty can do,
who with his love doth befriend thee.

4. Praise to the Lord!
O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath
come now with praises before him!
Let the amen
sound from his people again;
gladly for ever adore him.

The Wardens, standing before the Bishop with the new minister, say

Bishop Reddall, we have come together today to welcome Warren Leibovitch, who has been chosen to serve as Rector of Saint Francis in the Valley Episcopal Church. We believe that he is well qualified, and that he has been prayerfully and lawfully selected.

The Bishop then reads the Letter of Institution.

The Bishop then says

Warren, do you, in the presence of this congregation, commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility?

New Minister I do.

The Bishop then addresses the congregation

Will you who witness this new beginning support and uphold Warren in this ministry?

People We will.

The Bishop, standing, says

Let us then offer our prayers to God for all his people, for this congregation, and for Warren their Rector.

THE LITANY FOR ORDINATIONS

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 Jennifer, 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 Warren, chosen rector in your Church, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That he 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 he may be sustained and encouraged to persevere to the end,

we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For his 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, 0 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.

We acknowledge and give thanks for the original peoples of this land, and for their wellbeing we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Francis, 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.

Bishop Everliving God, strengthen and sustain Warren, 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.

People Amen.

AT THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah (1:4-9).

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.

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God*.

THE PSALMS (133, 134) Please respond at the asterisk.

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, * when brethren live together in unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head * that runs down upon the beard,
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron, * and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon * that falls upon the hills of Zion.
- 5 For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: * life for evermore.
- 1 Behold now, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD, * you that stand by night in the house of the LORD.
- 2 Lift up your hands in the holy place and bless the LORD; * the LORD who made heaven and earth bless you out of Zion.

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians (4:7, 11-16). But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until 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. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

THE GRADUAL HYMN

- 1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; all else be nought to me, save that thou art—thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
- 2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my great Father; thine own may I be; thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.
- 3. High King of heaven, when victory is won, may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

THE GOSPEL (John 15:9-16)

All standing, the Deacon reads the Gospel, first saying
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I

command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON The Rev. Canon Winston Wright

A HYMN OF PRAISE

1. Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down, fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

- 2. Come, almighty to deliver,
 let us all thy life receive;
 suddenly return, and never,
 nevermore thy temples leave.
 Thee we would be alway blessing,
 serve thee as thy hosts above,
 pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
 glory in thy perfect love.
- 3. Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be; let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee: changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

THE INDUCTION

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

Representatives of the Search Committee present a Bible, saying Warren, accept this Bible, and be among us as one who proclaims the Word.

People Amen.

The Bishop presents a vessel of water, saying Warren, take this water, and help me baptize in

obedience to our Lord.

People Amen.

Representatives of Daughters of the King present a stole, saying Warren, receive this stole, and be among us as a pastor and priest.

People Amen.

Representatives of the Parish Outreach Ministry present a

Book of Common Prayer, saying

Warren, receive this Prayer Book, and be among us as a man of prayer.

People Amen.

Representatives of the Music Ministry present a Hymnal, saying

Warren, receive this Hymnal, and help us to give glory to God in song.

People Amen.

Representatives of the Pastoral Care Ministry present olive oil, saying Warren, use this oil, and be among us as a healer and reconciler.

People Amen.

Representative of the Lay Eucharistic Ministry present a home Communion kit, saying

Warren, receive this home Communition kit and share in our ministry to our third congregation.

People Amen.

Representatives of the Vestry present the San Damiano Cross, saying Warren, receive this San Damiano Cross, a symbol of our patron Saint Francis, and lead us in ministry to build up the Body of Christ in the Santa Cruz Valley community.

People Amen.

The Wardens present the keys of the church, saying

Warren, receive these keys, and let the doors of this place be open to all people.

People Amen.

The Canon to the Ordinary presents the Constitution and Canons of this Church, saying

Warren, obey these Canons, and be among us to share in the councils of this diocese.

People Amen.

Representatives of the Altar Guild present bread and wine, saying Warren, take this bread and wine, and be among us to break the Bread and bless the Cup.

People Amen.

The Deacon of the church presents the Rector's Cross, saying Warren, receive the Rector's Cross and be among us as an instrument

of God's peace to this church and community.

People Amen.

The Bishop then says

Warren, 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 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.

People Amen.

The Bishop then presents the new minister to the congregation, saying Greet your new Rector.

(The family of the new minister may also be presented at this time.)

The Congregation expresses its approval. Applause is appropriate.

The Bishop greets the new minister.

The new Minister then says to the people The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The new Minister then greets other members of the clergy, family members, and the congregation. The People greet one another.



AT THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Harold Friedell, 1905-58

Draw us in the Spirit's tether; for when humbly, in thy name, two or three are met together, thou art in the midst of them: Alleluya! Alleluya! Touch we now thy garment's hem. As the brethren used to gather in the name of Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup, Alleluya! Alleluya! So knit thou our friendship up. All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of thee, that by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be. Alleluya! Alleluya! We will serve thee faithfully.

-words: Percy Dearmer, 1867-1936

AT THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

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.

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:

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, sit, or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

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 for ever. AMEN.

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

Our Father, who art in heaven . . .

... for ever and ever. Amen.

At the Breaking of the Bread

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

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

Together

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN

1. Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voices, who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices; who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

- 2. O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us!
 With ever-joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us; and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed, and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
- 3. All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given, the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven, eternal, Triune God, whom earth and heaven adore; for thus it was, is now, and shall be, evermore.

THE DISMISSAL

Organ Postlude

Healey Willan, 1880-1968

Finale Jubilate

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