

THE CELEBRATION OF A NEW MINISTRY
AND
THE INSTALLATION OF
THE REV'D KEVIN W. GORE
AS THE XVIII RECTOR OF
ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
JONESBORO



ST MARK'S
Episcopal Church

THE RT REV'D LARRY BENFIELD
XIII BISHOP OF ARKANSAS, PRESIDING

SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 2021 AT 4:30 PM

Opening Voluntary

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

J. F. Walther

Processional

King of Glory

General Seminary

The Institution

Mr. Jonathan Jacobs and Mr. Gary Latanich, Wardens:

Bishop Benfield, we have come together today to welcome Kevin Gore, who has been chosen to serve as Rector of St. Mark's Episcopal Church. We believe that he is well qualified, and that he has been prayerfully and lawfully selected.

The Bishop may read the Letter of Institution, or else may state the purpose of the new ministry.

Kevin Gore, Presbyter of the Church of God, you have been called to work together with your Bishop and fellow-Presbyters as a pastor, priest, and teacher, and to take your share in the councils of the Church.

Now, in accordance with the Canons, you have been selected to serve God in St. Mark's Church, Jonesboro.

This letter is a sign that you are fully empowered and authorized to exercise this ministry, accepting its privileges and responsibilities as a priest of this Diocese, in communion with your Bishop.

Having committed yourself to this work, do not forget the trust of those who have chosen you. Care alike for young and old, strong and weak, rich and poor. By your words, and in your life, proclaim the Gospel. Love and serve Christ's people. Nourish them, and strengthen them to glorify God in this life and in the life to come.

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

The Bishop then says

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

Kevin: I do

Bishop: Will you who witness this new beginning support and uphold Kevin in this ministry?

People: **We will.**

The Bishop continues

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

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.

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, 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 Kevin, chosen priest 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, 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 Saint Mark and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another,

People

and all our life to Christ our God. To you, O Lord our God.

Cantor *People* *Cantor and People*

Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Bishop (standing) *People* *Bishop*

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us pray.

The Collect

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Bishop: Let us pray

Everliving God, strengthen and sustain Kevin, 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. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

The Old Testament

Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,

who brings good news,
who announces salvation,
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,
together they sing for joy;

for in plain sight they see
the return of the Lord to Zion.

Break forth together into singing,
you ruins of Jerusalem;

for the Lord has comforted his people,
he has redeemed Jerusalem.

The Lord has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations;

and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Psalm 2 *read in unison*

- 1 Why are the nations in an uproar? *
Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?
- 2 Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt,
and the princes plot together, *
against the Lord and against his Anointed?
- 3 "Let us break their yoke," they say; *
"let us cast off their bonds from us."
- 4 He whose throne is in heaven is laughing; *
the Lord has them in derision.
- 5 Then he speaks to them in his wrath, *
and his rage fills them with terror.
- 6 "I myself have set my king *
upon my holy hill of Zion."
- 7 Let me announce the decree of the Lord: *
he said to me, "You are my Son;
this day have I begotten you.
- 8 Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance *
and the ends of the earth for your possession.
- 9 You shall crush them with an iron rod *
and shatter them like a piece of pottery."
- 10 And now, you kings, be wise; *
be warned, you rulers of the earth.
- 11 Submit to the Lord with fear, *
and with trembling bow before him;
- 12 Lest he be angry and you perish; *
for his wrath is quickly kindled.
- 13 Happy are they all *
who take refuge in him!

Each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said,

"When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive;
he gave gifts to his people."

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.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel

Mark 16:15-20

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

Jesus said to the apostles, "Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation. The one who believes and is baptized will be saved; but the one who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe: by using my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover."

So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went out and proclaimed the good news everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that accompanied it.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rt. Rev'd Larry Benfield

The Induction

Mrs. Susie Grommet presents a Bible, saying

Kevin, accept this Bible, and be among us as one who proclaims the Word.

People: Amen

The Bishop presents a vessel of water, saying

Kevin, take this water, and help me baptize in obedience to our Lord.

People: Amen

Mr. Dan Bishop presents a stole, saying

Kevin, receive this stole, and be among us as a pastor and priest.

People: Amen

Head Verger Mr. Darren Moore & Director of Acolytes Ms. Lydia Howard present a book of prayer, saying

Kevin, receive this book, and be among us as a man of prayer.

People: Amen

Mr. Andy Peeler presents anointing oil, saying

Kevin, use this oil, and be among us as a healer and reconciler.

People: Amen

Mrs. Adele Barnett, director of the Altar Guild, presents a ciborium and wine cruet, saying

Kevin, receive this bread and wine, and be among us to break the Bread and bless the Cup.

People: Amen

Mrs. Rose Mary Latanich, Director of Children's Education ministry, presents a gift, saying

Kevin, receive this gift, and be among us to serve the needs of children and youth, recounting to generations to come the wonderful works of the Lord.

People: Amen

Mrs. Rhonda Dauer, Director of Music presents an Anglican Chant Psalter, saying

Kevin, receive this Psalter and be among us to inspire music and praise to the Glory of God.

People: Amen

Mr. Perry Moses, on behalf of Two Saints' Kitchen presents a serving spoon, saying

Kevin, receive this serving spoon and be among us to be one who serves and feeds others in this community.

People: Amen

Parents and children of the St. Mark's Day School present a stuffed lion

Kevin, receive this lion cub, the symbol of our school, and be among us to serve the needs of children in our community, remembering that everyone is loved at St. Mark's Day School.

People: Amen

Mr. Jonathan Jacobs & Mr. Gary Latanich, the Wardens, now present the keys of the church, saying

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

People: Amen

The Rev'd Katherine Wren as a representative of the diocese presents the Constitution and Canons of this Church, saying

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

People: Amen

The Bishop then says

Kevin, let all these be signs of the ministry which is mine and yours in this place.

People: Amen

The new Minister, if a priest, may then kneel in the midst of the church, and may say

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. **Amen.**

The Bishop then presents the new minister to the congregation, saying

Greet your new Rector.

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.

The Holy Communion

Anthem

Behold, Now, Praise the Lord

Everett Titcomb

Behold now, praise the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord.

Ye that by night stand in the house of the Lord, even in the courts of the house of our God. Lift up your hands in the sanctuary and praise the Lord.

The Great Thanksgiving, Rite II, Prayer A

The people remain standing.

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.**

Then the Celebrant continues

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 Jesus Christ our Lord; 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:

SANCTUS *(sung by the choir)*

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.

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.**

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant and People

**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

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Celebrant and people

Fraction Anthem (*sung by the choir*)

The Celebrant continues

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Communion Music

Ave Verum Corpus

William Byrd

Ave, verum corpus natum de Maria Virgine: vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine: cuius latus perforatum fluxit aqua et sanguine: esto nobis praegustatum, in mortis examine. O Jesu dulcis, O Jesu pie, O Jesu Fili Mariae. Miserere mei. Amen. O dulcis, o pie, o Jesu, fili Mariae, miserere mei.

(Hail the true body, born of the Virgin Mary: You who truly suffered and were sacrificed on the cross for the sake of man. From whose pierced flank flowed water and blood: Be a foretaste for us in the trial of death. O sweet, O merciful, O Jesus, Son of Mary. Have mercy on me.)

What Wondrous Love is This

Post Communion Prayer

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 Kevin 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 for ever. **Amen.**

The Blessing

Processional

Ye watchers and ye holy ones

Lasst uns Ehrfreuen

Dismissal

Postlude

Sortie

L. J. T. Darwall