

Celebration of a new ministry

February 9, 2019



**St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
Welcomes you to
Our Celebration**

The Gathering

Processional – Hymnal 1982 #528 *Lord you give the great commission*

(All remain standing. Bishop greets the community)

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

Church Wardens: Bishop Smith and Bishop-elect Reddall, we have come together today to welcome the Rev. Allison Cornell who has been chosen to serve as Rector of St. Stephen's Church. We believe that she is well qualified and that she has been prayerfully and lawfully selected.

(The bishop reads the Letter of Institution aloud to the congregation)

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

New Minister: I do.

Bishop: My brothers and sisters in Christ, Allison Cornell has been chosen to be the priest and pastor of this parish of St. Stephen's, and she has accepted this responsibility.

After prayerful consideration,
and according to the practice of this diocese,
I have appointed Allison to this position of leadership
in our common ministry.

This ministry continues the good work
done through the years in this community,
and is part of the work and witness of the whole church.

It is a new beginning because Allison brings her particular gifts
to our ministry together.

Bishop: *(to the members of St. Stephen's)* Do you, the people of St. Stephen's Church, commit yourselves to share with Allison in the ministry of this parish?

People: We do.

Bishop: *(to the visitors, guests, colleagues of the new minister)* As brothers and sisters in the Body of Christ, will you support Allison and the parish of St. Stephen's in their ministry together?

People: We will.

Bishop: As we stand in God's presence let us pray that grace will be given to Allison and to all of us in this ministry, that we may fulfill the responsibilities which are ours.

(people sit, kneel, or stand for the prayers)

Leader: 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.

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 Kirk, our Bishop, Jennifer, our Bishop-elect, and for all bishops, priest, 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 Allison, chosen priest in your church, we pray to you O Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

That she 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.

Leader: 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.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: For Robin, her wife and for all her family, that they may be adorned with all Christian virtues, we pray to you O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Bishop: Let us pray: Ever-living God, strengthen and sustain Allison, that with patience and understanding she 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, forever and ever. **Amen.**

(Please be seated for the readings)

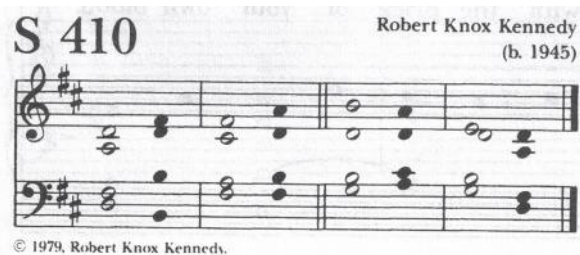
First Reading: from the Book of Jeremiah (23: 3-4)

“Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 67: *(sung with choir leading)*



4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

Selah

5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

6 The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

7 May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him

1 May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,

Selah

2 that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.

3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Second Reading: From the letter to the Romans: 12:1-18:

“I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Sequence Hymn -

#550 *Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult*

Gospel Reading *(Please stand as you are able)*

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (21: 15-17)

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

“When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep.”

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily

Seminarian Devin Gillespie

(Representatives of the congregation and of the clergy of the diocese stand before the Bishop with the new minister and present various appropriate symbols of the ministry of the whole people of God)

Bishop presents a vessel of water, saying:

Allison, in the water of baptism we are buried with Christ in his death.

By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the

Holy Spirit. Help me as one who baptizes others into the community and body of Christ.

New Minister: I invite you all to join with me in rejoicing in our Baptismal fellowship, and in nurturing the community of faith.

People **Amen. May we all grow into the full stature of Christ.**

Representatives present a Bible, saying:

Allison, hold before us the story of God's love and mercy, and above all, the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Be among us as a preacher of the Word of God and teacher of the faith.

New Minister: I invite you all to join with me in proclaiming the Gospel of hope and life.

People: Amen. We have good news to share.

Representatives present a stole, saying:

Allison, hold before us the yoke of Christ and be among us as an example of Christ's gentleness, humility, and compassion.

New Minister: I invite you all to join with me taking Christ's yoke upon ourselves and learning from Jesus's way, truth, and life.

People: Amen. We will eagerly sit at the feet of Christ our teacher.

Representatives present a vial of oil, saying:

Allison, hold before us the anointing of the Holy Spirit for wholeness of life. Be among us as reconciler and healer.

New Minister: I invite you all to join with me in the ministry of reconciliation and healing. So that through the power of God we may bring wholeness of life to all people.

People: Amen. In forgiveness and healing we find new life.

Representatives present a copy of the canons of the diocese, saying:

Allison, we look to you to work with the committees and organizations of the church, and in our community, so that our administration may serve Christ and his Gospel and not just ourselves. Be among us in wisdom and humility in discernment and good humor.

New Minister: I invite you all to join with me in working for the building up of Christ's Church.

People: Amen. We are the Body of Christ.

Church Wardens present keys to the church, saying:

Allison, we look to you to lead and encourage us to be an open and welcoming community. Accept these keys and let the doors of this place be open to everyone.

New Minister: I invite you all to join with me in welcoming all who would come into the fellowship of the people of God.

People: Amen. May we greet Christ in all who come.

Representatives present a Hymnal and Book of Common Prayer, saying:

Allison, we look to you to lead us in worship, so that, in word, song, and sacrament, we may be renewed in our life together in our Lord Jesus Christ. Receive these books and be among us as a person of prayer and praise.

New Minister: I invite you all to join with me, and with the whole church, in regular and constant prayer, thanksgiving, and praise to our God.

People: Amen. In quietness, confidence, and song will be our strength.

Representatives present Bread and Wine, saying:

Allison, we look to you as one who presides at the Eucharist and shares with us and with the whole church in the breaking of the bread as a foretaste of the heavenly banquet. Be among us to break the bread and bless the cup.

New Minister: I invite you to join with me in making Eucharist together, in company with the church in every age.

People: Amen. May we know the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.

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

People: Amen.

(New Minister kneels in the midst of the church and says:)

New Minister: 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 and 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; 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.

All **Amen.**

Bishop: Greet your new Rector.
(The congregation may respond. Applause is appropriate.)

New Minister: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Offertory

Presider: Offer to God a sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; make good your vows to the Most High.

Offertory Hymn -

707 Take My Life and Let It Be

Choral Anthem -

"In My Heart"

arr: A. Bullard

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Because you Holy One, have always sought to be present with and in your people, to share your love and joy in all that you have created, you have raised up those who have heard your call in their hearts to lead others closer to you. From Adam and Eve through prophets, messengers, and leaders of ancient times you asked us to trust, follow, and love you.

In these last days, you sent your Son, Jesus to come among us as our example, our teacher, and our salvation and connection back to you, the Creator and God of all that is. And after his resurrection, Jesus sent forth his apostles to continue your work: to preach the Gospel and to teach all the nations; and he promised to be with them always, even to the end of the ages.

And so we join the saints and angels in proclaiming your glory, as we sing (say),
Presider and People (S125)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the Highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the Highest.

Glory and honor are yours, Architect of all the universe, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise.

Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

And so, we present to you ourselves and these gifts of bread and wine, our own humble offerings. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of Christ, the holy food and drink of Jesus' last supper with his friends.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said:

“Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We now celebrate, O God, the memorial of Christ our Savior. By means of this holy bread and cup, we show forth the sacrifice of Christ’s death, and proclaim the resurrection, until Christ comes in glory.

Gather us by this Holy Communion into one body in the Risen One, and make us a living sacrifice of praise. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

AMEN.

And now, as Christ has taught us, we pray: (choose the form you most prefer)

**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.**

**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 forever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread: *(presider breaks the consecrated bread)*

Presider: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People: We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

(The people come forward to receive communion).

Communion Music - #657 *Love divine, all loves excelling*

Prayer after Communion:

Presider: Let us pray:

All: 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 Allison 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 forever. Amen.

Presider: And the blessing of Almighty God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen**

Recessional - #537 *Christ for the world we sing*

Dismissal: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

(reception follows the service next door in the education building)