



Morning Prayer with the Renewal of Vows  
and the Consecration of Chrism  
Tuesday in Holy Week  
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10:30 AM Morning Prayer



The Cathedral  
Church of **Saint John**  
the **Divine**

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MORNING PRAYER WITH THE RENEWAL OF VOWS  
AND THE CONSECRATION OF CHRISM

The Right Reverend Andrew ML Dietsche, *Officiant & Preacher*  
*XVI Bishop of New York*  
The Cathedral Choir  
Raymond Nagem, *organ*

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OPENING VOLUNTARY

Psalm-Prelude, Op. 32, No. 3      Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

“Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.”

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CONFESSION OF SIN

*The Bishop begins the service saying*

Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow which was brought upon me, whom the Lord hath afflicted. (Lamentations 1:12)

*The Bishop says to the people*

**D**EARLY beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us bow down in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*Silence is kept.*

*Bishop*

Most merciful God,

*All*

we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*The Bishop pronounces the absolution*

**A**LMIGHTY God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

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*The People remain standing.*

**INVITATORY**

*Bishop* Lord, open our lips.

*People* And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.  
Glory to the Father,  
And to the Son,  
And to the Holy Spirit:  
As it was in the beginning,  
Is now,  
And will be for ever.  
Amen.

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**PSALM 95:1-7**

*Leader* The Lord is full of compassion and mercy:

*People* Come let us adore him.

*Leader* Come, let us sing to the Lord;  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

*People* The Lord is full of compassion and mercy:  
Come let us adore him.

*Leader* For the Lord is a great God,  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are the caverns of the earth,  
and the heights of the hills are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it,  
and his hands have molded the dry land.

*People* The Lord is full of compassion and mercy:  
Come let us adore him.

*Leader* Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture  
and the sheep of his hand.  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

*People* The Lord is full of compassion and mercy:  
Come let us adore him.

*Leader* Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and will be for ever. Amen.

*People* The Lord is full of compassion and mercy:  
Come let us adore him.

*The People sit.*

PSALMODY

PSALM 6

*Sung by a Cantor.*

*Domine, ne in furore*

Oh Señor, no me reprendas en tu enojo,  
ni me castigues con tu ira.

Ten misericordia de mí, oh Señor, porque estoy debilitado;  
sáname, oh Señor, porque mis huesos se estremecen.

Mi alma también está muy turbada;  
y tú, oh Señor, ¿hasta cuándo?

Vuélvete, oh Señor, libra mi vida;  
sálvame por tu misericordia;

Porque en la muerte no hay memoria de ti;  
en el sepulcro, ¿quién te alabará?

Me he consumido a fuerza de gemir;  
todas las noches inundo de llanto mi lecho,  
riego mi cama con mis lágrimas.

Mis ojos están gastados de sufrir;  
se han envejecido a causa de todos mis angustiadores.

Apártense de mí, todos los hacedores de iniquidad;  
porque el Señor ha oído la voz de mi llanto.

El Señor ha oído mi ruego;  
ha recibido el Señor mi oración.

Se avergonzarán y se turbarán todos mis enemigos;  
se volverán y serán avergonzados de repente.

Lord, do not rebuke me in your anger;  
do not punish me in your wrath.

Have pity on me, Lord, for I am weak;  
heal me, Lord, for my bones are racked.

My spirit shakes with terror;  
how long, O Lord, how long?

Turn, O Lord, and deliver me;  
save me for your mercy's sake.

For in death no one remembers you;  
and who will give you thanks in the grave?

I grow weary because of my groaning;  
every night I drench my bed  
and flood my couch with tears.

My eyes are wasted with grief  
and worn away because of all my enemies.

Depart from me, all evildoers,  
for the Lord has heard the sound of my weeping.

The Lord has heard my supplication;  
the Lord accepts my prayer.

All my enemies shall be confounded and quake with fear;  
they shall turn back and suddenly be put to shame.

Simplified Anglican Chant: Raymond Nagem (b. 1986)

Text: *Libro de Oración Común*

## PSALM 12

*Salvum me fac**Sung by a Cantor.*

Seigneur, au secours! Il n'y a plus de fidèle!  
La loyauté a disparu chez les hommes.

Entre eux la parole est mensonge,  
cœur double, lèvres menteuses.

Que le Seigneur supprime ces lèvres menteuses,  
cette langue qui parle insolemment,

ceux-là qui disent: «Armons notre langue!  
A nous la parole! Qui sera notre maître?»

«Pour le pauvre qui gémit,  
le malheureux que l'on dépouille,  
maintenant je me lève, dit le Seigneur;  
à celui qu'on méprise, je porte secours.»

Les paroles du Seigneur sont des paroles pures,  
argent passé au feu,  
affiné: sept fois.

Toi, Seigneur, tu tiens parole,  
tu nous gardes pour toujours de cette engeance.

De tous côtés, s'agitent les impies:  
la corruption gagne chez les hommes.

Gloire au Père, et au Fils,  
et au Saint-Esprit,  
au Dieu qui est, qui était, et qui vient,  
pour les siècles des siècles.

Help me, Lord, for there is no godly one left;  
the faithful have vanished from among us.

Everyone speaks falsely with his neighbor;  
with a smooth tongue they speak from a double heart.

Oh, that the Lord would cut off all smooth tongues,  
and close the lips that utter proud boasts!

Those who say, "With our tongue will we prevail;  
our lips are our own; who is lord over us?"

Because the needy are oppressed,  
and the poor cry out in misery,  
I will rise up, says the Lord,  
and give them the help they long for.

The words of the Lord are pure words,  
like silver refined from ore and  
purified seven times in the fire.

O Lord, watch over us  
and save us from this generation for ever.

The wicked prowls on every side,  
and that which is worthless is highly prized by everyone.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and will be for ever. Amen.

Simplified Anglican Chant: Raymond Nagem

Text: *Livre de la Prière Commun*

## A READING FROM THE PROPHET JEREMIAH

*Read by Ms. Arlene Bullard, Bishop Dietsche's Assistant  
for Special Projects and Assistant to the Canon to the Ordinary*

**W**OE is me, my mother, that you ever bore me, a man of strife and contention to the whole land! I have not lent, nor have I borrowed, yet all of them curse me.

The Lord said: Surely I have intervened in your life for good, surely I have imposed enemies on you in a time of trouble and in a time of distress. Can iron and bronze break iron from the north? Your wealth and your treasures I will give as plunder, without price, for all your sins, throughout all your territory. I will make you serve your enemies in a land that you do not know, for in my anger a fire is kindled that shall burn forever. O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of merry-makers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. Therefore thus says the Lord: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the Lord. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless. (15:10-21)

*Reader* Here ends the reading.

*The People remain seated.*

**CANTICLE F: ANTHEM**

*Sung by the Choir.*

*O vos omnes*

Tomás Luis de Victoria (c. 1548–1611)



VOS omnes qui transitis per viam: attendite et videte  
si est dolor sicut dolor meus.

*All you who pass by, behold and see  
if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow.*

*Which was brought upon me,  
inflicted by God's fierce anger.*

*For these things I weep; my eyes flow with tears,  
for a comforter is far from me, one to revive my  
courage.*

*Remember my affliction and my bitterness,  
wormwood and gall!*

*The steadfast love of God never ceases,  
God's mercies never end.*

*They are new every morning;  
great is your faithfulness.*

*"God is my portion," says my soul,  
"therefore will I hope in God."*

*It is good that we should wait quietly  
for the coming of God's salvation.*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and will be for ever. Amen.*

(Lamentations 1:12, 16; 3:19, 22–24, 26)

## YON LEKTI NAN LÈT PÒL POU FILIPYEN YO

*Read by Ms. Gisele Isidore, Haitian Congregation of the Good Samaritan, Bronx*

**N**OU tout ki byen grandi nan lafwa, se menm lide sa a pou n' gen nan tèt nou tou. Men, si gen moun pami nou ki gen lòt lide sou kèk pwen, Bondye va fè yo wè pi klè sou sa. Nenpòt jan sa ye, ann mache toujou jan n' te konmanse a. Nou tout frè m' yo, pran egzanp sou mwen. Kenbe je nou fiske sou moun k'ap swiv egzanp mwen te bay la. Paske, gen anpil moun k'ap viv tankou moun ki pa vle tandè pale jan Kris la mouri sou kwa a. Mwen te deja di nou sa, koulye a m'ap di nou sa ankò ak dlo nan je mwen: Moun sa yo ap rive fin detwi tèt yo. Se vant yo ki bondye yo. Yo pran plezi yo nan bagay ki pou ta fè yo wont pito. Se bagay lemonn ase ki nan tèt yo. Men nou menm, nou se sitwayen peyi ki nan syèl la. Se tann n'ap tann Delivrans nou, Jezikri, Seyè a, ki gen pou desann sot nan syèl la. Se li menm k'ap pran pouvwa li genyen pou soumèt tout bagay anba men l' lan, l'ap chanje vye kò tou fèb nou yo pou l' fè yo tounen tankou kò pa l' la ki gen bèl pouvwa. (3:15-21)

*Lektè* Isit la lekti a fini.

## A READING FROM PAUL'S LETTER TO THE PHILIPPIANS

**L**ET those of us then who are mature be of the same mind; and if you think differently about anything, this too God will reveal to you. Only let us hold fast to what we have attained. Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. (3:15-21)

*Reader* Here ends the reading.

*All stand, as able.*

## CANTICLE 16

*Sung by the Choir.*

*Benedictus Dominus Deus*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;  
he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior,  
born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,  
that he would save us from our enemies,  
from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers  
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham,  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear,  
holy and righteous in his sight  
all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation  
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the  
shadow of death,  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace. (Luke 1: 68-79)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.  
Amen.

Anglican Chant: Herbert Murrill (1909-1952)



*The People are seated.*

## LECTURA DEL SANTO EVANGELIO SEGÚN SAN JUAN

*Ms. Melissa Lopez-Sanchez,  
Executive Assistant to Bishop Dietsche*

**E**NTRE la gente que había ido a Jerusalén a adorar durante la fiesta, había algunos griegos. Éstos se acercaron a Felipe, que era de Betsaida, un pueblo de Galilea, y le rogaron:

—Señor, queremos ver a Jesús.

Felipe fue y se lo dijo a Andrés, y los dos fueron a contárselo a Jesús. Jesús les dijo entonces:

—Ha llegado la hora en que el Hijo del hombre va a ser glorificado. Les aseguro que si el grano de trigo al caer en tierra no muere, queda él solo; pero si muere, da abundante cosecha. El que ama su vida, la perderá; pero el que desprecia su vida en este mundo, la conservará para la vida eterna. Si alguno quiere servirme, que me siga; y donde yo esté, allí estará también el que me sirva. Si alguno me sirve, mi Padre lo honrará. (12:20–26)

*Lectora* Aquí termina la lectura.

## A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN

**N**OW among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks.

They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, ‘Sir, we wish to see Jesus.’ Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, ‘The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. (12:20–26)

*Reader* Here ends the reading.

*All stand, as able.*

## CANTICLE 21

*Sung by the Choir.*

*Te Deum laudamus*

**W**E praise thee, O God;  
we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.  
All the earth doth worship thee,  
the Father everlasting.  
To thee all Angels cry aloud;  
the Heavens, and all the Powers therein;  
To thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry,  
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;  
Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty of thy glory.  
The glorious company of the Apostles praise thee.  
The goodly fellowship of the Prophets praise thee.  
The noble army of Martyrs praise thee.  
The holy Church throughout all the world  
doth acknowledge thee;  
The Father of an infinite Majesty;  
Thine adorable, true and only Son;  
Also the Holy Ghost the Comforter.  
Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ.

Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.  
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man,  
thou didst humble thyself to be born of a Virgin.  
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,  
thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.  
Thou sittest at the right hand of God,  
in the glory of the Father.  
We believe that thou shalt come to be our Judge.  
We therefore pray thee, help thy servants,  
whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.  
Make them to be numbered with thy Saints,  
in glory everlasting.  
O Lord, save thy people, and bless thine heritage.  
Govern them and lift them up for ever.  
Day by day we magnify thee;  
And we worship thy Name ever, world without end.  
Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.  
O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.  
O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us, as our trust is in thee.  
O Lord, in thee have I trusted;  
let me never be confounded.

Anglican Chant: Edwin George Monk (1811–1900)  
and William Croft (1678–1727)

*The People sit.*

## SERMON

The Right Reverend Andrew ML Dietsche  
*XVI Bishop of New York*

## THE BIDDING

*The Sermon having ended, All stand, as able.*

*The Bishop says*

**M**Y beloved Family in Christ, I bid you on this day to remember before our God the Clergy who have served our people since colonial days; Christians who behaved as such to each other in spite of differing national loyalties; persons on both sides who suffered for conscience sake. For their integrity, and for the preservation of our Communion in this Province I bid you give thanks.

I bid you remember the Bishops and other Clergy who in these last two centuries have led our people in the paths of peace and the ways of stalwart gentleness amidst the social, political, and economic changes which have marked the period, guiding but never obscuring the landmark. I bid you especially to remember and commend to God's mercy those of our number who have died since we last celebrated the days of our Lord's passion and death, and the feast of his glorious resurrection:

Thomas Gerald Brooks  
Stephen James Chinlund  
Horace Choate, Jr.  
Richard Warren Corney  
John-Michael Crothers  
Donald Robert Cutler  
Diego Delgado-Miller  
John Hausmann Dingle  
Martha-Jane Dunphy  
David Edward Eylers  
W. Roland Foster  
Raynor Wilson Hesse, Jr.  
Edgar Wilson Hopper, Jr.  
Lewis Edwin Marshall  
Robert Edward Lee Morisseau  
James Parks Morton  
Roy Earl Parker, Jr., O.H.C.  
Victoria Sanborn  
Wayne Roy Schmidt  
William Lawton Schnitzer  
Charles Wesley Shike  
Frederick Hardman Shriver, Jr.  
Holley Slauson II  
Minka Shura Sprague  
Ralph Roderick Stewart  
Edgar Fisher Wells

Remember, too, the spouses of our sisters and brothers in the ministry who have died:

Linda Armstrong Chisholm  
Charles Cade Close  
Pamela Cromey  
Omah Joseph  
Michael Jeremy Knudsen  
Elisabeth Joy Lloyd  
Keith McCloghrie  
Richard Edgecombe Quaintance, Jr.

Finally, let us commend to God's care those who lived under religious vows and shared a common life:

Br. Anthony-Francis, Solitary  
Br. Rafael Campbell-Dixon  
Sr. Elise, C.H.S.

God has taken them into a larger world, and a more visible Church. May God grant them memory eternal.

You and I are committed to a common belief in Sacraments, Scripture, Order, and Creed, but if we are ready to witness to this belief, we can do so only so far as our Faithful, and the world at large, are able to observe our devotion one to another, and our daily renewal of the vows and promises of Baptism which bind all Christians into holy fellowship and by which all our lives and ministries are shaped and strengthened by the love of God for all people through our Savior Jesus Christ.

I therefore bid you remember that it is only when we love one another that we can say truly, and affirm our Covenant with boldness:

## THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

*Bishop* Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

*People* I do.

*Bishop* Do you believe in God the Father?

*People* I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

*Bishop* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People* I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

*Bishop* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

*Bishop* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People* I will, with God's help.

*Bishop* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People* I will, with God's help.

*Bishop* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* I will, with God's help.

*Bishop* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People* I will, with God's help.

*Bishop* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People* I will, with God's help.

*Bishop* May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

## THE REAFFIRMATION OF ORDINATION VOWS

*At the conclusion of the Renewal of Baptismal Vows, all are seated.*

*The Bishop of New York, addresses the Deacons, saying*

**T**HE Deacons will rise.  
My brother and sister Deacons: You have accepted the call of God to study and be nourished by the scriptures, and to model your life upon them; to proclaim the Gospel, and to make Christ and his redemptive work known by your word and example; to interpret for the Church the needs, concerns and hopes of the world; and to assist the bishop and priests in public worship and the ministration of God's Word and Sacraments.

As the ordained sign of the Church's servant ministry, do you, here in the presence of Christ and his Church, renew your commitment to your ministry?

*Answer* I do.

*The Deacons remain standing.*

*The Bishop says*

**T**HE priests will rise.  
My sister and brother Priests: You have accepted the call of God 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; to proclaim by word and deed the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and to fashion your life on its precepts; to love and serve Christ's people, caring alike for young and old, strong and weak, rich and poor; to preach, to declare God's forgiveness to penitent sinners, to pronounce God's blessing, and to share in the administration of Holy Baptism and in the celebration of the mysteries of Christ's Body and Blood.

As the ordained sign of the Church's pastoral ministry, do you, here in the presence of Christ and his Church, renew your commitment to your ministry?

*Answer* I do.

*The Priests remain standing.*

*The Bishop addresses the assembled Priests and Deacons, saying*

Dear friends, the ministry which we share is none other than the sacrificial ministry of Christ, who gave himself up to death on the cross for the salvation of the world. By his glorious resurrection he has opened for us the way of everlasting life. By the gift of the Holy Spirit he shares with us the riches of his grace.

We are called to proclaim his death and resurrection, to administer the Sacraments of the New Covenant which he sealed with his blood on the cross, and to care for his people in the power of his spirit.

Do you reaffirm your promise to be guided by the pastoral direction and leadership of your bishop?

*Answer* I do.

*Bishop* Do you reaffirm your promise to give yourself to prayer and study?

*Answer* I do.

*Bishop* Do you reaffirm your promise 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 do.

*Bishop* Do you reaffirm your promise to be a faithful servant of all those committed to your care, patterning your life in accordance with the teachings of Christ, so that you may be a wholesome example to your people?

*Answer* I do.

*The priests remain standing. The Bishop stands and says*

**M**Y sister and brother bishops will rise.  
As Bishops, we have accepted the call of God to proclaim Christ's resurrection and interpret the Gospel, and to testify to Christ's sovereignty as Lord of lords and King of kings; to guard the faith, unity and discipline of the Church; to share in the leadership of the Church throughout the world; to celebrate and provide for the sacraments of the New Covenant; to ordain priests and deacons and to join in ordaining bishops; to be a faithful pastor; and to be a wholesome example for the entire flock of Christ.

*The Bishop leads the other Bishops present in making this affirmation together*

And now, as your Bishops, we too, before God and you, ourselves rededicate and reaffirm the promises that we made when we were ordained. We ask your prayers.

*The Bishops and Clergy say together*

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

*All stand, as able.*

## THE CONSECRATION OF THE CHRISM

*The Bishop says*

**D**EAR Friends in Christ: In the beginning, the Spirit of God hovered over the creation; and, throughout history, God, by the gift of the Holy Spirit, has empowered his people to serve him. As a sign of that gift, the priests and kings of Israel were anointed with oil; and our Lord Jesus was himself anointed with the Holy Spirit at his Baptism as the Christ, God's own Messiah. At Baptism, Christians are likewise anointed by that same Spirit to empower them for God's service. Let us now set apart this oil to be the sign of that anointing.

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept. The Bishop then places a hand on the vessel of oil and prays.*

God our maker, source of all growth in holiness, accept the joyful thanks and praise we offer in the name of your Church. In the beginning, at your command, the earth produced fruit-bearing trees.

From the fruit of the olive tree you have provided us with oil for holy chrism. The prophet David sang of the life and joy that the oil would bring us in the sacraments of your love. After the avenging flood, the dove returning to Noah with an olive branch announced your gift of peace. This was a sign of a greater gift to come. Now the waters of baptism wash away the sins of all and by anointing with olive oil you make us radiant with your joy.

Eternal Father, whose blessed Son was anointed by the Holy Spirit to be the Savior and servant of all, we pray you to consecrate this oil, that those who are sealed with it may share in the royal priesthood of Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

*People Amen.*

**OFFICE HYMN***Sung by the Choir.**On Christ the solid rock (LEVAS 99)***THE DISMISSAL***Bishop* Let us bless the Lord.*People* Thanks be to God.**CLOSING VOLUNTARY***Kyrie, Gott heiliger Geist, BWV 671* Johann Sebastian Bach  
(1685–1750)**HOLY WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL****MONDAY–FRIDAY, 29 MARCH – 2 APRIL****8 AM** Morning Prayer**5:30 PM** Evening Prayer**TUESDAY, 30 MARCH****10:30 AM** Holy Tuesday Service**THURSDAY, 1 APRIL****7 PM** Maundy Thursday**FRIDAY, 2 APRIL****Noon** Good Friday**SATURDAY, 3 APRIL****7 PM** Holy Saturday**SUNDAY, 4 APRIL****11 AM** Easter Sunday**PARTICIPANTS****Officiant & Preacher**The Right Reverend Andrew ML Dietsche  
*XVI Bishop of New York***Chaplain to Bishop Dietsche**The Reverend Canon John D. Perris  
*Canon to the Ordinary***Oil Bearers**The Reverend Deacon Dorothee Caulfield  
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The Reverend Deacon Shiane Lee  
The Reverend Deacon Pedro L. Rodriguez, Jr.**Musicians**Lianne Coble, *soprano*  
Katie Geissinger, *alto*  
Eric Sorrels, *tenor*  
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Raymond Nagem, *organ*

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**ONGOING PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES****THE CATHEDRAL REGATHERS**

Whether in person or on our website, there are many ways to join the Cathedral community and stay in touch. The Cathedral is now open 9:30 AM – 3 PM Mondays – Fridays and 9:30 AM – 5 PM Saturdays – Sundays. Admission for sightseeing is \$5. All those seeking individual prayer, reflection, meditation, or Columbarium visits will be welcomed without charge. Our online community resources and programs, including streaming worship services, messages from the Dean, virtual tours, music recitals, and children's activities, and contact information for Cathedral clergy, are just a few clicks away at [stjohndivine.org](http://stjohndivine.org).

**CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY CARES (CCC)  
SUNDAY SOUP KITCHEN**

During this time, the CCC Soup Kitchen remains open each Sunday, serving bagged meals to those in need. For more information or to volunteer, contact Thomas Perry at [tperry@stjohndivine.org](mailto:tperry@stjohndivine.org). Your support and contributions are greatly appreciated as we continue to serve our most vulnerable community members.

**THE CONGREGATION OF SAINT SAVIOUR**

Chartered in 1992, the Congregation of Saint Saviour is a 400-member strong community of believers who support the Cathedral with our time, talent, and money. We serve as lay ministers, ushers, vergers, readers, acolytes, choir members, and outreach volunteers. Although the Cathedral remains closed to large gatherings, we have created a vibrant online community with opportunities for worship, Bible study, and fellowship. To learn more about 'the heart of the Cathedral,' visit [www.saintsaviour.org](http://www.saintsaviour.org), or reach out to our Canon Pastor, Steven Lee, at [slee@stjohndivine.org](mailto:slee@stjohndivine.org).

**IMMIGRATION AND SANCTUARY RESOURCES**

The Cathedral is a house of worship for all, regardless of immigration status. If you, or members of your family, community or parish, need assistance navigating life as an immigrant of any legal status, we hope to connect you with the resources you need. For information on upcoming programs and more resources from the city and Diocese, visit [stjohndivine.org](http://stjohndivine.org).

**SERMONS ARCHIVE NOW ONLINE**

Visit the Cathedral's website to stream or download audio from past 11 AM Sunday Choral Eucharist sermons and listen on the go. Visit [stjohndivine.org/spiritual/sermons-archive/](http://stjohndivine.org/spiritual/sermons-archive/) to listen and download.

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