

Territory of the People
Anglican Church of Canada

The Ordination of
LINDA CAROL LaGROIX

to the Order of Deacon
by
The Right Reverend Gordon Light
&
The Right Reverend Barbara Andrews

In
St. Paul's Cathedral, Kamloops, BC
on the 14th of September 2021

Holy Cross Day
7:00 p.m.

Prelude: "Will you Come and follow me", *Variations 1-5 by Denis Bedard. Used with permission.*

Welcome

Melissa Green

Opening Hymn: Lift High the Cross (CP 602)

Rhonda Dextraze

*Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name!*

Come, Christian people, sing your praises, shout!
If we are silent, even stones cry out.

Refrain

Jesus, you wept to see our human strife:
teach us compassion for each human life.

Refrain

Peace was your plea, and peace your loving theme:
let peace be our passport, peace a living dream.

Refrain

Great is the cost of walking on this road,
to follow and suffer with the Son of God.

Refrain

Worlds to be born and children yet to be,
come, take up this song into eternity.

Refrain

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The Gathering of the Community

Bishop Barbara

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.**

Bishop: Let us pray.

Standing the Community prays silently.

Bishop: O 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.**

Almighty God,
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
was lifted high upon the cross
that he might draw the whole world to himself,
may we who rejoice in the mystery of our redemption
have grace to take up our cross and follow him,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Readings

Reader: A reading from the book of Numbers (21:4b-9)

Brian Mearon

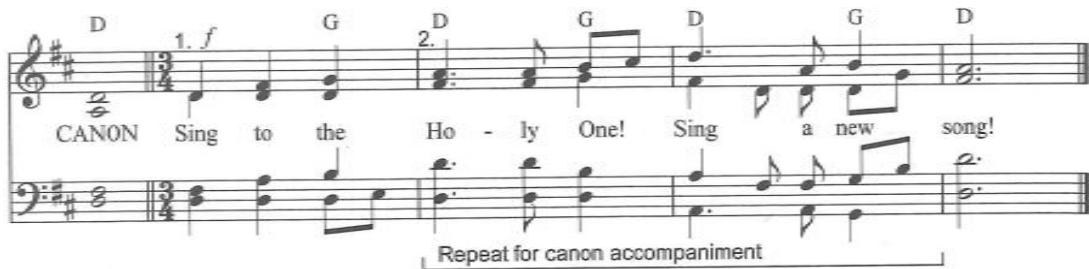
From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. ⁷The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 98:1-6

Danielle Goodwin



Reader: Sing to the Holy One, sing a new song!
The One who has done marvelous things!

All: **Your right hand and holy arm gave you victory.**

Reader: You announced the victory

All: **and declared true justice to the nations.**

Reader: You remembered the covenant of love and fidelity
toward the house of Israel.

All: **All the nations of the world have seen your victory, O God. R**

Reader: Let the whole world shout to the Holy One,

All: **and break into joyful shouts and songs of praise.**
Reader: Sing to the Holy One on the harp,
All: **with the harp and lovely song,**
Reader: with trumpets and horn;
All: **shout joyfully to our sovereign, the Holy One! R**

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Reader: A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians (1:18-24)

Cathy Wozlowski

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn: God the Creator (CP 445)

Danielle Goodwin

God the Creator, You in love made me
who once was nothing but now have grown.
I bring the best of all my life offers;
for You I share whatever I own.

O Christ the Saviour You in love called me
Who once was no-one lost and alone.
I pledged to go wherever You summon,
making Your will and purpose my own.

O God the Spirit, You in love move me
who once was nowhere and felt unknown.
I know my need of You for companion:
all things can change when not on my own.

And with the people summoned together
to be the Church in which faith is sown.
I make my promise to live for Jesus
and let the world know all are His own. (*text by John Bell; music -(c) 1989 Iona Community*

The Gospel

The Rev. Patrick Sibley

Gospeller: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according John (3:13-17).

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

No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Angus Muir

Silence for Reflection

The Nicene Creed

Bishop Gordon

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

People: **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

The presenters, standing before the Bishop, present the ordinand, saying:

Presenters: Gordon, Bishop in the Church of God, on behalf of the clergy and people of the Territory of the People, we present you Linda Carol LaGroix to be ordained a deacon 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: 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.

Please stand following the signing.

Bishop: Dear friends in Christ, you know the importance of this ministry, and the weight of your responsibility in presenting Linda for ordination to the sacred order of deacons. 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 Linda be ordained a deacon?

People: **It is.**

Bishop: Will you uphold him/her in this ministry?

People: **We will.**

The Examination

Bishop Barbara

All now sit except the ordinand, who stands before the bishops. Then Bishop Barbara addresses the ordinand as follows.

Linda, every Christian is called to follow Jesus Christ, serving God the Father, through the power of the Holy Spirit. God now calls you to a special ministry of servanthood, directly under the authority of your bishop. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are to serve all people, particularly the poor, the weak, the sick, and the lonely.

As a deacon in the Church, you are to study the holy scriptures, to seek nourishment from them, and to model your life upon them. You are to make Christ and his redemptive love known, by your word and example, to those among whom you live and work and worship.

You are to interpret to the Church the needs, concerns, and hopes of the world. You are to assist the bishop and priests in public worship, and in the ministration of God's word and sacraments, and you are to carry out other duties assigned to you from time to time. At all times, your life and teaching are to show Christ's people that in serving the helpless they are serving Christ himself.

Do you believe that you are truly called by God and the Church to the life and work of a deacon?

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 be guided by the pastoral direction and leadership of your bishop?

Answer: I will.

Bishop: Will you be faithful in prayer, and in the reading and study of the holy scriptures?

Answer: I will.

Bishop: Will you look for Christ in all others, being ready to help and serve those in need?

Answer: I will.

Bishop: Will you do your best to pattern your life (and that of your family) in accordance with the teachings of Christ, so that you may be a wholesome example to your people?

Answer: I will.

Bishop: Will you in all things seek not your glory but the glory of the Lord Christ?

Answer: I will.

Bishop: May the Lord by his grace uphold you in the service to which you are called.

Answer: Amen.

The Consecration of the Deacon

Bishop Gordon

*Now all stand except the ordinand, who kneels facing the bishops.
Bishop Gordon calls the people to prayer with these or similar words.*

Bishop: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

The Litany for Ordinations

The Rev. Jo Ann Hinter

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 Lynne, our archbishop, 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 Linda, chosen deacon 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 all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

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

The bishop prays,

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.

People: **Amen.**

O Holy Spirit, by whose breath
life rises vibrant out of death,
come to create, renew, inspire;
come, kindle in our hearts your fire.

You are the seeker's sure resource,
of burning love the living source,
protector in the midst of strife,
the giver and the Lord of life.

In you God's energy is shown,
to us your varied gifts made known.
Teach us to speak, teach us to hear;
yours is the tongue and yours the ear.

Flood our dull senses with your light;
in mutual love our hearts unite.
Your power the whole creation fills;
confirm our weak, uncertain wills.

From inner strife grant us release.
Turn nations to the ways of peace.
To fuller life your people bring,
that as one body we may sing:

Praise to the Father, Christ, his Word,
and to the Spirit: God the Lord.

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A period of silent prayer follows.

Bishop Gordon stands with his chaplain Len Fraser who assists him; the ordinand kneels before him; he stretches out his hands toward her and begins this Prayer of Consecration.

Bishop: We praise and glorify you, most merciful Father, because in your great love of our human race you sent your only Son Jesus Christ to take the form of a servant; he came to serve and not to be served; and to teach us that he who would be great among us must be the servant of all; he humbled himself for our sake, and in obedience accepted

death, even death on a cross; therefore you highly exalted him and gave him the name which is above every name.

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

Here the bishop lays his hands on the head of the ordinand:

Send down your Holy Spirit upon your servant Linda, whom we now consecrate in your name to the office and work of a deacon in the Church.

Almighty Father, give to this your servant grace and power to fulfil her ministry. Make her faithful to serve, ready to teach, and constant to advance your gospel; and grant that always having full assurance of faith, abounding in hope, and being rooted and grounded in love, she may continue strong and steadfast in 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.

People: **Amen.**

The Vesting and the Presentation of a Bible to the newly ordained Deacon

The new deacon is now vested according to the order of deacons.

The bishop gives a Bible to the newly ordained, saying,

Bishop: Receive this Bible as the sign of your authority to proclaim God's word and to assist in the ministration of his holy sacraments.

The Bishop presents the new deacon to the congregation.

The Peace

Bishop Barbara

Bishop Barbara then says to the congregation,

Bishop: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Offertory, Thanksgiving, and Communion

Bishop Barbara

The liturgy continues with the offertory. Money offerings are given to the Theological Students Fund of the Territory of the People.

The newly ordained deacon prepares the elements and places the vessels on the Lord's Table.

Offertory Hymn: Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service (CP 585)

Rhonda Dextraze

Lord, whose love in humble service
Bore the weight of human need,
Who upon the cross, forsaken,
Worked Your mercy's perfect deed:
We, Your servants, bring the worship
Not of voice alone, but heart;
Consecrating to Your purpose
Every gift which You impart.

Still Your children wander homeless;
Still the hungry cry for bread;
Still the captives long for freedom;
Still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion
Healed the sick and freed the soul,
By Your Spirit send Your power
To our world to make it whole.

As we worship, grant us vision,
Till your love's revealing light
In its height and depth and greatness
Dawns upon our quickened sight,
Making known the needs and burdens
Your compassion bids us bear,
Stirring us to ardent service,
Your abundant life to share.

by Albert Bayly - (c) Oxford University Press

Prayer Over The Gifts

Bishop: Merciful God,
through the death of your beloved Son

you transformed an instrument of shame
into a sign of hope and glory.
Receive all we offer you this day,
and renew in us the mystery of his love;
through the same Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Bishop: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Bishop: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Bishop: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,
through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,
our Saviour and Redeemer.
He is your living Word,
through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit
he took flesh of the Virgin Mary
and shared our human nature.
He lived and died as one of us,
to reconcile us to you,
the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will
he stretched out his hands in suffering,
to bring release to those who place their hope in you;
and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows,
and to give up his life on the cross,
that he might shatter the chains of evil and death,
and banish the darkness of sin and despair.

By his resurrection
he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices
to proclaim the glory of your name.

All: **Holy, Holy, holy, Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are fully of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy and gracious God,
accept our praise,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;
who on the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
took bread and gave you thanks,
saying, “Take, and eat:
this is my body which is broken for you.”
In the same way he took the cup,
saying, “This is my blood which is shed for you.
When you do this, you do it in memory of me.”

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,
we offer you this bread and this cup,
giving thanks that you have made us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit
upon the offering of your holy Church.
Gather into one
all who share in these sacred mysteries,
filling them with the Holy Spirit
and confirming their faith in the truth,
that together we may praise you
and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours,
Father and Son,
with the Holy Spirit
in the holy Church,
now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

Bishop: As our Saviour taught us, let us sing,

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 forever, Amen.

by Gordon Light -(c) St. George's Anglican Church, Edmonton, AB

The Breaking of the Bread

Bishop: "I am the bread of life," says the Lord.
"Whoever comes to me will never be hungry;
whoever believes in me will never thirst.

People: **Taste and see that the Lord is good;**
happy are they who trust in him!

Hymn during Communion: One Bread, One Body (CP 73)

Danielle Goodwin

*Refrain: One bread, one body, one Lord of all.
One cup of blessing which we bless,
and we, though many, throughout the earth,
We are one body in this one Lord.*

Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man no more.

Refrain

Many the gifts, many the works,
One in the Lord of all.

Refrain

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
Gathered to one – for all.

Refrain

by John Foley - (c) 1978 OCP

The Prayer after Communion

Bishop: Almighty God,
we give thanks that you have made us partakers
of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord
who took our nature upon him
and suffered death upon the cross for our redemption;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

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, forevermore.**

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

Recessional Hymn: Will You Come and Follow Me (CP 430)

Danielle Goodwin

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown? Will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me
Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?

Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Lord your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In Your company I'll go where Your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

by John Bell, GIA Pub., 1987

The deacon dismisses the people.

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: "Will you Come and Follow me" variations 6 and 7 by Denis Bedard. *Used with permission.*

Please join us in the hall following the service for refreshments.

Officiants: The Right Reverend Gordon Light
The Right Reverend Barbara J. Andrews

Bishop's Chaplain: The Reverend Canon Len Fraser

Preacher: The Reverend Angus Muir

Litanist: The Reverend Jo Ann Hinter

Readers: Brian Mearon
Cathy Wozlowski

Gospeller: The Reverend Patrick Sibley

Organist and Pianist: Gail Ovington

Hymn Leaders: Rhonda Dextraze
Danielle Goodwin
The Reverend John Boyd

Clergy Presenters: The Reverend John Boyd
The Reverend Cynthia Corrigan

Lay Presenters: Mae Williams
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