



Celebration of New Ministry

November 19, 2017

Gather Us In

1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,

van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,

brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.

Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the
Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and

blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,

we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
fire . . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

Presentation

D: We have gathered here to install The Reverend Erik Karas, our co-worker in the gospel, as Rector and Pastor. I now ask for the certification of this call.

Parish Leadership presents the new Rector and Pastor

L: Bishop Fisher and Pastor Holm, we have come together today to welcome The Reverend Erik Karas who has been chosen to serve as Rector and Pastor of Christ Trinity Church. We believe that he is well qualified, and that he has been prayerfully and lawfully selected.

Bp: I commend your choice and affirm this call.

D: I too commend your choice and affirm this call.

The Letter of Institution is read.

Bp: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

C: **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Bp: There is one Body and one Spirit;

C: **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Bp: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

C: **One God, Creator of all.**

Bp: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

Bp: Let us pray. O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility 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.

You may be seated.



The Liturgy of the Word

Joshua 1:7-9

Be strong and very courageous, being careful to act in accordance with all the law that my servant Moses commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, so that you may be successful wherever you go. This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to act in accordance with all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall be successful. I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

Psalm 133

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!
It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.
It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

Romans 12:9-18

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

We stand for the reading of the Gospel

We sing two verses of the following hymn prior to the reading of the Gospel and two following

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Refrain

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show
us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent-ly wash-es their feet,
2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,
3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;
4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent-ly wash-ing their feet:

Refrain

mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.
all these are neigh - bors to us and you.
this is the way we will live with you.

Dn: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, According to St. John

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

John 15:9-16

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name.

Dn: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

You may be seated.

The Sermon

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

We stand.

- Bp: Pastor Erik, people of Christ Trinity: in Holy Baptism we received full adoption through God's grace and full empowerment for ministry through the Holy Spirit. Will you work together as partners in the mission of the Church, to reconcile all people to God through Christ?
- C: **We will, with God's help.**
- D: The water of baptism signifies our eternal covenant with God. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to Christ, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The Bishop blesses the water.

- Bp: We pray you, O God, sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit, that all who in baptism are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.
- D: Let us renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we renounce Satan and all his works, and promise to serve God faithfully in God's holy catholic Church.
- D: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?
- C: **I do.**
- Bp: Do you believe in God the Father?
- C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**
- Bp: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
- C: **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.
- Bp: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

- C: **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.**
- D: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
- C: **I will, with God's help.**
- D: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
- C: **I will, with God's help.**
- D: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
- C: **I will, with God's help.**
- D: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
- C: **I will, with God's help.**
- D: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
- C: **I will, with God's help.**
- D: May Almighty God, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, and called us to ministry in Jesus Christ, keep us in eternal life by his grace; through Christ our Lord.
- C: **Amen.**



Listen, God Is Calling

Neno lake mumgu

Refrain

Leader All

I 2

Leader All

Refrain

Leader All

Refrain

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Music: NENO LAKE MUNGU, Tanzanian tune

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You may be seated.

Address and Questions

- Cn: A reading from John: Jesus said, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” John 20:21-23
- Ab: A reading from Matthew: Jesus said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” Matthew 28:18-20
- Cn: A reading from First Timothy: Set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Attend to the public reading of scripture, to exhorting, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you through prophecy with the laying on of hands by the council of elders. Put these things into practice, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress. Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; continue in these things, for in doing this you will save both yourself and your hearers. 1 Timothy 4:12-16
- Bp: Erik, in the presence of this assembly will you commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility, in the confidence that it comes from God through the call of the church?
- P: I will, and I ask God to help me.**
- D: Will you preach and teach in accordance with the holy scriptures?
- P: I will, and I ask God to help me.**
- Bp: Will you carry out this ministry in harmony with the constitutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the constitution and canons of The Episcopal Church?
- P: I will, and I ask God to help me.**
- D: Will you be diligent in your study of the holy scriptures and in your use of the means of grace?
- P: I will, and I ask God to help me.**
- Bp: Will you love, serve, and pray for God’s people, nourish them with the word and sacraments, and lead them by your own example in faithful service and holy living?
- P: I will, and I ask God to help me.**
- D: Will you give faithful witness in the world, that God’s love may be known in all that you do?
- P: I will, and I ask God to help me.**

- Bp: Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things, graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them.
- C: **Amen.**

The assembly stands.

- D: People of God, will you receive Erik as a messenger of Jesus Christ sent to serve all people with the gospel of hope and salvation? Will you regard him as a servant of Christ and a steward of the mysteries of God?
- C: **We will, and we ask God to help us.**
- Bp: Will you pray for him, help and honor him for his work's sake, and in all things strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?
- C: **We will, and we ask God to help us.**
- D: Erik, the office of Rector and Pastor is now committed to you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
- Bp: The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will, working in you that which is pleasing in God's sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen
- Bp: Greet your new Rector.
- D: Greet your new Pastor.

The Prayers

- L: In the Spirit of God, who searches the heart and knows our deepest needs, let us pray for the Church, the world, and all who yearn for Christ's healing.

Holy God, you invite us to share abundantly in every good work. As we join together in worship, make us bold in our generosity so that all may be fed. Lord, in your mercy,

- C: **Hear our prayer.**
- L: In this season of harvest, you complete the year with your goodness in creation. Supply seed to the sower, bread for food, and a shared harvest for all people. Lord, in your mercy,
- C: **Hear our prayer.**

L: God of the nations, give all your people the mind of Christ. Guide national and international leaders to advocate for policies that look to the interests of the most vulnerable. Humble us when we question your mercy toward those who are different from us. Lord in your mercy,

C: **Hear our prayer.**

L: Put an end to poverty, homelessness, and hunger. Fill our tables with healthy food and clean water. We pray for those who are lonely, stressed, and sick. We remember especially those we now name either out loud or in our hearts. Surround them with your presence and care. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **Hear our prayer.**

L: Open our hearts to be cheerful givers, sharing abundantly in your good work. Teach us to give thanks to you for every blessing and work of healing in our lives. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **Hear our prayer.**

L: Comfort all who grieve with the assurance of hope that all who have died will be raised with Christ. We remember and honor those whose witness of the faith echoes beyond the grave especially those we name now our loud or in our hearts. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **Hear our prayer.**

L: Receive these prayers and the hopes and concerns of our hearts, O God, as we entrust into your loving care all for whom we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

The Peace

Offering

Tonight's offering will go to the parents of Rev. Angel D. Marrero, a pastor of the New England Synod, whose home was lost in Puerto Rico.

Anthem Doxology

"The Gift of Love"

arr. by Hal Hopson

Great Thanksgiving

Bp: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

Bp: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

Preface

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer

Lord's Prayer

C: 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,
 forever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread and Invitation

All are welcome at God's Table. Please come forward as directed by the usher. You may stand or kneel. You may either receive the bread, eat it and drink from the chalice or receive the bread, hold it, and dip it into the wine. If you can not receive the wine, be assured that Christ is fully present in each of the elements. If you would prefer a blessing, please cross your arms. If you need gluten free bread, please ask. All are welcome!

Ubi caritas et amor Where True Charity and Love Abide

The musical score consists of two staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The music is in common time with a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first section of lyrics is:

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,
Where true char - i - ty and love a - bide,

The second section of lyrics is:

u - bi ca - ri - tas, De - us i - bi est.
God is dwell - ing there; God is dwell - ing there.



Spirit of Gentleness

Refrain

Spir - it, Spir - it of gen-tle-ness, blow through the wil-der-ness

call-ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest-less-ness,

stir me from plac-id-ness, wind, wind on the sea.

1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an- cient schemes.

then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;
then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;

and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.

Refrain

"A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings."
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.
With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo-ple a - rise.

Prayer After Communion

- Bp: Let us pray.
- C: Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.
- Bp: We have celebrated this new pastoral relationship in the great prayer of the Church. Erik, I commend to your love and care the people of Christ Trinity.
- D: My sisters and brothers in Christ, I commend to your love and care your new Rector, Pastor, colleague and friend, Erik.

Blessing

Sending Hymn

Children of the Heavenly Father *Truggare kan ingen vara*



Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,
1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;
2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour - ish.
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;
4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil-dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäis - tet, fä - geln ej i kän - da näs - tet.
nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.
un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

Dismissal

Serving Today

Presiding **The Right Rev. Dr. Douglas John Fisher,**
IX Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts

Rev. Lauren Holm,
Conference Dean of the New England Synod, ELCA

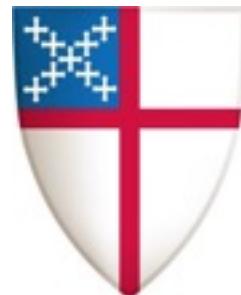
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