

*Saint John's Welcomes*

**The Rt. Rev. Dr. DeDe Duncan-Probe  
11th Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Central New York**

**Visiting Clergy**

**Friends and family**

**Prelude**

Paraphrase on *St. Patrick's Breastplate / Deidre*  
Fugue in E-flat Major, BWV 552

Rebecca Groom te Velde (b. 1956)  
J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

**Procession Hymn** I bind unto myself today (St. Patrick's Breastplate) *turn page for last verse* **Hymnal #370**

**The Institution**

*The Wardens*

Bishop DeDe, we have come together today to welcome the Reverend Megan Castellan who has been chosen to serve as Rector of St. John's. We believe that she is well qualified, and that she has been prayerfully and lawfully selected.

*The Bishop reads the Letter of Institution*

*The Bishop*

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

*Priest* I do.

*The Bishop addresses the congregation*

Will you who witness this new beginning support and uphold Megan in this ministry?

*People* We will.

*The Bishop*

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

**For The Renewal Of The Church**

Let us pray to the Lord and Giver of life that the Church of God may be renewed and strengthened for its mission in our day.

*Silence*

*Lay Reader*

That the Church may become alive again with the fire of its first charity, fearless of danger and reckless unto death, in the splendor of that Life which is the light of the world.

*People* Holy Spirit, hear us.

*Reader* That the church may be worthy of its liberty, persistent in reform, active in benevolence, trusting the people, and ever faithful to the Jerusalem which is above, and free, and the mother of us all,

*People* Holy Spirit, hear us.

*Reader* That the old may dream dreams, and the young see visions; that its sons and daughters may prophesy, bearing eager witness of its beauty to the world,

*People* Holy Spirit, hear us.

*Reader* That all its members, putting self aside, disinterested and pure in heart, may seek and find God, and rejoice in its truth,

*People* Holy Spirit, hear us.

*Reader* That its ministers may be good and wise, strong and courageous, competent in their work and faithful in their witness,

*People* Holy Spirit, hear us.

*Reader* That its bishops, full of insight and imagination, may venture great things, not domineering but serving as true leaders of the people,

*People* Holy Spirit, hear us.

*Reader* That its councils and conventions may be keen to go forward, filled with wisdom, eager to build the walls of Jerusalem,

*People* Holy Spirit, hear us.

*Reader* That its scholars may have disciples, its prophets hearers, its saints imitators, and all its pioneers many anxious to follow in their steps,

*People* Holy Spirit, hear us.

*Reader* That we forsake that love of faction and party which keeps us from loving one another; and so, coming together in friendship, we may find the overpowering love of God, which shall knit us all together in one united Church.

*People* Holy Spirit, hear us.

*Reader* And, finally, that the Church, with love recovered in its midst, may teach all to love one another, and all nations to dwell together in helpfulness and friendship, reconciled and redeemed,

*People* Holy Spirit, hear us.

*Reader* Father, be with us all.

Christ, be with us all.

Holy Spirit, be with us all.

*People* Be with us, Holy God, now and evermore.

*The Bishop*

God, our shepherd, give to the Church a new vision and a new charity, new wisdom and fresh understanding, the revival of its brightness and the renewal of its unity; that the eternal message of your Son may be hailed as the good news of our age; through him who makes all things new, even Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

Lord, have mercy.

*People* Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you

Let us pray

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish and for Megan, their Rector. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant them all things necessary for their common life, and bring them all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. *Amen.*

**First Lesson****Exodus 19:3-8**

Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, ‘Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites.’

So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. The people all answered as one: ‘Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do.’ Moses reported the words of the people to the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

**Choir Anthem***If ye love me*

Thomas Tallis (c. 1505-1585)

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father and he shall give you another comforter, that he may abide with you forever, ev’n the spir’t of truth. [John 14:15-17]

**Epistle****1 Peter 4:7-11**

The end of all things is near; therefore be serious and discipline yourselves for the sake of your prayers. Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaining. Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

**The Gradual Hymn**

There’s a wideness in God’s mercy (St. Helena)

**Hymnal #469****The Gospel****Matthew 16:24-27**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

*Glory to you, Lord Christ*

Then Jesus told his disciples, ‘If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?’

‘For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise to you, Lord Christ*

## The Sermon

The Rt. Rev. Dr. DeDe Duncan-Probe

## Hymn

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life (The Call)

Hymnal #487

## The Welcoming of the New Rector

*New Ministry is visually exemplified through the use of symbols- symbols of liturgical leadership, symbols of the baptized participants in our liturgy, symbols which help us to see and feel God's presence among us in Word and Sacrament. This parish thus welcomes Megan as Rector and Presider of the Eucharist, and Megan joins the ministry of the baptized of St. John's Parish.*

*Members of the Vestry, Search Committee and Treasurer present keys to the church*

Megan, this church building stands as a symbol of Christ's presence in the midst of our world.

*People* Join us in opening the doors of this place to all people.

*The Bishop presents a vessel of water*

Megan, receive this water, and help me baptize in obedience to our Lord.

*People* Amen.

*Rev. Megan*

May this water be a sign of our ministry as baptized members of the body of Christ. Let us remember and celebrate the many mysteries of the church, among them hospitality, friendship, music, stewardship, administration, and service.

*People* Join us in baptizing in obedience to our Lord.

*The Altar Guild presents wine, water and bread*

Megan, in the Eucharist, we gather to be nourished and to be sent forth in service.

*People* Join us in the breaking of the bread as we offer our gifts of praise and thanksgiving to God.

*Members of the Pastoral Care Committee present the oil of healing*

Megan, Jesus came among us to bring healing and wholeness to our broken world.

*People* Join us as we take part in Christ's ministry of reconciliation.

*Members of the clergy present the National and Diocesan Canons*

Megan, as members of the body of Christ, we are responsible to one another and depend upon each other.

*People* Join us in obeying these canons and sharing the councils of the diocese.

*The Holy Scriptures are proclaimed by the Rector and the Readers as the Word of God and the gift of our tradition.*

We recognize these Holy Scriptures as God's Word and the teaching of the church.

*People* Join us in listening to and learning from this Word.

*The Director of Music presents a Hymnal and a copy of Lift Every Voice and Sing*

Megan, it is in music that we lift our hearts to God.

*People:* Join us in singing our joy in the Lord.

*Rev. Megan presents a prayer book to the youth of St. John's*

I present to you, the young members of St. John's, this prayer book. May you continue to offer God your deepest desires and concerns. May you hold each other and the members of your church family in prayer to God. My prayer for you is that God may nurture you and bless you so that you may grow in the image of Christ our Savior.

*People* Amen.

*The Bishop*

Megan, let all these be signs of the ministry that is ours as baptized people of God. We rejoice that the Episcopal Church and the Diocese of Central New York are present in this community.

*People* Amen.

*Priest*

O Lord my God, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; yet you have called your servant to stand in your house, and to serve at your altar. To you and to your service I devote myself, body, soul, and spirit. Fill my memory with the record of your mighty works; enlighten my understanding with the light of your Holy Spirit; and may all the desires of my heart and will center in what you would have me do. Make me an instrument of your salvation for the people entrusted to my care, and grant that I may faithfully administer your holy Sacraments, and by my life and teaching set forth your true and living Word. Be always with me in carrying out the duties of my ministry. In prayer, quicken my devotion; in praises, heighten my love and gratitude; in preaching, give me readiness of thought and expression; and grant that, by the clearness and brightness of your holy Word, all the world may be drawn into your blessed kingdom. All this I ask for the sake of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ.

*People* Amen

*The Bishop and People*

**Prayer of St. Francis**

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. *Amen.*

*The Bishop* Greet your new Rector.

**The Peace**

*Priest* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

**Offertory Sentence**

**Offertory Anthem***As truly as God is our Father*

William Mathias (1934-1992)

As truly as God is our Father, so just as truly is he our Mother.  
 In our Father, God Almighty, we have our being;  
 In our merciful Mother we are remade and restored.  
 Our fragmented lives are knit together.  
 And by giving and yielding ourselves, through grace,  
 To the Holy Spirit we are made whole.  
 It is I, the strength and goodness of Fatherhood.  
 It is I, the wisdom of Motherhood.  
 It is I, the light and grace of holy love.  
 It is I, the Trinity, it is I the unity.  
 I am the sovereign goodness in all things.  
 It is I who teach you to love.  
 It is I who teach you to desire.  
 It is I who am the reward of all true desiring.  
 All shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well. Amen

[text from the writings of Julian of Norwich, c. 1342-1416]

**Presentation Hymn**

God is love, let heaven adore him (Abbot's Leigh)

**Hymnal # 379****The Great Thanksgiving***Please stand*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* And also with you.  
*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.  
*People* We lift them up to the Lord.  
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*Celebrant*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.  
 For by the water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.  
 Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People*

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
 Hosanna in the highest.  
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
 Hosanna in the highest.

*Please stand or kneel.*

*Celebrant*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;

*Celebrant*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice; that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, St. John and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

**The Lord's Prayer**

**The Communion Of The People**

*All baptized Christians are invited to receive communion. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.*

**Communion Hymn**

Praise the Spirit in Creation (Julion) vs. 1-5

**Hymnal #507**

Let us break bread together (Traditional spiritual) **Lift Every Voice & Sing #152**



## **After Communion**

*The Bishop and people*

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 Megan 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 for ever. Amen.

**Recessional**

God of Grace and God of Glory (Cwm Rhondda)

**Hymnal #594**

**Dismissal**

**Postlude**

*In dir ist Freude*, BWV 615  
In Thee is gladness, amid all sadness,  
Jesus, sunshine of my heart

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

**Master of Ceremonies:** Stephanie Nevels

**Lead Acolyte:** Lisa Tatusko

**Lectors:** Pam Talbott, Roy Ives, Marcia Baum

**Lead Greeter:** Margaret Johnson

*Thank You to the Chancel Choir of St. John's Church!*

*Welcome, Mother Megan, to the Ministry of St. John's!*

*Please join us in the Parish House for a reception immediately following the service.*



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Sundays	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
	10:30 AM	Holy (Choral) Eucharist, Rite 2
Wednesdays	12:10 PM	Noontime Eucharist Service
	7 PM	Centering Prayer Service

**Office Hours** Monday- Thursday 9 AM- 1 PM, 1:30- 4:30 PM