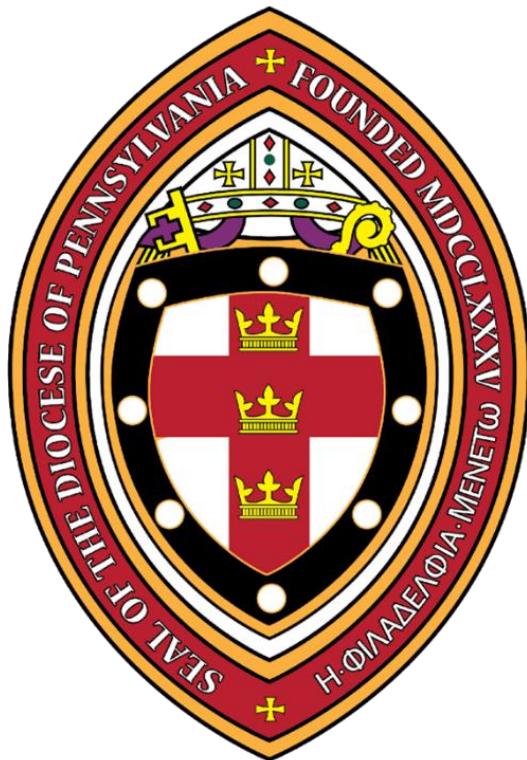


St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

The Celebration of a New Ministry



December 8, 2021 – 6:00 PM

The Rt. Rev. Daniel G.P. Gutiérrez

Prelude

Good Good Father

by Pat Barrett

Processional

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

'82 Hymnal- 518

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion,
 2 All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty,
 3 To this tem - ple, where we call thee,
 4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants

Christ the head and
 dear - ly loved of
 come, O Lord of
 what they ask of

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,
 God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion
 Hosts, to day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness
 thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
 pours per - pet ual mel - o - dy; God the One in
 hear thy serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est
 with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.
 Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.
 in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

The Institution

The Wardens, standing before the Bishop with the new rector, say these words

Bishop Gutiérrez, we have come together today to welcome The Reverend Rodney Roehner, who has been chosen to serve as Rector of St. Matthew's Church in Maple Glen. We believe that he is well qualified, and that he has been prayerfully and lawfully selected.

The Bishop or a canon then reads the Letter of Institution.

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

New Rector: I do.

Bishop: Will you who witness this new beginning support and uphold Rodney in this ministry?

People: **We will.**

The Bishop, standing, says

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

A Litany for the Celebration of a New Ministry

God the Father,
Have mercy on us.

God the Son,
Have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit,
Have mercy on us.

Holy Trinity, one God,
Have mercy on us.

We pray to you, Lord Christ.
Lord, hear our prayer.

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.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all members of your Church in their vocation and ministry, that they may serve you in a true and godly life, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for Daniel our bishop, 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.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For Rodney, chosen priest in your Church, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

That he may faithfully fulfill the duties of this ministry, build up your Church, and glorify your Name, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit he may be sustained and encouraged to persevere to the end, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For his family and this parish family, that they may be adorned with all Christian virtues, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

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.

Lord, hear our prayer.

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.

Lord, hear our prayer.

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.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

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.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who have died in the communion of your 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.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the Ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Matthew, our Patron, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Bishop Let us pray. Everliving God, strengthen and sustain Rodney, that with patience and understanding he may love and care for your people; and grant that together they may follow Jesus Christ, offering to you their gifts and talents; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Please be seated

Old Testament Reading

Joshua 1:7-9

Only 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.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 146



Praise the Lord, O my soul. Hal-le-lu-jah!

Happy are they who have the God of/ Jacob for their help! *
whose hope is/ in the Lord their God;
Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and/ all that is in them; *
who keeps his/ promise for ever; *Antiphon*

Who give justice to/ those who are oppressed, *
and food/ to those who hunger.

The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the/ eyes of the blind; *
the Lord lifts up/ those who are bowed down; *Antiphon*

The Lord loves the righteous; the Lord/ cares for the stranger; *
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the/ way of the wicked.

The Lord shall/ reign for ever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all genera/tions. Hallelujah! *Antiphon*

New Testament Reading

Ephesians 4:7, 11-16

But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

The Word of the Lord.
People
Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

WLP 780

1. Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the
 2. Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my
 3. Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my
 4. Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa - ther,
 5. Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing; "I am

sick and preach - the word." Lest the church ne -
 name bap - tize and teach." That the world may
 bod - y, this my blood." Let us all, for
 what they do, for - give." Yet we hoard as
 with you to the end." Faith and hope and

glect its mis - sion, and the gos - pel go un -
 trust your prom - ise, life a - bun - dant meant for
 earth's true glo - ry, dai - ly lift life heav - en -
 pri - vate trea - sure all that you so free - ly
 love re - stor - ing, may we serve as you in -



Refrain



With the Spir - it's



gifts em - power us for the work of min - is - try.



Gospel

John 15:9-16

XThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

Jesus said, “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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Rt. Rev. Daniel G. P. Gutiérrez

The Induction

Representatives of the congregation and of the clergy of the diocese stand before the Bishop with the new Rector.

Representatives of the congregation present a Bible, saying

Rodney, accept this Bible, and be among us as one who proclaims the Word.

People **Amen.**

The Bishop presents a vessel of water, saying

Rodney, take this water, and help me baptize in obedience to our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Others present a stole, saying

Rodney, receive this stole, and be among us as a pastor and priest.

People Amen.

Others present a Book of Common Prayer, saying

Rodney, receive this Book of Common Prayer, and be among us as a man of prayer.

People Amen.

Others present olive oil, saying

Rodney, use this oil, and be among us as a healer and reconciler.

People Amen.

A Warden presents the keys of the church, saying

Rodney, receive these keys, and let the doors of this place be open to all people.

People Amen.

Representative clergy of the diocese present the Constitution and Canons of this Church, saying

Rodney, obey these Canons, and be among us to share in the councils of this diocese.

People Amen.

Other Representatives of the Altar Guild present bread and wine, saying

Rodney, take this bread and wine, and be among us to break the Bread and bless the Cup.

People Amen.

Representatives of St. Matthew's Preschool present a school bell, saying

Rodney, take this school bell and be among us as we teach the young children of this community of the Lord's love and grace.

People Amen.

The Bishop then says

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

People Amen.

The new Rector then kneels in the midst of the church, and says

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 then presents the new rector and his family to the congregation, saying

Greet your new Rector.

The Congregation expresses its approval. Applause is appropriate.

The Bishop greets the new Rector, who then says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The new Rector then greets other members of the clergy, family members, and the congregation. The People greet one another.

Greetings

Offertory

Blessing

by John Levant

Eucharistic Prayer A

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 him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through the great shepherd of thy flock, Jesus Christ our Lord; who after his resurrection sent forth his apostles to preach the Gospel and to teach all nations; and promised to be with them always, even unto the end of the ages. 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.

Sanctus

Holy, Holy Holy

by Larry Hampton

The Bishop continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Bishop and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Bishop continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Bishop breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Bishop Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem

Christ Our Passover

'82 Hymnal – S 155

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Celebrant then faces the People while elevating the Sacrament and says
☩ The Gifts of God for the people of God.

Spiritual Communion – for those watching online

In union, dear Lord, with the faithful at every altar of the Church where your Blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot at this time receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my soul. I unite myself unto you, and embrace you with all the affections of my heart. Let me never be separated from you. Let me live and die in your Love. Amen.

Communion Hymn

In Christ Alone
A Thousand Tongues

by Stuart Townend
by Carl Glaser/Charles Wesley

Post-Communion Prayer

Bishop Let us pray.

All Almighty Father, we thank you for feeding us with the holy food of the Body and Blood of your Son, and for uniting us through him in the fellowship of your Holy Spirit. We thank you for raising up among us faithful servants for the ministry of your Word and Sacraments. We pray that Rodney may be to us an effective example in word and action, in love and patience, and in holiness of life. Grant that we, with him, 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.

A newly inducted Priest may, at the bishop's request, pronounce a blessing.

Recessional Hymn

Hear Our Praises

by Reuben Morgan

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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