



Sunday, January 4, 2026  
City of Brooklyn, State of New York

**The Service of Ordination,  
Installation & Blessing**

for

**Exhorters  
Licentiate  
Diaconate**

at

**Tabernacle of Praise (Cathedral)**

1274 Utica Avenue  
Brooklyn, New York

**Sunday, the Fourth of January,  
in the year of our Lord, Two thousand Twenty six,  
Anno Domini**

**Ten O'clock in the Ante Meridian**

**The Most Rev. Eric D. Garnes, D.Min,  
Chief Celebrant and Primate**

# The Order of Divine Worship

*Where indicated (+) please stand*

## THE PRELUDE

### THE CALL TO WORSHIP +

**Bishop Eric D. Garnes**  
*Chief Celebrant*

*Bishop:* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People:* **His mercy endures forever.**

*Bishop:* Blessed be God, the Creator of Heaven and all things.

*People:* **And blessed be His Kingdom, now and forever.**

### THE PROCESSIONAL+

**The Lily of the Valley**

- The Acolyte as Cross bearer
- The Chief Celebrant +
- The Pastoral Clerics
- The Presbyters
- The Diaconate
- The Licenciates
- The Candidates for Installation
- The Adjutants Corp

### THE INVOCATION +

**Elder Joseph Bradshaw**

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

*All are seated while the cleric reads the Scripture*

### A LESSON FROM THE FIRST TESTAMENT

Numbers 13: 23 - 27

**Lector:**

**Elder Karene Grant**

Lector:

The Word of the Lord.

**People:**

**Thanks be to God.**

## Praise and Worship

## THE PEACE

**OBSERVATION**

**THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROSPER**

**THE SERMONIC SELECTION**

The Praise Team

**THE RHEMA and CHARGE**

Bishop Eric D. Garnes, D.Min, MPS

**THE CALL TO COMMITMENT**

## **THE INSTALLATION AND ORDINATION OF THE DIACONATE**

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**Presenter:** Archdeacon Gueneth Carryl

Your Grace, Bishop in the Church of God, on behalf of the clergy and people of the Tabernacle of Praise, we present to you, **Anthony George Grant and Monica Evadney Tull-Springer** to be ordained deacons in Christ's holy universal church.

**Bishop:** *Have they been selected in accordance with the canons of this Church? And do you believe their manner of life to be suitable to exercise this ministry?*

**Presenter:** We certify to you that they have satisfied the requirements of the canons, and we believe them qualified for this order.

**Bishop:** *(speaking to the candidate)*

*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?*

**Candidates:** 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 engage to conform to the doctrine, discipline, and worship of the Tabernacle of Praise church.

### **THE CHARGE TO THE DIACONATE**

**Bishop:** *My brother and sister, you are to be ordained to the ministry of the diaconate in the Church of God. God has called you to represent the Church the ministry of servanthood in the world, a ministry to which all Christians are called in baptism. You are to assist in the leadership of worship, and to assist the elder(s) at the Holy Baptism and Holy Communion. You are to be a co-worker with other deacons, and with the bishop and elders.*

*In the name of Jesus Christ, you are to serve all people, particularly the poor, the sick, and the oppressed. You are to interpret to the Church the needs, concerns, and hopes of the world. At all times, by your life and teaching you are to show Christ's people that in serving the helpless they are serving Christ.*

*You are not called to rule the Church of God, nor abuse authority. You are not called to be common among the people. You are called to be an example of Christianity and represent the gospel and the bishop of this church and the Church worldwide in the spirit of meekness. You are called to serve the leadership of the church as servant to the house. You are never to usurp the authority of the house and leadership of the Tabernacle of Praise and the Church universal. So that we may know that you believe yourself to be called by God and that you profess the Christian faith, we ask you to face the congregation and declare these confessions.*

**Bishop:** *Do you trust you are called by God to the life and work of the diaconate?*

**Candidates:** **I do so trust.**

#### **THE ACT OF LICENSING & ROBING**

*The Licentiates stand before the Bishop and are presented for blessing, licensing and robing. The licentiates are presented by the Assistant Pastor of the church.*

**Presenter:** **Pastor Martin De Silva**

Your Grace, Bishop in the Church of God, on behalf of the clergy and people of Tabernacle of Praise I present to you **Diomaris Justin and Rosman Eleanor Howard** to be licensed and robed as ministers in the Church of God.

**Presenter:** Sisters, you have been selected and appointed to serve as Licensed Ministers in the house of the Lord. You are separated to walk in training for the Holy Orders of Presbyters in the Church. You will serve under the leadership of the Bishop, Pastors and Elders and walk upright to their authority in this royal military. You are called to learn and assist in the administration of the church and act only by the directives given for your service. You are not called to be lords, but servants in the House of the Lord. You must serve in humility and meekness. My sisters, you are called to study to show yourself approved unto God, and rightly divide the word of Truth. This day, you shall be sanctified and charge to walk worthy of the vocation herewith you are called.

**Bishop:** *Are you ready to serve and willing to submit for training to the Presbytery under the leadership of your bishop?*

**Candidates:** **I am by the help of God.**

**Bishop:** *Will you serve the church in the spirit of meekness?*

**Candidates:** **I will by the help of God.**

**Bishop:** *Are you willing to labor in the field in any and all directives given by the authority over you?*

**Candidates:** **I will by the help of God.**

*The candidates now kneel for a blessing to serve as licensed Ministers in the church and prepare for robing. They are blessed and receive credentials.*

## **The Presentation & Prayer for the Exhorters**

**Claudette Gray, Donna Marie Gray, Molvia Untesa Jackson**

## **The Presentation & Prayer for The Church Mother and Matriarch of the Cathedral**

***Read by Mrs. Raisa Turner Languigne (1<sup>st</sup> Grandchild of Sis. Sonia) Sonia Fay Garnes***

*The book of Isaiah 66:8 ~ Declares ...*

**“As soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children.”**

Mothers in Zion do not merely raise children—they **labor in prayer, travail in faith, and birth spiritual strength in others**. They stand in the gap, carry burdens in intercession, and nurture faith through word, example, and endurance. The Church stands today because God has always raised women of faith who anchored families, churches, and generations in Him.

Today, we stand before you not only as grandchildren, but as witnesses of a living faith. We are presenting our grandmother because she has been the anchor of our faith—teaching us how to trust God through every season of our lives. From our earliest childhood memories to the most challenging moments we have faced, she has shown us what it means to believe God, to stand on His Word, and to keep walking even when the journey was not easy.

Through her prayers, her counsel, her example, and her unwavering trust in God, we’ve learned how to develop our faith, how to strengthen our faith, and how to rely on God in moments when we did not have answers. She taught us that faith is not just spoken—it is lived. Because of her, we know how to pray, how to wait on God, and how to believe for what we cannot yet see.

She continues to stand praying for all of us, believing God for our future, declaring greatness over our lives, and covering us with love, wisdom, and faith. Therefore, with grateful hearts and deep honor, we present our grandmother, **Sister Sonia Fay Garnes**, to be anointed and blessed as the official **Church Mother and Matriarch of the House of Tabernacle of Praise Cathedral**.

## **THE HOLY EUCHARIST and DISTRIBUTION OF GRAPES**

*The Lord’s Table is prepared for the newly installed and current clerics. The Tabernacle Levites Praise Team will sing an appropriate selection.*

### **The Prayer of Preparation**

*We do not presume to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in Thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under Thy table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant therefore, gracious Lord, so to commemorate in this breaking of bread the death of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ, that we may feed on Him in our hearts by faith and that we may evermore dwell in Him and He in us. Amen.*

## **THE NEW CLERIC OBLATIONS**

## **THE FINAL PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS**

## **THE BENEDICTION AND RECESSIONAL**

# The Hymnody

## THE LILY OF THE VALLEY

I have found a friend in Jesus,  
He's ev'rything to me,  
He's the fairest of ten thousand to my soul;  
The "Lily of the Valley," in Him alone I see,  
all I need to cleanse and make me fully whole.  
In sorrow He's my comfort, in trouble He's my stay,  
He tells me ev'ry care on Him to roll;  
He's the "Lily of the Valley, the Bright and Morning Star,"  
He's the fairest of ten thousand to my soul.

He all my grief has taken, and all my sorrows borne,  
in temptation He's my strong and mighty tow'r;  
I have all for Him forsaken, and all my idols torn  
from my heart, and now He keeps me by His pow'r.  
Though all the world forsake me, and Satan tempt me sore,  
through Jesus I shall safely reach the goal;  
He's the "Lily of the Valley, the Bright and Morning Star,"  
He's the fairest of ten thousand to my soul.

He will never, never leave me, nor yet forsake me here,  
while I live by faith and do His blessed will;  
A wall of fire about me, I've nothing now to fear,  
with His manna He my hungry soul shall fill.  
Then sweeping up to glory, to see His blessed face,  
where rivers of delight shall ever roll;  
He's the "Lily of the Valley, the Bright and Morning Star,"  
He's the fairest of ten thousand to my soul.



## **BIBLICAL & CHRISTIAN SYMBOLISM IN SCRIPTURE**

### **The Lily (Lily of the Valley) – Read by Sis. Lillah Hubert**

In Scripture, the lily represents purity, beauty, humility, and divine provision, often growing quietly yet magnificently in low places. When Jesus is called the “Lily of the Valley” (Song of Solomon 2:1), it points to Christ as the pure and life-giving presence of God revealed in the valleys of human suffering and need. The lily does not strive, yet it flourishes, echoing Jesus’ teaching that God clothes His people with care and intention. Biblically, the lily reminds believers that Christ’s beauty, holiness, and sufficiency meets us even in our lowest seasons.



### **The Gladiola – Read by Sis. Gabriela Younge**

In the Christian tradition, gladiolas are frequently used in worship spaces and sacred gatherings as symbols of spiritual strength, uprightness, and victory. Their tall, sword-like form reflects endurance, spiritual warfare, and the believer’s call to stand firm in faith, resonating with biblical imagery of the “sword of the Spirit.” While gladiolas are not named directly in Scripture, their symbolism aligns with themes of perseverance, courage, and disciplined devotion to God. In Christian Revival worship, they visually affirm resilience, reverence, and the triumph of faith through the power of the Holy Spirit.



### **The Grapes of Canaan – Read by Bro. Jayden Goode**

The cluster of grapes brought back from Canaan (Numbers 13:23) served as tangible evidence that God’s promise was true and the land was exceedingly fruitful. Biblically, grapes represent abundance, covenant fulfillment, joy, and divine blessing, often associated with harvest and celebration. Theologically, the grapes testify that what God promises is not imaginary but measurable, visible, and attainable. They remind believers that obedience and faith lead to seasons where God’s goodness can be clearly seen and shared.



### **The Symbolism of White and Gold – Read by Bro. Derek Brown**

White in Scripture symbolizes purity, holiness, righteousness, and divine cleansing, often associated with God’s presence (*angelic distinction*) and redeemed identity (Isaiah 1:18; Revelation 7:9). It reflects spiritual renewal and consecration, marking a people set apart for God’s purposes. Gold represents glory, kingship, divine authority, and what has been refined by fire, frequently used in the tabernacle and temple furnishings. When white and gold are worn together, they declare purity clothed in glory—holiness crowned with divine majesty and honor. Divine guidance and authority in the earthly realm of God.