

A Celebration of New Ministry
The Institution of
The Reverend Sean Maloney
as the Fourteenth Rector of
All Saints' Episcopal Church

The Right Reverend Alan M. Gates, Bishop of Massachusetts, Presiding

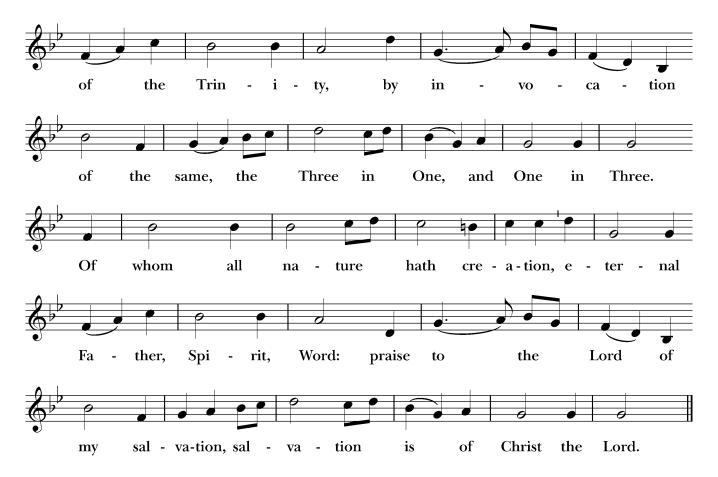
Friday, March 3 2023 • 6:00 pm All Saints' Episcopal Church, Chelmsford MA

Hymn 370: *I bind unto myself today*

Tune: St. Patrick's Breastplate







The Presentation

The Rev. Sean Maloney and Warden Danielle Wigmore stand before The Bishop

Bishop Gates, on behalf of the people of All Saints', we present ourselves to you and the gathered church to receive God's blessing as we begin our new ministry together.

Bishop Gates: Dear Sean and the people of All Saints', do you commit yourselves to lively proclamation of the Gospel through the work of this congregation and the larger church, working together in love and harmony and in mutual respect for the ministries of all the baptized?

All: We do.

Bishop Gates: Let us then offer our prayers to God for all God's people, for the people of All Saints', and for Sean their Rector.

A Litany for the Mission of the Church

Litanist: Holy God, in whom all things in heaven and earth have their being,

People: Have mercy upon us.

Litanist: Jesus the Christ, through whom the world is reconciled to the Father,

People: Have mercy upon us.

Litanist: Holy Spirit, whose glory fills the world and searches the depths of God,

People: Have mercy upon us.

Litanist: Blessed Trinity, source of both unity and diversity,

People: Have mercy upon us.

Litanist: From blind hearts and petty spirits, which refuse to see the need of all humankind for your love,

People: Savior, deliver us.

Litanist: From pride, self-sufficiency and the unwillingness to admit our own need of your compassion,

People: Savior, deliver us.

Litanist: From discouragement in the face of pain and disappointment, and from lack of persistence and

endurance,

People: Savior, deliver us.

Litanist: From ignorance, apathy, and complacency that prevent us from spreading the Gospel,

People: Savior, deliver us.

Litanist: O God, we pray for the gifts of ministry. Inspire our minds with a vision of your Kingdom in this time

and place,

People: Receive our prayer, O Christ.

Litanist: Touch our eyes, that we may see your glory in all creation.

People: Hear us, O Christ.

Litanist: Touch our ears, that we may hear from every mouth the hunger for hope and stories of refreshment.

People: Hear us, O Christ.

Litanist: Touch our lips, that we may tell in every tongue and dialect the wonderful works of God.

People: Hear us, O Christ.

Litanist: Touch our hearts, that we may discern the mission to which you call us.

People: Hear us, O Christ.

Litanist: Touch our feet, that we may take your Good News into our neighborhoods, communities, and all parts

of the world.

People: Hear us, O Christ.

Litanist: Touch our hands, that we may each accomplish the work you give us to do.

People: Hear us, O Christ.

Litanist: Strengthen and encourage all who minister in your name in lonely, dangerous, and unresponsive

places.

People: Hear us, O Christ.

Litanist: Open the hearts and hands of many to support your Church in this and every place.

People: Hear us, O Christ.

The Collect

Bishop Gates: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Let us pray.

Everliving God, strengthen and sustain the ministers of this congregation, lay and ordained, that they may faithfully follow in the way of your Son Jesus Christ, proclaiming in word and deed the good news of the kingdom; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Word of God

All are seated for the readings and the psalm.

The Old Testament 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.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 133



- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it **is**, * when people live together in **unity**!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the <u>head</u>* that runs down upon the <u>beard</u>,
- 3 Upon the beard of <u>Aaron</u>, * and runs down upon the collar of his <u>robe</u>.
- 4 It is like the dew of <u>Hermon</u> * that falls upon the hills of <u>Zion</u>.

(repeat second half of chant)

5 For there the LORD has ordained the **blessing**: * life for ever**more**.

The New Testament Romans 12:1-18

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

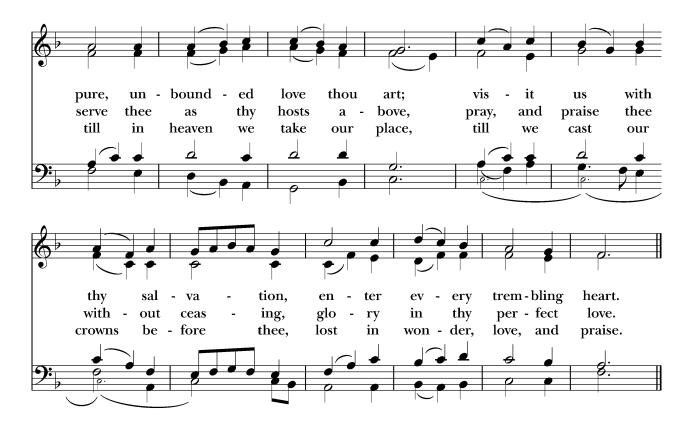
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gradual Hymn (Sing verses 1-2 before the Gospel, verse 3 after). Love divine, all loves excelling





The Holy Gospel John 15:9-16 The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon The Rev. Matt Wise

The Covenant for Mutual Ministry

The people of All Saints' stand as the Rector and Warden gather facing the Bishop, who reads a charge to the parish.

Bishop Gates

Good people of All Saints', through Baptism you have been adopted into the community of faith, God's holy fellowship, the Body of Christ, the Church. Together with your rector, you have been called to share in the Church's mission to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ.

As your bishop, I remind you that in Baptism, you are fully empowered and authorized to exercise ministry in Christ's name, with mutual affection and respect, within this parish, in the Diocese of Massachusetts, and in the wider community.

Having covenanted in Baptism to do this work, remember that each of you has resources and gifts for ministry. Join your rector, in prayer, in discerning a vision for this parish, and in calling forth the leadership, resources, and talents to carry out that vision.

As you love and serve God's people, remember to love, support, and nourish your rector, his family, and the members of the staff who serve you here.

Do you commit yourselves to this task?

We do, by the grace of God.

May the One who has given you the will to do these things, give you the grace and power to perform them.

The people may be seated., the Rector remains standing. The Bishop reads the following from the Letter of Institution.

Bishop Gates

Sean, Presbyter of the Church of God, you have been called to work together with your Bishop and fellow Presbyters as a pastor, priest, and teacher, and to take your share in the councils of the Church. Now, in accordance with the Canons, you have been called to serve God in All Saints', in the town of Chelmsford, in the Diocese of Massachusetts. This letter is a sign that you are fully empowered and authorized to exercise this ministry, accepting its privileges and responsibilities as a priest of this Diocese, in communion with your Bishop. Having committed yourself to this work, do not forget the trust of those who have chosen you. Care alike for young and old, strong and weak, rich and poor. By your words and in your life, proclaim the Gospel. Love and serve Christ's people. Nourish them, empower them for ministry, and strengthen them to glorify God in this life and in the life to come.

Do you commit yourself to this trust and responsibility?

Rector: I do, by the grace of God.

Bishop Gates: May the One who has given you the will to do these things, give you the grace and power to perform them.

Diocesan clergy, members of neighboring congregations, and members of the local community stand.

Bishop Gates: Will you, members of the local community and the wider church, who witness this new beginning, support and uphold the priest and people of this congregation in their ministry together?

Clergy: We will, by the grace of God.

The Exchange of Gifts

Bishop Gates: Holy Scripture records that when God and God's people enter into a covenant with each other, God establishes a sign to mark the new relationship. When a priest and people enter into a new covenant with one another, the exchange of symbolic gifts is an appropriate way to mark the occasion.

Bishop Gates: A gift of song presented by the Choristers of All Saints': A song about bravery and faith.

Goliath

Joseph M. Martin (b. 1959)

Representatives of the congregation, the Rector, and representatives of the diocese present appropriate symbols to persons chosen to reflect specific aspects of the ministry of the congregation in the world at large and within the life of the church.

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Sean Seyffert and Laura Barry presents a Bible, saying

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

Amen.

Karen Kowalski, from the Altar Guild, passes Bishop Gates a vessel of water; Bishop Gates presents the water to the new Rector, saying

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

Amen.

Karen Kowalski and Frank Oullette present a stole, saying

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

Amen.

Amy Hunter and Katie LaRochelle present a book of prayers, saying

Sean, receive this book, and be among us as a man of prayer.

Amen.

The Rector presents a Hymnal to Music Director Carl Klein, and Debbie Psilopoulos saying
Receive this Hymnal and join with others in this parish in worshiping God in the beauty of holiness. Amen.

The Rector presents a basket to Dave Kuzara and Maggie Marshall representing outreach ministries, saying Receive these gifts as a sign of our pledge to share in meeting the needs of others who are poor in body, mind, or spirit. **Amen.**

The Rector presents Sunday School materials to Laura Marshall saying

Receive these materials and join me in helping to open our children's hearts to Jesus Christ. Amen.

Al Thomas and Lynne Grillo present olive oil, saying

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

Wardens Danielle Wigmore and Connie Pawelczak may now present the keys of the church, saying Sean, receive these keys, and let the doors of this place be open to all people. **Amen.**

The Rev. Martha Hubbard, Regional Canon, and the Rev. Michael Hodges, Dean of the Merrimack Valley Deanery, present the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of Massachusetts to the Rector, saying Sean, obey these Canons and be among us to share in the councils of this Diocese. Amen.

Acolytes present bread and wine, saying

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

Bishop Gates: Let all these be signs of the ministry we share in this place, in our Diocese and in the church throughout the world. **Amen.**

The new Rector stands in the midst of the people and prays

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. **Amen.**

The members of the congregation stand and say together

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in us the covenant you made with us at our Baptism. Send us forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Bishop Gates: Greet your new Rector.

Rector: Acknowledging the one mission of Jesus our Lord, which we share in unity, let us greet one another in the name of Christ.

The Peace

Rector: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Offertory: Feed my Lanbs

Natalie Sleeth (1930-1992)

Eucharistic Prayer 1

Enriching Our Worship

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you. Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

Celebrant: It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

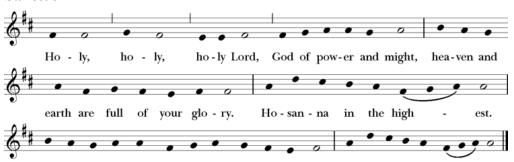
The following Preface may be used at any time.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

In place of the preceding, a Proper Preface from the Book of Common Prayer may be used.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est

The Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said:

"Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with [______ and] all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

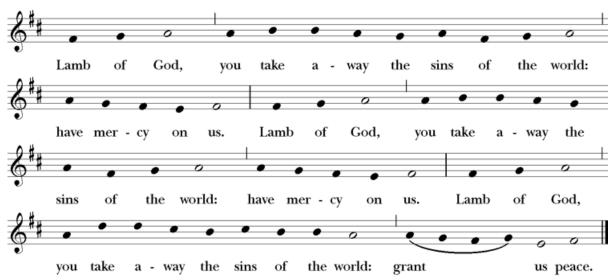
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Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into 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

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Agnus



Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving. .

Communion Music

Organ: Soul, adorn thyself with gladness

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Choir: A Prayer

Richard Lloyd (1933-2021)

Choir: Ave Maria

Camille Saint-Saens (1835-1921)

Celebrant Let us pray.

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

(Closing Hymn on next page)

Hymn 518: *Christ is made the sure foundation* Tune: Westminster Abbey is made the Christ the head 1 Christ foun da - tion, and sure dear - ly All that ded - i cat ed ci - ty, loved of 3 To this tem - ple, call thee, come, O Lord of where we what they 4 Here vouch - safe all thy serv-ants ask of to stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and cor - ner pre cious, God bi high, in ult ant ju la tion on $\mathbf{e}\mathbf{x}$ ing - kind day; with thy Hosts. to wont \mathbf{ed} lov ness thee gain; what they gain from thee, for to $\mathbf{e}\mathbf{v}$ er bind ing the Church in one; ho - ly Zi on's all pours per mel dy; God the One pet ual o in and thy they hear thy serv ants as pray, full est bless with ed tain, and here - af the to re ter help for and her fi dence lone. er, con Three a dor glad ly. ing in hymns ter nal ben - e dic tion shed with - in its walls al way. glo ev - er more with thee reign. in thy to ry

The Dismissal

Postlude: Concerto in G Major (1st mvt)

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Participants

Bishop of the Diocese of MA: The Right Reverend Alan Gates

Regional Canon: The Rev. Martha Hubbard

Dean of the Merrimack Valley Deanery: The Rev. Michael Hodges

Guest Preacher: The Rev. Matt Wise

Deacon: The Rev. Valerie Cowart

Lector 1: Bob Andrews

Lector 2: Lynne McSheehy

Crucifer: Edith Parekh

Torch: Nathan Moore

Chalice: Laura Marshall

Chalice: Eli Barry

Organist & Choirmaster: Dr. Carl Klein

Handbell Director: Debbie Psilopoulos

All Saints' Handbells

All Saints' Choristers

All Saints' Parish Choir

The artwork on the front cover is by Lilly Herlihy, 11 year old member of All Saints'.