



50th Anniversary Eucharist



Commemorating the Consecration of
Christ and The Epiphany Church

Sunday, December 7, 2014

Celebrant: The Rt. Rev. Dr. Ian T. Douglas
Bishop Diocesan of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut

Missional Priest: The Rev. Andrew G. Osmun

Christ & The Epiphany Church
50th Anniversary Celebration
Holy Eucharist Rite II

Prelude

Themes and Variations on Gregorian Chants
 Arranged and played by Tony Lamberti

Processional Hymn

The Church's One Foundation



1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,
 4 Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war
 5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,



1 she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word:
 2 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
 3 by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed;
 4 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for ev - er - more;
 5 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.



1 from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 2 one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 3 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
 4 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blessed,
 5 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we



1 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 2 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
 3 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 4 and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.
 5 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

Words: Samuel John Stone (1839-1900)
 Music: Aurelia, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1818-1876)

The Word of God

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Glory to God

Gloria in excelsis

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate the dedication of this house of prayer: We give you thanks for the fellowship of those who have worshiped in this place, and we pray that all who seek you here may find you, and be filled with your joy and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

Please be seated

The First Reading

Genesis 28:10-17

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the LORD stood beside him and said, 'I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the

west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!' And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.'

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalm 84

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts!*
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD; My heart and flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young;*
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house!*
they will always be praising you.

- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you!*
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs,*
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height,*
And the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

The Second Reading

1 Peter 2:1-5, 9-10

Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice, and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God

through Jesus Christ. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

Sing a New Church

Verses 1-3 sung before the Gospel

Verses 4-5 sung after the Gospel

Verses



1. Sum - moned by the God who made us Rich in
2. Ra - diant ris - en from the wa - ter, Robed in
3. Trust the good - ness of cre - a - tion; Trust the
4. Bring the hopes of ev - 'ry na - tion; Bring the
5. Draw to - geth - er at one ta - ble All the



1. our di - ver - si - ty, Gath - ered in the name of
2. ho - li - ness and light, Male and fe - male in God's
3. Spir - it strong with - in. Dare to dream the vi - sion
4. art of ev - 'ry race. Weave a song of peace and
5. hu - man fam - i - ly; Shape a cir - cle ev - er



1. Je - sus, Rich - er still in u - ni - ty:
2. im - age, Male and fe - male, God's de - light:
3. prom - ised, Sprung from seed of what has been.
4. jus - tice; Let it sound through time and space.
5. wid - er And a peo - ple ev - er free.

Refrain



Let us bring the gifts that dif - fer And, in
splen - did, var - ied ways, Sing a new church in - to
be - ing, One in faith and love and praise.

All stand

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

The Gospel

Matthew 21:12-16

Then Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who were selling and buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold doves. He said to them, 'It is written, "My house shall be called a house of prayer"; but you are making it a den of robbers.' The blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he cured them. But when

the chief priests and the scribes saw the amazing things that he did, and heard the children crying out in the temple, 'Hosanna to the Son of David', they became angry and said to him, 'Do you hear what these are saying?' Jesus said to them, 'Yes; have you never read, "Out of the mouths of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise for yourself"?'

The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon

The Rt. Rev Dr. Ian T. Douglas

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Celebrant Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People *I do.*

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People *I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.*

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People *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.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People *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.*

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

The Prayers of the People

Leader: Let us pray.

Holy God, in whom all things in heaven and earth have their being,
Have mercy on us.

Jesus the Christ, through whom the world is reconciled to the Father,
Have mercy on us.

Holy Spirit, whose glory fills the world and searches the depths of God,
Have mercy on us.

A Litany for the Mission of the Church

Blessed Trinity, source of both unity and diversity,
Have mercy on us.

From blind hearts and petty spirits, that refuse to see the need of all humankind for your love,
Savior, deliver us.

From pride, self-sufficiency and the unwillingness to admit our own need of your compassion,
Savior, deliver us.

From discouragement in the face of pain and disappointment, and from lack of persistence and thoroughness,
Savior, deliver us.

From ignorance, apathy, and complacency that prevent us from spreading the Gospel,
Savior, deliver us.

O God, we pray for the gifts of ministry. Inspire our minds with a vision of your kingdom in this time and place.
Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our eyes, that we may see your glory in all creation.
Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our ears, that we may hear from every mouth the hunger for hope and stories of refreshment.
Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our lips, that we may tell in every tongue and dialect the wonderful works of God.
Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our hearts, that we may discern the mission to which you call us.
Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our feet, that we may take your Good News into our neighborhoods, communities, and all parts of the world.
Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our hands, that we may each accomplish the work you give us to do.
Hear us, O Christ.

Strengthen and encourage all who minister in your name in lonely, dangerous and unresponsive places.
Hear us, O Christ.

Open the hearts and hands of many to support your Church in this and every place.
Hear us, O Christ.

The Collect for the Mission of the Church

Celebrant Let us pray, together, the Collect for the Mission of the Church.

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you, bring the nations into your fold, pour out your Spirit upon all flesh, and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one god, now and for ever. Amen

Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and People

*Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

The Bishop stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Peace

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome and announcements

Offertory Anthem We, the People of God
words & music: Jean Anne Shafferman

Today's loose plate offering will be given to the Bishop's Discretionary Fund.

The Doxology

The Holy Communion – Eucharistic Prayer A

The people remain standing.

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 him thanks and praise.

Celebrant proceeds

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 Jesus Christ our great High Priest; in whom we are built up as living stones of a holy temple, that we might offer before you a sacrifice of praise and prayer which is holy and pleasing in your sight.

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, hea - ven 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.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant 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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant 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,

People and Celebrant

*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

A period of silence is kept.

Then may be said

*Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.*

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

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.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

We encourage your participation in the service of Holy Eucharist (Communion). All may come to the Altar rail – if you are baptized you may receive the bread and wine of the Eucharist, if you are not baptized, please cross your arms over your chest for a blessing.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

*The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.]
The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]*

Communion Music

Sung quietly, kneeling or sitting

Take Our Bread

Joe Wise

Chorus

Take our bread, we ask you:
Take our hearts we love you:
Take our lives O Father;
We are yours, we are yours.

Yours as we stand
at the Table you set,
Yours as we eat the bread
our hearts can't forget.
We are the sign
of your with us yet:
We are yours, we are yours.

Chorus

Your holy people
standing washed in your blood.
Spirit-filled yet hungry,
we await your food.
We are poor but we've brought
ourselves the best we could:
We are yours, we are yours.

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Commune With Me

Kirk Dearman

Commune with me, commune with me,
Between the wings of the Cherubim
Commune with me.
Commune with me, commune with me,
Between the wings of the Cherubim
Commune with me.

I worship you, I worship you,
Between the wings of the Cherubim
I worship you.
I worship you, I worship you,
Between the wings of the Cherubim
I worship you.

I'll meet you there, I'll meet you there,
Between the wings of the Cherubim
I'll meet you there.
I'll meet you there, I'll meet you there,
Between the wings of the Cherubim
I'll meet you there.

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Surely the Presence

Lanny Wolfe

Surely the presence
Of the Lord is in this place,
I can feel His mighty power
And His grace.
I can hear the brush of angels' wings,
I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence
Of the Lord is in this place.

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Please stand

I
Majesty

Jack W. Hayford

Majesty, worship his majesty.
Unto Jesus be all glory,
Honor and praise.
Majesty, kingdom authority,
Flow from His throne,
Unto His own; His anthem raise!
So exalt, lift up on high
The name of Jesus.
Magnify, come glorify
Christ Jesus the King.
Majesty, worship his majesty;
Jesus who died, now glorified,
King of all Kings.

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Celebrant Let us pray.

People and Celebrant

*Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

The Bishop may bless the people.


Celebrant Let us go forth into the world,
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn


Lift High The Cross

Descant



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

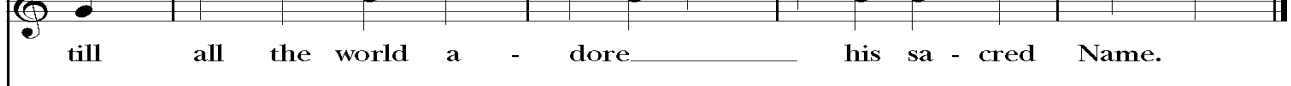
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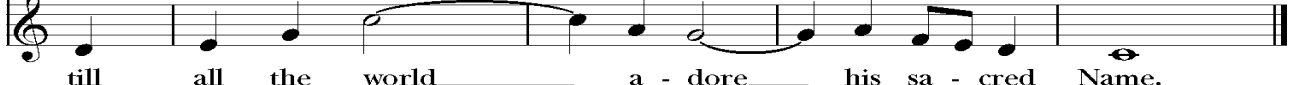
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim



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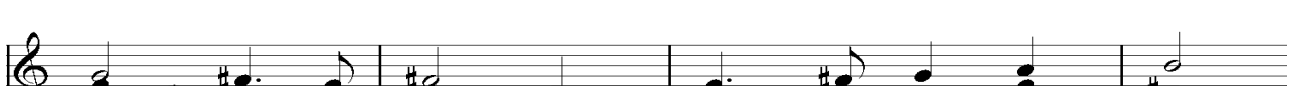


till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.



Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied
O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Repeat Refrain



the hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.
bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

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Music: *Crucifer*, Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947); desc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)
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Postlude

Trumpet Voluntary

Clarke



Please join us for a reception downstairs in the Great Hall following the service. You can reach the stairs through the doors at the front of the church or ask any usher or other parish member for help.

The flowers on the Altar and the Sanctuary Candle are given today to the Glory of God and in Thanksgiving for our first 50 years.

The cruets for communion are being used for the first time today. They were recently given in memory of Roberta “Cathy” Watts. Cathy was a long time member here at Christ & The Epiphany who cared deeply about the history and the people of the parish. She was excited to help start the Anniversary plans and we know she is with us in spirit today.

Our Recessional Hymn today “Lift High the Cross” is in honor of the use of our recently refurbished Geissler Cross. It was given by Minnie Bartlett in 1918 in memory of her son Harry Richard Bartlett who died in battle during World War I. It is one of only sixty that exist, all at Episcopal churches. We are blessed to have this cross to use today.

This event would not be possible without the cooperation and dedication of all the parish members and the planning and leadership of Carol Ude.

We thank all who have participated in this today's service.

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Ian T. Douglas.....	Celebrant
The Rev. Andrew G. Osmun	Missional Priest
Barbara R. Coulombe.....	Minister of Music
Diane S. Rowley.....	Parish Administrator
Wendy Bellmore.....	Co-Warden
Rich Schiavone	Co-Warden
Steve Langlan	Chaplain
Bob Chappuis	Crucifer & Chalice Bearer
Rich Schiavone	Chalice Bearer
Barbara Langlan	Old Testament Reader
Hal Levi	Psalm Leader
Carol Ude.....	New Testament Reader
Barbara Parsons	Litany for Mission Leader
Audrey Sundwall	Usher
Gail Schappa.....	Usher
Judi Ambruoso.....	Usher
Gail Onofrio.....	Usher
Sandy Chappuis.....	Greeter & Runner
Tony Lamberti.....	Guest Organist
Brady Reynolds	Trumpeter
Tyler Miller.....	Euphoniumist
Peter Treffers.....	Drummer
Members of the choir and the choir guests	

We remember and thank our clergy through the years. In addition to those named here, we also remember all who have been supply priests, guest preachers, seminarians and deacons over the years. All who have served here, for any period of time, are part of who we are.

The Rev. John A. Budding	Rector.....	1960-1970
The Rev. Robert McMurtry	Rector.....	1970-1987
The Rev. George Laedlein	Interim.....	1987-1989
The Rev. Richard Lord	Rector.....	1989-1994
The Rev. Patricia Hames	Interim.....	1994-1995
The Rev. John Miller	Interim	1995
The Rev. Harry Knisley	Interim	1995-1996
The Rev. Gilbert Wilkes	Rector.....	1996-2007
The Rev. Richard E. Beattie	Priest in Charge	2007-2009
The Rev. Dr. Linda Smith-Criddle	Priest in Residence	2009-2011
The Rev. Stanley C. Kemmerer	Priest in Charge	2011-2013
The Rev. Wanda S. Pizzonia	Supply Priest.....	2014
The Rev. Andrew Osmun.....	Missional Priest	2014-present