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**Special Election Convention for
The XVI Bishop Diocesan**

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Connecticut Convention Center

Hartford, CT

Welcome to ECCT Special Convention Worship

Dear Companions in Christ,

We offer the following prayer as we prepare to worship together in this important occasion in our common life.

Jesus, in the early morning, you waited on the shore for your disciples. You called to them to come and have breakfast of charred fish and bread. And here on this morning, in this Eastertide, we believe that you are here as well, calling to us, and inviting us into renewed community, as we seek your grace for the mission you will set before us in Connecticut in the days to come.

We seek, O Christ, a chief shepherd and pastor to lead us in proclaiming your Resurrection, and boldly guide us to interpret and show forth your Good News in our day. We look, O Christ, for one who will find joy in serving others, as you did, and encourage us all in our diverse gifts and ministries. Give us, O Christ, one who knows your mercy and compassion, and will help us perceive and follow your way of love and justice in all that we undertake.

Holy God, by your grace, we come together on this day, trusting in your presence and blessing as we gather to elect a Bishop Diocesan for the Church. We come with full hearts, aware of all that we have shared in recent years, hard losses from COVID-19, and its impact on so many, as well as the ongoing work of dismantling white supremacy and healing from the violence and injustices of racism affecting us all and creation. By the Resurrection of your Son, we too are being raised to new hopes and possibilities. We have been nourished at your table set in many places. Today as we gather, we give you thanks for the faithful companionship and visionary leadership of our bishops, Ian and Laura, for the ministries of all our communities and leaders in the Episcopal Church in Connecticut, and especially for the work of the Bishop Transition Committee.

*We pray for and give you hearty thanks for all those offering themselves to serve as our chief pastor in Connecticut. We pray for them, their families and friends, and communities this day. Guide us, O Holy Spirit: surprise us, enlighten us, unite us, and be at work among us in all that we undertake this day, so that we and the whole world may be drawn more deeply into your way of love. **Amen***

Whether you are joining us in person or online, we pray that this time of prayers feeds your soul and supports your discernment as we elect the XVI Bishop Diocesan of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut.

You can connect to our worship service by clicking on [this link](#).

Faithfully,

Bethany House of Prayer Chaplains to the BTC
Christ Church Cathedral
Special Convention Worship Team

Worship Service

Land Acknowledgment

We acknowledge that the Tunxis, Sicaog, Wangunks, and Poquonook people are the traditional custodians on the land on which we are gathered. We pay respect to their elders, past and present. We respect their people and traditions and continued call to live out the ministry of reconciliation to which we are called.

Gathering music ~ Prelude in B-flat minor from *The Well-Tempered Clavier (II)*

J. S. Bach, arr. Eugene Gruenberg

Prelude ~ My heart ever faithful

J. S. Bach

Opening Versicle

Officiant O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.
People And your glory all day long.

Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

God our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, without you nothing can be done. Send your Holy Spirit to guide the Episcopal Church in Connecticut, especially during this time as we gather to elect the XVI Bishop Diocesan. Bless and continue the good work begun in your name. Grant us the gifts of wisdom, humility, and empathy. Guide us as we discern your will for a new shepherd, inspirational leader, and willing advocate as we further your work in the Episcopal Church in Connecticut. Bless and be with our bishop, Ian, as he transitions to a new life serving you. Bless our Nominees. Bestow them with the abilities to lead and serve. All this we pray through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God now and forever. *Amen.*

Adapted from the Bishop Transitions Committee Prayers.

Reading ~ John 21:1-14

Kèk jou apre sa, Jezi fè disip yo wè l' ankò, bò lanmè Tiberyad la. Men ki jan sa te pase: Simon Pyè, Toma (yo rele Jimo a), Natanayèl (ki te moun Kana nan peyi Galile) ak de pitit Zebede yo te la ansanm ak de lòt nan disip Jezi yo. Simon Pyè di: Mwen pral lapèch. Yo di li: Nou menm tou, nou pral avè ou. Se konsa yo pati, yo moute nan yon kannòt. Men, yo pase tout nwit lan yo pa t' pran anyen. Li te kòmanse fè jou lè Jezi parèt bò dlo a. Men disip yo pa t' rekonèt si se te li menm. Jezi di yo konsa: Mesye m' yo, èske nou pran pwason? Yo reponn li: Non, nou pa pran anyen. Li di yo: Lage privye a sou bò dwat kannòt la, n'a jwenn kichòy. Yo lage privye a. Men, yo pa t' kapab rale l' soti nan dlo a sitèlman li te plen pwason. Disip Jezi te renmen an di Pyè konsa: Se Seyè a wi. Lè Simon Pyè tande pawòl sa yo: Se Seyè a, li mete rad sou li (paske li te toutouni), li lage kò l' nan dlo a. Lòt disip yo menm t'ap tounen atè nan kannòt la, yo t'ap trennen privye ki te plen pwason an dèyè yo. Yo pa t' twò lwen rivay la, san mèt konsa. Lè yo desann atè, yo wè yon dife ki te limen sou

rivay la avèk kèk pwason ap boukannen ladan li. Te gen pen tou. Jezi di yo: Pote kèk pwason nan sa nou fèk sot pran yo. Simon Pyè moute nan kannòt la, li rale prive a tou plen vin atè. Te gen sansenkanntwa (153) gwo pwason ladan li. Men atousa, prive a pa t' chire. Jezi di yo: vin manje. Yo yonn nan disip yo pa t' gen kouraj mande li: Ki moun ou ye? Yo tout te konnen se te Seyè a. Jezi pwoche bò kote yo, li pran pen, li ba yo. Li ba yo pwason tou. Sa te fè twazyèm fwa Jezi te fè disip li yo wè l' depi l' te leve soti vivan nan lanmò.

Después de esto, Jesús se apareció otra vez a sus discípulos, a orillas del Lago de Tiberias. Sucedió de esta manera: Estaban juntos Simón Pedro, Tomás, al que llamaban el Gemelo, Natanael, que era de Caná de Galilea, los hijos de Zebedeo y otros dos discípulos de Jesús. Simón Pedro les dijo: Voy a pescar. Ellos contestaron: Nosotros también vamos contigo. Fueron, pues, y subieron a una barca; pero aquella noche no pescaron nada. Cuando comenzaba a amanecer, Jesús se apareció en la orilla, pero los discípulos no sabían que era él. Jesús les preguntó: Muchachos, ¿no tienen pescado? Ellos le contestaron: No. Jesús les dijo: Echen la red a la derecha de la barca, y pescarán. Así lo hicieron, y después no podían sacar la red por los muchos pescados que tenía. Entonces el discípulo a quien Jesús quería mucho le dijo a Pedro: ¡Es el Señor! Apenas oyó Simón Pedro que era el Señor, se vistió, porque estaba sin ropa, y se tiró al agua. Los otros discípulos llegaron a la playa con la barca, arrastrando la red llena de pescados, pues estaban a cien metros escasos de la orilla. Al bajar a tierra, encontraron un fuego encendido, con un pescado encima, y pan. Jesús les dijo: Traigan algunos pescados de los que acaban de sacar. Simón Pedro subió a la barca y arrastró hasta la playa la red llena de grandes pescados, ciento cincuenta y tres; y aunque eran tantos, la red no se rompió. Jesús les dijo: Vengan a desayunarse. Ninguno de los discípulos se atrevía a preguntarle quién era, porque sabían que era el Señor. Luego Jesús se acercó, tomó en sus manos el pan y se lo dio a ellos; y lo mismo hizo con el pescado. Ésta fue la tercera vez que Jesús se apareció a sus discípulos después de haber resucitado.

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to the God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed, followed by instrumental music.

Prayers of the People

In the name of the divine Trinity, let us pray.

Gracious God, you have made us one with one another in love, just as we are one with you. As we seek today to name a new Diocesan Bishop to lead us, may we be one in purpose, united in love of You and in commitment serve others with humility and strength.

Jesus says to us,
Follow me.

Shine your light upon us that we may glimpse your vision for the Episcopal Church in Connecticut. Help us to let go of our own smaller dreams, our biases and preconceptions, that we may hear your voice without distraction. Grant to all of us gathered here today, digitally and in person, the gift of discernment, and the assurance that you hold our future in love.

Jesus says to us,
Follow me.

Be with the Nominees and their friends, families, and communities. Bless them in these difficult days with the peace that passes all understanding. Give them wisdom and discernment, and may this experience deepen their faith in you and in the vocation entrusted to them. Comfort them and empower them as leaders of your church.

Jesus says to us,
Follow me.

May those in authority throughout the world, particularly the leaders of the nations, the leaders of this state, and the leaders of our local communities, be motivated by courageous love to work for justice; may they turn away from all that is self-serving and death-dealing and toward your vision of justice and peace.

Jesus says to us,
Follow me.

Give your saving help, O God, to all who suffer. We pray for those who are in prison, for all victims of violence of every kind, for those struggling with addiction, for those who are sick, for those who grieve. We offer our prayers for those in any need or trouble. (Silence).

Jesus says to us,
Follow me.

Open our minds and hearts to all your good gifts, that we may live in gratitude. We offer thanks for the blessings we have received. We thank you particularly for Bishop Ian and his family: for his ministry; for the myriad ways he has formed us and inspired us; and for Bishop Laura, through their shared episcopal leadership we have grown and rejoiced and grieved and dreamed together. We offer thanks for the road we have all walked together and ask your blessing on this new season. We pray that the seeds of their vision may continue to grow within us, blessing us and our communities.

Jesus says to us,
Follow me.

Fill us today, O God, with a sense of the presence of the whole communion of saints: past, present, and yet to come. Give us the sure knowledge that they surround us as a great cloud of witnesses as we work together today. We pray for all those who have died, particularly those who have entrusted us with the gift of your church; and we pray also for those saints to come, to whom we will one day entrust our labors.

Jesus says to us,
Follow me.

God of wisdom and discernment, hear the prayers of *your* people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of *your* Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Concluding Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given the Holy Spirit to abide with us forever: Bless, we pray, with his grace and presence, the bishops and other clergy and the laity here assembled in your Name to elect the XVI Bishop Diocesan of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut, that your Church, being preserved in true faith and godly discipline, may fulfill all the mind of him who loved it and gave himself for it, your Son Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Blessing

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.** *Ephesians 3:20,21*

Postlude ~ O God beyond all praising

Gustav Holst, arr. Sterling Procter

Music during voting

Be thou my vision, Irish ballad melody (*Slane*) arr. Sterling Procter
Caminos de Libertad by Pedro Cirilo and Nelson Mena
Come thou fount of every blessing *Nettleton*
Grita, Profeta by Emilio Vicente Matéu
Qué detalle, Señor by José A. Cubiella
Sal y luz by Santiago Fernández.
Siyahamba/We are marching in the light of God/Marcharemos
Taste and See by James E. Moore
There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place by Doris Akers
Vayan al mundo by Jaime Cortez and Bob Hurd

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Goldsmith **John Reilly (1928-2010),**
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