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**The Commissioning of a New Deacon in Charge
Reverend Bruce Everett
of St Philip's Anglican Church Collingwood
by the Right Reverend Genieve Blackwell
Bishop of the Marmingatha Episcopate
within the Holy Word**

Tuesday 23rd July 2024

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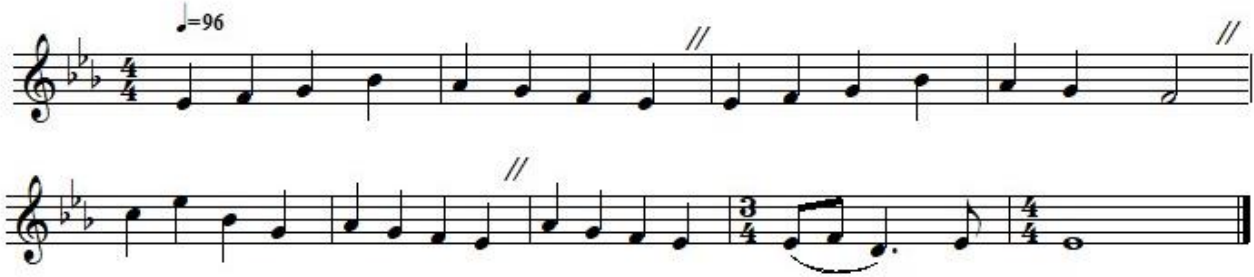
GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Please stand when the bell is rung:

Opening Hymn TIS 650: Brother, Sister, let me serve you.

Servant Song 87.87

Gillard



1
**Brother, sister let me serve you.
Let me be as Christ to you.
Pray that I might have the grace
To let you be my servant, too.**

2
**We are pilgrims on a journey.
We are brothers on the road.
We are here to help each other
Walk the mile and bear the load.**

3
**I will hold the Christ-light for you
In the nighttime of your fear.
I will hold my hand out to you;
Speak the peace you long to hear.**

4
**I will weep when you are weeping.
When you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
Till we've seen this journey through.**

5
**When we sing to God in heaven,
We shall find such harmony
Born of all we've known together
Of Christ's love and agony.**

6
**Brother, sister let me serve you.
Let me be as Christ to you.
Pray that I might have the grace
To let you be my servant, too.**

Richard Gillard 1953-

BP Genieve:

As we gather to Commission Rev. Bruce Everett, we acknowledge the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung people, who are and always will be the sovereign custodians of this place. We give thanks for their ancestors and acknowledge the ongoing right and responsibility of their elders to care for this Country. We are committed to work and pray towards a just settlement for all Indigenous people and pay our respects to First Nations people.

Commission Rev Bruce Everett, as Deacon in Charge of St. Philip's Collingwood;

Parish Nominators Susan North, Susan Lawrence and Jonathan Gill.

Archdeacon Yvonne Poon.

Churchwardens Chris Jenkinson and Susan North.

Associate Priest Fr David Moore.

BP Genieve continues:

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you. **And also with you.**

Saint Peter wrote to the Church, 'You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, so that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light'. (1 Peter 2.9)

The Presentation

Friends in Christ, we come together to celebrate a new stage in the ministry of this parish, as Bruce Everett is welcomed as its Deacon in Charge: We will commit ourselves afresh to live for Christ and his Church and pray for the ministry of all God's people.

I invite members of St Agnes Black Rock from where Bruce has just come, to stand.

Sharon Edmunds, Warden of St Agnes, will bring words of commendation.

BP Genieve continues:

I now invite the churchwardens to present Bruce.

Churchwardens respond:

Genieve, bishop in the Church of God, we present to you the Reverend Bruce Everett, who has been called to serve as Deacon in Charge in this parish. We ask that he be commissioned for this ministry.

BP Genieve continues:

It is good that Bruce has accepted the call to serve Jesus Christ in this parish. I gladly proceed to commission him for this ministry.

Bruce Everett, at your ordination you affirmed your conviction that you were called to proclaim the gospel of Christ, serve God and build up God's people, according to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ. I now ask you, in the presence of this congregation:

Do you stand by that conviction, and commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility, according to the order of the Anglican Church of Australia?

Bruce responds,

I believe I am called to this ministry, and commit myself to it, by the grace of God.

BP Genieve continues:

Do you commit yourself to proclaim Jesus Christ in this community?

Bruce responds,

I do, relying on the strength of the Holy Spirit.

BP Genieve continues:

Let us pray for God's Spirit to guide and empower us in this new beginning.

A moment of silence is kept.

A Hymn Invoking the Holy Spirit is Sung, TIS 422: Come, Holy Spirit, Come! vv 1-4

Diademata 66.86 D

Elvey



1
**Come, Holy Spirit, come!
Inflame our souls with love,
transforming every heart and home
with wisdom from above.
O Let us not despise
the humble path Christ trod,
but choose, to shame the worldly
wise,
the foolishness of God.**

2
**All-knowing Spirit, prove
the poverty of pride,
by knowledge of the Father's love
in Jesus crucified.
And grant us faith to know
the glory of that sign,
and in our very lives to show
the marks of love divine.**

3
**Come with the gift to heal
the wounds of guilt and fear,
and to oppression's face reveal
the kingdom drawing near.
Where chaos longs to reign,
descend, O holy Dove,
and free us all to work again
the miracles of love.**

4
**Spirit of truth, arise:
Inspire the prophet's voice:
Expose to scorn the tyrant's lies,
and bid the poor rejoice.
O Spirit, clear our sight,
all prejudice remove,
and help us to discern the right,
and covet only love.**

Michael Lindsay Forster 1946 -

BP Genieve continues:

God our Father, shepherd and guide of all your faithful people, look with favour on your servant Bruce, now called to be a pastor and teacher in this parish: By word and example may they lead the people committed to their charge and be a faithful minister of your word and sacraments. Send your Holy Spirit upon your people, that they may have the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, and serve you in love, joy, and peace. We pray this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect for Ministry

Let us pray; God our Shepherd, in every generation you call ministers of your word and sacraments. Equip them to preach the gospel, to care for your people and to show forth the fruit of the Spirit in their lives; in the name of Jesus our Saviour. **Amen.**

The Ministry of the Word

Micah 7:14-15, 18-20, read by Joe Boffa,

14 Shepherd thy people with thy staff, the flock of thy inheritance, who dwell alone in a forest in the midst of a garden land; let them feed in Bashan and Gilead as in the days of old. **15** As in the days when you came out of the land of Egypt I will show them marvelous things. **18** Who is a God like thee, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever because he delights in steadfast love. **19** He will again have compassion upon us, he will tread our iniquities under foot. Thou wilt cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. **20** Thou wilt show faithfulness to Jacob and steadfast love to Abraham, as thou hast sworn to our fathers from the days of old. Hear the word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

Acts 8:26-35, read by Christine Hennequin,

26 Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." **27** So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means "queen of the Ethiopians"). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, **28** and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. **29** The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it." **30** Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked. **31** "How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me?" So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. **32** This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading: "He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth. **33** In his humiliation he was deprived of justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth." **34** The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?" **35** Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus. **36** As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?" **38** And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. **39** When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing.

Hear the word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

The Right Reverend Genieve Blackwell

The Commissioning

BP Genieve continues:

The Anglican Church of Australia admits to the ministry of word and sacrament those who will publicly give assurance of their faith and intentions.

Before the service, *Bruce* has made and subscribed to the Declaration and Assent to the Doctrine and Formularies of the Anglican Church of Australia, the Assent to its Constitutions and Law, the Oath of Canonical Obedience to the Archbishop of Melbourne and the Declaration concerning Holiness of Life, administered by Archdeacon Yvonne Poon.

Friends in Christ, *Bruce* has committed to serve Christ in this place, and given assent to the required oath and declarations.

All who have been baptised and confirmed are called to study the Bible, to take part in the life of the Church, to share in the Holy Communion, and to pray faithfully and regularly.

We are called to share with others, by word and example, the love of Christ and his gospel of reconciliation and hope. We are called to love our neighbours as ourselves, to honour all people and to pray and work for peace and justice. I invite all of you to recommit yourselves to this calling.

We will gladly do so, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

BP Genieve continues:

Leaders of this parish of St Philip's, you have been appointed to your own responsibilities in this parish ministry. Will you work with Bruce as co-workers in the mission to which Christ calls you?

The parish leaders respond, saying

We will, with God's help.

BP Genieve continues:

People of St Philip's, will you support Bruce and pray for them in their ministry among you?

We will, with God's help.

BP Genieve continues:

The ministry of Christ is shared among bishop, clergy and people. At his ordination, Bruce committed to the ministry of Christ through word, prayer, sacrament, and godly living. Let us celebrate this ministry in word and symbol.

A copy of the scriptures is brought forward:

Be faithful in reading, studying and teaching from the Scriptures, and inspire God's people to shape their lives by them.

A prayer book is brought forward:

Be faithful in ordering the worship of God's people, and in the life of prayer.

A vessel of water is brought forward:

Be faithful in bringing people to holy baptism and new life in Christ.

Bread and Wine are brought forward:

Be faithful in serving at the Lord's table that God's people may feed on Christ.

Rev'd Bruce responds:

I commit myself to this ministry of word and sacraments and thank God for it. I also pledge to equip the saints for the work of ministry for the building up of the body of Christ.

Therefore, I ask you, people of St Philip's: will you minister with me for the building up of this church?

We will work in ministry with you for the glory of God and the building up of Christ's church. Amen.

The Licensing And Installation

BP Genieve continues:

My brother in Christ, I set you in your place among God's people in this parish. Receive the cure of souls which is both mine and yours. In the name of God, I commission you as Deacon in Charge of this parish.

God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit bless you and equip you with everything good, that you may do the work to which you have been called, to the praise of God's holy name and the well-being of God's people. **Amen.**

People of the Church of God, I present Bruce Everett, Deacon in Charge of St Philip's, Collingwood.

Bruce Everett introduces Christine Hennequin, his family and friends.

The Greeting Of Peace

BP Genieve continues:

We are the body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Offertory Hymn TIS 658: I The Lord of Sea and Sky; Here I Am Lord.

Here I am. Lord

Schutte



1
I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin,
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them?
Whom shall I send?
Here I am Lord, Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.

2
I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them,
they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak My word to them
Whom shall I send?
Here I am Lord, Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.

3
I, the Lord of wind and flame
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them,
My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide,
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them,
Whom shall I send?
Here I am Lord, Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.

Daniel L. Schutte 1947 -

A collection will be taken during the hymn:

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The Prayers

BP Genieve:

Let us pray for all people and for the Church throughout the world, and especially for reconciliation.

Rev'd Bruce:

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called people of God. **for they shall be called people of God.**

Lord God, bring us together as one, reconciled with you and reconciled with each other. You made us in your likeness, you gave us your Son, Jesus Christ. He has given us forgiveness from sin. Let us pray for reconciliation between all people throughout the world. For peace in the Ukraine...in Gaza...in war-torn countries throughout the world. As we anticipate the start of the Paris Olympic Games, may we all acknowledge their motto "we move forward when we move together." Whether we are Faster, Higher, Stronger, may we seek to move Together – loving our neighbours - and in peace.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, **for they shall be called people of God.**

Lord God, bring us together as one, different in culture, but given new life in Jesus Christ, together as your body, your Church, your people. Let us pray for reconciliation within the Church throughout the world. We acknowledge the journey that the church is on to transform the world and to transform itself. To transform the role of women in the church; to provide safe ministry to all vulnerable people; to allow for the diversity of all people, including LGBTQIA+; and to close the gap and access the treasure of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, including the Woi Wurrung Wurunjeri people of this place. May we seek to move Together in peace.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, **for they shall be called people of God.**

Lord God, bring us together as one, reconciled, healed, forgiven, sharing you with others as you have called us to do. We acknowledge the Elders of this land, and the Elders of the Church who have gone before us, and are among us tonight. For people like Roy and Margaret Bradley, John Findlayson, Father Fred Wandmaker whose life we celebrated last week, and friends of St Philip's like Athol Gill. May Fred and all the faithful departed, through the love and mercy of God, rest in peace and rise in glory.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, **for they shall be called people of God.**

In Jesus Christ, let us be together as one. **Amen.**

BP Genieve:

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Sending Out of God's People

Rev'd Bruce:

Let us pray. Loving God, we thank you for hearing our prayers, feeding us with your word, and encouraging us in our worship together.

Take us and use us to love and serve you and all people, in the power of your Spirit and in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BP Genieve:

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; give honour to all; love and serve the Lord; rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Rev'd Bruce:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:
in the name of Christ. Amen.

Final Hymn: Holy Spirit come vv 5-6

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5
**Give us the tongues to speak
In every time and place,
to rich and poor, to strong and
weak,
the word of love and grace.
Enable us to hear
the words that others bring,
interpreting with open ear
the special song they sing**

6
**Come, Holy Spirit, dance
within our hearts today,
our earthbound spirits to entrance,
our mortal fears allay.
And teach us to desire,
all other things above,
that self-consuming holy fire,
the perfect gift of love.**

Michael Lindsay Forster 1946 -

*Please join us for supper in the Roy and Margret Bradley Hall
as the parishioners St Philip's,
especially the Women's Group, serve us too.*



Bruce Everett, born in Sydney, moved to Melbourne in 1995, and now to be in this place of Collingwood on the traditional lands of the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung people.

Bruce was ordained as a deacon in the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne on 6 Feb 2021, worked for the Brotherhood of St Laurence as an honorary chaplain till end 2022, and served as Assistant Curate at St Agnes in Black Rock to July 2024.

I, Bruce honour St Philip's past and I am honoured to be called to serve as part of the St Philip's gathering for the future.



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Deacon-In-Charge
Sunday, Wednesday and Thursday.
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Sunday Services: 10am
(followed by lunch on the 1st Sunday of the month)
Wednesday Services: 10.30am
(excluding 1st Wednesday of the month)
Wednesday Services: 11am
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