



*St. Timothy's Episcopal Church
Lake Jackson, Texas*

**THE SOLEMN PROFESSION
OF
PAMELA MOOMAN, NOVICE TSSF
IN A
LIFE OF CONSECRATED CELIBACY**

**Celebrant: The Rt. Rev. C. Andrew Doyle
Preacher: The Rev. Bob Flick, CFC**

**October 9, 2022
5:00 p.m.**

Prelude

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

J.S. Bach

Opening Hymn 409 (*all sing*)

The Spacious Firmament on High

The Opening Acclamation

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

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever, Amen.**

Bishop There is one Body and one Spirit;

People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Bishop One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People **One God and Father of all.**

The Presentation

The Rev. Robert Flick and

The Rev. Robin Reeves-Kautz

Kay Sevick, TSSF

We present Pamela Mooman to profess solemn vows as a Franciscan Novice in Formation in a life of Consecrated Celibacy in the Episcopal Church.

Bishop Pamela, what do you seek of God and the Church?

Candidate I seek to make a vow of celibacy and to continue to consecrate my life to God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Bishop Are you resolved to live to the end of your days in the state of celibacy and in the service of God and the Church?

Candidate I am.

Bishop Are you resolved to accept solemn consecration in the single life following the example of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God who in love gave his life for the salvation of the world?

Candidate I am.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Litany

Bishop Brothers and sisters, let us pray to God the Almighty Father through his Son Jesus Christ, that he will pour out the Holy Spirit on Pamela, his servant, whom he has called to be consecrated in his service.

Reader God the Father,

People **Have mercy on us.**

Reader God the Son,

People **Have mercy on us.**
Reader God the Holy Spirit,
People **Have mercy on us.**
Reader Holy Trinity, one God,
People **Have mercy on us.**

Reader Holy Mary, Queen of the Franciscan Order,
People **Pray for us.**
Holy Father Francis, **pray for us.**
Holy Mother Clare of Assisi, **pray for us.**

All you holy martyrs, **pray for us.**

Saint Bonaventure, **pray for us.**
Blessed John Duns Scotus, **pray for us.**
Saint Angela of Foligno, **pray for us.**

All you holy hermits and solitaries, **pray for us.**
Blessed Lady Julian of Norwich, **pray for us.**
Saint Benedict Joseph Labrè, **pray for us.**
Saint Christina Mirabilis, **pray for us.**

All you holy women and men, **pray for us.**

The Opening Collect

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Bishop Let us pray.

Most high, omnipotent, good Lord,
God of glory,
the end of our searching,

by whose grace Pamela has kindled with the fire of your love,
Grant your people the grace to renounce the vanities of this world. Help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking Your Kingdom. Grant that, following in the way of blessed Francis and Clare, we may delight in your whole Creation with perfect joy and embrace the same spirit of discipline and love that we may ever walk before you as children of light, through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament

Song of Songs 8:6-7

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm, for love is strong as death, passion fierce as the grave. Its flashes are flashes of fire, a raging flame. Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it. If one offered for love all the wealth of his house, it would be utterly scorned.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 73:25-28

Reader: Whom have I in heaven but you?

People: **And there is nothing on earth that I desire other than you.**

Reader: My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

People: **Indeed, those who are far from you will perish; you put an end to those who are false to you.**

Reader: But for me it is good to be near God;

People: **I have made the Lord God my refuge, to tell of all your works.**

New Testament

I Corinthians 13:4-8a

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.

Hymn 379 *(all sing)*

God Is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him

The Holy Gospel

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to You, Lord Christ.**

John 14:19b-21, 27

Because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to You, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

*The Reverend Robert Flick
Third Order Franciscan*

The Profession of Vows

Candidate stands before the Bishop.

Candidate Father, receive my resolution to follow in the footprints of Christ as a Franciscan Novice in Formation in a life of consecrated celibacy for the Kingdom of God, which I here profess for life before you and God's people, and pray that God's grace will support me in my weakness and poverty and confirm what I have promised.

Bishop Loving Father, you have loved and redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ. He is Your Word, through whom all things were made. We bless Your Name, also, that in every age and land You have called men and women to imitate their Lord, by setting zeal for Your kingdom and its righteousness ahead of all worldly considerations, the love of Your little ones above the claims of flesh and blood, and obedience to Your will in place of all personal ambitions.

Look with favor on this Your servant, Pamela, who has resolved to follow You in the holy state of celibacy, following the example of the Lord Jesus, of Anna the prophetess and holy Simeon, of Saints Francis and Clare, and the Lady Julian, and of countless others of Your saints. You have inspired her to make this vow, and she now gives You her heart.

Lord, protect Pamela as she desires to be strengthened by Your blessing and consecration.

Call To The Holy Spirit

Hymn 513 (*vs. 1 and 3*) (*all sing*)

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

Here the Bishop may anoint the candidate.

Through the gift of Your Holy Spirit, give her chastity with right judgement, kindness with true wisdom, gentleness with strength of character, freedom with purity of heart. Give her the gift of love to love You above all others. May her life deserve our praise, without seeking to be praised. May she give You glory by holiness of life. Be Yourself her glory, joy, and whole desire. Be her comfort in sorrow, her wisdom in perplexity, her protection in the midst of injustice, her patience in adversity, her riches in poverty, her food in fasting, her remedy in sickness. She has chosen You above all things, may she find all things in possessing You.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Giving of a Ring

Bishop Lord God, bless + and hallow this ring as the outward sign of the vow that Pamela has made this day.

The bishop gives the ring and says:

Pamela, receive this ring and wear it as a sign of your consecration and be faithful to Him who has called you to Himself.

Giving of a Book of Common Prayer

The Bishop presents the book and says:

Receive this book that contains the prayer of the Church. May the praise of our heavenly Father be always on your lips; Pray without ceasing for the salvation of the whole world.

The Peace

Pastor Robin: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The Offertory

Be Thou My Vision (arr. John Rutter)

Sung by Chris and Andrea Hutchison

The Great Thanksgiving *(stand)*

Eucharistic Prayer D

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

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.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we say,

Celebrant and People

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in

obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

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.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

**We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember all bishops, especially Andrew, Jeff, Kathryn, and Hector and other ministers, Robin and Robert, and all who minister in your Church. Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth. Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

Priest And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Priest and People **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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Then may be sung or said

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

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 Ministration of Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome to come to the Lord's Table and receive the bread and wine of communion. Others are invited to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest. If you need a gluten-free wafer, please tell the priest just before you receive communion.

Communion Hymns

- **Hymn 645** *(all sing)*
- **Hymn 658** *(all sing)*

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is
As Longs the Deer for Cooling Streams*

Post Communion Prayer *(stand or kneel)*

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Priest Let us pray.

Priest and People **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.**

Final Blessing

The Bishop blesses the candidate with these words:

God, who inspires all holy desires and brings them to fulfilment, may He protect you always by His grace, so that you may fulfil the duties of your vocation with a faithful heart. Amen. May He make you a witness and a sign of love for all people. Amen. May He make

those bonds with which He has bound you to Christ on earth endure forever in heavenly love. Amen.

The Bishop blesses all present:

May the Lord make you instruments of His peace.

Where there is hatred, may you sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is discord, union;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

and where there is sadness, joy.

May the Lord grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive.

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned.

And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. Amen.

Closing Hymn (*all sing*)

All Creatures of our God and King

Hymn 400

The Dismissal

Priest

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

Alleluia, alleluia.

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

Sheep May Safely Graze

J.S. Bach
Bonnie McDaniel

**Please join us in the Parish Hall to help celebrate
Pamela's commitment to Christ.**

Order of Procession

Acolytes

Tony Janeshek

Hannah Poore

Mary Young

Celebrant

The Rt. Rev. C. Andrew Doyle

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Presenter

Kay Sevick, TSSF

Reader

Gigi Janeshek

Ushers

Susan Buell

David Kautz

Angela McCabe