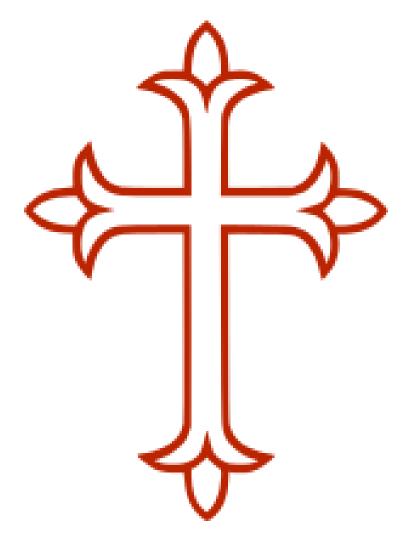
Service of Ordination to Christian Ministry



MICHAEL VANACORE

PARK AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

1010 Park Avenue New York, NY 10028

3:00 PM

Trinity Lutheran Church Musicians:

Rafael Torres: Piano and Voice, David Santiago: Congas, Ruben Coca: Timbales, Rudyck Vidal: Bass,

Park Avenue Christian Church Musicians:

Pablo Eluchans: percussion, Andy Danh: soloist, Rev. Jeanette Zaragoza De-Leon: percussion

OPENING CELEBRATION

MUSICAL PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Richard Sturm & Rev. Luis Alfredo Cartagena



OPENING PRAYER

WELCOME

Dr. Edgar Rivera Colon Pastor Kaji Douša

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 4:14-21 (NSRV, DHH)

Tara Sun Vanacore (English) & Rosa Saavedra Vanacore (Spanish)

¹⁴ Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵ He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶ When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives

and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free.

¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." ²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

¹⁴ Jesús volvió a Galilea lleno del poder del Espíritu Santo, y se hablaba de él por toda la tierra de alrededor. ¹⁵ Enseñaba en la sinagoga de cada lugar, y todos le alababan.

16 Jesús fue a Nazaret, el pueblo donde se había criado. El sábado entró en la sinagoga, como era su costumbre, y se puso de pie para leer las Escrituras. ¹⁷ Le dieron a leer el libro del profeta Isaías, y al abrirlo encontró el lugar donde estaba escrito:

> 18 «El Espíritu del Señor está sobre mí, porque me ha consagrado para llevar la buena noticia a los pobres; me ha enviado a anunciar libertad a los presos

y dar vista a los ciegos:

a poner en libertad a los oprimidos;

19 a anunciar el año favorable del Señor.»
20 Luego Jesús cerró el libro, lo dio al ayudante de la sinagoga y se sentó. Todos los que estaban allí tenían la vista fija en él. 21 Él comenzó a hablar, diciendo:

—Hoy mismo se ha cumplido la Escritura que ustedes acaban de oír.



WORSHIPPING GOD THROUGH OUR GIVING + PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

Meghan E. Janssen, Member of PACC (Given to Metro Association)

SPECIAL MUSICAL OFFERING

My Tribute/Mi Tributo

Andraé Crouch Rafael Torres, Soloist

ORDER OF ORDINATION

GREETING

ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE

Deacon Stephanie Bennett Member Committee on Ministry (COM)

Grace to you and peace from God, who is and who was and who is to come, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness and the sovereign of the rulers on earth. The Metropolitan Association, New York Conference, of the United Church of Christ greets you in the name of Jesus Christ, the head of the church.

PEOPLE: To God, who by the power at work within us is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask and think, be glory in the church and in Jesus Christ to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

PRESENTATION

LOCAL CHURCH REPRESENTATIVE

Rev. Dr. Richard Sturm Chair PACC Elders & Member (COM)

The Park Avenue Christian Church, after carefully considering the call to ordained ministry of Michael Vanacore, respectfully and boldly requests that the Metropolitan Association ordain Michael Vanacore to the ministry of the church of Jesus Christ, consistent with scripture and with the traditions of the church universal.

ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE

Deacon Stephanie Bennett Member Committee on Ministry (COM)

(Addressing the congregation)

The Metropolitan Association has reviewed the request of Park Avenue Christian Church. We have prayerfully examined Michael Vanacore concerning his fitness for ministry in Christ's church. We are pleased on behalf of the United Church of Christ, to authorize the ordination of Michael Vanacore into Christian ministry.

(Addressing the Ordinand)

Michael, servant of God, we invite you to come forward as a sign of your consent to receive ordination into Christian ministry and installation as the Associate Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church.

ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE

Rev. Kris Watson Chair, (COM)

The United Church of Christ acknowledges as its sole head, Jesus Christ, Son of God and Savior. It acknowledges as kindred in Christ all who share in this confession.

It looks to the word of God in the scriptures, and to the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, to prosper its creative and redemptive work in the world. It claims as its own the faith of the historic church expressed in the ancient creeds and reclaimed in the basic insights of the Protestant reformers.

It affirms the responsibility of the church in each generation to make this faith its own in reality of worship, in honesty of thought and expression, and in purity of heart before God.

In accordance with the teaching of our Lord and the practice prevailing among evangelical Christians, it recognizes two sacraments: Baptism and Holy Communion. The United Church of Christ recognizes that God calls the whole church and every member to participate in and extend the ministry of Jesus Christ by witnessing to the gospel in church and society. The United Church of Christ seeks to undergird the ministry of its members by nurturing faith, calling forth gifts, and equipping members for Christian service.

Ordination is the rite whereby the United Church of Christ through an Association, in cooperation with the person and the local church of the United Church of Christ, recognizes and authorizes that member whom God has called to ordained ministry, and sets that person apart by prayer and the laying on of hands. By this rite ordained ministerial standing is conferred and authorization given to perform the duties and exercise the prerogatives of ordained ministry in the United Church of Christ.

EXHORTATION

ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE

Rev. Eugene Palmore Member (COM)

Hear these words from the prophet Isaiah:

I heard the voice of the Holy One saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me!"

How wonderful it is to see a messenger coming across the mountains, brining good news, the news of peace! The messenger announces victory and says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

The Spirit of God is on me, because the Holy One has anointed me to bring good news to the poor, heal the brokenhearted, proclaim liberty to the captives, and freedom to those who are bound.

EXAMINATION

ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE

Rev. Dr. Richard Sturm

Michael, before God and this congregation, we ask you: Are you persuaded that God has called you to be an ordained minister of the church of Jesus Christ, and are you ready with the help of God to enter this ministry and to serve faithfully in it?

ORDINAND: I am.

ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE: Do you, with the church throughout the world, hear the word of God in the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, and do you accept the word of God as the rule of Christian faith and practice?

ORDINAND: I do.

ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE: Do you promise to be diligent in your private prayers and in reading the scriptures, as well as in the public duties of your office?

ORDINAND: I do, relying on God's grace.

ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE: Will you be zealous in maintaining both the truth of the gospel and the peace of the church, speaking the truth in love?

ORDINAND: I will, relying on God's grace.

ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE: Will you be faithful in preaching and teaching the gospel, in administering the sacraments and rites of the church, and in exercising pastoral care and leadership?

ORDINAND: I will, relying on God's grace.

ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE: Will you keep silent all confidences shared with you?

ORDINAND: I will, relying on God's grace.

ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE: Will you seek to regard all people with equal love and concern and undertake to minister impartially to the needs of all?

ORDINAND: I will, relying on God's grace.

ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE: Do you accept the faith and order of the United Church of Christ; and will you, as an ordained minister in this communion, ecumenically reach out toward all who are in Christ and show Christian love to people of other faiths and people of no faith?

ORDINAND: I do, and I will, relying on God's grace.

<u>ACCLAMATION</u>

NEW YORK CONFERENCE REPRESENTATIVE

Rev. Freeman Palmer Associate Conference Minister

People of God, you have heard the promises Michael has made. What is your will?

ASSOCIATION MEMBERS: By the grace of God, he is worthy! Let us ordain him. Come, Holy Spirit.

NEW YORK CONFERENCE REPRESENTATIVE: Will you support Michael in the ministry of Christ?

ASSOCIATION MEMBERS: We will.

LAYING ON OF HANDS

ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE

Rev. Freeman Palmer

The laying on of hands is the symbolic act whereby the church in every age recognizes God's call to ministry in the lives of faithful women and men and asks the Holy Spirit to confer on them gifts for ordained ministry.

ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE: Let us pray....



PEOPLE: Amen. Thanks be to God!

DECLARATION

ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE

Rev. Freeman Palmer

Michael, in the name of Jesus Christ, the head of the church, and by the authority of the Metropolitan Association, New York Conference of the United Church of Christ, I declare you to be ordained into the ministry of Jesus Christ.

COVENANT

ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE

Rev. Micah Bucey Member (COM)

Dear Friends, Trinity Lutheran church has declared that having gathered under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, it has called Michael Vanacore to minister as its Associate Pastor and teacher and that it now receives him as appointed by God for this ministry. The Metropolitan Association of the South East Region of the NY Conference of the UCC has declared that Michael has met all the necessary conditions for this office.

Michael, seeing that you are called to ordained ministry by the grace of God and that Trinity Lutheran Church has been led to call you as Associate Pastor and teacher, are you willing to enter this covenant with its members who are one in Christ and in covenant with us in the Metropolitan Association?

ASSOCIATE PASTOR Michael Vanacore

I am willing, and I promise to serve this church faithfully, preaching and teaching the word of God, administering the sacraments and fulfilling the associate pastoral office.

ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE

Members of the Trinity Lutheran Church, will those who are able rise and affirm your covenant with your Associate Pastor and teacher?

LOCAL CHURCH MEMBERS

We, the members of the Trinity Lutheran Church, receive Michael as our Associate pastor and teacher, promising to labor with him in the ministry of the gospel and to give him due honor and support. We gather with him and with the United Church of Christ as a sign of our mutual ministry in Christ's name.

ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE: (addressing Association members)

Members of the Metropolitan Association, will those who are able rise and affirm your covenant with Trinity Lutheran Church and its Associate Pastor and teachers?

ASSOCIATION MEMBERS: We, the members of the Metropolitan Association of the United Church of Christ, gather with you, the people and the Associate pastor and teacher of Trinity Lutheran Church, as a sign of our covenant and in celebration of our mutual ministry in Christ's name.

SIGNING OF THE COVENANT

Rev. Michael Vanacore, Rev. Kris Watson, Ms. Stacy Mosher, Pastor Kaji Dousa

CHARGE TO THE ORDINAND

Rev. Dr. Samuel Cruz, Senior Pastor, Trinity Lutheran Church

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

Rev. Freeman Palmer

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE

Ms. Gaye Brookes Member (COM)

Receive at our hands this Bible of which you are appointed as an interpreter. Be diligent in the study of its message that you may speak with the authority of truth and be a faithful minister of the word and sacraments. You are granted ordained ministerial standing in the United Church of Christ; and in behalf of its people, we offer you the hand of Christian love and a copy of the UCC's *The Marks of Faithful and Effective Authorized Ministers* and *The Ordained Minister's Code* as additional resources for you.

INTRODUCTION OF REV. MICHAEL VANACORE

Rev. Dr. Richard Sturm

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

(Communion to be led bilingually in style of Trinity Lutheran Church. Please stand as you are able when you see an asterisk. **)

HOLY COMMUNION / SANTA CENA

*GREAT THANKSGIVING / ACCIÓN DE GRACIAS

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts

We have lifted them up to the Lord.

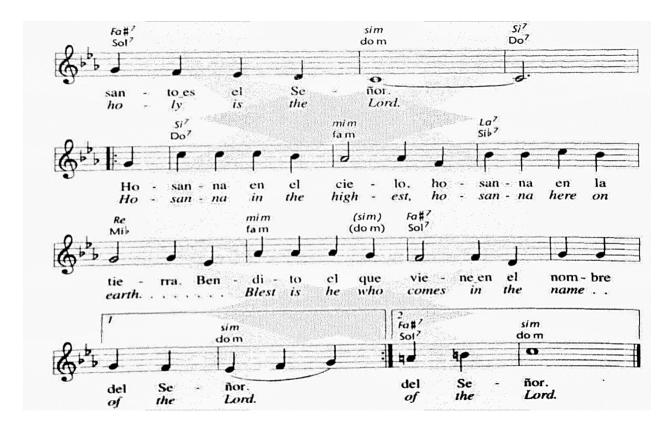
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANTO/HOLY





EUCHARISTIC PRAYER / PLEGARIA EUCARÍSTICA

Bendito eres tú, Señor de cielo y tierra. Apiadándote de nuestro mundo caído, diste a tu único Hijo para que todos los que creen en él no perezcan, sino que tengan vida eterna. Te damos gracias por la salvación que tú nos has preparado por Jesucristo. Envía ahora tu Espíritu Santo a nuestros corazones, para que recibamos a nuestro Señor con fe viva ahora que viene a nosotros en su santa cena.

Ven, Señor Jesús.

La noche en que fue entregado, nuestro Señor tomó pan y dio gracias; lo partió y lo dió a sus discípulos, diciendo: tomen y coman; esto es mi cuerpo, dado por ustedes. Hagan esto en memoria mía.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: this cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

***OUR FATHER / EL PADRE NUESTRO**

(It will be sung in Spanish / Será cantada en español)

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, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

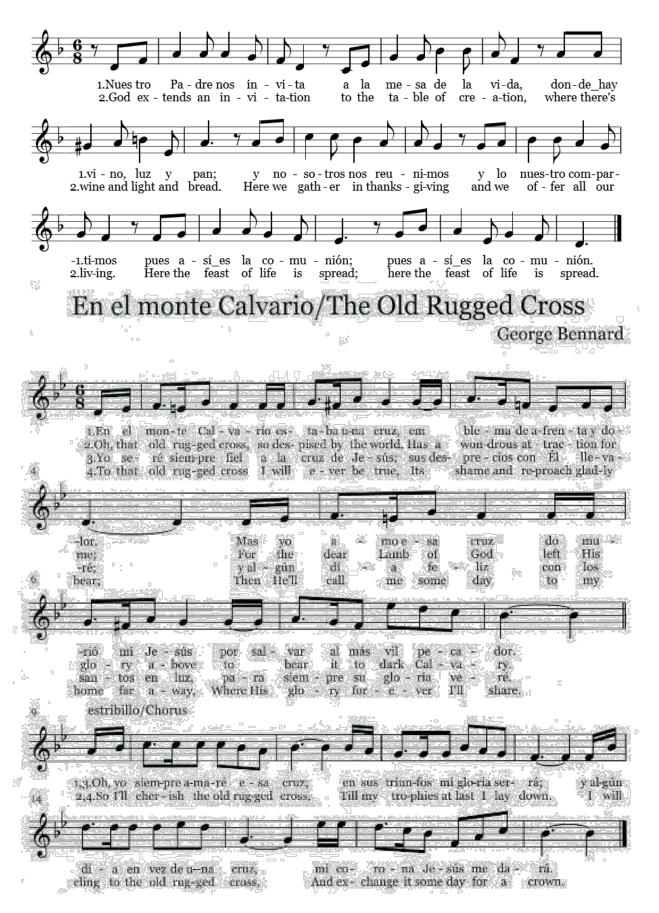
El Padre nuestro / Our Father



COMMUNION HYMNS / HIMNOS DE LA COMUNIÓN

Nuestro Padre nos invita / God Extends an Invitation En el monte Calvario / The Old Rugged Cross De rodillas partamos hoy el pan / Let Us Break Bread Together Lamb of God / Cordero de Dios

Nuestro Padre nos invita / God Extends an Invitation



De rodillas partamos hoy el pan Let Us Break Bread Together



- 4 Let us break bread together on our knees; Let us break bread together on our knees; *Refrain*
- 5 Compartamos la copa en gratitud, Compartamos la copa en gratitud. Estribillo
- 6 Let us praise God together on our knees, Let us praise God together on our knees. Refrain

Lamb of God / Cordero de Dios



DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND WINE / DISTRIBUCIÓN DEL PAN Y DEL VINO

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

El cuerpo y la sangre de nuestro Señor Jesucristo los fortalezca y conserve en su gracia.

Amén.

*EUCHARISTIC SONG / CÁNTICO EUCARÍSTICO

Te Den Gracias / We Give You Thanks

Te den gracias • We Give You Thanks



*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER / ORACIÓN POST-COMUNIÓN

Holy One, we give you thanks that in this bread and cup we have feasted again on your endless love. Let that love overflow more and more in our lives, that we may be preparers of your way, sewers of your justice, and bearers of your eternal Word, our Savior Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Santo Dios, te damos gracias que en este pan y esta copa nuevamente hemos gozado del banquete de tu infinito amor. Derrama ese amor más y más sobre nuestras vidas, para que seamos preparadores de tu camino, sembradores tu justicia, y mensajeros de tu Palabra eterna, nuestro Salvador Jesucristo.

Amén.

WORDS OF GRATITUDE AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

*BENEDICTION / BENDICIÓN

May the love and care of God, who protects us as a mother hen protects her baby chicks, the grace and presence of Jesus, who walks with us in our lives and struggles, and the comfort of the Holy Spirit, who guides us to new life, be with you and all of God's people, now and forever.

Que el amor y cuidado de Dios, que nos protege como la gallina cuida de sus polluelos, la gracia y presencia de Jesús, quien nos acompaña en nuestras vidas y luchas, y el consuelo y la comunión del Espíritu Santo, que nos lleva a la nueva vida, sea con ustedes y todo el pueblo de Dios, ahora y siempre.

Amen.

Amén.

*SENDING HYMN / HIMNO DE CIERRE

Enviado soy de Dios / The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

Enviado soy de Dios The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

