

The Installation of Pastor Michael Jon Mandsager

Director of Spiritual Care and Chaplain
Northfield Retirement Community



NRC Chapel
Tuesday, December 7, 2021
10:30 AM

Order of Worship

Prelude O Come, Mark Hayes, arr.
 O Come, Emmanuel

Words of Welcome and Tom Nielsen
Introduction President and CEO

Gathering Hymn Rejoice, ELW 244
 Rejoice, Believers

Rejoice, rejoice, believers,
And let your lights appear;
The evening is advancing,
And darker night is near.
The bridegroom is arising
And soon is drawing nigh.
Up, pray and watch and wrestle;
At midnight comes the cry.

The watchers on the mountain
Proclaim the bridegroom near;
Go forth as he approaches
With alleluias clear.
The marriage feast is waiting;
The gates wide open stand.
Arise, O heirs of glory;
The bridegroom is at hand.

The saints, who here in patience
Their cross and suff'rings bore,
Shall live and reign forever
When sorrow is no more.
Around the throne of glory
The Lamb they shall behold;
In triumph cast before him
Their diadems of gold.

Our hope and expectation,
O Jesus, now appear;
Arise, O Sun so longed for,
O'er this benighted sphere.
With hearts and hands uplifted,
We plead, O Lord, to see
The day of earth's redemption
That sets your people free!

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, tr. Sarah B. Findlater; **Music:** Swedish folk tune, arr. hymnal version.
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The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with
you all.

Response: *And also with you.*

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, through your Son Jesus Christ you gave the holy apostles many gifts and commanded them to feed your flock. Inspire all pastors to proclaim your word diligently and your people to receive it willingly, that finally we may receive the crown of eternal glory; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading – Isaiah 40: 1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries out: In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken. A voice says, Cry out! And I said, What shall I cry?

All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever.

Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.

He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Response: Thanks be to God!



Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?

My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

Second Reading – II Corinthians 4:1-7

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, *Let light shine out of darkness*, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Response: *Thanks be to God!*

Gospel Acclamation

ELW, page 151

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

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**Gospel – Luke 4:14-21**

Response: *Glory to You, O Lord.*

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. 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, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: *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, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor. 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. Then he began to say to them, Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Response: Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily

Bishop Hassanally

Hymn of the Day

*Love Divine,
All Loves Excelling*

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Love, divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter ev'ry trembling heart.

(Turn page)

Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit
Into ev'ry troubled breast;
Let us all in thee inherit;
Let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver;
Let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in thee!
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heav'n we take our place.
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

The Installation of Pastor Michael Jon Mandsager Presentation

The assembly stands.

Bishop Hassanally ~

Having been authorized by the Church to install Michael Jon Mandsager, our co-worker in the Gospel, as Director of Spiritual Care and Chaplain of Northfield Retirement Community, I now ask for certification of this call.

Tom Nielsen ~

After prayerful deliberation, we, of Northfield Retirement Community, have called Michael Jon Mandsager to serve as a minister of word and sacrament in the position of Director of Spiritual Care and Chaplain.

I present Michael Jon Mandsager and this letter certifying the call.

The assembly is seated.

Address and Questions

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Bishop Hassanally ~

Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things, graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them.

The assembly responds: Amen.

The assembly stands.

Bishop Hassanally ~

People of God, will you receive Pastor Michael Mandsager as a messenger of Jesus Christ sent to serve all people with the gospel of hope and salvation? Will you regard Pastor Michael Mandsager as a servant of Christ and a steward of the mysteries of God?

The assembly ~

We will, and we ask God to help us.

Will you pray for Pastor Michael Mandsager?
 Will you help and honor Pastor Michael
 Mandsager in carrying out this ministry? In
 all things, will you strive to live together in
 the peace and unity of Christ?

The assembly ~

We will, and we ask God to help us.

Bishop Hassanally ~

Pastor Mandsager, the office of Northfield
 Retirement Community Director of Spiritual
 Care and Chaplain is now committed to you
 in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and
 of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Blessing

Bishop Hassanally

The God of peace, who brought again from the
 dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the
 sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make
 you complete in everything good so that you may
 do God's will, working in you that which is
 pleasing in God's sight; through Jesus Christ, to
 whom be the glory forever and ever. **Amen.**

**Welcome of Pastor Michael Mandsager
to Northfield Retirement Community**

Bishop Hassanally ~

People of God, I present to you
Pastor Michael Mandsager,
Director of Spiritual Care and Chaplain of
Northfield Retirement Community.

Let us welcome
Pastor Michael Mandsager
in the name of Christ.

Prayers of the Church

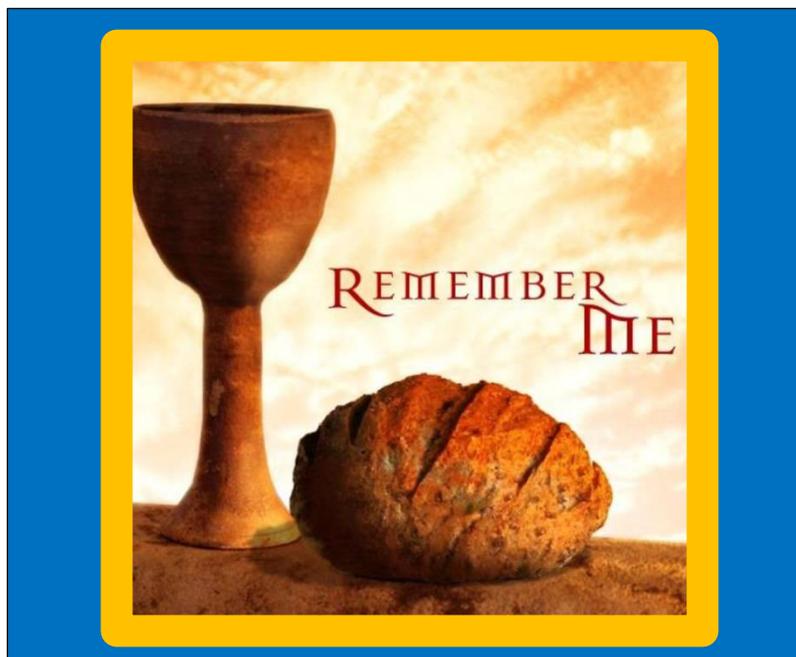
Offertory *All Earth Is Hopeful* Alberto Taulé



Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.
Response: And also with you.

HOLY COMMUNION



The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

Response: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Response: We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**Response: 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...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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.

Invitation

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray.

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, forever and ever. Amen.

Communion Distribution

Communion Song *Lamb of God* ELW, page 154

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Grant us peace, grant us peace.

Prayer

Oh, grant us then, well-strengthened with heav'nly food while here, our course on earth is lengthened, to serve you free from fear; and bring us home to praise you where none can peace destroy, where we will ever raise you glad songs in endless joy. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn *Canticle of the Turning* ELW 723

My soul cries out with a joyful shout
That the God of my heart is great,
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things
That you bring to the ones who wait.

(Turn page)

You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,
 And my weakness you did not spurn,
 So from east to west shall my name be blest.
 Could the world be about to turn?

Refrain:

**My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
 Let the fires of your justice burn.
 Wipe away all tears for the dawn draws near,
 And the world is about to turn!**

Though I am small, my God, my all,
 You work great things in me,
 And your mercy will last from the depths
 Of the past to the end of the age to be.
 Your very name puts the proud to shame,
 And to those who would for you yearn,
 You will show your might, put the strong to flight,
 For the world is about to turn. **Refrain:**

From the halls of pow'r to the fortress tow'r,
 Not a stone will be left on stone.
 Let the king beware for your
 Justice tears ev'ry tyrant from his throne.

The hungry poor shall weep no more,
 For the food they can never earn;
 There are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed,
 For the world is about to turn. **Refrain:**

Though the nations rage from age to age,
 We remember who holds us fast:
 God's mercy must deliver us
 From the conqueror's crushing grasp.
 This saving word that our forebears heard
 Is the promise which holds us bound,
 Till the spear and rod can be crushed by God,
 Who is turning the world around. **Refrain:**

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Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord's face
 shine upon you with grace and mercy; the Lord look
 upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

Dismissal

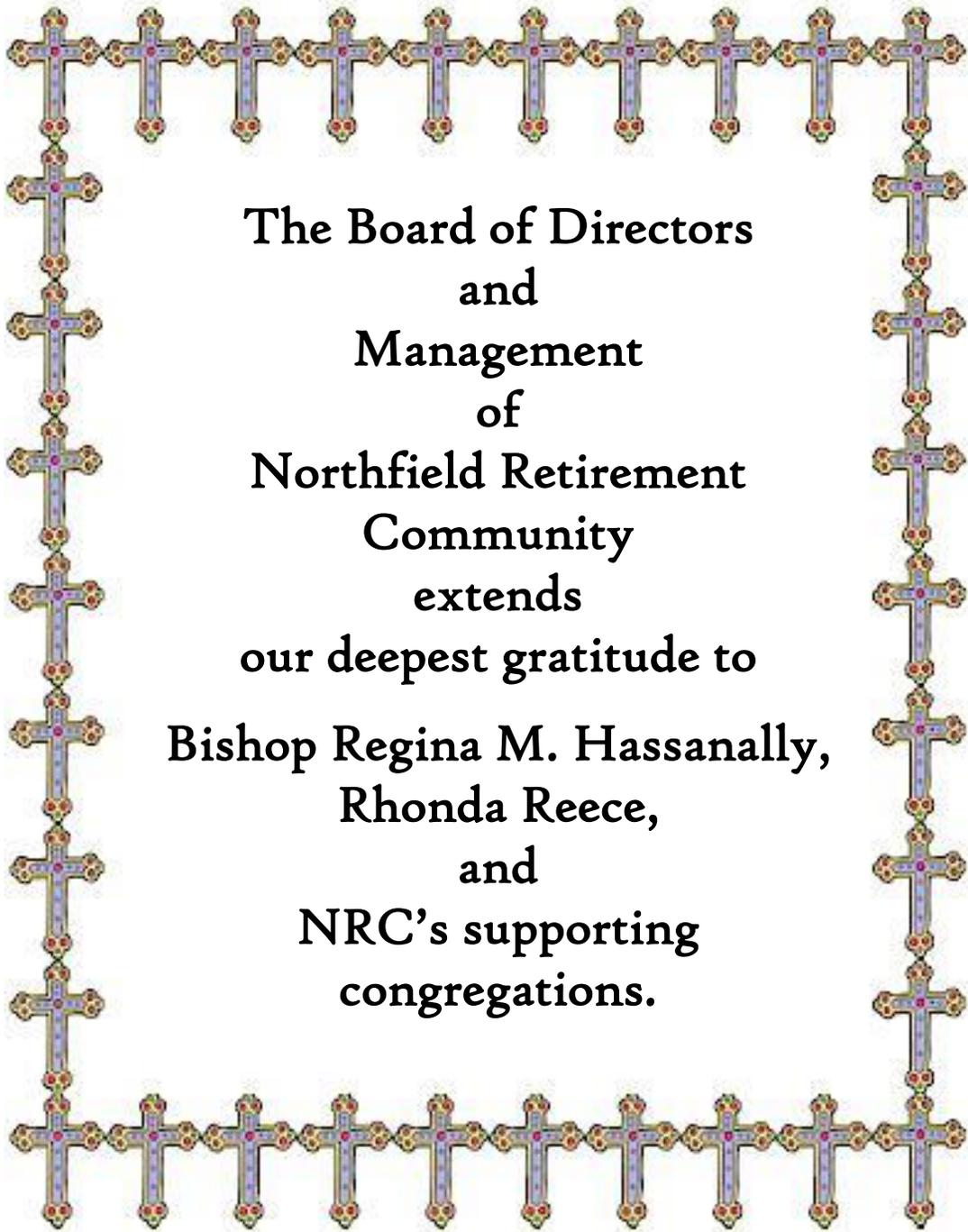
Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us.

Response: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

People, Look East

Eleanor Farjeon



The Board of Directors
and
Management
of
Northfield Retirement
Community
extends
our deepest gratitude to
Bishop Regina M. Hassanally,
Rhonda Reece,
and
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