



THE SACRED SERVICE OF

# Ordination

ELDER-ELECT MARY EVANS

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THE WAY OF SALVATION CATHEDRAL OF GOD

# The Sacred Service

**Music.....Lord Prepare Me To Be A Sanctuary**

**Opening Address.....Bishop Willie E. Sanders, Jr.**

Let us be in the spirit of prayer. In this moment in which we set apart and ordain these two to higher ministry, we pause to give thanks to God who has called us.

We are grateful to be in a fellowship of churches which inspires us in our ongoing quest for the truth; a fellowship that encourages us in our continuing search for leaders and leadership roles. With humility and thanksgiving, we remember the efforts of those men and women who set an example for us and who taught us of the Way. Because of what they were and what they did, our lives are more complete. Now we know ourselves that we are called out from among them to be witnesses of Jesus Christ and servants of the Lord.

By the power and anointing of the Holy Ghost we pray for the anointing into your hearts and lives and particularly into the life of, **Elder-Elect Mary Evans**, as they move forward in ministry with new responsibilities, obligations, and anointing. May you find fulfillment of purpose as you give of yourself and your talents to the task of making this world a better place for all. May you always have a heart of compassion for those who are in need; a spirit of wisdom as you deal with the problems that beset your parishioners; a courageous spirit of humility as you recognize your limitations; and above all the spirit of love as you minister to all sorts and conditions of people.

May this hour of dedication be but the beginning of a fruitful ministry that will bring to you, and to those closest to you, the great and abiding satisfactions that come to those who give generously of themselves in the service of others. Amen.

**Welcome.....Overseer Jimmy Williams, Sr.**

As servants of Jesus Christ, we are all called to be ministers, but in addition to this general calling some are called to the church’s special ministries. We are gathered today to acknowledge the call of **Elder-Elect Mary Evans** to lead as an Elder of this fellowship, and on behalf of the whole people of God to set him apart for this ministry through prayer and the laying on of hands. We invite all who are gathered here to join in this celebration.

**Call to Worship.....Assistant Overseer Willie Marsh, Sr.**

In Christ, we are made new and filled with hope. In God, we belong to a new community of God’s people, discovering we are friends, sisters and brothers in Christ. In Christ, the old ways have lost their glitter and appeal. For we have turned toward the new light. In God, we receive a new name and a new call; we are God’s beloved, and we carry on the ministry of reconciliation. In Christ, we are a new creation. The old is passed away, and renewed in body, mind and spirit.

**Invocation.....Bishop Ronnie Mack**

Worthy are you, O God, to receive glory, honor, and power. We praise you for the church, the body of Christ and a dwelling of your Holy Spirit. We praise you that through that same Spirit you have called men and women into your service and given them gifts filling for such service. Especially we praise you for whom we are to set apart as a minister of the gospel. Grant that this may be for them and for us a special time of joy, and may your grace be with them this day and through all the years of their ministry. Amen.

**Reading of Recommendation.....Overseer Anton Jones, Sr.**

Upon recommendation of the Bishops and Apostles of The Way of Salvation Fellowship of Churches, I have the joy of presenting to this congregation for ordination to the gospel ministry as an **ORDAINED ELDER.....**

**† Elder-Elect Mary Evans**

**LUKE 4:16-21**

**16** And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read.

**17** And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written,

**18** The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

**19** To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

**20** And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him.

**21** And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.

**Charge to Candidates and Vows of Ordination**

BISHOP CHARLES MOULTRIE: Before God and this congregation you are called upon to answer in all truthfulness the questions, I now ask you. Do you believe that you are truly called to be an ordained Elder in the church of Jesus Christ and with the help of God to serve faithfully in the fulfillment of the responsibilities of this ministry?

**CANDIDATES: I DO, GOD BEING MY HELPER.**

BISHOP CHARLES MOULTRIE: Do you promise to be faithful in prayer and in the reading of the scriptures and through study to deepen your knowledge of divine

truth seeking the will of God?

**CANDIDATES: I DO, GOD BEING MY HELPER.**

BISHOP CHARLES MOULTRIE: Will you seek to bring others into an acceptance of the cost and joy of discipleship, and through faithful teaching lead them into a full understanding of Christian commitment?

**CANDIDATES: I WILL, GOD BEING MY HELPER.**

BISHOP MARVIN HENDERSON: Will you have a loving concern for all people and give yourself to minister impartially to them without regard to race, creed, gender, or physical character?

**CANDIDATES: I WILL, GOD BEING MY HELPER.**

BISHOP MARVIN HENDERSON: Will you endeavor to uphold the integrity of the church and to seek that unity in which all churches “Will manifest the one Lord, one faith, and one baptism?

**CANDIDATES: I WILL, GOD BEING MY HELPER.**

BISHOP MARVIN HENDERSON: Will you give yourself to the denomination in which you are being ordained and in so far as possible serve its causes and seek to enlarge its witness at home and abroad?

**CANDIDATES: I WILL, GOD BEING MY HELPER.**

### **Laying on of Hands and Ordination Prayer Bishops, Elders & Pastors**

**APOSTLE BOBBY HOGAN**: People of God, you have heard the commitment made by these CANDIDATES.

**APOSTLE (to congregation):** Will you give them your full support in this ministry?  
And all the people in agreement will say - AMEN.

**CONGREGATION: AMEN.**

**APOSTLE BOBBY HOGAN:** Now let us acknowledge and confirm this ordination by the laying on of hands in prayer.

(All appointment to laying on hands gather around kneeling candidates, laying hands on each of them)

Let us pray. Eternal God, you have called into the special ministry of your church. And this call is confirmed by your Holy Spirit as with prayer and the laying on of hands we ordain them to the office and work of that same ministry. Grant them wisdom to understand and the power to proclaim the Gospel and to lead your people in worthy worship. Give them the grace to be an Elder whose love is like your own, a teacher whose store of truth brings light and understanding, and a leader who reveals your presence to every brother or sister in need. Help them remain faithful to your high calling that in the 'day' of your return they may hear your words, 'Well done. good and faithful servant.' To this ministry we consecrate, their spouses and ourselves, that to You may be given the praise and glory, now and forever. Amen.

**The Declaration.....Bishop Willie E. Sanders, Jr.**

By the authority of this church and its sister churches and in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, we declare you to be ordained to the office of Elder. Through this act you have been commissioned to preach and teach the Word of God, to lead the worship of the church and administer the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper, to perform those other services associated with the ministry, to be a faithful leader of God's people, to inform the conscience of the congregation concerning the personal and social issues of the day, and to be a witness to those who have not come to know for themselves the love of God in Christ.

**Presentation of Certificates.....Overseer Anton Jones, Sr.**

May this certificate be a continual reminder to you that on this day and in this place, you were set apart for the high and holy office of Elder in Christian ministry.

**Instrumental Music.....I'll say Yes Lord, Yes!**

Candidate will receive congregation greeting/handshake fellowship.

**Ending Salutation.....Bishop Casey January**

As Jeremiah heard God say "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you..."

As Isaiah heard the voice of the Lord in the temple asking, "Whom shall I send and who will go for us..."

As the disciples heard Jesus call out, "Come, follow Me..."

We have gathered here by the guidance of God, by the beckoning of Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to celebrate God's call to us as God's people.

The spirit of the Lord is upon us, because the Lord has anointed us to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners. God has proclaimed us servants of the Lord, ministers of our God. We will greatly rejoice in the Lord, for as the earth brings forth its sprouts, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

Let all God's People Say Amen.

**Closing Remarks**

**Acknowledgements**

**Benediction**

