



Welcome Ceremony for

**Candidate Paula Danforth &
Candidate Shingai Chigwedere**

**Hubert Campus Center, Albertus Magnus College
New Haven, Connecticut**

July 14, 2022 at 4:00 pm

Welcome

Paula and Shingai will be welcomed at the door of the chapel, accompanied as they enter the chapel by Sr. June Fitzgerald, who has journeyed with them through their vocation discernment to this point.

Sr. Pat Twohill, Prioress, opens the door for Paula and Shingai and invites both women and Sr. June into the Chapel.

Sr Virginia Bruen will present Paula and Shingai with a candle lit from the Paschal candle. The candle is a reminder that religious life is one way of responding to the call to holiness that Paula and Shingai received at their baptisms.



Call to Prayer: Pat Dual, OP

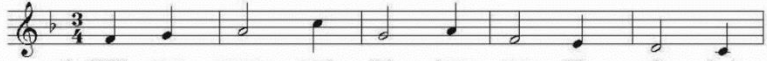
Presider: Light of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

Blessed be our saving God,
Creator, Christ, and Spirit
now and forever. Amen.

Song:

The Summons



1. Will you come and fol - low me If I but
 2. Will you leave your - self be - hind If I but
 3. Will you let the blind - ed see If I but
 4. Will you love the 'you' you hide If I but
 5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true When you but



call your name? Will you go where
 call your name? Will you care for
 call your name? Will you set the
 call your name? Will you quell the
 call my name. Let me turn and



you don't know And nev - er be the same?
 cruel and kind And nev - er be the same?
 pris - 'ners free And nev - er be the same?
 fear in - side And nev - er be the same?
 fol - low you And nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, Will you
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare Should your
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, And do
 Will you use the faith you've found To re -
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go Where your



let my name be known, Will you let my
 life at - tract or scare? Will you let me
 such as this un - seen, And ad - mit to
 shape the world a - round, Through my sight and
 love and foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and



life be grown In you and you in me?
 an - swer prayer In you and you in me?
 what I mean In you and you in me?
 touch and sound In you and you in me?
 live and grow In you and you in me.

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 Tune: KELVINGROVE, 7 6 7 6 7 7 6, Scottish traditional, arr. by John L. Bell, b.1949

First Psalm (Tone 8)



Antiphon

O Lord, you search me.
You understand my thoughts from afar.

Psalm 139:1-12

O Lord, you search me
and you know me.
You know when I sit and when I stand;
you understand my desires from afar.

You observe when I walk and when I rest,
and all my ways are familiar to you.
Before a word is on my tongue,
you, O God, know it well.

You enfold me
and place your hand upon me.
Such knowledge is wonderful, but beyond me;
I cannot grasp it.

Where can I go to escape your spirit?
Where could I flee from your face?
If I ascend to the heavens, you are there.
if I go down to Sheol, you are there as well.

Were I to fly on the wings of the dawn
and dwell at the sea's farthest end,
even there your hand would guide me,
your right hand would hold me fast.

If I say, "Let the darkness cover me,
and let light be night around me,"
even that is not dark for you.
For you, night is as light as day,
darkness and light are one.

Blessed be our saving God,
Creator, Christ, and Spirit,
now and forever.
Amen. Amen.

Antiphon

O Lord, you search me.
You understand my thoughts from afar.

Second Psalm (Tone 8)



Antiphon

I give you thanks for this wondrous life;
all your works are wonderful.

Psalm 139:13-24

It was you who created my inner self,
who fashioned me in my mother's womb.
I give you thanks for this wondrous life;
all your works are wonderful.

You know me through and through.
When I was made in secret,
carefully woven in the depths of the earth,
never hidden from your view,

Your eyes observed my smallest growth,
and all was written in your book.
Each day was formed
before it came to be.

So precious are your thoughts, O God,
and so vast is their sum.
Were I to count them, I would never end;
like sands of the sea, they cannot be numbered.

Search me, O God, and know my heart;
probe me and know my thoughts.
See if my way is not pure,
and guide me along the ancient path.

Blessed be our saving God,
Creator, Christ, and Spirit,
now and forever.
Amen. Amen.

Antiphon

I give you thanks for this wondrous life;
all your works are wonderful.

New Testament Cantic

James V. Marchionda, OP



Antiphon

All nations will come and worship before you,
for you alone are holy.

Revelation 15:3-4

Great and marvelous are your deeds,
O God, sovereign over all!
Just and true are your ways,
Ruler of the nations!

Who does not revere and glorify your name,
for you alone are holy.
All nations will come and worship before you,
for your ways of justice have been revealed.

Blessed be our saving God,
Creator, Christ, and Spirit,
now and forever.
Amen. Amen.

Antiphon

All nations will come and worship before you,
for you alone are holy.

Reading: Luke 11:9-10, Revelation 3: 20-21, 22

Preaching: June Fitzgerald, OP

Request and Presentations

(Prioress Pat Twohill, OP, calls Paula Danforth and Shingai Chigwedere forward)

Prioress: Paula and Shingai, what is your desire?

Paula & Shingai: To live as a candidate with the Dominican Sisters of Peace, to learn what it is to be a Dominican, and to continue to answer God's call.

Prioress: Sisters, are you willing to welcome Paula and Shingai, support them with prayer, share your knowledge and experience with them, and receive their gifts?

Community: Yes, we are willing.

Prioress: Paula and Shingai, are you ready to participate in the prayer life of the Church with us?

Paula & Shingai: Yes, I am willing.

Prioress: Receive this copy of Dominican Praise.

Prioress: Paula and Shingai, are you willing to enter into a study of Sacred Truth and our Dominican heritage?

Paula & Shingai: Yes, I am willing.

Prioress: Receive this copy of the Sacred Scriptures.

Prioress: Paula and Shingai, are you willing to share in the life of our community?

Paula & Shingai: Yes, I am willing.

Prioress: Receive this copy of the Directory of our Sisters and Associates.

Prioress: Let us pray

Gracious Holy One, open wide the door of your love to Paula and Shingai, who seek to respond to your call. Give them all they need to continue to live in fidelity to your word and in openness to your love. Amen.



Dominican Magnificat

Feargal King, OP

To praise my soul re - joi - ces in God.
 To bless, to bless the peo - ple of God
 To preach, to preach the Word of our Lord.

To praise my soul shall glo - ri - fy the Lord.
 To bless, to bless the name of the Lord
 To preach, to preach God's truth to the Earth.

God who is might - ty has done great things for
 All ge - ner - a - tions shall call her
 Teach us to foll - ow God, and show us the

me. Be hold the ser - vant of God,
 blessed, Be hold the ser - vant of God,
 way, for Ho - ly is God's name.

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Intercessions

O God, you call us, in Christ, to holiness, grace, and peace.
We pray to you:

help us to live with grateful hearts.

Although well established, Abraham and Sarah were called forth to a new land:

keep us open to the voices and circumstances that lead us in new directions.

Dominic was ready to respond to God's call to preach the Word, leaving familiar and secure places to go where he was called:

give us patience with ourselves in our new beginnings, and enable us to trust that You are enough for us.

Catherine of Siena was filled with a spirit of truth and courage, which disarmed those around her:

fill us with the courage that comes from total reliance on your power working in our lives.

Gracious One, we thank you for the gift of our sisters, Paula and Shingai:

bless them this day and in the days to come, as they grow in grace and wisdom.

Bless Paula and Shingai's family and friends who have nurtured and gifted them:

may they share the joy of this day with this community and with the entire communion of saints.

Our Father

Closing Prayer

Generous and loving God, we stand before you with gratitude for sending Paula and Shingai into our midst. You have opened a new door to them and to us. May they feel welcomed among us, just as they welcome all of us into their lives. And may we all be open to wonderful surprises in the days to come. We pray this in the name of Jesus, in whose footsteps we walk.

Amen.

(Please extend your hand over Paula and Shingai in blessing as we sing the Dominican Blessing on the next page.)



A Dominican Blessing

Based on an anonymous 13th c. text
English Lyrics of the Thirteenth Century, 1932
Adapt. J. V. M.

PARABLE
James V. Marchionda, O.P.

REFRAIN



May God, Cre-a-tor, bless us. May God, Re-deem-er, heal us.



And may God, the Ho-ly Spir - it, fill us with light.

VERSES



1. God, give us eyes to see you, and
2. God, give us feet to jour - ney, a
3. And may your ho - ly an - gel watch



1. ears to hear your voice. God, give us minds to
2. mouth to preach your Word. God, help us to pro -
3. o - ver us in peace. Then, in the good - ness



1. know your will, and hands to work for jus - tice. _____
2. claim a - loud the Good News of sal - va - tion. _____
3. of your love, di - rect us home to heav - en. _____

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Sisters *of Peace*
Sisters and Associates
in Mission

