

Commissioning of Musicians – NPM Annual St. Cecilia Banquet October 8, 2022

Hymn: *How Can I Keep from Singing* #443 vs. 1-3

Prayer

Bishop: Lord, may everything we do begin with your inspiration and continue with your help, so that all our prayers and works may begin in you and by you be happily ended. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: *Amen*

Bishop: God provides the Church with suitable ministers to assist in divine worship. Let us pray for these liturgical musicians, that God may bless them as they continue to serve their parishes in music ministry.

All: *Lord, graciously hear us.*

Reader: For the Church of Christ and for the Diocese of Rapid City, that all Christians may offer themselves as living sacrifices. We pray to the Lord:

All: *Lord, graciously hear us.*

Reader: For these parish musicians, that the beauty which they create in song and praise may echo always in our hearts. We pray to the Lord:

All: *Lord, graciously hear us.*

PRAYER OF BLESSING (Bishop)

Loving Father,

we give You praise and glory for all Your gifts:

You have called us to follow Your Son Jesus,

You have invited us to be Your People of praise.

Father, we give you honor and glory.

In Your love for Your Church,

You have given the gift of musical ability

to these men and women of faith.

Bless + them as they use their talents for Your glory.

Give them strength to continue their efforts

to lead Your Church in song and music.

Fill them with joy as they carry out their ministry of praise.

Heavenly Father,

we give You praise through Christ Your Son

in the love of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

Bishop: Lord God, you give to each person the gift of your Spirit for the building up of the Church. Bless us and keep us all in your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: *Amen.*

Bishop: Let us remember those who are no longer with us. (say names)

Barb Hendrickson

Bishop: We ask St. Cecilia to help us remain in Christ as we lead our people in worship.

Hymn: *How Can I Keep from Singing* #443 Vs. 4-5