



The Parish Church of

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The Rev. Jeffrey S. Miller, Rector
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The Rt. Rev. Alden M. Hathaway, Bishop in Residence

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To the People of God of the Episcopal Diocese at Pittsburgh

Dear Friends in Christ:

You are come together, that by prayer and sacred authority, you shall consecrate Dorsey McConnell the Eighth bishop of the apostolic succession for the Episcopal Church at Pittsburgh. I believe him to be a good and Godly person, chosen by the Holy Spirit and called by Christ to be your chief shepherd and Father in God.

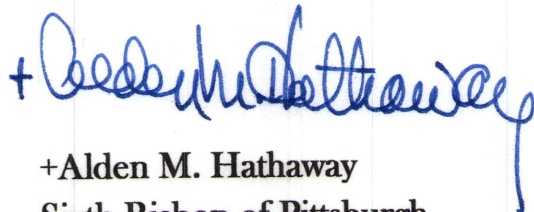
It is with deep sadness and regret that I cannot attend this service with you today. Please be assured that my spirit and the prayers of my heart are with you and Bishop Dorsey.

I was honored to be among you surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses from the past. I pray that you will run with perseverance the race that is now set before you at Pittsburgh. There are difficult days ahead, yet filled with great promise and opportunity. Love and uphold your new Bishop.

For I remember you with thanks for our partnership in the gospel. And, in the words of St. Paul, "I am sure that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion in the day of Jesus Christ".

I love you very much.

Yours in Christ Jesus,



**+Alden M. Hathaway
Sixth Bishop of Pittsburgh**