

The Rite of Ordination

Deacons and Priests



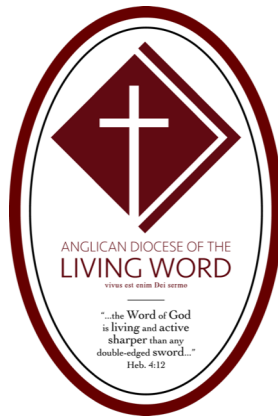
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Prelude

The Processional

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

1. All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros-trate fall,
 2. Crown him, ye mar - tyrs of your God, who from his al - tar call,
 3. Ye seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, ye ran-somed of the fall,
 4. Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm-wood and the gall,

let an - gels pros-trate fall; bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem,
 who from his al - tar call; ex - tol the Stem of Jes - se's rod,
 ye ran - somed of the fall, hail him who saves you by his grace,
 the worm-wood and the gall, go, spread your tro - phies at his feet,

Refrain

and crown him, crown him,
 and crown him, crown him, crown him, crown him, crown him,
 crown

crown him, crown him, and crown him Lord of all.
 him and crown him

5. Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe
on this terrestrial ball,
on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe,
(Refrain)

6. O that with yonder sacred throng
we at his feet may fall,
we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song,
(Refrain)

Acclamations and Collect for Purity

Bishop Blessed are you, O God our Father

People **All creation worships you.**

Bishop Blessed are you, Lord Jesus Christ.

People **You bring new life to the world.**

Bishop Blessed are you, Holy Spirit of God.

People **You draw us together in love.**

Bishop Blessed be Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People **One God, to be praised for ever.**

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People **The Lord bless you.**

Bishop Let us pray together.

All **Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid.
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Ministry of the Word

Collect for Ordination

Bishop God, Our Father, Lord of all the world: We thank you that through your Son You have called us into the fellowship of your universal Church. Hear our prayer for your faithful people, that in our vocation and ministry we may be instruments of your love. And give your servants now to be ordained the needful gifts of grace through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

All **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

The congregation sits.

Reader A reading from Isaiah.

Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory!"

And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for." And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me."

And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me."

Isaiah 6:8

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 119:33-40

33 Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, *
And I shall keep it to the end.
34 **Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; ***
Indeed, I shall keep it with my whole heart.
35 Make me go in the path of your commandments, *
For therein is my desire.
36 **Incline my heart to your testimonies, ***
and not to covetous desires.
37 O turn away my eyes, lest they behold vanity, *
and revive me in your ways.
38 **Confirm your word to your servant, ***
and to all those who fear you.
39 Take away the reproach that I am afraid of, *
For your judgments are good.
40 **Behold, my delight is in your precepts; ***
O revive me in your righteousness.

New Testament Reading

Reader A reading from Ephesians.

Ephesians 4:7-16

But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it says,

“When he ascended on high he led a host of captives,
and he gave gifts to men.”

(In saying, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here I am! Send me.”
Isaiah 6:8

The Gradual

O God Beyond All Praising

The people stand and face the procession

1. O God be - yond all prais - ing, we wor - ship You to - day
 2. Then hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring,
 and that sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can - not re - pay;
 and we who know Your fa - vor that may serve You as our king;
 for and we can on - ly won - der at ev - 'ry gift you send,
 and wheth - er our to - mor - rows be fill'd with good or ill,
 at we'll bless - ings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out end:
 Ah, tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still:
 ah, ah, ah, ah,

Descant Stanza 2

Melody
 we to lift our hearts be - fore You and wait up - on Your Word, we
 to mar - vel at Your beau - ty and glo - ry in Your ways, and
 ah, ah.

hon - or and a - dore You, our great and might - y of Lord.
 make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

The Gospel

The Rev. Greg Ventura (St. George's Anglican Church, Helmetta, NJ)

The Congregation stands

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

John 10:1-16

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know

And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me."

Isaiah 6:8

my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

Gospeller This is the Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Caleb Evans (*Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Syracuse, NY*)

The congregation sits.

Nicene Creed

The congregation stands.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father. Through Him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Ordination

Act of Service

The congregation is seated

The Bishop gives a call to servant leadership.

The Presentation of the Ordinands

The Bishop and People sit. The Presenters, standing before the Bishop, present the Ordinands, saying

Presenters Reverend Father in God, we present Ifeoluwa Timothy Ojetayo to be admitted to the Order of Deacons.

Reverend Father in God, we present Jerry Kay Shriver to be admitted to the Order of Priests.

Reverend Father in God, we present Marc Richard Steele to be admitted to the Order of Priests.

Bishop Have they been selected in accordance with the Canons of this Church? And do you believe their manner of life to be suitable to the exercise of this ministry?

Presenters We certify to you that they have satisfied the requirements of the Canons, and we believe them to be qualified for this Order.

And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me."

Isaiah 6:8

The Bishop shall then require the Ordinands to take the Oath of Conformity and the Oath of Canonical Obedience saying

Bishop The Canons require that no one may be ordained a Deacon and no Deacon may be ordained a Priest in the Church before subscribing without reservation to the Oath of Conformity. It is also required that each Ordinand subscribe without reservation to the Oath of Canonical Obedience. In the presence of this Congregation, I now charge you to make your solemn declaration of these oaths.

Ordinands I do believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God and to contain all things necessary to salvation, and I consequently hold myself bound to conform my life and ministry thereto, and therefore I do solemnly engage to conform to the Doctrine, Discipline, and Worship of Christ as this Church has received them.

And I do promise, here in the presence of Almighty God and of the Church, that I will pay true and canonical obedience in all things lawful and honest to the Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of the Living Word, and his successors, so help me God.

Bishop Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, you know the importance of this ministry, and the weight of your responsibility in presenting Ifeoluwa Ojetayo for ordination to the order of the sacred Order of Deacons and Jerry Shriver and Marc Steele for ordination to the sacred Priesthood. Therefore, if any of you know of any impediment or crime because of which we should not proceed, come forward now and make it known.

If no objection is made, the Bishop continues

Bishop Is it your will that Ifeoluwa Ojetayo be ordained a Deacon, and that Jerry Shriver and Marc Steele be ordained Priests?

People **It is.**

Bishop Will you uphold them in their ministry?

People **We will.**

Bishop In peace let us pray to the Lord.

The Litany for Ordination

The Rev. Warren Musselman (*St. Andrew's Anglican Church, Endicott, NY*)

All kneel. Then the Litanist appointed, with the Clergy and People present, says the Litany for Ordination.

Litanist O God the Father,

People **Have mercy on us.**

Litanist O God the Son,

People **Have mercy on us.**

Litanist O God the Holy Spirit,

People **Have mercy on us.**

Litanist O Holy Trinity, one God.

People **Have mercy on us.**

Litanist We beseech you to hear us, good Lord: That it may please you to grant peace to the whole world and to your Church.

People **We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

Litanist That it may please you to sanctify and bless your holy Church throughout the World,

People **We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

Litanist That it may please you to inspire all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons with the love of you and of your truth,

People **We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

Litanist That it may please you to endue all ministers of your Church with devotion to your glory and to the salvation of souls,

People **We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me."

Isaiah 6:8

Litanist That it may please you to bless these your servants, now to be admitted to the Order of Deacons and the Order of Priests, and to pour your grace upon them, that they may duly execute their office to the edification of your Church, and to the glory of your holy Name,

People **We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

Litanist That it may please you to guide by your indwelling Spirit those whom you call to the ministry of your Church; that they may go forward with courage, and persevere to the end,

People **We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

Litanist That it may please you to increase the number of ministers in your Church, that the Gospel may be preached to all people,

People **We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

Litanist That it may please you to grant true repentance, amendment of life, and the forgiveness of all our sins,

People **We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

Litanist That it may please you to hasten the fulfillment of your purpose, that your Church may be one,

People **We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

Litanist That it may please you to grant that we, with all your saints, may be partakers of your everlasting kingdom,

People **We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

Litanist Lord, have mercy upon us.

People **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Litanist Lord, have mercy upon us.

Litanist Hear us, O Lord, when we cry out to you;

People **Have mercy upon us and hear us.**

Litanist O Lord, arise and help us;

People **And deliver us for your Name's sake.**

Litanist Let your priests be clothed with righteousness;

People **And let your saints sing with you.**

Litanist O Lord, hear our prayer.

People **And let our cry come to you.**

To conclude the Litany, the Bishop prays

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Bishop Let us pray.

Almighty God, giver of all good things, by your Holy Spirit you have appointed various Orders of Ministers in your Church: mercifully behold these your servants now called to the Order of Priests, and so fill them with the truth of your doctrine and adorn them with holiness of life, that by word and good example they may faithfully serve you in this office, to the glory of your Name and the edification of your Church: through the merits of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, world without end. Amen.

The Exhortation of a Deacon

All are seated except the Ordinand, who stands before the Bishop.

Bishop It belongs to the office of a Deacon in the Church where they shall be appointed to serve to assist the Presbyter in Divine Service especially at the administration of holy Communion to read holy Scripture and to instruct the young in the Faith and (in the absence of the Presbyter) to baptize and to preach; if licensed by the Bishop. Moreover it is the special calling of the Deacon to search for the sick, poor, and needy people of the Parish so that they may be comforted.

And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me."

Isaiah 6:8

The Examination of the Deacon

The Bishop examines the Ordinands as follows

Bishop Will you do this gladly and willingly?

Answer I will, the Lord being my helper.

Bishop Do you trust that you are inwardly moved by the Holy Spirit to take upon yourself this Office and ministry, to serve God for the promoting of his glory and the edifying of his people?

Answer I do so trust.

Bishop Do you believe that you are truly called, according to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, and in accordance with the Canons of this Church, to this Office and ministry?

Answer I do so believe.

Bishop Are you persuaded that the Holy Scriptures contain all things necessary for salvation through faith in Jesus Christ?

Answer I am so persuaded.

Bishop Will you diligently read these Scriptures to the people assembled in the church where you are appointed to serve?

Answer I will.

Bishop Will you be diligent to frame and fashion your own life and the life of your family, according to the Doctrine of Christ, and to make yourself and them, as much as you are able, wholesome examples and patterns to the flock of Christ?

Answer I will, the Lord being my helper.

Bishop Will you reverently obey your Bishop and other Ministers who, according to the Canons of the Church, may have charge and authority over you, following with a glad mind and a good will their godly admonitions, and submitting yourself to their godly judgments?

Answer I will, the Lord being my helper.

The Congregation may kneel, and prays silently for the fulfillment of these purposes. The Bishop prays

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who has given you a good will to do all these things, grant you also the strength and power to perform them, accomplishing in you the good work which he has begun, that you may be found perfect and without reproach on the last day; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Exhortation of the Priests

All are seated except the Ordinand, who stands before the Bishop.

Bishop You have heard, during the Church's discernment of your vocation and in the Holy Scriptures themselves, how weighty is this Office to which you are called. I now exhort you, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to be a messenger, watchman, and steward of the Lord. You are to teach, to warn, to feed, and to provide for the Lord's family, and to seek for Christ's sheep who are in the midst of this fallen world, that they may be saved through Christ forever.

Remember how great is this treasure committed to your charge. They are the sheep of Christ for whom he shed his blood. The Church and Congregation whom you will serve is his bride, his body. If the Church, or any of her members, is hurt or hindered by your negligence, you must know both the gravity of your fault, and the grievous judgment that will result.

Therefore, consider the purpose of your ministry to the children of God. Work diligently, with your whole heart, to bring those in your care into the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of God, and to maturity in Christ, that there may be among you neither error in religion nor immorality in life. Finally, equip and lead your Congregation to proclaim tirelessly the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me." *Isaiah 6:8*

And seeing that the demands of this holy Office are so great, lay aside all worldly distractions and take care to direct all that you do to this purpose: read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest the Scriptures, that you may show yourself both dutiful and thankful to the Lord; and frame your conduct, and that of your household and those committed to your care, according to the doctrine and discipline of Christ. Know, however, that you cannot accomplish this of yourself; for the will and ability needed are given by God alone. Therefore, pray earnestly for his Holy Spirit to enlighten your mind and strengthen your resolve.

The Examination of the Priests

The Ordinands stand before the Bishop.

Bishop So that this Congregation of Christ's Church may know your intent in these things, I charge you to answer plainly these questions, which I, in the Name of God and his Church, now ask:

Bishop Do you believe in your heart that you are truly called, according to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, and according to the Canons of this Church, to the Order and ministry of the Priesthood?

Answer I do so believe.

Bishop Do you believe that the Holy Scriptures contain all things necessary for salvation through faith in Jesus Christ? And are you determined out of the Holy Scriptures to instruct the people committed to your charge, and to teach or maintain nothing as necessary to eternal salvation but that which may be concluded and proved by the Scriptures?

Answer I do so believe, and I am so determined, the Lord being my helper.

Bishop Will you then give your faithful diligence always so to minister the doctrine, sacraments, and discipline of Christ, as the Lord has commanded and as this Church has received them, according to the Commandments of God, so that you may teach the people committed to your charge with all diligence to keep and observe them?

Answer I will, the Lord being my helper.

Bishop Will you be ready, with all faithful diligence, to banish and drive away from the Body of Christ all erroneous and strange doctrines contrary to God's Word; and to use both public and private admonitions and exhortations, to the weak as well as the strong within your charge, as need shall require and occasion shall be given?

Answer I will, the Lord being my helper.

Bishop Will you be diligent in prayer, and in the reading of Holy Scripture, and in such study as may further the knowledge of the same, laying aside all distractions of the world and the flesh?

Answer I will, the Lord being my helper.

Bishop Will you be diligent to frame and fashion your own lives and the lives of your families, according to the doctrine of Christ, and to make yourselves and them, as much as you are able, a wholesome example and pattern to the flock of Christ?

Answer I will, the Lord being my helper.

Bishop Will you maintain and set forward, as much as you are able, quietness, peace, and love among all Christian people, and especially among those who are or shall be committed to your charge?

Answer I will, the Lord being my helper.

And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me."

Isaiah 6:8

Bishop Will you reverently obey your Bishop and other chief Ministers who, according to the Canons of the Church, may have charge and authority over you, following with a glad mind and a good will their godly admonitions, and submitting yourself to their godly judgments?

Answer I will, the Lord being my helper.

Bishop Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who has given you a good will to do all these things, grant you also the strength and power to perform them, accomplishing in you the good work which he has begun, that you may be found perfect and without reproach on the last day; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Veni Creator Spiritus

To be sung as a solo

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
and lighten with celestial fire.

Thou the anointing Spirit art,
who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.

Thy blessed unction from above
is comfort, life, and fire of love.

Enable with perpetual light
the dullness of our blinded sight.

Anoint and cheer our soiled face
with the abundance of thy grace.

Keep far our foes, give peace at home:
where thou art guide, no ill can come.

Teach us to know the Father, Son,
and thee, of both, to be but One,

that through the ages all along,
this may be our endless song:

praise to thy eternal merit,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The Ordination of Deacons

The Congregation sits or kneels in prayer. The Ordinands kneel facing the Bishop. The Bishop prays the following prayer, first saying
Let us pray.

O God, most merciful Father, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to take upon himself the form of a servant. He humbled himself, becoming obedient even to death on a Cross. Yet you have highly exalted him, and made him Lord of all. For this great mystery, and for this your servant whom you now call to obedience after his example, we offer you our most hearty thanks; and we ask that we may daily increase in humility and service, that by his ministry as well as by those with whom he serves, your holy Name may for ever be glorified, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Then the Bishop lays his hands upon the head of every one to be made Deacon, each one humbly kneeling before him, and says
Receive the Holy Spirit for the Office and work of a Deacon in the Church of God, now committed to you by the imposition of my hands; in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

After the Bishop has ordained the Deacon, he then prays the following

In your great goodness, O Lord, make this your servant a Deacon in your Church; give him grace to be modest, humble, and constant in his ministry; give him a ready will to observe all spiritual discipline; and with the testimony of a good conscience always before him, may he continue stable and strong in the service of your Son Jesus Christ, to whom be glory and honor, world without end.

The People in a loud voice respond

AMEN.

The Bishop gives the new Deacon a Bible saying

Take authority to read the Gospel and if licensed to do so, to preach the same.

The Bishop presents a license to the new Deacon saying

Receive this license which is both yours and mine in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

The new Deacon rises and is vested.

Come Down O Love Divine

Verse 1 (Solo)

*Come down O love divine,
Seek Thou this soul of mine
And visit it with
Thine own ardour glowing
O Comforter draw near
Within my heart appear and kindle it
Thy holy flame bestowing*

Verse 2

*O let it freely burn
Till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes
In its heat consuming
And let Thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight
And clothe me round
the while my path illuming*

Verse 3

*Let holy charity
Mine outward vesture be
And lowliness become mine inner clothing
True lowliness of heart
which takes the humbler part
And o'er its own shortcomings
weeps with loathing*

Verse 4

*And so the yearning strong
With which the soul will long
Shall far outpass the power
of human telling
For none can guess its grace
till he become the place
Wherein the Holy Spirit
makes His dwelling*

The Ordination of Priests

The Congregation sits or kneels in prayer. The Ordinands kneel facing the Bishop. The Bishop prays the following prayer, first saying
Let us pray.

Almighty God and most merciful Father, of your infinite love and goodness you have given your only Son Jesus Christ to be our redeemer and the author of everlasting life. After he had made perfect our redemption by his death and resurrection, and ascended into heaven, he sent into the whole world his apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers; by the Holy Spirit, through their labor and ministry, he gathered together a great flock to set forth the eternal praise of your holy Name. For these great benefits, and because you have called these your servants to the same office and ministry, we offer you our most hearty thanks; and we humbly ask that we may daily increase in the knowledge and faith of you and of your Son, and that by these ministers, as well as by those entrusted to their care, your holy Name may for ever be glorified, and your blessed kingdom enlarged; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me."

Isaiah 6:8

The Bishop with the Priests present lay their hands upon the head of each one to receive the Order of Priesthood. The Bishop says
Receive the Holy Spirit for the office and work of a Priest in the Church of God, now committed to you by the imposition of our hands. If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven. If you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld. Be a faithful minister of God's holy Word and Sacraments; in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The Bishop then prays the following over the new Priests

Send your heavenly blessing upon this your servant, that he may be clothed with righteousness, and that your Word, spoken by his mouth, may have such success that it may never be spoken in vain. Grant also that we may have grace to hear and receive what he shall deliver out of your most holy Word as the means of our salvation; that in all our words and deeds we may seek your glory and the increase of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, world without end.

The People in a loud voice respond

AMEN.

The Bishop gives each new Priest a Bible saying

Take authority to preach the Word of God and to administer the Holy Sacraments. Do not forget the trust committed to you as a Priest in the Church of God.

The Bishop presents a license to each new Priest saying

Receive this license which is both yours and mine in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

The new presbyters rise and are vested.

The Bishop's wife now prays for the wives of the newly ordained.

The Bishop presents the newly ordained to the congregation saying:

Bishop Today we celebrate the gift of ordained ministry in God's Church. Please greet your new Ministers and welcome them in Christ's Name.

People **We welcome you; we welcome you in the Name of the Lord!**

Holy Communion

The Offertory

The Presentation of Gifts

Officiant and People sing together

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Confession and Absolution of Sin

Bishop Let us pray.

The People kneel as able.

All who truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and seek to live in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking in his holy ways: draw near with faith and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

Silence

And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me."

Isaiah 6:8

The People pray

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
maker and judge of us all:
We acknowledge and repent of our many sins and offenses,
which we have committed by thought, word, and deed
against your divine majesty,
provoking most justly your righteous anger against us.
We are deeply sorry for these transgressions;
the burden of them is more than we can bear.
Have mercy upon us,
Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may evermore serve and please you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Bishop stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Comfortable Words

The Officiant may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

1 Timothy 1:15

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 2:1-2

The Sursum Corda

The People remain standing. The Officiant faces them and says

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

***People* And with your spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

***People* We lift them up to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***People* It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me."

Isaiah 6:8

The Officiant continues

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through the great shepherd of your flock, Jesus Christ our Lord; who after his resurrection sent forth his apostles to preach the Gospel and to teach all nations; and promised to be with them always, even to the end of the ages.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus

Officiant and People say together

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.

The Prayer of Humble Access

The People sit or kneel. Officiant and People together say

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord,

trusting in our own righteousness,

but in your abundant and great mercies.

We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table;

but you are the same Lord, whose character is always to have mercy.

Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,

so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood,

that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,

and our souls washed through his most precious blood,

and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Prayer of Consecration

The Officiant continues

All praise and glory is yours, O God our heavenly Father, for in your tender mercy, you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and he instituted, and in his Holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly pray, and grant that we receiving these gifts of your creation, this bread and wine, according to your Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood.

For on the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me." *Amen.*

The Bishop says

Draw near and receive the body and blood of our savior Jesus Christ in remembrance that he died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me."

Isaiah 6:8

The Ministers receive the Sacrament, and then immediately deliver it to the People.

Communion Music

Instrumental

The Lord's Prayer

The Celebrant then says

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

Celebrant and People together 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

for ever and ever. Amen.

The Post Communion Prayer

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People together

O Lord and heavenly Father,

we earnestly desire your fatherly goodness

mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving;

asking you to grant that by the merits and death of your Son Jesus Christ,

and through faith in his Blood,

we and your whole Church may obtain forgiveness of our sins,

and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present to you,

O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies,

to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice.

We humbly pray that all who partake of this Holy Communion,

may be filled with your grace and heavenly benediction.

And although we are unworthy,

because of our many sins, to offer you any sacrifice,

yet we ask you to accept this our duty and service that we owe,

not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses,

through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by him, and with him, and in him,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

all honor and glory is yours,

Almighty Father, now and for ever. *Amen.*

And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me."

Isaiah 6:8

The Gloria in Excelsis

The Gloria is said, all standing

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Blessing

The Bishop blesses the people saying

Go forth into the world in peace;
be of good courage, Hold fast that which is good,
Render to no one evil for evil.
Strengthen the fainthearted,
support the weak,
Help the afflicted,
Honor all persons.
Love and serve the Lord,
Rejoicing in the power of the Spirit,
And the blessing of God the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit
be upon you and remain with you always. Amen.

Recessional

Lord you Give the Great Commission

1. Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the
 2. Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my
 3. Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my
 4. Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa - ther,
 5. Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing; "I am

sick and preach the word." Lest the church ne -
 name bap - tize and teach." That the world may
 bod - y, this my blood." Let us all, for
 what they do, for - give." Yet we hoard as
 with you to the end." Faith and hope and

glect its mis - sion, and the gos - pel go un -
 trust your prom - ise, life a - bun - dant meant for
 earth's true glo - ry, dai - ly lift life heav - en -
 pri - vate trea - sure all that you so free - ly
 love re - stor - ing, may we serve as you in -

heard, help us wit - ness to your pur - pose
 each, give us all new fer - vor, draw us
 ward, ask - ing that the world a - round us
 give. May your care and mer - cy lead us
 tend and, a - mid the cares that claim us,

And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me."
 Isaiah 6:8

Refrain

with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty.
clos - er in com - mun - i - ty.
share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty.
to a just so - ci - e - ty.
hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty. } With the Spir - it's
gifts em - power us for the work of min - is - try.

Dismissal

Officiant

Let us go forth, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia.

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

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