

THE EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION FOR THE ORDINATION OF

NAME

TO THE ORDER OF DEACONS

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*THE BISHOP GOES TO THE SEAT PREPARED FOR THE ORDINATION AND
THE PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATE(S) TAKES PLACE*

ORDAINING BISHOP: THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD FILLS THE WHOLE
WORLD. IT HOLDS ALL THINGS TOGETHER AND KNOWS EVERY
WORD SPOKEN BY MAN, ALLELUIA.

ORDAINING BISHOP: IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER ✠ AND OF THE
SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

ALL: AMEN.

ORDAINING BISHOP: PEACE BE WITH YOU.

ALL: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

ORDAINING BISHOP: MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS, TO PREPARE
OURSELVES TO CELEBRATE THE SACRED MYSTERIES LET US CALL
TO MIND OUR SINS.

ORDAINING BISHOP: YOU WERE SENT TO HEAL THE CONTRITE:

LORD HAVE MERCY.

ALL LORD HAVE MERCY

ORDAINING BISHOP: YOU CAME TO CALL SINNERS: CHRIST HAVE
MERCY

ALL: CHRIST HAVE MERCY

ORDAINING BISHOP: YOU PLEAD FOR US AT THE RIGHT HAND OF
THE FATHER: LORD HAVE MERCY.

ALL: LORD HAVE MERCY.

ORDAINING BISHOP: ALMIGHTY GOD HAVE MERCY ON US, FORGIVE
US OUR SINS, AND BRING US TO EVERLASTING LIFE.

ALL: AMEN

ORDAINING BISHOP: I ABSOLVE YOU FROM ALL OF YOUR SINS, IN
THE NAME OF THE FATHER ✠ AND OF THE SON AND OF THE HOLY
SPIRIT. AMEN.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

SUNG OR SPOKEN – OMITTED IN ADVENT AND LENT

ALL: 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, SON OF THE FATHER, LORD GOD LAMB OF GOD, YOU TAKE AWAY THE SINS 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.

OPENING COLLECT

ORDAINING BISHOP: LET US PRAY.

ORDAINING BISHOP: GOD, OUR FATHER, LET THE SPIRIT YOU SENT TO YOUR CHURCH TO BEGIN THE TEACHING OF THE GOSPEL CONTINUE TO WORK IN THE WORLD THROUGH THE HEARTS OF ALL WHO BELIEVE. LET THE HOLY SPIRIT FILL THIS CHURCH WITH HIS GRACE. BLESS ALL THE BISHOPS AND BISHOPS DEACONS AND PEOPLE WHO ARE IN YOUR MINISTRY AND ENKINDLE IN THEM THE FIRE OF YOUR DIVINE LOVE. WE ASK THIS THROUGH OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, YOUR SON, WHO LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU, AND

THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD, FOREVER AND EVER.

ALL: AMEN

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING – NUMBERS 3: 5-9 (NASB)

LECTOR: A READING FROM THE 4th BOOK OF THE MOSES CALLED NUMBERS.

THEN THE LORD SPOKE TO MOSES, SAYING, "BRING THE TRIBE OF LEVI NEAR AND SET THEM BEFORE AARON THE PRIEST, THAT THEY MAY SERVE HIM. AND THEY SHALL PERFORM THE DUTIES FOR HIM AND FOR THE WHOLE CONGREGATION BEFORE THE TENT OF MEETING, TO DO THE SERVICE OF THE TABERNACLE. THEY SHALL ALSO KEEP ALL THE FURNISHINGS OF THE TENT OF MEETING, ALONG WITH THE DUTIES OF THE SONS OF ISRAEL, TO DO THE SERVICE OF THE TABERNACLE." YOU SHALL THUS GIVE THE LEVITES TO AARON AND TO HIS SONS; THEY ARE WHOLLY GIVEN TO HIM FROM AMONG THE SONS OF ISRAEL. THIS IS THE WORD OF THE LORD.

ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD.

SECOND READING – ACTS 6: 1-7 (NASB)

LECTOR: A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES.

NOW AT THIS TIME WHILE THE DISCIPLES WERE INCREASING IN NUMBER, A COMPLAINT AROSE ON THE PART OF THE HELLENISTIC JEWS AGAINST THE NATIVE HEBREWS, BECAUSE THEIR WIDOWS WERE BEING OVERLOOKED IN THE DAILY SERVING OF FOOD. **SO** THE TWELVE SUMMONED THE CONGREGATION OF THE DISCIPLES AND SAID, "IT IS NOT DESIRABLE FOR US TO NEGLECT THE WORD OF GOD IN ORDER TO SERVE TABLES. "THEREFORE, BRETHREN, SELECT FROM AMONG YOU SEVEN MEN OF GOOD REPUTATION, FULL OF THE SPIRIT AND OF WISDOM, WHOM WE MAY PUT IN CHARGE OF THIS TASK. "BUT WE WILL DEVOTE OURSELVES TO PRAYER AND TO THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD." THE STATEMENT FOUND APPROVAL WITH THE WHOLE CONGREGATION; AND THEY CHOSE STEPHEN, A MAN FULL OF FAITH AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, AND PHILIP, PROCHORUS, NICANOR, TIMON, PARMENAS AND NICHOLAS, A PROSELYTE FROM ANTIOCH. AND THESE THEY BROUGHT BEFORE THE APOSTLES; AND AFTER PRAYING, THEY LAID THEIR HANDS ON THEM. THE WORD OF

GOD KEPT ON SPREADING; AND THE NUMBER OF THE DISCIPLES CONTINUED TO INCREASE GREATLY IN JERUSALEM, AND A GREAT MANY OF THE PRIESTS WERE BECOMING OBEDIENT TO THE FAITH. THIS IS THE WORD OF THE LORD.

ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – PSALM 23 (KJV)

ANTIPHON: THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD; I SHALL NOT WANT.

1 THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD; I SHALL NOT WANT.

2 HE MAKETH ME TO LIE DOWN IN GREEN PASTURES: HE LEADETH ME BESIDE THE STILL WATERS.

3 HE RESTORETH MY SOUL: HE LEADETH ME IN THE PATHS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS FOR HIS NAME'S SAKE.

4 YEA, THOUGH I WALK THROUGH THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH, I WILL FEAR NO EVIL: FOR THOU ART WITH ME; THY ROD AND THY STAFF THEY COMFORT ME.

5 THOU PREPAREST A TABLE BEFORE ME IN THE PRESENCE OF MINE ENEMIES: THOU ANOINTEST MY HEAD WITH OIL; MY CUP RUNNETH

OVER.

6 SURELY GOODNESS AND MERCY SHALL FOLLOW ME ALL THE DAYS
OF MY LIFE: AND I WILL DWELL IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD FOR
EVER.

ANTIPHON: THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD; I SHALL NOT WANT.

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THE RITE OF ORDINATION TO ORDER OF DEACONS

[BISHOP RECEIVES THE MITER]

ORDAINING BISHOP: LET **NAME OF THE CANDIDATE** WHO IS TO BE
ORDAINED A DEACON PLEASE COME FORWARD.

CANDIDATE: PRESENT.

THE CANDIDATE AND GOES AND SITS BEFORE THE BISHOP.

PRESENTER: MOST REVEREND FATHER, HOLY MOTHER THE
CHURCH ASKS YOU TO ORDAIN THESE MEN, OUR BROTHERS, TO THE
RESPONSIBILITY OF THE DIACONATE.

ORDAINING BISHOP: DO YOU KNOW HIM TO BE WORTHY?

PRESENTER: AFTER INQUIRY AMONG THE CHRISTIAN PEOPLE AND UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THOSE RESPONSIBLE, I TESTIFY THAT HE HAS BEEN FOUND WORTHY.

ORDAINING BISHOP: RELYING ON THE HELP OF THE LORD GOD AND OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST, AND WE CHOOSE THIS MAN, OUR BROTHER, FOR THE ORDER OF THE DIACONATE.

ALL PEOPLE PRESENT: THANKS BE TO GOD.

HOMILY

ASSISTING PRIEST: SINCE THESE OUR SON, WHO IS YOUR RELATIVE AND FRIEND, IS NOW RAISED TO THE ORDER OF DEACONS. CAREFULLY CONSIDER THE NATURE OF THE RANK IN THE CHURCH TO WHICH HE IS ABOUT TO BE RAISED.

STRENGTHENED BY THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, HE WILL HELP THE BISHOP AND HIS PRIESTS IN THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD, OF THE ALTAR, AND OF CHARITY, SHOWING HIMSELF TO BE A SERVANT TO ALL. AS A MINISTER OF THE ALTAR, HE WILL PROCLAIM THE

GOSPEL, PREPARE THE SACRIFICE, AND DISTRIBUTE THE LORD'S BODY AND BLOOD TO THE FAITHFUL.

FURTHERMORE, IT WILL BE HIS DUTY AT THE BISHOP'S DIRECTION, TO EXHORT BELIEVERS AND UNBELIEVERS ALIKE AND TO INSTRUCT THEM IN HOLY DOCTRINE. HE WILL PRESIDE OVER PUBLIC PRAYER, ADMINISTER BAPTISM, ASSIST AT AND BLESS MARRIAGES, BRING VIATICUM TO THE DYING, AND CONDUCT FUNERAL RITES..

CONSECRATED BY THE LAYING ON OF HANDS THAT COMES DOWN TO US FROM THE APOSTLES AND BOUND MORE CLOSELY TO THE SERVICE OF THE ALTAR, HE WILL PERFORM WORKS OF CHARITY IN THE NAME OF THE BISHOP OR THE PASTOR WITH THE HELP OF GOD, HE IS TO GO ABOUT ALL THESE DUTIES IN SUCH A WAY THAT YOU WILL RECOGNIZE HIM AS A DISCIPLE OF HIM WHO CAME NOT TO BE SERVED, BUT TO SERVE.

NOW, DEAR SON, YOU ARE TO BE RAISED TO THE ORDER OF THE DIACONATE. THE LORD HAS SET AN EXAMPLE THAT JUST AS HE HIMSELF HAS DONE, YOU ALSO SHOULD DO.

AS A DEACON, THAT IS, AS A MINISTER OF JESUS CHRIST, WHO CAME AMONG HIS DISCIPLES AS ONE WHO SERVED, DO THE WILL OF GOD FROM THE HEART: SERVE THE PEOPLE IN LOVE AND JOY AS YOU WOULD THE LORD. SINCE NO ONE CAN SERVE TWO MASTERS, LOOK UPON ALL DEFILEMENT AND AVARICE AS SERVING FALSE GODS.

LIKE THOSE ONCE CHOSEN BY THE APOSTLES FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHARITY, YOU SHOULD BE A MAN OF GOOD REPUTATION, FILLED WITH WISDOM AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, AS WERE THOSE ONCE CHOSEN BY THE APOSTLES FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHARITY. FIRMLY ROOTED AND GROUNDED IN FAITH, YOU ARE TO SHOW YOURSELF CHASTE AND BEYOND REPROACH BEFORE GOD AND MAN, AS IS PROPER FOR THE MINISTERS OF CHRIST AND THE STEWARDS OF GOD'S MYSTERIES. NEVER ALLOW YOURSELVES TO BE TURNED AWAY FROM THE HOPE OFFERED BY THE GOSPEL. NOW YOU ARE NOT ONLY A HEARER OF THIS GOSPEL BUT ALSO ITS MINISTER. HOLDING THE MYSTERY OF FAITH WITH A CLEAR CONSCIENCE, EXPRESS BY YOUR ACTIONS THE WORD OF GOD WHICH YOUR LIPS PROCLAIM, SO THAT THE CHRISTIAN PEOPLE, BROUGHT

TO LIFE BY THE SPIRIT, MAY BE A PURE OFFERING ACCEPTED BY GOD. THEN, ON THE LAST DAY, WHEN YOU GO OUT TO MEET THE LORD, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO HEAR HIM SAY, “WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT, ENTER INTO THE JOY OF YOUR LORD.”

THE PROMISE OF THE ELECT

THE CANDIDATE WILL RISE AND STAND BEFORE THE BISHOP WHO WILL QUESTION HIM:

ORDAINING BISHOP: DEAR SON, BEFORE YOU ENTER THE ORDER OF THE DIACONATE, YOU MUST DECLARE BEFORE THE PEOPLE YOUR INTENTION TO UNDERTAKE THIS OFFICE.

ORDAINING BISHOP: ARE YOU WILLING TO BE ORDAINED FOR THE CHURCH'S MINISTRY BY THE LAYING ON OF HANDS AND THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT?

CANDIDATE: I AM.

ORDAINING BISHOP: ARE YOU RESOLVED TO DISCHARGE THE

ORDER OF DEACON WITH HUMBLE CHARITY IN ORDER TO ASSIST
THE PRIESTLY ORDER AND TO BENEFIT THE CHRISTIAN PEOPLE?

CANDIDATE: I AM.

ORDAINING BISHOP: DO YOU RESOLVE TO HOLD FAST TO THE
MYSTERY OF FAITH WITH A CLEAR CONSCIENCE AS THE APOSTLE
URGES, AND TO

PROCLAIM THIS FAITH IN WORD AND DEED AS IS TAUGHT BY THE
GOSPEL AND THE CHURCH'S TRADITION?

CANDIDATE: I AM.

ORDAINING BISHOP: DO YOU RESOLVE TO MAINTAIN AND DEEPEN
THE SPIRIT OF PRAYER PROPER TO YOUR WAY OF LIFE AND, IN
KEEPING WITH THIS SPIRIT AND WHAT IS REQUIRED OF YOU, TO
CELEBRATE FAITHFULLY THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS WITH AND
FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD AND INDEED FOR THE WHOLE WORLD?

CANDIDATE: I AM.

ORDAINING BISHOP: DO YOU RESOLVE TO CONFORM YOUR WAY OF LIFE ALWAYS ACCORDING TO THE EXAMPLE OF CHRIST, WHOSE BODY AND BLOOD YOU ARE A MINISTER AT THE ALTAR?

CANDIDATE: I AM, WITH THE HELP OF GOD.

ORDAINING BISHOP: DO YOU PROMISE RESPECT AND OBEDIENCE TO ME AND MY SUCCESSORS?

CANDIDATE: I DO.

ORDAINING BISHOP: MAY GOD WHO HAS BEGUN THE GOOD WORK IN YOU, BRING IT TO FULFILLMENT.

THE INVITATION TO PRAYER

ORDAINING BISHOP: MY DEAR PEOPLE, LET US PRAY THAT GOD THE ALL-POWERFUL FATHER WILL POUR OUT THE GRACE OF HIS BLESSING ON THIS SERVANT OF HIS, WHOM HE RECEIVES INTO THE SACRED ORDER OF THE DIACONATE.

DEACON OR ASSISTING PRIEST: LET US KNEEL.

THE LITANY OF SUPPLICATION

THE CANDIDATE PROSTRATE HIMSELF

ORDAINING BISHOP

ALL

LORD HAVE MERCY

LORD HAVE MERCY

CHRIST HAVE MERCY

CHRIST HAVE MERCY

LORD HAVE MERCY

LORD HAVE MERCY

HOLY MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

PRAY FOR US.

SAINT MICHAEL

PRAY FOR US.

HOLY ANGELS OF GOD

PRAY FOR US.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

PRAY FOR US.

SAINT JOSEPH

PRAY FOR US.

ST. PETER

PRAY FOR US.

ST. PAUL

PRAY FOR US.

ST. ANDREW

PRAY FOR US.

ST. JAMES

PRAY FOR US.

ST. JOHN

PRAY FOR US.

ST. THOMAS

PRAY FOR US.

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| ST. JAMES | PRAY FOR US. |
| ST. PHILIP | PRAY FOR US. |
| ST. BARTHOLOMEW | PRAY FOR US. |
| ST. MATTHEW | PRAY FOR US. |
| ST. SIMON | PRAY FOR US. |
| ST. JUDE | PRAY FOR US. |
| ST. MATTHIAS | PRAY FOR US. |
| ST. BARNABAS | PRAY FOR US. |
| ST. LUKE | PRAY FOR US. |
| ST. MARK | PRAY FOR US. |
| ST. MARY MAGDALENE | PRAY FOR US. |
| ST. STEPHEN | PRAY FOR US. |
| ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH | PRAY FOR US. |
| ST LAWRENCE | PRAY FOR US. |
| ST. PERPETUA AND ST. FELICITY | PRAY FOR US. |
| ST. AGNES | PRAY FOR US. |
| ST. GREGORY | PRAY FOR US. |
| ST. AUGUSTINE | PRAY FOR US. |
| ST. ATHANASIUS | PRAY FOR US. |
| ST. BASIL | PRAY FOR US. |

ST. MARTIN

PRAY FOR US.

ST. BENECICT

PRAY FOR US.

ST FRANCIS AND ST. DONIMIC

PRAY FOR US.

*THE PATRON SAINT(S) OF THE CANDIDATE FOR ORDINATION AND OF
THE PARISH MAY BE ADDED HERE.*

ALL HOLY MEN AND WOMEN, SAINTS OF GOD **PRAY FOR US.**

LORD, BE MERCIFUL

LORD, DELIVER US, WE PRAY

FROM ALL EVIL

LORD, DELIVER US, WE PRAY

FROM EVERY SIN

LORD, DELIVER US, WE PRAY

FROM EVERLASTING DEATH

LORD, DELIVER US, WE PRAY

BY YOUR INCARNATION

LORD, DELIVER US, WE PRAY

BY YOUR DEATH & RESURRECTION **LORD, DELIVER US, WE PRAY**

BY THE OUTPOURING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT **LORD, DELIVER US, WE PRAY**

BE MERCIFUL TO US SINNERS

LORD, WE ASK YOU, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

GOVERN AND PROTECT YOUR HOLY CHURCH

LORD, WE ASK YOU, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

KEEP THE PATRIARCH OF THE WEST, OUR BISHOPS, AND ALL THE
ORDAINED IN FAITHFUL SERVICE TO YOUR CHURCH

LORD, WE ASK YOU, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

¶ THE ORDAINING BISHOP: RISES AND TURNS TOWARD THE CANDIDATE, AND TAKING IN HIS LEFT HAND THE PASTORAL STAFF, BLESSES SAYING:

BLESS ✠ THIS CHOSEN MAN.

LORD, WE ASK YOU, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

BLESS ✠ AND SANCTIFY THIS CHOSEN MAN.

LORD, WE ASK YOU, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

BLESS, ✠ SANCTIFY, AND CONSECRATE THIS CHOSEN MAN.

LORD, WE ASK YOU, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

BRING ALL PEOPLES TOGETHER IN PEACE AND TRUE HARMONY.

LORD, WE ASK YOU, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

COMFORT WITH YOUR MERCH THE TROUBLED AND THE AFFLICTED.

LORD, WE ASK YOU, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

STRENGTHEN ALL OF US AND KEEP US IN YOUR HOLY SERVICE.

LORD, WE ASK YOU, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

JESUS, SON OF THE LIVING GOD.

LORD, WE ASK YOU, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

CHRIST HEAR US

CHRIST HEAR US.

CHRIST GRACIOUSLY HEAR US

CHRIST GRACIOUSLY HEAR

US.

GRACIOUSLY HEAR OUR PETITIONS, O LORD, AND POUR OUT UPON THIS, YOUR SERVANT, THE POWER OF YOUR BLESSING, ✠ FLOWING FROM THE HORN OF PRIESTLHY GRACE. THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN.

DEACON OR ASSISTING PRIEST: LET US STAND.

THE LAYING ON OF HANDS AND PRAYER OF ORDINATION

*THE CANDIDATE KNEESL BEFORE THE BISHOP AND THE BISHOP
SILENTLY LAYS HIS HANDS ON THE HEAD OF THE CANDIDATE.*

PRAYER OF ORDINATION AS A DEACON

THE BISHOP'S HANDS ARE EXTENDED OVER THE CANDIDATE.

THEN THE FOLLOWING IS SAID:

ORDAINING BISHOP: DRAW NEAR, WE PRAY, ALMIGHTY GOD, GIVER OF EVERY GRACE, WHO APPORTION EVERY ORDER AND ASSIGN EVERY OFFICE; WHO REMAIN UNCHANGED, BUT MAKE ALL

THINGS NEW; IN YOUR ETERNAL PROVIDENCE, YOU MAKE PROVISION FOR EVERY AGE, AS YOU ORDER ALL CREATION THROUGH HIM WHO IS YOUR WORD, WHOSE POWER AND YOUR WISDOM, JESUS CHRIST, YOUR SON, OUR LORD.

YOU GRANT THAT THE CHURCH, HIS BODY, ADORNED WITH MANIFOLD HEAVENLY GRACES, DRAWN TOGETHER IN THE DIVERSITY OF ITS MEMBERS, AND UNITED BY A WONDROUS BOND THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT, SHOULD GROW AND SPREAD FORTH TO BUILD UP A NEW TEMPLE AND, AS ONCE YOU CHOSE THE SONS OF LEVI TO MINISTER IN THE FORMER TABERNACLE, SO NOW YOU ESTABLISH THREE RANKS OF MINISTERS IN THEIR SACRED OFFICES TO SERVE IN YOUR NAME.

AND SO, IN THE FIRST DAYS OF YOUR CHURCH, THROUGH THE INSPIRATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, YOUR SON'S APOSTLES APPOINTED SEVEN MEN OF GOOD REPUTE TO ASSIST THEM IN THE DAILY MINISTRY, THAT THEY MIGHT DEVOTE THEMSELVES MORE FULLY TO PRAYER AND PREACHING OF THE WORD. BY PRAYER AND THE LAYING ON OF HANDS, THEY ENTRUSTED TO THOSE CHOSEN MEN THE MINISTRY OF SERVING AT TABLE.

WE BESEECH YOU, LORD: LOOK WITH FAVOR ON THIS
SERVANT OF YOURS WHO WILL MINISTER AT YOUR HOLY ALTAR
AND WHOM WE NOW HUMBLE DEDICATE TO THE OFFICE OF DEACON.

SEND FORTH UPON THEM, LORD, WE PRAY, THE HOLY SPIRIT,
THAT THEY MAY BE STRENGTHENED BY THE GIFT OF YOUR
SEVENFOLD GRACE FOR THE FAITHFUL CARRYING OUT OF THE
WORK OF THE MINISTRY.

MAY THERE ABOUND IN THEM EVERY GOSPEL VIRTUE;
UNFEIGNED LOVE, CONCERN FOR THE SICK AND POOR, UNASSUMING
AUTHORITY, THE PURITY OF INNOCENCE, AND THE OBSERVANCE OF
SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINE.

MAY YOUR COMMANDMENTS SHINE FORTH IN THEIR CONDUCT,
SO THAT BY THE EXAMPLE OF THEIR WAY OF LIFE THEY MAY
INSPIRE THE IMITATION OF YOUR HOLY PEOPLE. IN OFFERING THE
WITNESS OF A CLEAR CONSCIENCE, MAY THEY REMAIN STRONG AND
STEADFAST IN CHRIST, SO THAT BY IMITATING ON EARTH YOUR SON,
WHO CAME NOT TO BE SERVED BUT TO SERVE, THEY MAY BE FOUND
WORTHY TO REIGN IN HEAVEN WITH HIM, WHO LIVES AND REIGNS
WITH YOU IN THE UNITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, GOD FOR EVER AND

EVER. AMEN.

INVESTITURE WITH THE STOLE AND DALMATIC

PSALM 84 WILL BE READ WHILE THE STOLE AND DALMACTIC ARE BEING PLACED. THE PSALM WILL BE INTERRUPTED ONCE THE NEW DEACON IS VESTED.

PSALM 84

1: HOW AMIABLE ARE THY TABERNACLES, O LORD OF HOSTS!

2: MY SOUL LONGETH, YEA, EVEN FAINTETH FOR THE COURTS OF THE LORD: MY HEART AND MY FLESH CRIETH OUT FOR THE LIVING GOD.

3: YEA, THE SPARROW HATH FOUND AN HOUSE, AND THE SWALLOW A NEST FOR HERSELF, WHERE SHE MAY LAY HER YOUNG, EVEN THINE ALTARS, O LORD OF HOSTS, MY KING, AND MY GOD.

4: BLESSED ARE THEY THAT DWELL IN THY HOUSE: THEY WILL BE STILL PRAISING THEE.

5: BLESSED IS THE MAN WHOSE STRENGTH IS IN THEE; IN WHOSE HEART ARE THE WAYS OF THEM.

6: WHO PASSING THROUGH THE VALLEY OF BACA MAKE IT A WELL;
THE RAIN ALSO FILLETH THE POOLS.

7: THEY GO FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH, EVERY ONE OF THEM IN
ZION APPEARETH BEFORE GOD.

8: O LORD GOD OF HOSTS, HEAR MY PRAYER: GIVE EAR, O GOD OF
JACOB.

9: BEHOLD, O GOD OUR SHIELD, AND LOOK UPON THE FACE OF THINE
ANOINTED.

10: FOR A DAY IN THY COURTS IS BETTER THAN A THOUSAND. I HAD
RATHER BE A DOORKEEPER IN THE HOUSE OF MY GOD, THAN TO
DWELL IN THE TENTS OF WICKEDNESS.

11: FOR THE LORD GOD IS A SUN AND SHIELD: THE LORD WILL GIVE
GRACE AND GLORY: NO GOOD THING WILL HE WITHHOLD FROM
THEM THAT WALK UPRIGHTLY.

12: O LORD OF HOSTS, BLESSED IS THE MAN THAT TRUSTETH IN
THEE.

HANDING ON OF THE BOOK OF THE GOSPELS:

FULLY VESTED AS A DEACON, THE NEWLY ORDAINED KNEELS BEFORE

*THE BISHOP, WHO PLACES THE BOOK OF THE GOSPELS IN HIS HANDS
AND SAYS:*

ORDAINING BISHOP: RECEIVE THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST, WHOSE
HERALD YOU HAVE BECOME. BELIEVE WHAT YOU READ. TEACH
WHAT YOU BELIEVE, AND PRACTICE WHAT YOU TEACH.

THE PEACE

ORDAINING BISHOP: PEACE BE WITH YOU.

NEWLY ORDAINED DEACON: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

THE ALLELUIA VERSE

(MATTHEW 28: 19a, 20b)

NEWLY ORDAINED DEACON: ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! GO AND
TEACH ALL NATIONS, SAYS THE LORD, FOR I AM WITH YOU
ALWAYS, UNTIL THE END OF THE WORLD. ALLELUIA!

THE GOSPEL (ST. MATTHEW 9: 35-38 NASB)

NEWLY ORDAINED DEACON (IN A QUIET VOICE): ALMIGHTY GOD,
CLEANSE MY HEART AND MY LIPS THAT I MAY WORTHILY
PROCLAIM YOUR GOSPEL.

NEWLY ORDAINED DEACON: THE LORD BE WITH YOU.

ALL: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

NEWLY ORDAINED DEACON: A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL
✠ ✠ ✠ ACCORDING TO SAINT MATTHEW.

ALL: GLORY TO YOU O LORD.

AND JESUS WAS GOING ABOUT ALL THE CITIES AND THE
VILLAGES, TEACHING IN THEIR SYNAGOGUES, AND PROCLAIMING
THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM, AND HEALING EVERY KIND OF
DISEASE AND EVERY KIND OF SICKNESS. AND SEEING THE
MULTITUDES, HE FELT COMPASSION FOR THEM, BECAUSE THEY
WERE DISTRESSED AND DOWNCAST LIKE SHEEP WITHOUT A
SHEPHERD. THEN HE SAID TO HIS DISCIPLES, "THE HARVEST IS
PLENTIFUL, BUT THE WORKERS ARE FEW. THEREFORE BESEECH THE
LORD OF THE HARVEST TO SEND OUT WORKERS INTO HIS HARVEST."

NEWLY ORDAINED DEACON: THIS IS THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD
ALL: PRAISE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST.

NEWLY ORDAINED DEACON: (IN A SILENT VOICE): MAY THE
WORDS OF THE GOSPEL WIPE AWAY OUR SINS.

THE ORDAINING BISHOP'S SERMON

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[ASSEMBLED AT THE ALTAR WE RECITE THE CREED.]

THE NICENE CREED

[ALL RISE]

ALL: 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, ONE IN BEING WITH THE FATHER.
THROUGH HIM ALL THINGS WERE MADE. FOR US MEN AND FOR

OUR SALVATION HE CAME DOWN FROM HEAVEN: BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT HE WAS BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY, AND BECAME MAN. FOR OUR SAKE HE WAS CRUCIFIED UNDER PONTIUS PILATE; HE SUFFERED, DIED, AND WAS BURIED. ON THE THIRD DAY HE ROSE AGAIN IN FULFILLMENT OF 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 HE IS WORSHIPPED 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.

COME HOLY GHOST / VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS

[OMITTED IF SPOKEN OR SUNG EARLIER IN THE SERVICE]

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 FROM 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.

(TRANS. JOHN COSIN, 1627)

[OR THE LATIN LYRICS MAY BE SAID OR SUNG]

VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS, MENTES TUORUM VISITA,
IMPLE SUPREMA GRATIA, QUAE TU CREASTI PECTORA.

QUI DICERIS PARACLITUS, ALTISSIMI DONUM DEI,

FONS VIVUS, IGNIS, CARITAS, ET SPIRITALIS UNCTIO.

TU SEPTIFORMIS MUNERE, DIGITUS PAETEMAE DEXTERAE,

TU RITE PROMISSUM PATRIS, SERMONE DITANS GUTERA.

DEO PATRI SIT GLORIA, ET FILIO,

QUIA MORTUIS, SURREXIT, AC PARACLITO,

IN SECLORUM SECLA

AMEN.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

*THE ORDINATION MASS CONTINUES WITH THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY
COMMUNION AT THE OFFERTORY / THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS OF
BREAD AND WINE.*

AD MULTOS ANNOS!

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