

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

ASSISTING PRIEST: 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 PRAYER

ORDAINING BISHOP: LET US PRAY: 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 PRIESTS 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

LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

NUMBERS 11:11B-12, 14-17, 24, 25

LECTOR: A READING FROM THE 4TH BOOK OF THE PROPHET, MOSES, CALLED NUMBERS.

WHY HAVE I NOT FOUND FAVOR IN THY SIGHT, THAT THOU HAST LAID THE BURDEN OF ALL THIS PEOPLE ON ME? WAS IT I WHO CONCEIVED ALL THIS PEOPLE? WAS IT I WHO BROUGHT THEM FORTH, THAT THOU SHOULDEST SAY TO ME, 'CARRY THEM IN YOUR BOSOM AS A NURSE CARRIES A NURSING INFANT, TO THE LAND WHICH THOU DIDST SWEAR TO THEIR FATHERS'? I ALONE AM NOT ABLE TO CARRY ALL THIS PEOPLE, BECAUSE IT IS TOO BURDENSOME FOR ME. SO IF THOU ART GOING TO DEAL THUS WITH ME, PLEASE KILL ME AT ONCE, IF I HAVE FOUND FAVOR IN THY SIGHT, AND DO NOT LET ME SEE MY WRETCHEDNESS. THE LORD THEREFORE SAID TO MOSES, "GATHER FOR ME SEVENTY MEN FROM THE ELDERS OF ISRAEL, WHOM YOU KNOW TO BE THE ELDERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THEIR OFFICERS AND BRING THEM TO THE TENT OF MEETING, AND LET THEM TAKE THEIR STAND THERE WITH YOU. THEN I WILL COME DOWN AND SPEAK WITH YOU THERE, AND I WILL TAKE OF THE SPIRIT WHO IS UPON YOU, AND WILL PUT HIM UPON THEM; AND THEY SHALL BEAR THE BURDEN OF THE PEOPLE WITH YOU, SO THAT YOU SHALL NOT BEAR IT ALL ALONE. SO MOSES WENT OUT AND TOLD THE PEOPLE THE WORDS OF THE LORD. ALSO, HE GATHERED SEVENTY MEN OF THE ELDERS OF THE PEOPLE, AND STATIONED THEM AROUND THE TENT. THEN THE LORD CAME DOWN IN THE CLOUD AND SPOKE TO HIM; AND HE TOOK OF THE SPIRIT WHO WAS UPON HIM AND PLACED HIM UPON THE SEVENTY ELDERS. AND IT

CAME ABOUT THAT WHEN THE SPIRIT RESTED UPON THEM, THEY PROPHESED.

LECTOR: THIS IS THE WORD OF THE LORD.

ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD.

THE EPISTLE – 2 CORINTHIANS 4: 1-4, 5-7

LECTOR: A READING FROM THE 2ND LETTER OF ST. PAUL TO THE CHURCH AT CORINTH.

THEREFORE, SINCE WE HAVE THIS MINISTRY, AS WE RECEIVED MERCY, WE DO NOT LOSE HEART, BUT WE HAVE RENOUNCED THE THINGS HIDDEN BECAUSE OF SHAME, NOT WALKING IN CRAFTINESS OR ADULTERATING THE WORD OF GOD, BUT BY THE MANIFESTATION OF TRUTH COMMENDING OURSELVES TO EVERY MAN'S CONSCIENCE IN THE SIGHT OF GOD. FOR WE DO NOT PREACH OURSELVES BUT CHRIST JESUS AS LORD, AND OURSELVES AS YOUR BOND-SERVANTS FOR JESUS' SAKE. 6 FOR GOD, WHO SAID, "LIGHT SHALL SHINE OUT OF DARKNESS," IS THE ONE WHO HAS SHONE IN OUR HEARTS TO GIVE THE LIGHT OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE GLORY OF GOD IN THE FACE OF CHRIST. BUT WE HAVE THIS TREASURE IN EARTHEN VESSELS, THAT THE SURPASSING GREATNESS OF THE POWER MAY BE OF GOD AND NOT FROM OURSELVES.

LECTOR: THIS IS THE WORD OF THE LORD

ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD.

THE ALLELUIA VERSE - MATTHEW 28:19A-20B

LECTOR: ALLELUIA! GO AND TEACH ALL NATIONS, SAYS THE LORD;
I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, UNTIL THE END OF THE WORLD.
ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!

THE GOSPEL – JOHN 21: 15-17

DEACON OR ASSISTING PRIEST (SOFTLY): ALMIGHTY GOD,
CLEANSE MY HEART AND MY LIPS THAT I MAY WORTHILY
PROCLAIM YOUR GOSPEL

DEACON OR ASSISTING PRIEST: THE LORD BE WITH YOU.

ALL: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

DEACON OR ASSISTING PRIEST: A READING FROM THE HOLY
GOSPEL ✠ ✠ ✠ ACCORDING TO SAINT JOHN.

ALL: GLORY TO YOU O LORD

JUST AS THE FATHER HAS LOVED ME, I HAVE ALSO LOVED
YOU; ABIDE IN MY LOVE. IF YOU KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS, YOU
WILL ABIDE IN MY LOVE; JUST AS I HAVE KEPT MY FATHER'S
COMMANDMENTS, AND ABIDE IN HIS LOVE. THESE THINGS I HAVE
SPOKEN TO YOU, THAT MY JOY MAY BE IN YOU, AND *THAT* YOUR JOY
MAY BE MADE FULL. THIS IS MY COMMANDMENT, THAT YOU LOVE
ONE ANOTHER, JUST AS I HAVE LOVED YOU. GREATER LOVE HAS NO
ONE THAN THIS, THAT ONE LAY DOWN HIS LIFE FOR HIS FRIENDS.

YOU ARE MY FRIENDS, IF YOU DO WHAT I COMMAND YOU. NO LONGER DO I CALL YOU SLAVES, FOR THE SLAVE DOES NOT KNOW WHAT HIS MASTER IS DOING; BUT I HAVE CALLED YOU FRIENDS, FOR ALL THINGS THAT I HAVE HEARD FROM MY FATHER I HAVE MADE KNOWN TO YOU. YOU DID NOT CHOOSE ME, BUT I CHOSE YOU, AND APPOINTED YOU, THAT YOU SHOULD GO AND BEAR FRUIT, AND *THAT* YOUR FRUIT SHOULD REMAIN, THAT WHATEVER YOU ASK OF THE FATHER IN MY NAME, HE MAY GIVE TO YOU. THIS I COMMAND YOU, THAT YOU LOVE ONE ANOTHER.

DEACON OR ASSISTING PRIEST: THIS IS THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD

ALL: PRAISE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST

DEACON OR ASSISTING PRIEST (SOFTLY): MAY THE WORDS OF THE GOSPEL WIPE AWAY OUR SINS.

HYMN OF THE DAY (OPTIONAL)

THE BISHOP'S SERMON

ORDINATION TO THE ORDER OF PRIEST

ASSISTING PRIEST: LET HE WHO IS TO BE ORDAINED A PRIEST PLEASE COME FORWARD.

CANDIDATE: PRESENT

ASSISTING PRIEST: MOST REVEREND FATHER, HOLY MOTHER THE CHURCH ASKS YOU TO ORDAIN THIS MAN, OUR BROTHER, TO THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PRIESTHOOD.

ORDAINING BISHOP: DO YOU JUDGE HIM TO BE WORTHY?

ASSISTING PRIEST: AFTER INQUIRY AMONG THE PEOPLE OF CHRIST 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 PRIESTHOOD.

ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD.

HOMILY

ASSISTING PRIEST: BELOVED BROTHERS AND SISTERS: BECAUSE THIS, OUR *SON / BROTHER*, WHO IS YOUR RELATIVE AND FRIEND, IS NOW BEING RAISED TO THE ORDER OF PRIESTS. CONSIDER CAREFULLY THE RANK IN THE CHURCH TO WHICH HE IS ABOUT TO BE RAISED. IT IS TRUE THAT GOD HAS MADE THE ENTIRE PEOPLE A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD IN CHRIST. NEVERTHELESS, OUR GREAT PRIEST HIMSELF, JESUS CHRIST, CHOSE CERTAIN DISCIPLES TO CARRY OUT

PUBLICLY IN HIS NAME AND ON BEHALF OF MANKIND, A PRIESTLY OFFICE IN THE CHURCH. FOR CHRIST WAS SENT BY THE FATHER, AND HE IN TURN SENT THE APOSTLES INTO THE WORLD SO THAT THROUGH THEM AND THEIR SUCCESSORS, THE BISHOPS, HE MIGHT CONTINUE HIS OFFICE AS TEACHER, PRIEST AND SHEPHERD. INDEED, PRIESTS ARE ESTABLISHED CO-WORKERS OF THE ORDER OF BISHOPS WITH WHOM THEY ARE JOINED IN THE PRIESTLY OFFICE AND ARE CALLED TO THE SERVICE OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD.

AFTER MATURE DELIBERATION, THIS, OUR BROTHER, IS NOW TO BE ORDAINED TO THE ORDER OF THE PRESBYTERIATE SO AS TO SERVE CHRIST THE TEACHER, PRIEST, AND SHEPHERD BY WHOSE MINISTRY HIS BODY , THAT IS, THE CHURCH, IS BUILT AND GROWS INTO THE PEOPLE OF GOD, A HOLY TEMPLE.

IN BEING CONFIGURED TO CHRIST, THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST AND JOINED TO THE PRIESTHOOD OF THE BISHOPS HE WILL BE CONSECRATED AS A TRUE PRIEST OF THE NEW TESTAMENT, TO PREACH THE GOSPEL, TO SHEPHERD GOD'S PEOPLE, AND CELEBRATE THE SACRED LITURGY, ABOVE ALL, THE LORD'S SACRIFICE.

NOW, DEAR *SON / BROTHER*, YOU ARE NOW TO BE RAISED TO THE ORDER OF THE PRIESTHOOD. FOR YOUR PART, YOU WILL EXERCISE THE SACRED DUTY OF TEACHING IN THE NAME OF CHRIST, THE TEACHER. IMPART TO EVERYONE THE WORD OF GOD YOU HAVE RECEIVED WITH JOY. MEDITATING ON THE LAW OF THE LORD, SEE THAT YOU BELIEVE WHAT YOU READ, THAT YOU TEACH WHAT YOU BELIEVE, AND THAT YOU PUT INTO PRACTICE WHAT YOU TEACH.

IN THIS WAY. LET WHAT YOU TEACH BE NOURISHMENT FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD. LET THE HOLINESS OF YOUR LIFE BE A DELIGHTFUL FRAGRANCE TO CHRIST'S FAITHFUL, SO THAT BY WORD AND EXAMPLE YOU MAY BUILD UP THE HOUSE WHICH IS GOD'S CHURCH. LIKEWISE YOU WILL EXERCISE IN CHRIST THE OFFICE OF SANCTIFYING. FOR BY YOUR MINISTRY THE SPIRITUAL SACRIFICE OF THE FAITHFUL WILL BE MADE PERFECT, BEING UNITED TO THE SACRIFICE OF CHRIST WHICH WILL BE OFFERED THROUGH YOUR HANDS IN AN UNBLOODY WAY ON THE ALTAR, IN UNION WITH THE FAITHFUL, IN THE CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS. UNDERSTAND, THEREFORE, WHAT YOU DO AND IMITATE WHAT YOU CELEBRATE.

AS A CELEBRANT OF THE MYSTERY OF THE LORD'S DEATH AND RESURRECTION, STRIVE TO PUT TO DEATH WHATEVER IN YOUR MEMBERS IS SINFUL AND TO WALK IN NEWNESS OF LIFE. REMEMBER, WHEN YOU GATHER OTHERS INTO THE PEOPLE OF GOD THROUGH BAPTISM, AND WHEN YOU FORGIVE SINS IN THE NAME OF CHRIST AND THE CHURCH IN THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE; WHEN YOU COMFORT THE SICK WITH HOLY OIL AND CELEBRATE THE SACRED RITES, WHEN YOU OFFER PRAYERS OF PRAISE AND THANKS TO GOD THROUGHOUT THE HOURS OF THE DAY, NOT ONLY FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD BUT FOR THE WORLD – REMEMBER THAT YOU ARE TAKEN FROM AMONG MEN AND APPOINTED ON THEIR BEHALF FOR THOSE THINGS THAT PERTAIN TO GOD. THEREFORE, CARRY OUT THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST THE PRIEST WITH CONSTANT JOY AND

GENUINE LOVE, AND ATTENDING TO YOUR OWN CONCERNS BUT TO THOSE OF JESUS CHRIST.

FINALLY, DEAR *SON / BROTHER*, EXERCISING FOR YOUR PART THE OFFICE OF CHRIST, HEAD AND SHEPHERD, WHILE UNITED WITH THE BISHOP AND SUBJECT TO HIM, STRIVE TO BRING THE FAITHFUL TOGETHER INTO ONE FAMILY SO THAT YOU MAY LEAD THEM TO GOD THE FATHER THROUGH CHRIST IN THE HOLY SPIRIT. KEEP ALWAYS BEFORE YOUR EYES THE EXAMPLE OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD WHO CAME NOT TO BE SERVED BUT TO SERVE, AND WHO CAME TO SEEK OUT AND SAVE WHAT WAS LOST.

PROMISE OF THE ELECT

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

ORDAINING BISHOP: DO YOU RESOLVE, WITH THE HELP OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, TO DISCHARGE WITHOUT FAIL THE OFFICE OF THE PRIESTHOOD IN THE PRESBYTERAL ORDER AS A WORTHY FELLOW WORKER WITH THE ORDER OF BISHOPS IN CARING FOR THE LORD'S FLOCK?

CANDIDATE: I DO.

ORDAINING BISHOP: DO YOU RESOLVE TO EXERCISE THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD WORTHILY AND WISELY, PREACHING THE GOSPEL AND TEACHING THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

CANDIDATE: I DO.

ORDAINING BISHOP: DO YOU RESOLVE TO CELEBRATE FAITHFULLY AND REVERENTLY, IN ACCORD WITH THE CHURCH'S TRADITION, THE MUSTERIES OF CHRIST, ESPECIALLY THE SACRIFICE OF THE EUCHARIST AND THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION, FOR THE GLORY OF GOD AND THE SANCTIFICATION OF THE CHRISTIAN PEOPLE?

CANDIDATE: I DO.

ORDAINING BISHOP: DO YOU RESOLVE TO IMPLORE WITH US GOD'S MERCY UPON THE PEOPLE ENTRUSTED TO YOUR CARE BY OBSERVING THE COMMAND TO PRAY WITHOUT CEASING?

CANDIDATE: I DO.

ORDAINING BISHOP: DO YOU RESOLVE TO BE UNITED MORE CLOSELY EVERY DAY TO CHRIST THE HIGH PRIEST, WHO OFFERED HIMSELF FOR US TO THE FATHER AS A PURE SACRIFICE, AND WITH HIM TO CONSECRATE YOURSELVES TO GOD FOR THE SALVATION OF

ALL?

CANDIDATE: I DO.

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.

ORDAINING BISHOP: MY DEAR PEOPLE, LET US PRAY;, THAT THE ALL POWERFUL FATHER MAY POUR OUT THE GIFTS OF HEAVEN ON THIS SERVANT OF HIS, WHOM HE HAS CHOSEN TO BE A PRIEST.

ASSISTING PRIEST: LET US STAND.

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 HAS CHOSEN FOR THE OFFICE OF PRIEST.

THE LITANY OF SUPPLICATION

THE CANDIDATE PROSTRATES HIMSELF

ORDAINING BISHOP

ALL

LORD HAVE MERCY

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CHRIST HAVE MERCY

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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.

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.

ST. DENIS

PRAY FOR US.

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.**

ASSISTING PRIEST: LET US STAND.

LAYING ON OF HANDS AND PRAYER OF ORDINATION

THE PRAYER OF ORDINATION

¶ THE ELECT KNEELS BEFORE THE ORDAINING BISHOP .

*¶ THE ORDAINING BISHOP LAYS HANDS UPON HIS HEAD WITHOUT
SAYING ANYTHING.*

*¶ AFTER THE ORDAINING BISHOP HAS LAID ON HANDS, ALL THE
PRIESTS PRESENT, WEARING STOLES, LAY HANDS ON THE ELECT,
WITHOUT SAYING ANYTHING.*

¶ AFTER LAYING ON OF HANDS, THE PRIESTS REMAIN ALONGSIDE THE

BISHOP UNTIL THE END OF THE PRAYER OF ORDINATION, IN SUCH A WAY THAT THE FAITHFUL MAY HAVE A CLEAR VIEW OF THE RITE.

¶ WITH THE ELECT KNEELING EFORE HIM, THE BISHOP PUTS ASIDE THE MITER AND, WITH HANDS OUTSTRETCHED, SAYS THE PRAYER OF ORDINATION.

ORDAINING BISHOP: DRAW NEAR, O LORD, HOLY FATHER,
ALMIGHTY AND ETERNAL GOD, AUTHOR OF HUMAN DIGNITY:

IT IS YOU WHO APPORTION ALL GRACES. THROUGH YOU
EVERYTHING PROGRESSES;

THROUGH YOU ALL THINGS ARE MADE TO STAND FIRM.

TO FORM A PRIESTLY PEOPLE

YOU APPOINT MINISTERS OF CHRIST YOUR SON

BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, ARRANGING THEM IN
DIFFERENT ORDERS.

ALREADY IN THE EARLIER COVENANT OFFICES AROSE,

ESTABLISHED BY MYSTICAL RITES:

WHEN YOU CHOSE MEN NEXT IN RANK AND DIGNITY TO
ACCOMPANY THEM AND ASSIST THEM IN THEIR TASK.

SO TOO IN THE DESERT YOU IMPLANTED THE SPIRIT OF MOSES
IN THE HEARTS OF SEVENTY WISE MEN; AND WITH THEIR HELP HE

RULED YOUR PEOPLE WITH GREATER EASE.
SO ALSO UPON THE SONS OF AARON YOU Poured AN ABUNDANT
SHARE OF THEIR FATHER'S PLENTY,
THAT THE NUMBER OF THE PRIESTS PRESCRIBED BY THE LAW MIGHT
BE SUFFICIENT FOR THE SACRIFICES OF THE TABERNACLE,
WHICH WERE A SHADOW OF THE GOOD THINGS TO COME.
BUT IN THESE LAST DAYS, HOLY FATHER,
YOU SENT YOUR SON INTO THE WORLD, JESUS, WHO IS APOSTLE AND
HIGH PRIEST OF OUR CONFESSION.
THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT HE OFFERED HIMSELF TO YOU AS A
SPOTLESS VICTIM; AND HE MADE HIS APOSTLES, CONSECRATED IN
THE TRUTH, SHARERS IN HIS MISSION.
YOU PROVIDED THEM ALSO WITH COMPANIONS
TO PROCLAIM AND CARRY OUT THE WORK OF SALVATION
THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE WORLD.
AND NOW WE BESEECH YOU, LORD, IN OUR WEAKNESS, TO GRANT
US THIS HELPER THAT WE NEED TO EXERCISE THE PRIESTHOOD
THAT COMES FROM THE APOSTLES.
GRANT, WE PRAY, ALMIGHTY FATHER,
TO THIS YOUR SERVANT, THE DIGNITY OF THE PRIESTHOOD;
RENEW DEEP WITHIN HIM THE SPIRIT OF HOLINESS;
MAY THEY HENCEFORTH POSSESS THIS OFFICE

WHICH COMES FROM YOU, O GOD,
AND IS NEXT IN RANK TO THE OFFICE OF BISHOP;
AND BY THE EXAMPLE OF HIS MANNER OF LIFE
MAY INSTILL RIGHT CONDUCT.
MAY HE BE A WORTHY CO-WORKER WITH OUR ORDER, SO THAT BY
HIS PREACHING AND THROUGH THE GRACE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
THE WORDS OF THE GOSPEL MAY BEAR FRUIT IN HUMAN HEARTS
AND REACH EVEN TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH;
TOGETHER WITH US, MAY HE BE A FAITHFUL STEWARD OF YOUR
MYSTERIES, SO THAT YOUR PROPLE MAY BE RENEWED IN THE
WATERS OF REBIRTH AND NOURISHED FROM YOUR ALTAR;
SO THAT SINNERS MAY BE RECONCILED AND THE SICK RAISED UP.
MAY THEY BE JOINED WITH US, LORD, IN IMPLORING YOUR MERCY
FOR THE PEOPLE ENTRUSTED TO THEIR CARE AND FOR ALL THE
WORLD.
AND SO MAY THE FULL NUMBER FO THE NATIONS GATHERED
TOGETHER INC HRIST, BE TRSNAFORMED INTO YOUR ONE PEOPLE
AND MADE PERFECT IN YOUR KINGDOM.
THROUGH OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, YOUR SON,
WHO LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU ILN THE UNITY FO THE HOLY
SPIRIT, GOD FOR EVER AND EVER. **AMEN.**

INVESTITURE WITH STOLE AND CHASUBLE

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RECITED DURING THE INVESTURE WITH STOLE AND CHASUBLE

AND THE ANOINTING OF HANDS

ANTIPHON: CHRIST THE LORD, A PRIEST FOR EVER ACCORDING TO THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK, OFFERED BREAD AND WINE. ALLELUIA.

1 LORD, THOU HAST BEEN OUR REFUGE, * FROM ONE GENERATION TO ANOTHER.

2 BEFORE THE MOUNTAINS WERE BROUGHT FORTH, OR EVER THE EARTH AND THE WORLD WERE MADE, * THOU ART GOD FROM EVERLASTING, AND WORLD WITHOUT END.

3 THOU TURNEST MAN TO DESTRUCTION; * AGAIN THOU SAYEST, COME AGAIN, YE CHILDREN OF MEN.

4 FOR A THOUSAND YEARS IN THY SIGHT ARE BUT AS YESTERDAY WHEN IT IS PAST, * AND AS A WATCH IN THE NIGHT.

5 AS SOON AS THOU SCATTEREST THEM THEY ARE EVEN AS A SLEEP; * AND FADE AWAY SUDDENLY LIKE THE GRASS.

6 IN THE MORNING IT IS GREEN, AND GROWETH UP; * BUT IN THE EVENING IT IS CUT DOWN, DRIED UP, AND WITHERED.

7 FOR WE CONSUME AWAY IN THY DISPLEASURE, * AND ARE AFRAID AT THY WRATHFUL INDIGNATION.

8 THOU HAST SET OUR MISDEEDS BEFORE THEE; * AND OUR SECRET SINS IN THE LIGHT OF THY COUNTENANCE.

9 FOR WHEN THOU ART ANGRY ALL OUR DAYS ARE GONE: * WE BRING OUR YEARS TO AN END, AS IT WERE A TALE THAT IS TOLD.

10 THE DAYS OF OUR AGE ARE THREESCORE YEARS AND TEN; AND THOUGH MEN BE SO STRONG THAT THEY COME TO FOURSCORE YEARS, * YET IS THEIR STRENGTH THEN BUT LABOUR AND SORROW; SO SOON PASSETH IT AWAY, AND WE ARE GONE.

11 BUT WHO REGARDETH THE POWER OF THY WRATH? * OR FEARETH ARIGHT THY INDIGNATION?

12 SO TEACH US TO NUMBER OUR DAYS, * THAT WE MAY APPLY OUR HEARTS UNTO WISDOM.

13 TURN THEE AGAIN, O LORD, AT THE LAST, * AND BE GRACIOUS UNTO THY SERVANTS.

14 O SATISFY US WITH THY MERCY, AND THAT SOON: * SO SHALL WE REJOICE AND BE GLAD ALL THE DAYS OF OUR LIFE.

15 COMFORT US AGAIN NOW AFTER THE TIME THAT THOU HAST PLAGUED US; * AND FOR THE YEARS WHEREIN WE HAVE SUFFERED ADVERSITY.

16 SHOW THY SERVANTS THY WORK, * AND THEIR CHILDREN THY GLORY.

17 AND THE GLORIOUS MAJESTY OF THE LORD OUR GOD BE UPON US: * PROSPER THOU THE WORK OF OUR HANDS UPON US; O PROSPER THOU OUR HANDY-WORK.

ANTIPHON: CHRIST THE LORD, A PRIEST FOR EVER ACCORDING TO THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK, OFFERED BREAD AND WINE. ALLELUIA.

ANOINTING OF HANDS

ORDAINING BISHOP: THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, WHOM THE FATHER ANOINTED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT AND POWER, GUARD AND PRESERVE YOU. THAT YOU MAY SANCTIFY THE CHRISTIAN PEOPLE AND TO OFFER SACRIFICE TO GOD.

PRESENTATION OF THE PATEN AND CHALICE

THE NEW PRIEST IS GIVEN A PATEN HOLDING THE BREAD AND A CHALICE CONTAINING THE WINE MIXED WITH WATER FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE MASS. THE NEW PRIEST THEN HANDS IT BACK TO THE ORDAINING BISHOP, WHO PLACES THEM ON THE ALTAR.

ORDAINING BISHOP: RECEIVE THE OBLATION OF THE HOLY PEOPLE, TO BE OFFERED TO GOD. UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU DO, IMITATE WHAT YOU CELEBRATE, AND CONFORM YOUR LIFE TO THE MYSTERY OF THE LORD'S CROSS.

THE KISS OF PEACE

ORDAINING BISHOP: PEACE BE WITH YOU

THE NEWLY ORDAINED: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

THE ORDAINING BISHOP FIRST, THEN ALL THE PRIESTS PRESENT, OR AT LEAST SOME OF THEM, GIVE THE FRATERNAL KISS TO THE NEWLY ORDAINED.

ORDAINING BISHOP: NO LONGER DO I CALL YOU SERVANTS, BUT MY FRIENDS, BECAUSE YOU KNOW ALL THAT I HAVE DONE AMONG YOU. ALLELUIA.

RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT AS AN ADVOCATE AMONG YOU: HE IS THE SPIRIT WHOM THE FATHER WILL SEND YOU. ALLELUIA.

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RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT AS AN ADVOCATE AMONG YOU. GLORY TO THE FATHER AND TO THE SON AND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT HE IS THE SPIRIT WHOM THE FATHER WILL SEND YOU ALLELUIA.

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 PATEMAE DEXTERAE,
TU RITE PROMISSUM PATRIS, SERMONE DITANS GUTERA.

DEO PATRI SIT GLORIA, ET FILIO,
QUIA MORTUIS, SURREXIT, AC PARACLITO,
IN SECLORUM SECLA.

AMEN.

AD MULTOS ANNOS!

**THE BISHOP, ASSISTING BISHOPS AND OTHER CLERGY TAKE THEIR
PLACES**

**THE SERVICE CONTINUES WITH THE CELEBRATION
OF THE MASS.**

THE NICENE CREED (325 A.D.)

PRIEST: ALL RISE.

ALL: I BELIEVE IN ONE GOD, THE FATHER ALMIGHTY, MAKER
OF HEAVEN AND EARTH, AND OF ALL THINGS VISIBLE AND
INVISIBLE; AND IN ONE LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE ONLY
BEGOTTEN SON OF GOD; BEGOTTEN OF HIS FATHER BEFORE ALL
WORLDS, GOD OF GOD, LIGHT OF LIGHT, TRUE GOD OF TRUE

**GOD, BEGOTTEN, NOT MADE, BEING OF ONE SUBSTANCE WITH
THE FATHER; BY WHOM ALL THINGS WERE MADE: WHO FOR US
MEN AND FOR OUR SALVATION CAME DOWN FROM HEAVEN, AND
WAS INCARNATE BY THE HOLY GHOST OF THE VIRGIN MARY,
(KNEEL) AND WAS MADE MAN. AND WAS ALSO CRUCIFIED FOR US
UNDER PONTIUS PILATE; HE SUFFERED, DIED AND WAS BURIED;
AND ON THE THIRD DAY HE ROSE AGAIN ACCORDING TO THE
SCRIPTURES; AND ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN, AND SITTETH ON
THE RIGHT HAND OF THE FATHER; AND HE SHALL COME AGAIN,
WITH GLORY, TO JUDGE BOTH THE QUICK AND THE DEAD;
WHOSE KINGDOM WILL HAVE NO END. AND I BELIEVE IN THE
HOLY GHOST, THE LORD, AND GIVER OF LIFE, WHO PROCEEDETH
FROM THE FATHER AND THE SON, WHO WITH THE FATHER AND
THE SON TOGETHER IS WORSHIPPED AND GLORIFIED; WHO
SPAKE BY THE PROPHETS; AND I BELIEVE IN ONE, HOLY,
CATHOLIC AND APOSTOLIC CHURCH; I ACKNOWLEDGE ONE
BAPTISM FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS; AND I LOOK FOR THE
RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD; AND THE LIFE ✠ OF THE WORLD
TO COME. AMEN.**

PRIEST: PLEASE BE SEATED.

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