

## THE PREFACE TO THE ORDINAL

The Holy Scriptures and ancient authors teach that, from the Apostles' time, these three orders of ministry have existed in Christ's Church: Bishops, Priests, and Deacons. From the earliest days of the Church, these offices were always held in such reverent estimation that no one might presume to execute any of them without being first called, tried, examined, and ascertained to have such qualities as are requisite. Candidates were approved and admitted to these offices by lawful authority, through public prayer and the imposition of hands by a Bishop. And therefore, to the end that these orders may be continued, and reverently used and esteemed in this Church, no one shall be accounted to be a lawful Bishop, Priest, or Deacon in this Church, or allowed to execute any of the said functions, without first being called, tried, examined, and admitted to such office according to the form set forth in this book, or having received Episcopal Consecration or Ordination already.

The Bishop may only admit a candidate as a Deacon or Priest after sufficient examination and testing to determine that the candidate meets the requirements of the Canons, and is of virtuous conduct, without crime or impediment, instructed in the Holy Scriptures, and fit for ministry in Christ's Church.

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*Anglican Church in North America*

BEING THE FORM AND MANNER OF

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BISHOPS, PRIESTS,

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*The People standing, the Bishop says this or an appropriate seasonal greeting*

The Lord will pour out his Spirit upon all flesh,  
*People* **And your sons and daughters shall prophesy.**  
*Bishop* Your old men shall dream dreams,  
*People* **And your young men shall see visions.**  
*Bishop* Ye shall know that the Lord is in the midst  
of his people,  
*People* **That he is the Lord and there is none else.**  
*Bishop* And it shall come to pass  
*People* **That everyone who calls on the Name of the Lord  
shall be saved.** JOEL 2:27-28, 32; ACTS 2:17, 21<sup>T</sup>

*The Bishop prays (and the People may be invited to join)*

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

## THE PRESENTATION

*The Bishop and People sit. The Presenters, standing before the Bishop, present each Ordinand, saying*

Reverend Father in God, we present *N.N.* to be admitted to the Order of Deacons.

*Bishop* Have these persons 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.

*The Bishop then requires the Ordinand(s) to take the Oath of Conformity and the Oath of Canonical Obedience saying*

The Canons require that no one may be ordained a Deacon 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.

*Each Ordinand then individually declares*

I, *N.N.*, 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 \_\_\_\_\_, and his successors, so help me God.

*Each Ordinand then signs the Oath of Conformity and the Oath of Canonical Obedience in the sight of all present.*

*All stand. The Bishop says to the People*

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, ye know the importance of this ministry, and the weight of your responsibility in presenting *these persons* for ordination to the sacred Order of Deacons. 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*

Is it your will that *these persons* be ordained as Deacons?

*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 ORDINATIONS

*All kneel. Then the Litanist appointed, with the Clergy and People present, says or sings the Litany for Ordinations (Page 510). The Ordinands either kneel or lie prostrate during the Litany.*

*At the conclusion of the Litany for Ordinations, the Bishop stands and prays the following collect, first saying*

The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Bishop* Let us pray.

Almighty God, who by thy divine providence hast appointed diverse Orders of Ministers in thy Church, and didst inspire thine Apostles to choose into the Order of Deacons the first martyr Saint Stephen, with others; Mercifully behold *these* thy *servants* now called to the like office and administration: so replenish *them* with the truth of thy doctrine, and adorn *them* with innocency of life, that, both by word and good example, *they* may faithfully serve thee in this office, to the glory of thy Name, and the edification of thy Church; through the merits of our Savior Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.  
**Amen.**

#### THE LESSONS

*The following Lessons are appointed for the ordination of a Deacon. On a Major Feast, or on a Sunday, the Bishop may select Lessons from the Propers of the Day.*

JEREMIAH 1:4-10

PSALM 119:1-8

1 TIMOTHY 3:8-13 *or* ACTS 6:1-7

LUKE 12:35-40

*The People sit. One or more Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying*

A Reading from \_\_\_\_\_.

*A citation giving chapter and verse may be added.*

*After each Lesson the Reader may say*

The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Or the Reader may say* Here endeth the Reading.

*Silence may follow.*

*A psalm, hymn, or anthem may follow each reading.*

*All standing, the Deacon or Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according  
to \_\_\_\_\_.

*People* **Glory be to thee, Lord Christ.**

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise be to thee, Lord Christ.**

#### THE SERMON

#### THE NICENE CREED

*All stand to recite the Nicene Creed, the Bishop first saying*

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

*Bishop and People*

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, visible and invisible.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten 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,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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],<sup>†</sup>  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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 text of the Nicene Creed according to the Book of Common Prayer 1662, as found on page 144, may be used.*

#### THE EXHORTATION

*All are seated except the Ordinand(s), who stand before the Bishop.*

*The Bishop addresses the Ordinand(s) as follows*

It appertaineth to the office of a Deacon to share in the humility and service of our Lord Jesus Christ, for the strengthening of the Church, which is his body. Ye are to read the Gospel and proclaim Christ at all times through your service, to instruct

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both young and old in the Catechism, and, at the direction of the Bishop or Priest, to baptize and preach.

Ye are to assist the Priest in divine service, to guide the intercessions of the Congregation, to aid in the administration of Holy Communion, and to carry the Sacrament to those who are kept from the Table by illness, infirmity, or imprisonment.

Furthermore, ye are to interpret to the Church the needs, concerns, and hopes of the world. It is the Deacon's office to encourage and equip the household of God to search for the stranger, to embrace the poor and helpless, and to seek them out, so that they may be relieved.

#### THE EXAMINATION

*The Bishop examines the Ordinands as follows*

Will you take up this charge 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 *lives* [and the *lives* of your *families*], according to the Doctrine of Christ, and to make *yourselves* [and them, as much as in you lieth], 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 hath given you a good will to do all these things, grant also unto you strength and power to perform the same; that, he accomplishing in you the good work which he hath begun, you may be found perfect and without reproach at the latter day; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Ordinands kneel or lie prostrate, facing the Bishop. The Veni, Creator Spiritus (page 492) or other hymn to the Holy Spirit may be sung or said as a prayer for the renewal of the Church.*

## THE ORDINATION OF THE DEACONS

*All now stand as witnesses, except the Ordinands, who kneel facing the Bishop. The Bishop then prays the following prayer, first saying*

Let us pray.

O God, most merciful Father, thou didst send thy Son Jesus Christ to take upon himself the form of a servant. He humbled himself, becoming obedient even unto death on a Cross. Yet thou hast highly exalted him, making him Lord of all. For this great mystery, and for *these thy servants* whom thou now callest to obedience after his example, we offer unto thee our most hearty thanks; and we ask that we may daily increase in humility and service, that by *their* ministry as well as by those with whom *they* serve, thy 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 Ghost for the Office and work of a Deacon in the Church of God, now committed unto thee by the imposition of my hands; in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

*The Bishop then prays the following over the Ordinands.*

In thy great goodness, O Lord, make *these thy servants* to be *Deacons* in thy Church; give *them* grace to be modest, humble, and constant in *their* ministry; give *them* a ready will to observe all spiritual discipline; and with the testimony of a good conscience always before *them*, may *they* continue stable and strong in the service of thy Son Jesus Christ, to whom be glory and honor, world without end.

*The People in a loud voice respond*

**Amen.**

*The new Deacons may now be vested according to the Order of Deacons.*

*As the Deacon is vested with a maniple, the Bishop says*

Receive this maniple as a sign of thy service, for thy Lord came among us as one who served.

*As the Deacon is vested with a stole, the Bishop says*

Receive this stole as a sign of the yoke of Christ, thy Savior.

*As the Deacon is vested with a dalmatic, the Bishop says*

Receive this dalmatic as a sign that thou must daily take up the whole armor of God, that thou mayest be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.

*Then the Bishop delivers to every one of them a Book of Gospels or New Testament saying*

Take thou authority to read the Gospel in the Church of God and to teach the same.

*The Bishop then says to the People*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*The liturgy continues with the Offertory. The newly ordained Deacons prepare the Table.*

*When the Communion is finished, after the Post Communion Prayer, the Bishop prays the following Collect*

Prevent us, O Lord, in all our doings with thy most gracious favor, and further us with thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy Name, and finally by thy mercy obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Bishop then blesses the People saying*

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;  
*People* **Who hath made heaven and earth.**  
*Bishop* Blessed be the Name of the Lord;  
*People* **From this time forth for evermore.**  
*Bishop* The blessing, mercy, and grace of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon you, and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

*The newly ordained Deacons together dismiss the People saying*

Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*From the Easter Vigil through the Day of Pentecost, "Alleluia, alleluia" is added to the dismissal. It may be added at other times, except during Lent and on other penitential occasions.*

*The People respond*

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

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*If no objection is made, the Bishop continues*

Is it your will that *N.* be ordained a Priest?

*People* **It is.**

*Bishop* Will you uphold *him* in this ministry?

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PSALM 119:33-40

EPHESIANS 4:7-16 or PHILIPPIANS 4:4-9

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the only-begotten 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,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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],<sup>†</sup>  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
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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,  
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#### THE EXHORTATION

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

*The Bishop addresses the Ordinand as follows*

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

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Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to be a messenger, watchman, and steward of the Lord. You are to teach, to premonish, to feed, and to provide for the Lord's family, and to seek for Christ's sheep which are in the midst of this fallen world, that they may be saved through Christ for ever.

Have always therefore printed in your remembrance, how great a treasure is committed to your charge. For they are the sheep of Christ, which he bought with his death, and for whom he shed his blood. The Church and congregation whom you must serve, is his spouse, and his body. And if it shall happen that the same Church, or any member thereof, do take any hurt or hindrance by reason of your negligence, you know the greatness of the fault, and also the horrible punishment that will ensue.

Wherefore, consider the ends 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, arm and lead your Congregation to proclaim tirelessly the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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 thy care, according to the doctrine and discipline of Christ. Know, however, that you cannot accomplish this of yourself; for the will and the ability needed are given by God alone. Therefore, pray earnestly for his Holy Spirit to enlighten your mind and strengthen your resolve.

## THE EXAMINATION

*The Bishop then examines the Ordinand, saying*

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:

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 hath commanded and as this Church hath received them, according to the Commandments of God, so that you may teach the people committed to your cure and 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 cure, 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 *life* [and the *life* of your *family*], according to the doctrine of Christ, and to make *yourself* [and them, as much as in you lieth], 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.

*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?

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

*The Ordinand kneels or lies prostrate, facing the Bishop, with the priests present surrounding the Ordinand. The Veni, Creator Spiritus is sung or said as a prayer for the renewal of the Church.*

VENI, CREATOR SPIRITUS

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 CONSECRATION OF THE PRIEST

*All now stand as witnesses, except the Ordinand, who kneels facing the Bishop.*

*The Bishop prays the following prayer, first saying*

Let us pray.

Almighty God, and heavenly Father, who, of thine infinite love and goodness towards us, hast given to us thy only and most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ, to be our redeemer, and the author of everlasting life; who, after he had made perfect our redemption by his death, and was ascended into heaven, sent abroad into the world his apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and doctors; by the Holy Spirit, through their labor and ministry, he gathered together a great flock in all the parts of the world, to set forth the eternal praise of thy holy Name: For these so great benefits of thy eternal goodness, and for that thou hast vouchsafed to call *this* thy *servant* here present to the same office and ministry, we render unto thee most hearty thanks; and we humbly beseech thee that we may daily increase and go forward in the knowledge and faith of thee and thy Son, and that by *this minister*, as well as by them over whom *he* shall be appointed, thy holy Name may be for ever glorified, and thy blessed kingdom enlarged; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*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 Ghost for the Office and Work of a Priest in the Church of God, now committed unto thee by the Imposition of our hands. Whose sins thou dost forgive, they are forgiven; and whose sins thou dost retain, they are retained. And be thou a faithful dispenser of the Word of God, and of his holy Sacraments; In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.



*The Bishop then prays the following over the Ordinand.*

Send thy heavenly blessing upon *this* thy servant, that *he* may be clothed with righteousness, and that thy 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 thy most holy Word as the means of our salvation; that in all our words and deeds we may seek thy glory and the increase of thy kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

*The People in a loud voice respond*

**Amen.**

*The new Priest may now be vested according to the Order of Priests.*

*As the Priest is vested with a stole, the Bishop says*

Take thou the yoke of the Lord, for his yoke is easy and his burden is light.

*As the Priest is vested with a chasuble, the Bishop says*

Receive this priestly garment which symbolizes charity; for God is well able to give thee an increase of charity and a perfect work.

*The Bishop then anoints the hands of the new Priest with the Oil of Chrism, saying*

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to consecrate and sanctify these hands by this unction and by our blessing, that whatsoever they bless may be blessed, and whatsoever they consecrate may be consecrated and sanctified, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*The Bishop then gives the new Priest a Bible in one hand and a chalice in the other hand saying*

Take thou authority to preach the Word of God and to minister the Holy Sacraments. Do not forget the trust committed unto thee as a Priest in the Church of God.

*The Bishop then says to the People*

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*The liturgy continues with the Offertory. The Deacon prepares the Table.*

*Standing at the Holy Table with the Bishop and other Ministers, the newly ordained Priest joins in the celebration of the Holy Communion and in the Breaking of the Bread.*

*When the Communion is finished, after the Post Communion Prayer, the new Priest prays the following Collect*

Prevent us, O Lord, in all our doings with thy most gracious favor, and further us with thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy Name, and finally by thy mercy obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Bishop then blesses the People saying*

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;  
*People* **Who hath made heaven and earth.**  
*Bishop* Blessed be the Name of the Lord;  
*People* **From this time forth for evermore.**  
*Bishop* The blessing, mercy, and grace of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon you, and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

*Or the Bishop may ask the newly ordained Priest to bless the People saying*

The peace of God which passeth all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*The Deacon dismisses the People saying*

Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*From the Easter Vigil through the Day of Pentecost, "Alleluia, alleluia" is added to the dismissal. It may be added at other times, except during Lent and on other penitential occasions.*

*The People respond*

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

THE FORM AND MANNER OF  
ORDAINING *and*  
CONSECRATING A BISHOP

*The Archbishop normally presides at the Consecration of a Bishop; however, the Archbishop may choose to designate another Bishop to be the Chief Consecrator. When this happens, all rubrics referring to the Archbishop are to be taken to mean "Chief Consecrator."*

*A hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung.*

*The People standing, the Archbishop says this or an appropriate seasonal greeting*

The Lord will pour out his Spirit upon all flesh,  
*People* **And your sons and daughters shall prophesy.**  
*Archbishop* Your old men shall dream dreams,  
*People* **And your young men shall see visions.**  
*Archbishop* Ye shall know that the Lord is in the midst  
of his people,  
*People* **That he is the Lord and there is none else.**  
*Archbishop* And it shall come to pass  
*People* **That everyone who calls on the Name of the Lord  
shall be saved.** JOEL 2:27-28, 32; ACTS 2:17, 21<sup>T</sup>

*The Archbishop prays (and the People may be invited to join)*

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

#### THE PRESENTATION

*The Archbishop and People sit.*

*The Bishop Elect, properly vested, is presented to the Archbishop by at least two Bishops of this Church, the Bishops who present him saying*

Reverend Father in God, we present unto you *N.N.*, a godly and well-learned man, to be ordained and consecrated Bishop.

*Then the Archbishop causes to be read Testimonials from the President of the Standing Committee and the Secretary of the College of Bishops regarding the person presented for Consecration.*

*The Archbishop then requires the Bishop Elect to take the Oath of Conformity and the Oath of Canonical Obedience saying*

The Canons of this Church require that no Priest may be consecrated as a Bishop in the Church before subscribing without reservation to the Oath of Conformity. It is also required that he 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.

*The Bishop Elect then declares*

I, N.N., 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 Archbishop of the Anglican Church in North America, and his successors, so help me God.

*The Bishop Elect then signs the Oath of Conformity and Oath of Canonical Obedience in the sight of all present.*

*Then the Archbishop invites the Congregation present to pray, saying*

Brethren, it is written in the Gospel of Saint Luke, that our Savior Christ continued the whole night in prayer, before he chose and sent forth his twelve Apostles. It is written also in the Acts of the Apostles that the disciples at Antioch fasted and prayed before they sent forth Paul and Barnabas by laying their hands upon them. Let us, therefore, following the example of our Savior Christ, and his Apostles, offer up our prayers to Almighty God, before we admit and send forth this person presented unto us, to the work whereunto we trust the Holy Ghost hath called him.

#### THE LITANY FOR ORDINATIONS

*All kneel. Then the Litanist appointed, with the Clergy and People present, says or sings the Litany for Ordinations (Page 510). The Bishop Elect either kneels or lies prostrate during the Litany.*

*At the conclusion of the Litany for Ordinations, the Archbishop stands and prays the following Collect, first saying*

The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Archbishop* Let us pray.

Almighty God, who by thy Son Jesus Christ didst give to thy holy Apostles many excellent gifts, and didst charge them to feed thy flock; Give grace, we beseech thee, to all Bishops, the Pastors of thy Church, that they may diligently preach thy Word, and duly administer the godly Discipline thereof; and grant to the people, that they may obediently follow the same; that all may receive the crown of everlasting glory; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

#### THE LESSONS

*The following Lessons are appointed for the ordination and consecration of a Bishop. On a Major Feast, or on a Sunday, the Archbishop may select Lessons from the Propers of the Day.*

ISAIAH 61:1-11

PSALM 100

1 TIMOTHY 3:1-7 *or* ACTS 20:17-35

JOHN 21:15-19 *or* JOHN 20:19-23 *or* MATTHEW 28:18-20

*The People sit. One or more Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying*

A Reading from \_\_\_\_\_.

*A citation giving chapter and verse may be added.*

*After each Lesson the Reader may say*

**The Word of the Lord.**

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Or the Reader may say* Here endeth the Reading.

*Silence may follow.*

*A psalm, hymn, or anthem may follow each reading.*

*All standing, the Deacon or Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according  
to \_\_\_\_\_.**

*People* **Glory be to thee, Lord Christ.**

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

*People* **Praise be to thee, Lord Christ.**

#### THE SERMON

#### THE NICENE CREED

*All stand to recite the Nicene Creed, the Archbishop first saying*

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

*Archbishop and People*

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, visible and invisible.**



We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten 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,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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],<sup>†</sup>  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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 text of the Nicene Creed according to the Book of Common Prayer 1662, as found on page 144, may be used.*

#### THE EXHORTATION AND EXAMINATION

*All are seated except the Bishop Elect, who stands before the Archbishop.*

*The Archbishop addresses and examines the Bishop Elect as follows*

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<sup>†</sup> The phrase "and the Son" (Latin filioque) is not in the original Greek text. See the resolution of the College of Bishops concerning the filioque in *Documentary Foundations* (page 768).

Brother, forasmuch as the Holy Scripture and the ancient Canons command, that we should not be hasty in laying on hands, and admitting any person to authority in the Church of Christ, which he hath purchased with no less price than the shedding of his own blood; before we admit you to this Office, we will examine you, to the end that the Congregation present may know how you are minded to behave yourself in the Church of God.

Are you persuaded that you are truly called to this ministry, according to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ and the Order of this Church?

*Answer* I am so persuaded.

*The following questions are addressed to the Bishop Elect by one or more of the Bishops.*

*Question* 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.

*Question* Will you then faithfully study the Holy Scriptures, and call upon God by prayer for the true understanding of them, so that you may be able by them to teach and exhort with wholesome doctrine, and to withstand and convince those who contradict it?

*Answer* I will, the Lord being my helper.

*Question* Are you ready, with all faithful diligence, to banish and drive away from the Church all erroneous and strange doctrine contrary to God's Word, and both privately and publicly to call upon others and encourage them to do the same?

*Answer* I am ready, the Lord being my helper.

*Question* Will you renounce all ungodliness and worldly lusts, and live a godly, righteous, and sober life in this present world, that you may show yourself in all things an example of good works for others, that the adversary may be ashamed, having nothing to say against you?

*Answer* I will, the Lord being my helper.

*Question* Will you maintain and set forward, as much as you are able, quietness, love, and peace among all people, and diligently exercise such discipline as is, by the authority of God's Word and by the Order of this Church, committed to you?

*Answer* I will, the Lord being my helper.

*Question* Will you be faithful in examining, confirming, ordaining, and sending the people of God?

*Answer* I will, the Lord being my helper.

*Question* Will you show yourself gentle, and be merciful for Christ's sake, to poor and needy people and to all strangers destitute of help?

*Answer* I will, the Lord being my helper.

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

*The Archbishop prays*

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

*The Bishop Elect kneels or lies prostrate, facing the Archbishop, with the bishops present surrounding the Bishop Elect. The Veni, Creator Spiritus is sung or said over him as follows*

VENI, CREATOR SPIRITUS

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 CONSECRATION OF THE BISHOP

*All now stand as witnesses, except the Bishop Elect, who kneels facing the Archbishop.*

*The Archbishop prays the following Prayer of Consecration, first praying*

Lord, hear our prayer;

*People* **And let our cry come unto thee.**

*Archbishop* Let us pray

Almighty God, and most merciful Father, who, of thine infinite goodness, hast given thine only and dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ, to be our redeemer, and the author of everlasting life; who, after that he had made perfect our redemption by his death, and was ascended into heaven, poured down his gifts abundantly upon men, making some apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors, and some teachers; by the Holy Ghost, through their labor and ministry, he gathered together a great flock in all the parts of the world, to set forth the eternal praise of thy holy Name: Grant, we beseech thee, to this thy servant, such grace, that he may evermore be ready to spread abroad thy Gospel, the glad tidings of reconciliation with thee; and use the authority given him, not to destruction, but to salvation; not to hurt, but to help: so that, as a wise and faithful servant, giving to thy family their portion in due season, he may at last be received into everlasting joy; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Then the Archbishop and at least two other Bishops lay their hands upon the head of the Bishop Elect, the Archbishop and other Bishops saying*

Receive the Holy Ghost for the Office and Work of a Bishop in the Church of God, now committed unto thee by the imposition of our hands; In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

*The Archbishop then continues*

Most merciful Father, send down, we beseech thee, upon this thy servant thy heavenly blessing; and so endue him with thy Holy Spirit, that he, preaching thy Word, may not only be earnest to reprove, beseech, and rebuke with all patience and doctrine; but also may present a wholesome example, in word, in conversation, in love, in faith, in chastity, and in purity; that, faithfully fulfilling his course, at the latter day he may receive the crown of righteousness laid up by the Lord the righteous Judge, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

*The People in a loud voice respond*

**Amen.**

*The new Bishop is now vested according to the Order of Bishops. During the presentations that follow, the Archbishop may be assisted by others.*

*The Archbishop presents the new Bishop with a Bible, saying*

Give heed unto reading, exhortation, and doctrine. Think upon the things contained in this Book. Be diligent in them, that the increase coming thereby may be manifest unto all men; for by so doing thou shalt both save thyself and them that hear thee. Be to the flock of Christ a shepherd, not a wolf; feed them, devour them not. Hold up the weak, heal the sick, bind up the broken, bring again the outcasts, seek the lost. Be so merciful, that you be not too remiss; so minister discipline, that you forget not mercy; that when the Chief Shepherd shall appear, you may receive the never-fading crown of glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Archbishop presents him with a pastoral staff saying*

Take this staff and watch over the flock of Christ.

*The Archbishop may anoint the forehead of the new Bishop with the Oil of Chrism saying*

Receive the anointing of this oil, and remember continually to stir up the grace of God which is given to thee; for God hath not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, and love, and soberness.

*The Archbishop may give him a pectoral cross saying*

Receive this cross; remember that he whom thou servest reconciled us to God by his own blood.

*The Archbishop may give him an episcopal ring saying*

Take thou this ring; be faithful to the Bride of Christ.

*The Archbishop may give him a miter saying*

Receive this miter, and remember that thine authority rests in God's Word and Holy Spirit.

*The Archbishop then says to the People*

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*The liturgy continues with the Offertory. The Deacon prepares the Table.*

*Standing at the Holy Table, with the Archbishop and other Ministers, the newly consecrated Bishop joins in the celebration of the Holy Communion and in the Breaking of the Bread.*

*When the Communion is finished, after the Post Communion Prayer, the new Bishop prays the following Collect*

Prevent us, O Lord, in all our doings with thy most gracious favor, and further us with thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy Name, and finally by thy mercy obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Archbishop, or at his direction the newly-consecrated Bishop, then blesses the People saying*

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;  
*People* **Who hath made heaven and earth.**  
*Bishop* Blessed be the Name of the Lord;  
*People* **From this time forth for evermore.**  
*Bishop* The blessing, mercy, and grace of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon you, and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

*The Deacon dismisses the People saying*

Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*From the Easter Vigil through the Day of Pentecost, "Alleluia, alleluia" is added to the dismissal. It may be added at other times, except during Lent and on other penitential occasions.*

*The People respond*

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**



THE LITANY AND SUFFRAGES  
*for* ORDINATIONS

*Other petitions may be added with the consent of the Ordinary.*

O God the Father,  
    **Have mercy upon us.**

O God the Son,  
    **Have mercy upon us.**

O God the Holy Ghost,  
    **Have mercy upon us.**

O holy Trinity, one God,  
    **Have mercy upon us.**

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord: and that it may please thee to grant peace to the whole world and to thy Church,  
    **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to sanctify and bless thy holy Church throughout the world,  
    **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to inspire all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons with the love of thee and of thy truth,  
    **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to endue all ministers of thy Church with devotion to thy glory and to the salvation of souls,  
    **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

*At the Ordination of Deacons or Priests this petition is said*

That it may please thee to bless *these* thy *servants*, now to be admitted to the Order of Deacons [*or Priests*], and to pour thy grace upon *them*, that *they* may duly execute *their* office to the edifying of thy Church, and to the glory of thy holy Name,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

*At the Ordination and Consecration of a Bishop this petition is said*

That it may please thee to bless this our brother *N.*, and to send thy grace upon him, that he may duly execute the office to which he is called, to the edifying of thy Church, and to the honor, praise, and glory of thy Name,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to guide by thy indwelling Spirit those whom thou dost call to the ministry of thy Church; that they may go forward with courage, and persevere to the end,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to increase the number of ministers in thy Church, that the Gospel may be preached to all people,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

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

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to hasten the fulfillment of thy purpose, that thy Church may be one,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to grant that we, with all thy saints, may be partakers of thine everlasting kingdom,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Hearken unto us, O Lord, when we cry unto thee;

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

O Lord, arise and help us;

**And deliver us for thy Name's sake.**

Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness;

**And let thy saints sing with joy.**

O Lord, hear our prayer;

**And let our cry come unto thee.**

## ADDITIONAL DIRECTIONS

On Ember Days or other occasions, if desired, the Litany of Ordinations may be used in place of the Prayers of the People at the Eucharist, or following the Collects in the Daily Office, or it may be used separately.

A maniple may also be bestowed at the vesting of a Priest or a Bishop.

When the Priest or Deacon being ordained is to be immediately instituted as Rector, the rite of the Institution of a Rector is not used. Instead, the Bishop reads the Letter of Institution (page 514) before the Peace during the Ordination liturgy.