

Preface to the Ordination Rites

The Holy Scriptures and ancient Christian writers make it clear that from the apostles' time, there have been different ministries within the Church. In particular, since the time of the New Testament, three distinct orders of ordained ministers have been characteristic of Christ's Holy Catholic Church. First, there is the order of bishops who carry on the apostolic work of leading, supervising, and uniting the Church. Secondly, associated with them are the presbyters, or ordained elders, in subsequent times generally known as priests. Together with the bishops, they take part in the governance of the Church, in the carrying out of its missionary and pastoral work, and in the preaching of the Word of God and administering His Holy Sacraments. Thirdly, there are deacons who assist bishops and priests in all of this work. It is also a special responsibility of deacons to minister in Christ's Name to the poor, the sick, the suffering, and the helpless.

The persons who are chosen and recognized by the Church as being called by God to the ordained ministry are admitted to these Sacred Orders by solemn prayer and the laying on of episcopal hands. It has been, and is, the intention and purpose of this Church to maintain and continue these three orders; and for this purpose these services of ordination and consecration are appointed. No persons are allowed to exercise the offices of bishop, priest, or deacon in this Church unless they are so ordained, or have already received such ordination with the laying on of hands by bishops who are themselves duly qualified to confer Holy Orders.

It is also recognized and affirmed that the threefold ministry is not the exclusive property of this portion of Christ's Catholic Church, but is a gift from God for the nurturing of His people and the proclamation of His Gospel everywhere. Accordingly, the manner of ordaining in this Church is to be such as has been, and is, most generally recognized by Christian people as suitable for the conferring of the Sacred Orders of bishop, priest, and deacon.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Ordination of Priests

*The Liturgy for the Proclamation of the Word of God and
the Consecration of Priests, and Celebration of the Holy Communion.*

Prelude

Processional Hymn

The Acclamation

Bishop: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: *The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

The bishop then says the Collect for Purity:

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

(The Deacon will recite the Summary of the Law)

The Summary of the Law

Jesus said, "The first of all the commandments is: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' This is the first commandment. And the second, like it, is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8-9*

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All kneel and observe a moment of silence. At the deacon's prompt, all say together:

Most merciful Father, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent
because we dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell;
but most of all because we have offended You, our God,
who are all good and deserving of all our love.**

**Therefore, for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Name. Amen.**

The bishop imparts the absolution:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of His great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn to Him, have mercy on you, W pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

All stand.

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takes away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. =Amen.=

The Collects for Ordinations

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

People: *And with your spirit.*

Bishop: Let us pray.

All kneel.

Almighty God, the giver of all good gifts, in Your divine providence You have appointed various orders in Your Church: Give Your grace, we humbly pray, to all who are now called to any office and ministry for Your people; and so fill them with the truth of Your doctrine and clothe them with holiness of life, that they may faithfully serve before You, to the glory of Your great Name and for the benefit of Your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on Your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of Your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by Him through whom all things were made, Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

All are seated.

Reader: The Old Testament lesson is written in the book of Isaiah, chapter 61 beginning at the 1st and continuing through the 3rd verse.

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, because the LORD has anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn, to console those who mourn in Zion, to give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they may be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 96

¹ Oh, sing to the LORD a new song! *

Sing to the LORD, all the earth.

² Sing to the LORD, bless His name; *

3 Proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day.
Declare His glory among the nations, *
His wonders among all peoples.
4 For the LORD is great and greatly to be praised; *
He is to be feared above all gods.
5 For all the gods of the peoples are idols, *
But the LORD made the heavens.
6 Honor and majesty are before Him; *
Strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.
7 Give to the LORD, O families of the peoples, *
Give to the LORD glory and strength.
8 Give to the LORD the glory due His name; *
Bring an offering, and come into His courts.
9 Oh, worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness! *
Tremble before Him, all the earth.
10 Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns;
The world also is firmly established,
It shall not be moved; *
He shall judge the peoples righteously."
11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; *
Let the sea roar, and all its fullness;
12 Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it. *
Then all the trees of the woods will rejoice before the LORD.
13 For He is coming, for He is coming to judge the earth. * (*stand*)
He shall judge the world with righteousness,
And the peoples with His truth.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end. Amen.

All are seated.

Reader: The New Testament lesson is written in St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans, chapter 12 beginning at the 1st and continuing through the 13th verse.

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.

Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy,

with cheerfulness. Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality.

Reader: The word of the Lord.
People: *Thanks be to God.*

All stand.

Gospel Acclamation

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John, chapter 20, beginning at the 19th and continuing through the 23rd verse.

People: *Glory to You, Lord Jesus Christ.*

Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you." Now when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you."

And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord!
People: *Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.*

The Sermon

All stand.

The Nicene Creed

(It is appropriate to do a profound bow at the portion of the Creed underlined)

In unison:

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

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not
made,
of one Being with the Father. Through Him all things were made.**

**For us men and for our salvation, He came down from heaven:
He was incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of 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 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 and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father.
With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
a We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE CONSECRATION OF PRIESTS

The bishop, wearing his miter, sits in his chair. The congregation may be seated.

The Calling and Presentation of the Ordinands

The candidates for the Sacred Order of Priests are then called by the Master of Ceremonies:

Let _____ who are to be ordained priests, please come forward.

They answer “Present” and go to the bishop, kneel and kiss his ring and then stand side by side before him.

The presenters, at least one priest and one lay person for each ordinand, and additional presenters if desired, come and stand beside their ordinand and before the bishop.

The Presentation: Priests

The ordinands are presented jointly by all their sponsors:

Presenters: _____, bishop in the Church of God, on behalf of the clergy and people of the Charismatic Episcopal Church of _____, we present to you _____ to be ordained priests in Christ’s Holy Catholic Church.

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

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

Sacred Vows

The bishop addresses all the ordinands together:

Will you be loyal to the doctrine, discipline, and worship of Christ as this Church has received them? And will you, in accordance with the canons of this Church, obey your bishop and other ministers who may have authority over you and your work?

The ordinands answer together:

I am willing and ready to do so; and I solemnly declare that I do believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, and to contain all things necessary to salvation; and I do solemnly engage to

conform to the doctrine, discipline, and worship of the International Communion of the Charismatic Episcopal Church.

The ordinands then sign the above Sacred Vow in the sight of all present. Then the Canon Missioners, or those appointed, and the bishop witness the signatures. The congregation may stand and sing while the documents are signed. The presenters return to their seats.

When all have signed, the ordinands return and stand before the bishop. The congregation remains standing.

The bishop, seated in his chair, addresses the congregation:

Dear friends in Christ, you know the importance of these ministries, and the weight of your responsibility in presenting _____ for ordination to the Sacred Order of Priests. Therefore if any of you know 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, asking about each ordinand individually.

Bishop: Is it your will that _____ be ordained a priest?

People: *It is.*

Bishop: Will you uphold these men in their ministries?

People: *We will.*

The congregation may be seated.

The Exhortation: Priests

The bishop addresses the ordinands for priesthood who stand before him:

My sons, you are now to be advanced to the Order of the Presbyterate. You must apply your energies to the duty of teaching in the Name of Christ, the chief teacher. Share with all mankind the Word of God you have received with joy. Meditate on the law of God, believe what you read, teach what you believe, and put into practice what you teach.

Let the doctrine you teach be true nourishment for the people of God. Let the example of your life attract the followers of Christ, so that by word and action you may build up the house which is God's Church.

In the same way you must carry out your mission of sanctifying in the power of Christ. Your ministry will perfect the spiritual sacrifice of the faithful by uniting it to Christ's sacrifice, the sacrifice which is offered sacramentally through your hands. Know what you are doing and imitate the mystery you celebrate. In the memorial of the Lord's death and resurrection, make every effort to die to sin and to walk in the new life of Christ.

When you baptize, you will bring men and women into the people of God. In the Sacrament of Penance, you will forgive sins in the Name of Christ and the Church. With holy oil you will relieve and console the sick. You will celebrate the liturgy and offer thanks and praise to God throughout the day, praying not only for the people of God but for the whole world. Remember that you are chosen from among God's people and appointed to act for them in relation to God. Do your part in the work of Christ the Priest with genuine joy and love, and attend to the concerns of Christ before your own. Finally, conscious of sharing in the work of Christ, the head and shepherd of the Church, and united with the bishop and subject to him, seek to bring the faithful together into a unified family and to lead them effectively, through Christ and in the Holy Spirit, to God the Father. Always remember the example of the Good Shepherd who came not to be served but to serve, and to seek out and rescue those who were lost.

The Examination: Priests

The bishop then questions the ordinands together:

Bishop: My sons, before you proceed to the Order of the Presbyterate, you must declare before the people your intention to undertake this priestly office. Are you resolved, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to discharge without fail the office of priesthood in the Presbyteral Order as a conscientious fellow worker with the bishops in caring for the Lord's flock?

Ordinands: I am.

Bishop: Are you resolved to celebrate the mysteries of Christ faithfully and religiously as the Church has handed them down to us, for the glory of God and the sanctification of Christ's people?

Ordinands: I am.

Bishop: Are you resolved to exercise the ministry of the word worthily and wisely, preaching the Gospel and explaining the catholic faith?

Ordinands: I am.

Bishop: Are you resolved to be diligent in the reading and study of the Holy Scriptures, and in seeking the knowledge of such things as may make you a stronger and more able minister of Christ?

Ordinands: I am.

Bishop: Are you resolved to pattern your life and that of your family in accordance with the teachings of Christ, so that you may be a wholesome example to your people?

Ordinands: I am.

Bishop: Are you resolved to persevere in prayer, both public and private, asking God's grace, both for yourself and for others, offering all Your labors to God, through the mediation of Jesus Christ, and in the sanctification of the Holy Spirit?

Ordinands: I am.

Bishop: Are you resolved to consecrate your life to God for the salvation of His people, and to unite yourself more closely every day to Christ the High Priest, who offered Himself for us to the Father as a perfect sacrifice?

Ordinands: I am, with the help of God.

Bishop: May the Lord who has given you the will to do these things give you the grace and power to perform them.

Ordinands: Amen.

The Promise of Obedience: Priest

Then each of the ordinands goes in turn and kneels before the bishop, kisses his ring as a sign of submission, and places his joined hands between those of the bishop.

Bishop: Do you promise respect and obedience to me and my successors?

Ordinand: I do.

Bishop: May God who has begun the good work in you bring it to fulfillment.

Ordinand: Amen.

The ordinand steps back and the next ordinand comes forward.

The Litany for Ordinations

All stand. The bishop, removing his miter, invites the people to pray:

My dear people, let us pray that the all-powerful Father may pour out the gifts of heaven on these servants of His, whom He has chosen to be priests.

Please kneel.

The ordinands prostrate themselves. The litanist leads the congregation in the Litany for Ordinations:

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Kyrie Eleison.

Kyrie Eleison.

Christe Eleison.

Christe Eleison.

Kyrie Eleison.

Kyrie Eleison.

God the Father,

Have mercy on us.

God the Son,

Have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit,

Have mercy on us.

Holy Trinity, one God,

Have mercy on us.

We pray to You, Lord Christ.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the holy Church of God, that She may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of Your coming, we pray to You, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all members of Your Church in their vocation and ministry, that they may serve You in a true and godly life, we pray to You, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For Craig, our Patriarch, for _____, our Archbishop, for _____, our Bishop, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons, that they may be filled with Your love, may hunger for truth, and may thirst after righteousness, we pray to You, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

The bishop continues with prayers for the ordinands and their families:

For _____, chosen priests, in Your Holy Catholic Church, we pray to You, O Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

That they may faithfully fulfill the duties of their ministry, build up Your Church, and glorify Your Name, we pray to You, O Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

That by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit they may be sustained and encouraged to persevere to the end, For their families, that they may be adorned with all Christian virtues, we pray to You, O Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

The litanist continues:

For all who fear God and believe in You, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease and that all may be one as You and the Father are One, we pray to You, O Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness She may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to You, O Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the Light of the Gospel, we pray to You, O Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to You, O Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For those in positions of public trust especially _____, our President, that they may serve justice and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to You, O Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to You, O Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who have died in the communion of Your Church, and those whose faith is known to You alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to You, O Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.
To You, O Lord our God.

Jesus, Son of the living God,
Lord, hear our prayer.

Christ, hear us.
Christ, hear us.

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

The Lord be with You.
And with your spirit.
Let us pray.

The bishop says:

Lord our God, hear our petitions and give Your help to this act of our ministry. We judge these men worthy to serve as priests and we ask you to bless them and make them holy. Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

All stand except the ordinands who remain prostrate while the following hymn is said or sung. The bishop puts on his miter.

Hymn - *Come, Holy Ghost*

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest,
And in our hearts take up Thy rest;
Come with Thy grace and heav'nly aid
To fill the hearts which Thou hast made.
To fill the hearts which Thou hast made.
O Comfort blest, to Thee we cry,
Thou heav'nly gift of God most High;
Thou font of life, and fire of love,
And sweet anointing from above.
And sweet anointing from above.
Praise be to Thee, Father and Son,
And Holy Spirit, three in one;
And may the Son on us bestow
The gifts that from the Spirit flow.
The gifts that from the Spirit flow.

A period of silent prayer follows, the people remain standing. At the direction of the bishop, extemporaneous prayer and prophecy may be given at this time.

The ordinands rise and kneel before the bishop.

The Consecration: Priests

The bishop, without his miter, invites the people to pray:

My dear people, let us pray that the all-powerful Father may pour out the gifts of heaven on these servants of His, whom He has chosen to be priests.

*All kneel and in silence pray for the ordinands.
The bishop alone, with his miter on, stands and says:*

Hear us, Lord our God, and pour out upon these servants of Yours the blessing of the Holy Spirit and the grace and power of the priesthood. In Your sight we offer these men for ordination: support them with Your unfailing Love. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

All stand except the ordinands who remain kneeling before the bishop.

With his hands extended over the ordinands, the bishop begins the prayer of consecration:

Come to our help, Lord, Holy Father, Almighty and Eternal God; You are the source of every honor and dignity, of all progress and stability. You watch over the growing family of man by Your gift of wisdom and Your pattern of order. When You had appointed high priests to rule Your people, You chose other men next to them in rank and dignity to be with them and help them in their task; and so there grew up the ranks of priests and the offices of Levites, established by sacred rites.

In the desert You extended the spirit of Moses to seventy wise men who helped him to rule the great company of his people. You shared among the sons of Aaron the fullness of their father's power, to provide worthy priests in sufficient number for the increasing rites of sacrifice and worship. With the same loving care You gave companions to Your Son's apostles to help in teaching the faith: they preached the Gospel to the whole world.

Lord, grant also to us such fellow workers, for we are weak and our need is greater.

The CEC priests present, vested in alb and stole, shall come forward at this time.

The bishop lays his hands on the head of each ordinand in silence. At the bidding of the bishop, the CEC priests may individually lay their hands on the ordinands in silence. After the laying on of hands, the priests remain by the bishop until the prayer of consecration is completed.

The bishop alone prays the following prayer of consecration for each ordinand individually:

Therefore, Father, through Jesus Christ Your Son, give Your Holy Spirit to _____, fill him with grace and power, and make him a Priest in Your Church.

After he has prayed for each ordinand, the bishop continues the prayer of consecration with hands extended over the ordinands kneeling before him:

Almighty Father, grant to these servants of Yours the dignity of the priesthood. Renew within them the spirit of holiness. As co-workers with the Order of Bishops may they be faithful to the ministry that they receive from You, Lord God, and be to others models of right conduct.

May they be faithful in working with the Order of Bishops, so that the words of the Gospel may reach the ends of the earth, and the family of nations, made one in Christ, may become God's one, holy people. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

There follows a period of praying in the Spirit for the new priests.

Blessing of the Vestments

The congregation may be seated.

After the Prayer of Consecration the bishop, wearing his miter, sits and the newly ordained stand. The stoles and chasubles for the newly ordained priests are brought to the bishop who, in the company of his priests, blesses them with the following prayer:

Bishop: Our help is in the Name of the Lord.
People: *Who has made heaven and earth.*

Bishop: The Lord be with you.
People: *And with your spirit.*

Bishop: Let us pray:

Almighty and everlasting God, who by Thy servant Moses, commanded vestments to be made for the high priest, the priests, and the Levites, that so clothed, they might perform their office before Thee to the honor and glory of Thy Name: be near to us who call upon Thee, and bless W and sanctify W these priestly vestments with Thy mighty benediction, by pouring upon them Thy grace from above; so that they may become meet and hallowed for divine worship and Thy holy mysteries: and grant that whosoever of Thy bishops, priests, or deacons, shall put them on, may be counted worthy to be saved and defended against all assaults and temptations; grant that they may rightly and worthily serve and frequent Thy holy Sacraments, and may thereby persevere in Thy service with all godly quietness. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The bishop may sprinkle the vestments with holy water. He presents the stole to the newly ordained priests who kiss the cross at the neck of the stole signifying their devotion to the yoke of Jesus Christ.

Investiture with Stole and Chasuble

The CEC priests return to their places. The bishop hands the vestments to the assisting priests who arrange the stoles of the newly ordained as they are to be worn by priests and vest them in chasubles. Once vested, the new priests return and kneel before the bishop.

Anointing of Hands

The bishop receives a linen gremial and with chrism he anoints the thumb and index finger of each hand and draws from the thumb and finger the sign of the cross over the palms of the new priests as they kneel before him. The bishop prays for each as he anoints their hands.

Bishop: The Father anointed our Lord Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. May Jesus preserve you to sanctify the Christian people and to offer sacrifice to God.

These hands have been anointed for the service of Almighty God. You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.

After the new priests have been anointed, the people stand and may sing while the bishop and the new priests wash their hands.

The congregation may be seated.

The Presentation of the Gifts

The bishop gives a bible to each priest saying:

Bishop: Receive this Bible as a symbol of the authority and responsibility given to you to preach the Word of God, to proclaim God's truth, and to be a man of prayer.

The deacons prepare the bread on the paten and the wine in the chalice for the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. They bring the paten and chalice to the bishop, who hands them to the new priests as they kneel before him.

Bishop: Accept from the people of God the gifts to be offered to Him as a holy sacrifice. They are a symbol of your call as a priest, to faithfully administer all of God's holy sacraments.

The new priests return the paten and chalice to the deacons, who place them on the altar in preparation for the Holy Eucharist.

The new priests give a blessing to the bishop.

The bishop calls the wives of the new priests forward and prays for the newly ordained and their wives. He then presents them to the congregation.

The Peace

Bishop: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: *And with your spirit.*

The bishop greets the newly ordained, who then greet family members and others, as may be convenient. The clergy and people greet one another with the peace of the Lord.

The Offertory Sentence

“Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave Himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.” (Eph. 5:2)

The congregation may be seated.

Offertory Anthem - by a choir or the congregation

All stand.

Doxology

The Offering of the Gifts

The celebrant raises the tithes, offerings, bread, and wine in turn and says:

Celebrant: Blessed are You, Lord God of all creation. Through Your goodness we have these tithes and offerings which are symbols of our life and labor; may they be used in Your Church for the work You have set before us and for the furthering of Your kingdom.

People: *Blessed be God forever.*

Celebrant: Blessed are You, Lord God of all creation. Through Your goodness we have this bread to offer which earth has given and human hands have made; it will become for us the Body of Christ.

People: *Blessed be God forever.*

Celebrant: O Lord our God, as we now mix water with this wine in token of the union of the divine and human natures in Christ Jesus; may we who drink this Cup share in the divinity of Christ who humbled Himself to share in our humanity.

People: *Amen.*

Celebrant: Blessed are You, Lord God of all creation. Through Your goodness we have this wine to offer, the fruit of the vine and work of human hands; it will become for us the Blood of Christ.

People: *Blessed be God forever.*

Celebrant: Pray, brethren, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.

People: *May the Lord accept this sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of His Name, for our good, and the good of all His Church. Amen.*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing. The bishop faces them and sings or says

The Lord be with you.

People And with your spirit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

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

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel. Then the celebrant continues:

Father, You are holy indeed, and all creation rightly gives You praise. All life, all holiness comes from You through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, by the working of the Holy Spirit. From age to age You gather a people to Yourself, so that from east to west a perfect offering may be made to the glory of Your Name.

At the following words concerning the bread, the celebrant is to hold or lay a hand upon the bread, and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

And so, Father, we bring You these gifts. We ask You to make them holy by the power of Your Spirit, that they may become the Body and Blood of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, at whose command we celebrate this Eucharist.

On the night He was betrayed, He took bread and gave You thanks and praise. He broke the bread, gave it to His disciples, and said, "Take this all of you, and eat of it: This is My Body, which is being given up for you."

When supper was ended, He took the cup. Again He gave You thanks and praise, He gave the cup to His disciples and said, "Take this, all of You, and drink from it: This is the cup of My Blood, the Blood of the new

and everlasting Covenant, which is being shed for You and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of Me.”

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died;
Christ is risen;
Christ will come again!

The celebrant continues:

Father, calling to mind the death Your Son endured for our salvation, His glorious resurrection and ascension into heaven, and ready to greet Him when He comes again, we offer You in thanksgiving this holy and living sacrifice.

Look with favor on Your Church’s offering, and see the Victim whose death reconciled us to Yourself. Grant that we, who are nourished by His Body and Blood, may be filled a with His Holy Spirit, and become one body, one spirit in Christ.

May He make us an everlasting gift to You and enable us to share in the inheritance of Your saints, with Mary, the Virgin Mother of God; with Saint Joseph, the apostles and martyrs, (*with N.*) and all Your saints, on whose constant intercession we rely for help. Lord, may this sacrifice, which has made our peace with You, advance the peace and salvation of all the whole world.

Strengthen in faith and love Your pilgrim Church on earth; Your servant, Randolph, our Patriarch; Dale our Archbishop, _____ our Bishop; and all bishops, priests, and deacons, and the entire people Your Son has gained for You.

Father, hear the prayers of the family You have gathered here before You. In mercy and love unite all your children wherever they may be. Welcome into Your kingdom our departed brothers and sisters, and all who have left this world in fellowship with You. We hope to enjoy forever the vision of Your glory, through Christ our Lord, from whom all good things come.

Through Him, with Him, in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all glory and honor is Yours, Almighty Father, forever and ever.

Amen

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name;

Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and, lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power and the Glory, forever and ever. AMEN.

The celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. He then says:

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Celebrant: Behold the Lamb of God; behold Him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are they that are called to the Supper of the Lamb.

People: Lord, I am not worthy to receive You, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

The Communion of the People

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the people with these words:

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [*Amen.*]

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [*Amen.*]

All Baptized Christians who affirm the presence of Christ in the Holy Sacrament are invited to receive Communion.

The Post-Communion Prayer for Ordinations

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

People: *And with your spirit.*

Bishop: Let us pray.

The people kneel. The bishop and people say the following prayer of thanksgiving together; the new priests remain silent.

Almighty Father, we thank You for feeding us with the Holy Food of the Body and Blood of Your Son, and for uniting us through Him in the fellowship of Your Holy Spirit. We thank You for raising up among us faithful servants for the ministry of Your word and sacraments. We pray that Jeffrey and James may be to us effective examples in word and action, in love and patience, and in holiness of life. Grant that we, with them, may serve You now, and always rejoice in Your glory; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Bishop: May the peace of God which passes 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, W the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you this day and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Recessional Hymn

The Deacon or a Priest may dismiss the people with these words

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God.