

ORDINATION OF BISHOPS

1. *The Ordination is set within the Eucharist.*
2. *The Primus, or some other bishop acting for the Primus, shall preside at the Ordination and shall be assisted by at least two other bishops.*
3. *The Ordination shall take place in the Cathedral Church of the new Bishop unless for some urgent reason it be determined otherwise.*
4. *Readings and psalms may be taken from the Proper of the Day or from the list provided. Others may be selected at the discretion of the presiding Bishop.*
5. *A sermon shall be preached after the reading of the gospel.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

1. **Collect**

Almighty and everliving God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all members of your holy Church; that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your Name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

2. **Old Testament Reading** *(optional)*

3. **Psalm** *(optional)*

4. **Epistle**

5. **Gospel**

6. **Sermon**

THE ORDINATION

7. Presentation of the Bishop-Elect

The Bishop-elect is presented by the Dean of the Diocese, a representative of the laity of the Diocese and a member of the College of Bishops.

Presenters: Primus/Bishop, we present to you N. After prayer for the guidance of God's Holy Spirit and due process of enquiry, in accordance with the Canons of this Church, those who are qualified to make election have chosen N. to be Bishop of the Diocese of N., believing her/him to be the right and fit person for the exercise of that office. Therefore we ask you to ordain N. to serve in the order of bishops.

8. Response of the Primus

All sit except the Bishop-elect.

Primus: The Church is the People of God, the Body of Christ and the dwelling of the Holy Spirit. It is built upon the foundation of the apostles and the prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone.

In baptism every disciple is called to make Jesus known as Saviour and Lord and to share his work in renewing the world. Some by ordination are given particular tasks.

Bishops follow in the succession of the apostles whom Christ sent to proclaim the Gospel to the world and to bear authority in the community of faith. With their fellow bishops they oversee and care for the universal Church. As people under authority they must be attentive to the Holy Spirit who leads us into all the truth; called into the fellowship of Christ's disciples, they must seek God's will.

Within the diocese the bishop ordains and sends out new ministers, guides and serves the priests and deacons who share in the bishop's responsibility to nurture the community of the baptised.

There is one Lord, by whose authority bishops teach and enable others to bear witness, so that God's Word may enlighten the people of God and heal the nations.

There is one Shepherd, at whose call bishops seek to know his flock and be known by them.

There is one great High Priest of the new covenant, in whose name bishops preside over the church's offering and call all to be of one mind and purpose, that in unity they may present to God a single, holy, living sacrifice.

All kneel. Silent prayer.

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
And lighten with celestial fire;
Thou the anointing spirit art,
Who dost Thy sevenfold gifts impart:

Thy blessèd unction from above
Is comfort, life and fire of love;
Enable with perpetual light
The dullness of our blinded sight:

Anoint and cheer our soilèd 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.

9. Declaration of the Bishop-Elect

The Bishop-elect stands before the Primus. The rest of the congregation sits.

Primus: N. before you are admitted to the Order of Bishops, you must publicly declare that you intend to fulfil the duties of that office as the Church requires. I therefore ask you:

Do you trust that you are truly called by God to the office and work of a bishop in the Church?

Answer: *I do.*

Primus: Will you be a diligent minister of the Word of God, proclaiming the Gospel, teaching the Christian faith and upholding catholic doctrine founded on the Scriptures?

Answer: *By the help of God, I will.*

Primus: Will you, as chief priest and pastor, encourage and support all the baptised in their gifts and ministries. nourish them out of the riches of God's grace, pray for them and celebrate with them the sacraments of our redemption?

Answer: *By the help of God, I will.*

Primus: Will you be merciful to all, show compassion to the poor and strangers and defend those who have no helper?

Answer: *By the help of God, I will.*

Primus: Will you devote yourself to prayer, to reading the Holy Scriptures and to all studies that will increase your faith and deepen your understanding of the truth?

Answer: *By the help of God, I will.*

Primus: Will you, in all your dealings with others, in the life of the Church and in your home, seek to show an example of obedience to the way of Christ?

Answer: *By the help of God, I will.*

Primus: May the Lord who has called you to this work, and given you the will to undertake it, also give you grace to perform it.

People: **Amen.**

The Assent of the People

All stand.

10.

Primus: Do you the people of God in the diocese of trust that N. is truly called by God to be your Bishop?

People: **We do.**

The Calling of the Bishop-Elect

11.

Primus: N., In the name of the Holy Spirit and the Church of Christ we call you to serve as Bishop of this diocese.
Do you accept this call?

Answer: *I do.*

The Bishop-elect steps forward and kneels.

The Prayer of the People

12. A Litany or silent prayer (*see Appendix for alternative Litanies*)

Primus: God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
you call us in your mercy;
you sustain us by your power.
Through every generation,
your Wisdom supplies our need.

From the beginning
you chose the people of Abraham,
raised up rulers and priests,
and never left the sanctuary of your covenant
without its servants.

In the fullness of time,
you founded your Church
by the word of your grace,
choosing in Christ, before the world was made,
those whose lives would proclaim your glory.

You have chosen N., your servant
to be a bishop in the Church.

The Primus and other Bishops lay hands upon the Bishop-Elect

Primus: Pour now upon N. your power,
the Spirit who leads and guides,
the Spirit you gave through your beloved Son to the apostles
to build the living sanctuary of the new covenant.
Grant N. authority
to shepherd your flock;
in the name of Christ the one High Priest
to offer the gifts of your holy church;
to forgive sins as you command,
to order ministries as you direct,
and, by that power which you gave to your apostles,

to loose the bonds of wickedness
and let the oppressed go free.
Through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord
with whom and in whom in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
glory, honour and power are yours,
now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

The Primus may anoint the newly ordained bishop. The bishop is vested according to custom.

13. Giving of the Bible, Pastoral Staff and Ring

Primus: Be a faithful steward of the mysteries of God.
Teach God's truth, declare God's judgements
Care for the flock of Christ.
Bring all together in love.

Seating of the Bishop

14.

*The Bishop proceeds to the Cathedra (the Bishop's Chair)
and begins the Nicene Creed.*

*The new bishop is greeted by the other members of the Order of Bishops.
The Liturgy continues with the Peace, the newly ordained Bishop presiding,
with Presbyters of the Diocese.*

ORDINATION OF PRESBYTERS (Commonly Called Priests)

1. *The Ordination is set within the Eucharist.*
2. *Readings and psalms may be taken from the Proper of the Day or from the list provided. Others may be selected at the discretion of the bishop.*
3. *A sermon shall be preached after the reading of the gospel.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

1. Collect

Almighty and everliving God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all members of your holy Church; that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your Name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

2. Old Testament Reading (optional)

3. Psalm (optional)

4. Epistle

5. Gospel

6. Sermon

THE ORDINATION

7. Presentation of the Candidate

The candidate is presented by a presbyter and a lay person of the Diocese.

Presenters: Primus/Bishop, we present to you N., who is commended by those in this Church who know her/him and by those who have taught and prepared her/him. We therefore ask you to ordain N. to serve in the Order of Presbyters.

8. Response of the Bishop

All sit except the candidate.

Bishop: The Church is the People of God, the Body of Christ and the dwelling of the Holy Spirit. It is built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets. Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone.

In baptism every disciple is called to make Jesus known as Saviour and Lord and to share his work in renewing the world. Some by ordination are given particular tasks.

The ministerial priesthood and the priesthood of all believers are related. Each in its proper way partakes of the one priesthood of Christ.

Presbyters share in the priestly ministry of their bishop. With their fellow presbyters they serve and sustain the community of the faithful that we may grow into the fullness of Christ and be a living sacrifice acceptable to God.

Presbyters pray and care for those committed to their charge, enabling them to respond freely to God's call.

They proclaim the coming of the Kingdom, calling sinners to repentance and absolving them in God's name.

They preside at the Eucharist and draw together in worship those who come to the Lord's Table, so that fed by the Body and Blood of Christ they may go out to serve God in the unity of the Spirit.

So great a task can be carried out only in the power of the Holy Spirit to whom we now pray.

All kneel. Silent prayer.

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
And lighten with celestial fire;
Thou the anointing Spirit art,
Who dost Thy sevenfold gifts impart:

Thy blessèd unction from above
Is comfort, life, and fire of love;
Enable with perpetual light
The dullness of our blinded sight:

Anoint and cheer our soilèd 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.

9. Declaration of the Candidate

All sit. The candidate stands before the bishop.

Bishop: N., before you are admitted to the Order of Presbyters, you must publicly declare that you intend to fulfil the duties of that office as the Church requires. I therefore ask you:

Do you trust that you are truly called by God to the office and work of a presbyter in the Church?

Answer: *I do.*

Bishop: Will you be a diligent minister of the Word of God, proclaiming the Gospel, teaching the Christian faith and upholding catholic doctrine founded on the Scriptures?

Answer: *By the help of God, I will.*

Bishop: Will you respect the pastoral direction, leadership and guidance of your bishop?

Answer: *By the help of God, I will.*

Bishop: Will you, as priest and pastor, faithfully administer the sacraments of the new covenant and lead God's people in mission?

Answer: *By the help of God, I will.*

Bishop: Will you devote yourself to prayer, to reading the Holy Scriptures and to all studies that will increase your faith and deepen your understanding of the truth?

Answer: *By the help of God, I will.*

Bishop: Will you, in all your dealings with others, in the life of the Church and in your home, seek to show an example of obedience to the way of Christ?

Answer: *By the help of God, I will.*

Bishop: May the Lord who has called you to this work, and given you the will to undertake it, also give you grace to perform it.

People: **Amen.**

The Assent of the People

All stand.

10.

Bishop: Do you the people of God, trust that N. is truly called by God to serve in the order of presbyters?

People: **We do.**

The Calling of the Candidate

11.

Bishop: In the name of the Holy Spirit and of the Church of Christ we call you to serve in the order of presbyters.
Do you accept this call?

Answer: *I do.*

The candidate steps forward and kneels.

The Prayer of the People

12. A Litany or silent prayer (*See Appendix for alternative Litanies*)

13.

Bishop: God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
you call us in your mercy;
you sustain us by your power.
Through every generation,
your Wisdom supplies our need.
You sent your only Son, Jesus Christ,
to be the apostle and high priest of our faith
and the shepherd of souls.
By his death he has overcome death,
and having ascended into heaven,
has poured out his Spirit,
making some apostles,
some prophets, some evangelists,
some pastors and teachers,
to equip all for the work of ministry
and to build up his body, the Church.

You have chosen your servant N.

The Bishop and Presbyters lay hands on the head of the candidate

Pour now upon her/him your Spirit
for the office and work of a presbyter in your church.

Grant her/him authority to loose the bonds of sin,
that what is wounded may be healed,
what is divided, reconciled,
and what is lost, restored.

Renew her/him in holiness,
that others may be led to you.
In the power of word and sacrament
may she/he serve and sustain your Church.

Through Christ who died for us, rose again,
and lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

*The Bishop may anoint the newly ordained presbyter.
The presbyter is vested according to custom.*

14. Giving of the Bible and of the Chalice and Paten

The Bishop hands the Bible and the chalice and paten prepared for the Eucharist, to the new Presbyter.

Bishop: Be a faithful steward of the mysteries of God.

Proclaim God's word, declare God's forgiveness.

Celebrate the sacraments.

Care for God's people.

The presbyters greet the newly ordained.

The Liturgy continues with the Peace.

ORDINATION OF DEACONS

1. *The Ordination is set within the Eucharist.*
2. *Readings and psalms may be taken from the Proper of the Day or from the list provided. Others may be selected at the discretion of the Bishop.*
3. *A sermon shall be preached after the reading of the gospel.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

1. **Collect**

Almighty and everliving God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all members of your holy Church; that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your Name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

2. **Old Testament Reading** (*Optional*)

3. **Psalm** (*optional*)

4. **Epistle**

5. **Gospel**

6. **Sermon**

THE ORDINATION

1. Presentation of the Candidate

The candidate is presented by a deacon or presbyter and a lay person of the diocese.

Presenters: Primus/Bishop, we present to you N., who is commended by those in this Church who know her/him and by those who have taught and prepared her/him. We therefore ask you to ordain N. to serve in the Order of Deacons.

2. Response of the Bishop

All sit except the candidate.

Bishop: The Church is the People of God, the Body of Christ and the dwelling of the Holy Spirit. It is built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone.

In baptism every disciple is called to make Jesus known as Saviour and Lord and to share his work in renewing the world. Some by ordination are given particular tasks.

Deacons share with the bishop and presbyters in the ministry of word and sacrament and in works of love.

In a distinctive way deacons are a sign of that humility which marks all service offered in the name of Christ. They bear witness to the Lord who laid aside all claims of dignity, assumed the nature of a slave and accepted death on a cross.

In the name of the Church, deacons care for those in need, serving God and the world after the pattern of Christ.

To fulfil such a task is not in human power but depends upon the grace of God to whom we now pray.

Silent prayer.

9. Declaration of the Candidate

All sit. The candidate stands before the Bishop.

Bishop: N., before you are admitted to the Order of Deacons, you must publicly declare that you intend to fulfil the duties of that office as the Church requires. I therefore ask you:

Do you trust that you are truly called by God to serve as a deacon in the Church?

Answer: *I do.*

Bishop: Will you be a diligent minister of the Word of God, proclaiming the Gospel, teaching the Christian faith and upholding catholic doctrine founded on the Scriptures?

Answer: *By the help of God, I will.*

Bishop: Will you respect the pastoral direction, leadership and guidance of your bishop?

Answer: *By the help of God, I will.*

Bishop: Will you be ready to help and serve those in need seeing in them the Lord Jesus Christ?

Answer: *By the help of God, I will.*

Bishop: Will you devote yourself to prayer, to reading the Holy Scriptures and to all studies that will increase your faith and deepen your understanding of the truth?

Answer: *By the help of God, I will.*

Bishop: Will you, in all your dealings with others, in the life of the Church and in your home, seek to show an example of obedience to the way of Christ?

Answer: *By the help of God, I will.*

Bishop: May the Lord who has called you to this work, and given you the will to undertake it, also give you grace to perform it.

People: **Amen.**

The Assent of the People

All stand.

10.

Bishop: Do you the people of God in this place, trust that N. is truly called by God to serve as a deacon in the Church?

People: **We do.**

The Calling of the Candidate

11.

Bishop: In the name of the Holy Spirit and of the Church of Christ we call you to serve in the order of deacons.

Do you accept this call?

Answer: *I do.*

The Prayer of the People

12. A Litany or silent prayer (*See Appendix for alternative Litanies*)

Bishop: Father of all,
your only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
came among us in humility,
and taught that those who rule must serve.
Through every age he sends his Spirit
to fill those whom he has chosen,
to equip his people for ministry
and to build up his body, the Church.

You have called your servant N.

The Bishop lays hands on the head of the candidate

Pour now upon her/him your Spirit
and make her/him a deacon in your Church,
to proclaim your love in word and deed.
As our Master Jesus washed the disciples' feet,
may your servant follow that example.

May N. be holy, disciplined and sincere;
may her/his words declare your truth,
that her/his life may shine with
the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ
who with you and the Holy Spirit
lives and reigns one God for ever and ever.

People: **Amen.**

The deacon is vested according to custom.

13. Giving of the Bible

The Bible is handed to the new deacon by the Bishop.

Bishop: Teach God's truth.

Draw people to God's reconciling love.

The deacons greet the newly ordained.

The Liturgy continues with the Peace

Appendix

Alternative Litanies for use at Ordinations authorised for permissive use.

LITANY I

God the Father,
have mercy on us.

God the Son,
have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit,
have mercy on us.

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity,
have mercy on us

By the greatness of your love,
good Lord, deliver us.

By your coming in the flesh,
good Lord, deliver us.

By your dying for your people,
good Lord, deliver us.

By your rising to new life,
good Lord, deliver us.

By your gift of the Spirit,
good Lord, deliver us.

By the prayers of the whole company of Heaven,
draw us to yourself.

As you called Mary to be the Mother of the Lord,
sanctify our wills.

As you were glorified in Ninian, bringer of good tidings,
lighten our darkness.

As you empowered Columba, apostle of our land,
strengthen our weakness.

As you received the worship of Kentigern, Mungo the loved one,
deepen our love.

As you advanced your kingdom through the work of Margaret,
Mother and Queen,
fill us with zeal.

As you built up this church by the witness of ...,
renew us in faith.

Guide and protect your Church, fill us with love and truth and grant us that
unity which is your will.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Make us bold to preach the Gospel in all the world and to make disciples of
all the nations.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Enlighten your ministers with understanding and bless *N.* now to be made
bishop (*priest, deacon*).
Lord, hear our prayer.

May *N. (they)* be an instrument(*s*) of your peace,
(*a*) proclaimer(*s*) of your truth,
(*a*) bearer(*s*) of your love.
Lord, hear our prayer.

May all your people hear and receive your word
and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Uphold the weak
raise up those who fall
and strengthen us all by your power.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Thanks and glory be to you, O holy Trinity,
for calling us to your service
to a heritage so great,
a life so rich,
a salvation so dearly bought.
All glory be to you, O Lord.

LITANY II

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 it 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 all bishops, priests, and deacons, that they may be filled with your love,
may hunger for truth, and may thirst after righteousness.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For N., chosen bishop (*priest, deacon*) in your Church,
we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

That *she/he* may faithfully fulfil the duties of this 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 *she/he* may be sustained and encouraged to persevere to the end,
we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For *N.*'s family (the members of *her/his* household *or community*), that they may be adorned with all Christian virtues,
we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

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 it 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.....), 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 [*blessed N.*] 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.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

LITANY III

God the Father,
have mercy on us.

God the Son,
have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit,
have mercy on us.

Holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity,
have mercy on us.

From all evil and mischief:
from pride, vanity, and hypocrisy:
from envy, hatred, and malice:
and from all evil intent.
good Lord, deliver us.

From sloth, worldliness, and love of money:
from hardness of heart
and contempt for your word and your laws,
good Lord, deliver us.

From sins of body and mind:
from the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil;
from error and false doctrine,
good Lord, deliver us.

In all times of sorrow,
in all times of joy:
in the hour of death,
and at the day of judgement,
good Lord, deliver us.

Govern and direct your holy Church: fill it with love and truth: and grant it
that unity which is your will.
Hear us, good Lord.

Give us boldness to preach the gospel in all the world, and to make disciples of all the nations.

Hear us, good Lord.

Enlighten your ministers with knowledge and understanding, that by their teaching and their lives they may proclaim your word.

Hear us, good Lord.

Bless your servant(s) now to be made bishop (*priest, deacon*), that *she/he* may serve your Church and reveal your glory in the world.

Hear us, good Lord.

Give your people grace to hear and receive your word, and to bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

Hear us, good Lord.

Bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived.

Hear us, good Lord.

Strengthen those who stand: comfort and help the faint-hearted: raise up the fallen; and finally beat down Satan under our feet.

Hear us, good Lord.

Give us true repentance:

forgive us our sins of negligence and ignorance and our deliberate sins:

and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit

to amend our lives according to your holy word.

**Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.**

READINGS FOR ORDINATION

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| Old Testament | Isaiah 6, 1-8 |
| | Isaiah 58, 6-8 |
| | Isaiah 61, 1-3 |
| | Jeremiah 1, 4-9 |
| | Ezekiel 33, 1-9 |
| | Ezekiel 34, 11-16 |
| Psalms | 96: 99: 116: 117: 145, 1-7 or v. 13-21 or whole psalm |
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| Epistles | Romans 12, 1-12 |
| | 2 Corinthians 4, 1-2. 5-7 |
| | 2 Corinthians 5, 5. 14-20 |
| | 1 Timothy 3, 8-13 |
| | 1 Timothy 4, 12-16 |
| | 2 Timothy 1, 6-14 |
| | Philippians 4, 4-9 |
| 1 Peter 5, 1-4 | |
| Gospel | Mark 10, 35-45 |
| | Matthew 20, 20-28 |
| | Luke 12, 55-44 |
| | John 10, 11-16 |
| | John 13, 1-17 |
| | John 17, 1-9 or 18-21 |
| | John 20, 19-23 |
| John 21, 15-17 | |