

THE ORDINAL

NOTES FOR THE WHOLE ORDINAL

1 The threefold Ministry

The Church of Ireland maintains the historic threefold ministry of bishops, priests (also called presbyters), and deacons. Its ministers are ordained by bishops according to authorized forms of service, with prayer and the laying on of hands (see the Preamble and Declaration to the Constitution of the Church of Ireland, the Preface to the Ordinal (1662), and the Constitution itself).

2 Consecration of Bishops

Bishops must be consecrated by at least three other bishops, joining together in the act of laying on of hands, of whom one shall be the archbishop of the province or a bishop acting as deputy. Two assisting bishops should accompany the archbishop throughout.

Such consecrations should take place on a Sunday or Holy Day.

A consecration may appropriately take place in the metropolitan cathedral or in a cathedral of the vacant see. In the latter case it is appropriate that, once consecrated, the new bishop receives the pastoral staff, is placed in the episcopal seat and subsequently presides at the Eucharist.

3 Ordination of Priests and Deacons

Priests (or presbyters) share with the bishop in laying hands on the heads of those ordained to the order of priest. The bishop alone lays hands on the heads of those ordained to the order of deacon.

4 The Declarations

The declarations as required by the Constitution of the Church of Ireland are taken prior to the service of ordination of deacons and priests.

5 Form of Service

Questions concerning the form of service to be used, and other matters concerning the conduct of the service, are to be determined by the bishop who presides at it, in accordance with the rubrics of the service and having regard to tradition and local custom.

6 Readings

The Readings will normally be those indicated in the service. On occasion the readings of the day may be used or readings may be selected from those provided in the Table of Readings page 70

7 *Vesture*

The ordinand may be vested in the vesture of the order before the service begins, or at the appropriate point after the laying on of hands. Deacons and priests are vested with a scarf or stole according to individual choice, and bishops in their episcopal habit (see Canon 12).

8 *The Presentation*

Before the service, the ordinand is appropriately seated with those who will present *him/her* to the bishop; while, after the presentation, it is appropriate that all those being ordained should be seated together.

9 In these services appropriate changes are made to nouns and pronouns when there is only one candidate for ordination.

THE ORDINATION OF DEACONS

The Gathering of God's People

At the entry of the ministers, a hymn, a canticle, or a psalm may be sung. Those to be ordained should be seated among the congregation with those who will present them for ordination.

The bishop says

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

We are the body of Christ.

By the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:

One God and Father of all.

Saint Paul wrote:

Just as in a single human body there are many limbs and organs, all with different functions, so we who are united with Christ, though many, form one body, and belong to one another as its limbs and organs. We have gifts allotted to each of us by God's grace. *Romans 12: 5, 6 (REB)*

Today, giving thanks for the variety of gifts and ministries that God has bestowed on the Church, we have come together to admit to the order of deacons *those* whom we believe God has chosen for this particular ministry within the body, seeking by prayer with the laying on of hands the bestowal of the Holy Spirit for that office and work. In doing so we are maintaining the historic threefold ministry of bishops, priests or presbyters, and deacons in the Church which it has received.

Each candidate is presented by sponsors to the bishop, with the words

Bishop, we present to be ordained deacon.

After all candidates have been presented the bishop asks

Archdeacon, are those responsible for their selection and training satisfied that they are called and ready to be ordained deacon in the Church of God?

Answer **They are satisfied.**

The bishop says to each candidate

...., do you believe in your heart that God has called you to the office and work of a deacon in his Church?

Answer **I believe that God has called me.**

Bishop

Let us pray.

Silence

God our Father, Lord of all the world,
we thank you that through your Son
you have called us into the fellowship of your universal Church.
Hear our prayer for your faithful people
that in their vocation and ministry
they may be instruments of your love,
and give to these your servants now to be ordained
the needful gifts of grace;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

On a principal holy day or festival the Collect of the Day may be used.

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 6: 1-8

THE PSALM

Psalms 119: 33-38

- 33 Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes ■
and I shall keep it to the end.
- 34 Give me understanding and I shall keep your law; ■
I shall keep it with my whole heart.
- 35 Lead me in the path of your commandments, ■
for therein is my delight.

- 36 Incline my heart to your testimonies ■
and not to unjust gain.
- 37 Turn away my eyes lest they gaze on vanities; ■
O give me life in your ways.
- 38 Confirm to your servant your promise, ■
which stands for all who fear you.

THE SECOND READING

Romans 12: 1-12

A canticle, hymn or anthem may be sung.

THE GOSPEL READING

Mark 10: 35-45

The reading is introduced with the following words:

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ according to Saint Mark, chapter ten beginning at verse thirty-five.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

And concludes with

This is the Gospel of the Lord:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE SERMON

THE NICENE CREED

Mindful of our baptism we proclaim the faith of the universal church:

**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 and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,**

was incarnate by the Holy Spirit 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 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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped 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 Rite of Ordination

THE DECLARATIONS

The candidates stand before the bishop, and the people sit.

The bishop says

Deacons in the Church of God serve in the name of Christ, and so remind the whole Church that serving others is at the heart of all ministry. Deacons have a special responsibility to ensure that those in need are cared for with compassion and humility. They are to strengthen the faithful, search out the careless and the indifferent, and minister to the sick, the needy, the poor and those in trouble.

When called upon to do so, they may baptize, preach and give instruction in the faith.

Deacons assist the bishop and priest under whom they serve. When the people are gathered for worship, deacons are authorized to read the Gospel, lead the people in intercession, and distribute the bread and wine of Holy Communion.

The bishop asks those to be ordained

Do you believe and accept the holy Scriptures as revealing all things necessary for eternal salvation through faith in Jesus Christ?

Answer **I do.**

Do you believe and accept the doctrine of the Christian faith as the Church of Ireland has received it?

Answer **I do.**

In your ministry will you expound the Scriptures and teach that doctrine?

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

Will you accept the discipline of this Church and give due respect to those set over you in the Lord?

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

Will you be diligent in prayer, in reading holy Scripture, and in all studies that will deepen your faith and fit you to uphold the truth of the Gospel?

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

Will you strive to fashion your own life and your family relationships according to the way of Christ?

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

Will you be faithful in visiting the sick, in caring for the poor and needy, and in helping the oppressed?

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

Will you promote unity, peace, and love among all Christian people, and especially among those whom you serve?

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

Will you then, in the strength of the Holy Spirit, continually stir up the gift of God that is in you, to make Christ known to all people?

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

The bishop presents the candidates to the people, and says

You have heard the testimony of those who present these candidates for ordination, and also their own declarations made before you. Those whose duty it is to inquire about these persons and examine them have also found them to be of godly life and sound learning, and believe them to be duly called to serve God in this ministry.

If any of you knows sufficient cause why any of these persons should not be ordained deacon, come forward and make it known.

Is it therefore your will that they should be ordained?

Answer **It is.**

Will you uphold them in their ministry?

Answer **We will.**

PRAYERS

Bishop

Because none of us can bear the weight of this ministry in our own strength, but only by the grace and power of God, let us pray earnestly for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on these persons.

Let us pray also that God will each day enlarge and enlighten their understanding of the Scriptures, so that they may grow stronger and more mature in their ministry, as they fashion their lives and the lives of the people they serve on the word of God.

The bishop or some other minister leads the prayers for the candidates and for the ministry of the whole Church.

Either of the following is used.

God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,
have mercy on us.

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit, giver of life,
have mercy on us.

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity,
three Persons in one God,
have mercy on us.

Save us, good Lord:
from all sin and wickedness,
from pride, hypocrisy and conceit,
from envy, hatred and malice, and all uncharitableness,
save us, good Lord.

From sins of thought, word and deed,
from the lusts of the flesh,
from the deceits of the world and the snares of the devil,
save us, good Lord.

From fire, storm and flood,
from disease, pestilence and want,
from war and murder, and from dying unprepared,
save us, good Lord.

From all false doctrine,
from hardness of heart,
and from contempt of your word and commandment,
save us, good Lord.

In times of sorrow and in times of joy,
in the hour of death,
and in the day of judgement,
save us, good Lord.

Save us, Lord Christ:
by the mystery of your holy incarnation,
by your birth, childhood and obedience,
by your baptism, fasting and temptation,
save us, Lord Christ.

By your ministry in word and work,
by your mighty acts of power,
and by your preaching of the kingdom,
save us, Lord Christ.

By your agony and trial,
by your cross and passion,
and by your precious death and burial,
save us, Lord Christ.

By your mighty resurrection,
by your glorious ascension,
and by your sending of the Holy Spirit,
save us, Lord Christ.

Hear us, good Lord:
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 your Church courage to preach the gospel
and to make disciples of all the nations,
hear us, good Lord.

Give knowledge and understanding
to bishops, priests and deacons,
that by their life and teaching they may proclaim your word,
hear us, good Lord.

Bless your *servants* now to be made *deacons*
that *they* may faithfully serve your Church
and reveal your glory in the world,
hear us, good Lord.

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

Bring all who have erred and are deceived
into the way of truth,
hear us, good Lord.

Saviour of the world,
forgive our sins, known and unknown,
things done, and left undone;
grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit
that we may amend our lives according to your holy word,
and share with all your people the joys of your eternal kingdom.

Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins,
have mercy on us.

Jesus, Redeemer of the world,
give us your peace.

Bishop

Lord, you are merciful and forgive our sins.
You hear those who pray in the name of your Son.
Grant that what we have asked in faith
we may obtain according to your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Or

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 humbly pray that you will hear us, good Lord.
Grant to your people the forgiveness of sins,
growth in grace,
and the fruit of the Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Send your peace to the world
which you have reconciled to yourself
by the ministry of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Heal the divisions of your Church,
that all may be one,
so that the world may believe.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Lead the members of your Church in their vocation and ministry,
that they may serve you in true and godly living.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Raise up faithful and able ministers for your Church,
that the gospel may be known to all people.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Fill them with compassion,
clothe them with humility,
and move them to care for all your people.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Inspire all bishops, priests and deacons with your love,
that with all your people they may hunger for truth.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Bless your *servants*

who are to be admitted to the order of deacon
pour your grace upon *them*,
that *they* may faithfully fulfil the duties of this ministry,
build up your Church and glorify your name.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Sustain by the indwelling of your Holy Spirit,
all who are called to the ordained ministries of your Church,
and encourage them to persevere to the end.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Gather us with all your saints into your eternal kingdom.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Bishop

Eternal God and Father,
you have promised to hear those who pray
in the name of your Son:

Grant that what we have asked in faith,
we may obtain according to your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Silence is kept.

An appropriate hymn of invocation to the Holy Spirit is sung, kneeling.

THE ORDINATION PRAYER
WITH THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

The bishop stands. The congregation stands.

The candidates kneel before the bishop, who says

Praise God who made heaven and earth,
who keeps his promise for ever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We praise and glorify you, most merciful Father,
because in your great love for humankind
you sent your only Son Jesus Christ
to take the form of a servant.

He came to serve and not to be served;
and taught us that he who would be great among us
must be the servant of all.

He humbled himself for our sake,
and in obedience accepted death,
even death on a cross;
therefore you highly exalted him
and gave him the name which is above every name.

And now we give you thanks
that you have called *these your servants*,
whom we ordain in your name
to share this ministry entrusted to your Church.

Here the bishop lays hands on the head of each candidate, and says
Pour out your Holy Spirit upon your servant
for the office and work of a deacon in your Church.

The bishop having laid hands on all of them, continues
Give to *these your servants*
grace and power to fulfil *their* ministry.
Make *them* faithful to serve, ready to teach,
constant in advancing your gospel;
and grant that, always having full assurance of faith,
abounding in hope,
and being rooted and grounded in love,
they may continue strong and steadfast
in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
to whom, with you and your Holy Spirit,
belong glory and honour, worship and praise,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

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Or

Praise God who made heaven and earth,
who keeps his promise for ever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We praise and glorify you,
because you have given us your only Son Jesus Christ,
the image of your eternal and invisible glory,
the firstborn of creation, and the head of the Church.

Glory to you, Lord.

We praise and glorify you, most merciful Father,
because in your great love for all people,
you sent your only Son Jesus Christ
to take the form of a servant.

Glory to you, Lord.

He came to serve and not to be served,
and taught us that those who would be great among us
must be the servants of all.

Glory to you, Lord.

He humbled himself for our sake,
and in obedience accepted death, even death on a cross;
therefore you highly exalted him
and gave him the name which is above every name.

Glory to you, Lord.

We praise and glorify you that by his death he has overcome death,
and having ascended into heaven,
he has poured out his gifts abundantly,
to equip your people for the work of ministry and the building up of his body.

Glory to you, Lord.

And now we give you thanks that you have called *these your servants*
whom we ordain in your name,
to share the work of ministry entrusted to your Church.

Glory to you, Lord.

Therefore, Father, through Christ our Lord,

Here the bishop lays hands on the head of each candidate and says
pour out your Holy Spirit upon
for the office and work of a deacon in your Church.

The bishop having laid hands on all of them, continues

Fill *them* with grace and power that *they* may fulfil *their* ministry.

Pour out your Spirit, Lord.

Make *them* faithful to serve,
ready to teach,
constant in advancing your Gospel,
proclaiming by word and action the word of salvation
with full assurance of faith,
abounding in hope
and rooted and grounded in love.

Pour out your Spirit, Lord.

Grant *them* wisdom and discipline to work faithfully
with *their* fellow-servants in Christ,
continuing strong and steadfast in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Pour out your Spirit, Lord.

Accept our prayers, most merciful Father,
through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom with you and your Holy Spirit,
belong glory and honour, worship and praise,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

Each of the newly-ordained deacons is vested with a scarf or stole, if this has not already been done.

The bishop gives a bible to each deacon, saying

Receive this Book, as a sign of the authority
which God has given you this day to proclaim his word to his people.
Make it known in your words and in your deeds.

Bishop

Brothers and sisters in Christ, I present to you these persons
who have been ordained deacons in the Church of God.

The new deacons may be welcomed.

THE PEACE

The bishop introduces the Peace with these or other suitable words:

Jesus said, A new commandment I give to you,
that you love one another:
even as I have loved you, that you love one another.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

It is appropriate that the congregation share with one another a sign of peace. This may be introduced with the words:

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Celebrating at the Lord's Table

THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

Stand

The bishop takes the bread and wine and may say

Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us
therefore let us celebrate the feast.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

One of the following Eucharistic Prayers is said by the bishop:

PRAYER 1

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

or

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Father, almighty and everliving God,
at all times and in all places

it is right to give you thanks and praise:

Your Son Jesus Christ took the form of a servant,
and by his example taught us to be servants of all:

And so with all your people,
with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!**

Blessed are you, Father,
the creator and sustainer of all things;
you made us in your own image,
male and female you created us;
even when we turned away from you,
you never ceased to care for us,
but in your love and mercy you freed us from the slavery of sin,
giving your only begotten Son to become man
and suffer death on the cross to redeem us:
he made there the one complete and all-sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world:
he instituted, and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue,
a perpetual memory of his precious death
until he comes again.

On the night that he was betrayed he took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,
and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat,
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup;
and when he had given thanks to you,
he gave it to them, saying, Drink this, all of you,
for this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we do as Christ your Son commanded:

**we remember his passion and death,
we celebrate his resurrection and ascension,
and we look for the coming of his kingdom.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving;
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts,
grant by the power of the life-giving Spirit
that we may be made one in your holy Church
and partakers of the body and blood of your Son,
that he may dwell in us and we in him:

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
**all honour and glory are yours, Almighty Father,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

PRAYER 2

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

or

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All glory and honour, thanks and praise
be given to you at all times and in all places,
Lord, holy Father, true and living God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For he is your eternal Word
through whom you have created all things from the beginning
and formed us in your own image.

In your great love you gave him
to be made man for us and to share our common life.

In obedience to your will
your Son our Saviour offered himself as a perfect sacrifice,
and died on the cross for our redemption.

Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin
and reconciled us to yourself, our God and Father.

He is our great high priest
whom you raised from death
and exalted to your right hand on high
where he ever lives to intercede for us.

Through him you have sent upon us
your holy and life-giving Spirit
and made us a royal priesthood
called to serve you for ever.

Therefore with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Merciful Father, we thank you
for these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine,
and we pray that we who eat and drink them
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
in obedience to our Saviour Christ
in remembrance of his death and passion
may be partakers of his body and his blood,
who on the night he was betrayed took bread;
and when he had given you thanks
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
Take, eat. This is my body which is given for you;
Do this in remembrance of me.

After supper, he took the cup,
and again giving you thanks
he gave it to his disciples, saying,
Drink from this, all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Father, with this bread and this cup,
we do as our Saviour has commanded:
we celebrate the redemption he has won for us;
we proclaim his perfect sacrifice,
made once for all upon the cross,
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
and we look for his coming
to fulfil all things according to your will.

Christ has died;

Christ is risen;

Christ will come again.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit,
unite us in the body of your Son,
and bring us with all your people
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom and in whom,
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

PRAYER 3

The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.

or

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Father, Lord of all creation,
we praise you for your goodness and your love.
When we turned away you did not reject us.
You came to meet us in your Son,
welcomed us as your children
and prepared a table where we might feast with you.

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.
**He opened wide his arms upon the cross
and, with love stronger than death,
he made the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

Lord Jesus Christ, our redeemer,
on the night before you died
you came to table with your friends.
Taking bread, you gave thanks, broke it
and gave it to them saying,
Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Lord Jesus, we bless you:
you are the bread of life.**

At the end of supper
you took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said,
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Lord Jesus, we bless you:
you are the true vine.**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ:
**dying, you destroyed our death,
rising, you restored our life;
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Holy Spirit, giver of life,
come upon us now;
may this bread and wine be to us
the body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ.
**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us, who know our need of grace,
one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Blessed Trinity:
with your whole Church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of thanks and praise
and lift our voice to join the song of heaven,
for ever praising you and saying:
**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Thanks be to you, our God, for your gift beyond words.
Amen. Amen. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The presiding minister says

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, so we pray

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

or

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say
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, the power, and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The bishop (who may be assisted by the deacon) breaks the consecrated bread in preparation for the Communion.

The bread which we break
is a sharing in the body of Christ.
**We being many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.**

THE COMMUNION

The bishop says

Draw near with faith.
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.
Remember that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

or

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

or

Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God,
who has taken away the sins of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.
Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.

Going Out as God's People

After the Great Silence a hymn may be sung.

The bishop says

Let us pray.
Almighty God,
you have chosen and ordained *these your servants*
to be *deacons* in your church,
and given *them* the will to undertake this task:
Give *them* also the strength to perform it,
that *they* may complete the work which you have begun in *them*;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All say

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the spiritual food
of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

The bishop says

Almighty God,
stir up in you the gifts of his grace,
sustain each one of you in your ministry;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the Name of Christ. Amen.

The newly-ordained depart, each carrying the bible, accompanied by representatives of the parish and diocese.