

Solemn Mass of

Ordination to the Priesthood

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Introductory Rites

Entrance Hymn

(Please stand)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him for he is your health and salvation.
All you who hear, now to his altar draw near,
join in profound adoration.

Praise to the Lord, let us offer our gifts at the altar.
Let not our sins and transgressions now cause us to falter.
Christ the high priest bids us all join in his feast,
victims with him on the altar.

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper our work and defend us;
surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend us;
ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
who with his love will befriend us.

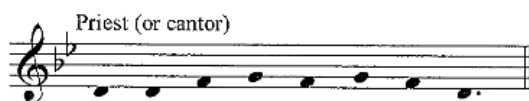
Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in us adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now in praises before him!
Let the Amen sound from his people again,
now as we worship before him.

Text: vv. 1,2 and 4 *Lobe den Herren den mächtigen König*; Joachim Neander, 1650-1680;
trans. Catherine Winkworth 1827-1878 et al.; *alt.*

Music: LOBE DEN HERREN 14 14.4 7 8; Later form of a chorale melody in the *Siralsund Gesangbuch* 1665.

Gloria

Priest (or cantor)




Glo - ry to God in the high - est,

Cantor/choir



and on earth peace to peo - ple of good will.

Assembly C. A.



We praise you, we bless you, we a - dore you,

C. A.



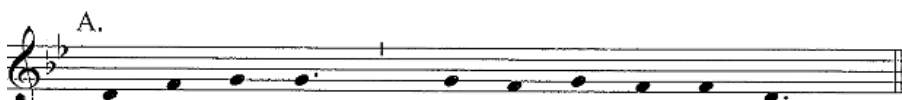
we glo - ri - fy you, we give you thanks for your great glo - ry,

C.



Lord God, hea - ven - ly King, O God, al - might - y Fa - ther.

A.



Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly Be - got - ten Son,

C.



Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther,

A.



you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us;

C.



you take a - way the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer;

A.
you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther, have mer-cy on us.

C.
For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,

A. C.
you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,

A.
Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

A - men.

Music: Gloria XV, chant mode IV, adapt, © 2010, ICCEL

Collect

Archbishop: Let us pray.
 Lord our God, who in governing your people make use of the ministry of Priests, grant a persevering obedience to your will to these Deacons of your Church, whom you graciously choose today for the office of the priesthood, so that by their ministry and life they may gain glory for you in Christ. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

(Please be seated)

(Isa 61:1-3)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah:

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me,
for the Lord has anointed me.
He has sent me to bring good news to the poor,
to bind up hearts that are broken;
to proclaim liberty to captives,
freedom to those in prison;
to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord,
a day of vengeance for our God,
to comfort all those who mourn and to give them
for ashes a garland;
for mourning robe the oil of gladness,
for despondency, praise.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

(All repeat after the cantor and throughout)

(Ps 62:2-8. R. v.2)



℞ My soul is thirst-ing for_ you, O Lord, my God.

Music: Willcock b. 1947

Second Reading

(Rom 12:4-8)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans:

Just as each of our bodies has several parts and each part has a separate function, so all of us, in union with Christ, form one body, and as parts of it we belong to each other. Our gifts differ according to the grace given us. If your gift is prophecy, then use it as your faith suggests; if administration, then use it for administration; if teaching, then use it for teaching. Let the preachers deliver sermons, the almsgivers give freely, the officials be diligent, and those who do works of mercy do them cheerfully.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

(Please stand and all repeat after the cantor)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Music: Colin Mawby b.1936

Cantor: I call you my friends, says the Lord, for I have made known to you all that the Father has told me.

Gospel

(John 15:9-17)

Archbishop: The Lord be with you.

All: *And with your spirit.*

Archbishop: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

All: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you.

Remain in my love.

If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love,

just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and remain in his love.

I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you

and your joy be complete.

This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you.

A man can have no greater love

than to lay down his life for his friends.

You are my friends, if you do what I command you.

I shall not call you servants any more,

because a servant does not know his master’s business;

I call you friends, because I have made known to you

everything I have learned from my Father.

You did not choose me, no, I chose you;

and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit,

fruit that will last;

and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name.

What I command you is to love one another.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

Rite of Ordination of Priests

Election of the Candidates for the Priesthood

Deacon: Let those to be ordained Priests come forward.
Jude Johnson, Simeon Anthony, Jude-Thaddeus Ezeme,
and James Baptist.

Candidates: Present.

Fr Denis: Most Reverend Father, holy mother Church asks you to
ordain these men, our brothers, to the responsibility of
the Priesthood.

Archbishop: Do you judge them to be worthy?

Fr Denis: After inquiry among the Christian people and upon
the recommendation of those responsible, I testify that
they have been found worthy.

Archbishop: Relying on the help of the Lord God and our Saviour
Jesus Christ, we choose these men, our brothers, for the
Order of the Priesthood.

All: Thanks be to God.

Homily

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli

Promise of the Elect for the Priesthood

Archbishop: Dear sons, before you enter the Order of the Priesthood,
you must declare before the people your intention to
undertake this office.

Do you resolve, with the help of the Holy Spirit,
to discharge without fail the office of Priesthood in the
presbyteral rank, as worthy fellow workers with the
Order of Bishops in caring for the Lord's flock?

Candidates: I do.

Archbishop: Do you resolve to exercise the ministry of the word worthily and wisely, preaching the Gospel and teaching the Catholic faith?

Candidates: I do.

Archbishop: Do you resolve to celebrate faithfully and reverently, in accord with the Church's tradition, the mysteries of Christ, especially the Sacrifice of the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, for the glory of God and the sanctification of the Christian people?

Candidates: I do.

Archbishop: Do you resolve to implore with us God's mercy upon the people entrusted to your care by observing the command to pray without ceasing?

Candidates: I do.

Archbishop: Do you resolve to be united more closely every day to Christ the High Priest, who offered himself for us to the Father as a pure Sacrifice, and with him to consecrate yourselves to God for the salvation of all?

Candidates: I do, with the help of God.

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

Candidate: I do.

Archbishop: May God who has begun the good work in you bring it to fulfilment.

Litany of Supplication

(Please stand)

Archbishop: My dear people, let us pray that God the all-powerful Father will pour out abundantly the gifts of heaven on these, his servants, whom he has chosen for the office of Priest.

Deacon: Let us kneel.

Saint John Bosco,
Saint Junípero Serra,
Saint John Paul the Second,
All holy men and women, Saints of God,
Lord, be merciful,
From all evil,
From every sin,
From everlasting death,
By your Incarnation,
By your Death and Resurrection,
By the outpouring of the Holy Spirit,

Be merciful to us sinners,
Govern and protect your holy Church,
Keep the Pope and all the ordained in
faithful service to your Church,
Bless these chosen men,
Bless and sanctify these chosen men,
Bless, sanctify, and consecrate these
chosen men,
Bring all peoples together in peace and
true harmony,
Comfort with your mercy the troubled
and the afflicted,
Strengthen all of us and keep us in
your holy service,
Jesus, Son of the living God,

Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.

pray for us.
pray for us.
pray for us.
pray for us.
Lord, deliver us, we pray.
Lord, deliver us, we pray.
Lord, deliver us, we pray.
Lord, deliver us, we pray.
Lord, deliver us, we pray.
Lord, deliver us, we pray.
Lord, deliver us, we pray.
Lord, deliver us, we pray.

Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.
Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.
Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.
Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.
Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.

Archbishop: Hear us, we beseech you, Lord our God, and pour out on these servants of yours the blessing of the Holy Spirit and the power of priestly grace, that those whom in the sight of your mercy we offer to be consecrated, may be surrounded by your rich and unfailing gifts.
Through Christ our Lord.

All: *Amen.*

Cantor: Let us stand.

Laying on of Hands

The Archbishop lays his hands upon the head of each candidate in silence. Then the concelebrating priests extend their hands over the candidates in silence. All pray in silence for a brief period.

Prayer of Ordination

Archbishop: Draw near, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, author of human dignity: it is you who apportion all graces. Through you everything progresses; through you all things are made to stand firm. To form a priestly people, you appoint ministers of Christ your Son by the power of the Holy Spirit, arranging them in different orders.

Already in the earlier covenant offices arose, established through mystical rites: when you set Moses and Aaron over your people to govern and sanctify them, you chose men next in rank and dignity to accompany them and assist them in their task.

So too in the desert you implanted the spirit of Moses in the hearts of seventy wise men; and with their help he ruled your people with greater ease.

So also upon the sons of Aaron you poured an abundant share of their father's plenty, that the number of the priests prescribed by the Law might be sufficient for the sacrifices of the tabernacle, which were a shadow of the good things to come.

But in these last days, holy Father, you sent your Son into the world, Jesus, who is Apostle and High Priest of our confession. Through the Holy Spirit he offered himself to you as a spotless victim; and he made his Apostles, consecrated in the truth, sharers in his mission. You provided them also with companions to proclaim

and carry out the work of salvation throughout the whole world. And now we beseech you, Lord, in our weakness, to grant us these helpers that we need to exercise the Priesthood that comes from the Apostles.

Grant, we pray, Almighty Father, to these your servants the dignity of the Priesthood; renew deep within them the Spirit of holiness; may they henceforth possess this office, which comes from you, O God, and is next in rank to the office of Bishop; and by the example of their manner of life, may they instill right conduct.

May they be worthy co-workers with our Order, so that by their preaching and through the grace of the Holy Spirit the words of the Gospel may bear fruit in human hearts and reach even to the ends of the earth.

Together with us, may they be faithful stewards of your mysteries, so that your people may be renewed in the waters of rebirth and nourished from your altar; so that sinners may be reconciled and the sick raised up. May they be joined with us, Lord, in imploring your mercy for the people entrusted to their care and for all the world.

And so may the full number of the nations, gathered together in Christ, be transformed into your one people and made perfect in your Kingdom. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Investiture with Stole and Chasuble

(Please be seated)

Anointing of Hands

Archbishop: The Lord Jesus Christ, whom the Father anointed with the Holy Spirit and power, guard and preserve you that you may sanctify the Christian people and offer sacrifice to God.

Handing Over of the Bread and Wine

Archbishop: Receive the oblation of the holy people, to be offered to God. Understand what you do, imitate what you celebrate, and conform your life to the mystery of the Lord's Cross.

The Archbishop makes a bow to each of the newly ordained Priest in place of the fraternal kiss. All the Bishops and Priests present, make a bow to the newly ordained Priests as a sign of the fraternal kiss.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Invitation to Prayer

(Please stand)

Archbishop: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All: *May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.*

Prayer over the Offerings

Archbishop: O God, who have willed that your Priests should minister at the holy altar and serve your people, grant by the power of this sacrifice, we pray, that the labours of your servants may constantly please you and in your Church bear that fruit which lasts for ever.
Through Christ our Lord

All: *Amen.*

The Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant *All* ICEL
The Lord be with you. And with your Spi - rit.

Celebrant *All*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant *All*
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right and just.

Archbishop: It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For by the anointing of the Holy Spirit you made your Only Begotten Son High Priest of the new and eternal covenant, and by your wondrous design were pleased to decree that his one Priesthood should continue in the Church. For Christ not only adorns with a royal priesthood the people he has made his own, but with a brother's kindness he also chooses men to become shares in his sacred ministry through the laying on of hands.

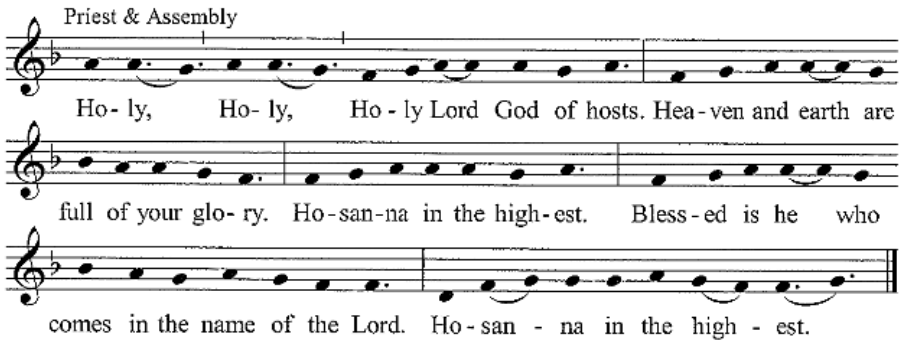
They are to renew in his name the sacrifice of human redemption, to set before your children the paschal banquet, to lead your holy people in charity, to nourish them with the word and strengthen them with the Sacraments.

As they give up their lives for you and for the salvation of their brothers and sisters, they strive to be conformed to the image of Christ himself and offer you a constant witness of faith and love. And so, Lord, with all the Angels and Saints, we, too, give you thanks, as in exultation we acclaim.

Holy, Holy

(Please kneel or sit if unable to kneel)

Priest & Assembly



Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord God of hosts. Hea-ven and earth are
full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

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Archbishop: To you, therefore, most merciful Father,
we make humble prayer and petition
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord:

that you accept and bless ✠ these gifts, these offerings,
these holy and unblemished sacrifices,
which we offer you firstly for your holy catholic Church.
Be pleased to grant her peace, to guard, unite and
govern her throughout the whole world,
together with your servant Francis our Pope
and me your unworthy servant, and all those who,
holding to the truth, hand on the catholic and
apostolic faith.

C¹ Remember, Lord, your servants and all gathered here,
whose faith and devotion are known to you.
For them, we offer you this sacrifice of praise
or they offer it for themselves and all who are dear to them:
for the redemption of their souls, in hope of health and
well-being, and paying their homage to you, the eternal
God, living and true.

C^{II}

In communion with those whose memory we venerate,
especially the glorious ever-Virgin Mary,
Mother of our God and Lord, Jesus Christ,
and blessed Joseph, her Spouse, your blessed Apostles
and Martyrs, Peter and Paul, Andrew, James, John,
Thomas, James, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Simon
and Jude; Linus, Cletus, Clement, Sixtus, Cornelius,
Cyprian, Lawrence, Chrysogonus, John and Paul,
Cosmas and Damian
and all your Saints
we ask that through their merits and prayers,
in all things we may be defended by your protecting help.

Archbishop:

Therefore, Lord, we pray:
graciously accept this oblation of our service,
that of your whole family,
which we make to you also for these your servants
whom you have been pleased to raise
to the Order of Priesthood;
and in your mercy, keep safe your gifts in them,
so that what they have received by divine commission
they may fulfil by divine assistance.

CC

Be pleased, O God, we pray, to bless, acknowledge,
and approve this offering in every respect;
make it spiritual and acceptable,
so that it may become for us
the Body and Blood of your most beloved Son,
our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the day before he was to suffer,
he took bread in his holy and venerable hands,
and with eyes raised to heaven to you, O God, his
almighty Father, giving you thanks, he said the blessing,
broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying:

*Take this, all of you, and eat of it,
for this is my body,
which will be given up for you.*

In a similar way, when supper was ended,
he took this precious chalice
in his holy and venerable hands,
and once more giving you thanks, he said the blessing
and gave the chalice to his disciples, saying:

*Take this, all of you, and drink from it,
for this is the chalice of my blood,
the Blood of the new and eternal covenant,
which will be poured out for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in memory of me.*

Archbishop: The mystery of faith.

Memorial Acclamation

Assembly



We pro - claim your Death, O Lord, and pro - fess your
Re-sur - rec - tion un - til you come a - gain.

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CC Therefore, O Lord,
as we celebrate the memorial of the blessed Passion,
the Resurrection from the dead,

and the glorious Ascension into heaven
of Christ, your Son, our Lord,
we, your servants and your holy people,
offer to your glorious majesty
from the gifts that you have given us,
this pure victim, this holy victim,
this spotless victim, the holy Bread of eternal life
and the Chalice of everlasting salvation.
Be pleased to look upon these offerings
with a serene and kindly countenance,
and to accept them,
as once you were pleased to accept
the gifts of your servant Abel the just,
the sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith,
and the offering of your high priest Melchizedek,
a holy sacrifice, a spotless victim.

In humble prayer we ask you, almighty God:
command that these gifts be borne by the hands of
your holy Angel to your altar on high in the sight of
your divine majesty, so that all of us, who through this
participation at the altar receive the most holy Body and
Blood of your Son, may be filled with every grace and
heavenly blessing.

C^{III} Remember also, Lord, your servants,
who have gone before us with the sign of faith
and rest in the sleep of peace.
Grant them, O Lord, we pray, and all who sleep in Christ,
a place of refreshment, light and peace.

C^{IV} To us, also, your servants, who, though sinners,
hope in your abundant mercies,
graciously grant some share
and fellowship with your holy Apostles and Martyrs:
with John the Baptist, Stephen, Matthias, Barnabas,
Ignatius, Alexander, Marcellinus, Peter, Felicity, Perpetua,

Agatha, Lucy, Agnes, Cecilia, Anastasia
and all your Saints;
admit us, we beseech you, into their company,
not weighing our merits, but granting us your pardon,
through Christ our Lord.

Archbishop: Through whom you continue to make all these
good things,
O Lord; you sanctify them, fill them with life,
bless them, and bestow them upon us.

CC: Through him, and with him, and in him,
O God, almighty Father,
In the unity of Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours,
Forever and ever.

All: Amen.

Communion Rite

The Lord's Prayer

(Please stand)

Archbishop: At the Saviour's command and formed by divine
teaching, we dare to say:

*All: 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.*

Archbishop: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin

and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All: *For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.*

Archbishop: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you; look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

All: *Amen.*

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

All: *And with your spirit.*

Deacon: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

Due to physical distancing measures, a slight bow suffices.

Lamb of God

(Please kneel or sit if unable to kneel)

Cantor Assembly

Lamb of God, * you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us.

Cantor Assembly

Lamb of God, * you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us.

Cantor Assembly

Lamb of God, * you take a-way the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Archbishop: Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

*All: Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.*

Communion Motet

Ave Verum (Karl Jenkins)

Translation: Hail, true Body
born of the Virgin Mary,
who truly suffered,
sacrificed on the Cross for man,
whose pierced side overflowed
with water and blood,
be for us a foretaste
in the trial of death.
O sweet Jesus!
Holy Jesus,
Son of Mary!
Amen

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Prayer after Communion

(Please stand)

Archbishop: Let us pray.
May the divine sacrifice we have offered and received,
O Lord, give new life to your Priests and to all your
servants, that, united to you in unfailing love, they may
receive the grace of giving worthy service to your majesty.
Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

Concluding Rites

Episcopal Blessing

(Please stand)

Archbishop: The Lord be with you.

All: *And with your spirit.*

Archbishop: Blessed be the name of the Lord.

All: *Now and for ever.*

Archbishop: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

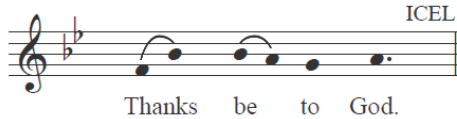
All: *Who made heaven and earth.*

Archbishop: May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All: *Amen.*

Deacon: Go forth, the Mass is ended.

All:



Recessional Hymn

O God beyond all praising

O God beyond all praising,
we worship you today
and sing the love amazing
that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder
at every gift you send,
at blessings without number
and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you
and wait upon your word,
we honour and adore you,
our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Saviour,
accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favour
may serve you as our king;
and whether our tomorrows
be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows
and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty
and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty
our sacrifice of praise.

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