

"Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother"

John 19:25



RITE OF ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD OF

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ENTRANCE HYMN

Priestly People, Kingly People

**Chorus: Priestly people, Kingly people, Holy people,
 God's chosen people, Sing praise to the Lord**

1. We sing to You, O Christ
beloved Son of the Father,
We give You praise, O wisdom
everlasting and word of God
2. We give You praise, O Son
born of Mary the Virgin,
We sing to You,
Our Brother born to heal us
our saving Lord.
3. We sing to You, O brightness
of the splendour and glory,
We give you praise,
O morning star announcing
the coming day.
4. We sing to You, O light
bringing man out of darkness,
We give you praise,
O guiding light who shows us
the way to heaven
5. We sing to You, Messiah
foretold by the prophets,
We give You praise, O Son of
David and Son of Abraham.
6. We sing to You, Messiah
the hope of the people,
We give You praise,
O Christ our Lord King,
humble meek of heart
7. We sing to You, the Way to
the Father in heaven,
We give You praise,
the way of truth and way of
all grace and light
8. We sing to You, O priest of
the new dispensation,
We give you praise,
our peace, sealed by the
blood of the sacrifice
9. We sing to You, O lamb put
to death for the sinner,
We give you praise, O victim
immolated for all mankind.
10. We sing to You, the tabernacle
made by the Father,
We give You praise, the
cornerstone and Saviour
of Israel.
11. We sing to You, the shepherd
who leads to the kingdom,
We give You praise, who
gathers all Your sheep into
one true fold.
12. We sing to You, O fount
ever-flowing with mercy,
We give You praise,
who give us living water
to quench our thirst
13. We sing to You, true vine
planted by God the Father,
We give You praise,
O blessed vine whose
branches bear fruit in love.
14. We sing to You, the image
to the Father eternal,
We give you praise,
O living bread which comes
down to us from heaven

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of Heav'n to Earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown;
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter ev'ry trembling heart.
2. Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
Into ev'ry troubled breast;
Let us all in thee inherit,
Let us find thy promised rest;
Take away our love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.
3. Come, Almighty to deliver;
Let us all thy grace receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy host above,
Pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.
4. Finish, then, thy new creation;
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in thee;
Changed from glory into glory
Till in Heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

Praise to the Holiest in the Height

1. Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise:
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.
2. O loving wisdom of our God!
When all was sin and shame,
a second Adam to the fight
and to the rescue came.
3. O wisest love! that flesh and blood,
which did in Adam fail,
should strive afresh against the foe,
should strive and should prevail;
4. And that a higher gift than grace
should flesh and blood refine,
God's presence and his very self,
and essence all-divine.
5. O generous love! that he, who smote
in Man for man the foe,
the double agony in Man
for man should undergo;
6. And in the garden secretly,
and on the cross on high,
should teach his brethren, and inspire
to suffer and to die.
7. Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise:
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

When the Entrance chant or antiphon is concluded, the Cardinal and the faithful standing, sign themselves with the Sign of the Cross, while the Cardinal, facing the people, says:

Cardinal: In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

R: **Amen.**

Then the Cardinal, extending his hands, greets the people, saying:

Cardinal: Peace be with you.

R: **And with your spirit.**

PENITENTIAL ACT

The Cardinal invites the faithful to the Penitential Act, saying:

Cardinal:

Brethren (brothers and sisters),
let us acknowledge our sins,
and so prepare ourselves to celebrate
the sacred mysteries.

A brief pause for silence follows.

The formula of general confession is then said:

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

and, striking their breast:

through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;

Then continue:

therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

The absolution by the Cardinal follows:

Cardinal: May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

R: **Amen.**

THE KYRIE

Cardinal: Lord, have mercy.

R : **Lord, have mercy.**

Cardinal: Christ, have mercy.

R : **Christ, have mercy.**

Cardinal: Lord, have mercy.

R : **Lord, have mercy.**

THE GLORIA

The Cardinal then begins the Gloria (Glory to God) saying:

Cardinal: Glory to God in the highest,

And all continue with the Gloria:

and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,

we bless you,

we adore you,

we glorify you,

we give you thanks for your great glory,

Lord God, heavenly King,

O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ,

Only Begotten Son

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

you take away the sins of the world,

have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world,

receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

THE COLLECT

When the Gloria is concluded, the Cardinal, with hands joined says:

Cardinal: Let us pray.

All pray in silence with the Cardinal for a while.

Then the Cardinal, with hands extended, says the collect prayer.

Lord our God, who in governing your people make use of the ministry of Priests, grant a persevering obedience to your will to this Deacon of your Church, whom you graciously choose today for the office of the priesthood, so that by his ministry and life he 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.

℟: **Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 61:1-3, 6, 8-11

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

The Lord has anointed me and has sent me to bring Good News to the poor, to give them the oil of gladness

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.

But you, you will be named 'priests of the Lord',
they will call you 'ministers of our God.'
I reward them faithfully
and make an everlasting covenant with them.

Their race will be famous throughout the nations,
their descendants throughout the peoples.
All who see them will admit
that they are a race whom the Lord has blessed.

'I exult for joy in the Lord,
my soul rejoices in my God,
for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation,
he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity,
like a bridegroom wearing his wreath,
like a bride adorned in her jewels.

'For as the earth makes fresh things grow,
as a garden makes seeds spring up,
so will the Lord make both integrity and praise
spring up in the sight of the nations.'

The word of the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 15(16):1-2, 5, 7-11

R: O Lord, it is you who are my portion.

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.
I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
It is you yourself who are my prize.' (R)

R: O Lord, it is you who are my portion.

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. (R)

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. (R)

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever. (R)

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:1-11

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians

In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine,
yet he did not cling
to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave,
and became as men are;
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.

But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings in the heavens,
on earth and in the underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Phil 2:8-9

**Alleluia, alleluia.
Christ was humbler yet,
even to accepting death, death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name which is above all names.
Alleluia.**

GOSPEL

John 19:25-34

A reading from the holy gospel according to John

'Woman, this is your son.'

Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. Seeing his mother and the disciple he loved standing near her, Jesus said to his mother, 'Woman, this is your son.' Then to the disciple he said, 'This is your mother.' And from that moment the disciple made a place for her in his home.

After this, Jesus knew that everything had now been completed, and to fulfil the scripture perfectly he said, 'I am thirsty.'

A jar full of vinegar stood there, so putting a sponge soaked in the vinegar on a hyssop stick they held it up to his mouth. After Jesus had taken the vinegar he said, 'It is accomplished'; and bowing his head he gave up his spirit. It was Preparation Day, and to prevent the bodies

remaining on the cross during the sabbath – since that sabbath was a day of special solemnity – the Jews asked Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies taken away.

Consequently the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first man who had been crucified with him and then of the other. When they came to Jesus, they found he was already dead, and so instead of breaking his legs one of the soldiers pierced his side with a lance; and immediately there came out blood and water.

The Gospel of the Lord.

℟: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

All remain standing, while the Deacon takes the Book of the Gospels to the Cardinal to reverence with a kiss. Afterwhich, all are to be seated.

RITE OF ORDINATION OF A PRIEST

The Cardinal is seated at the place prepared for him, wearing his mitre.

ELECTION OF THE CANDIDATE

The candidate is called by a deacon or suitable minister.

Deacon/Minister: Let him who is to be ordained priest, come forward:

Timothy Soo Zhi Ren
[ARCHDIOCESE OF SINGAPORE]

Candidate: Present.

*The candidate goes to the Cardinal, before whom he makes a sign of reverence.
When the candidate is in his place before the Cardinal, the priest designated says:*

Rector: Most Reverend Father, holy Mother Church asks you to ordain Timothy, our brother, to the responsibility of the Priesthood.

Cardinal: Do you know him to be worthy?

Rector: After inquiry among the people of Christ and upon the recommendation of those concerned with their formation, I testify that he has been found worthy.

ELECTION BY THE BISHOP AND CONSENT OF THE PEOPLE

Cardinal: Relying on the help of the Lord God
 and our Saviour Jesus Christ,
 we choose Timothy, our brother,
 for the Order of the Priesthood.

R: Thanks be to God.

HOMILY

Then all sit. Taking the theme from the readings proclaimed in the Liturgy of the Word, the Cardinal, with mitre (and crosier), addresses the people and the elect on the priestly office. He may use these or similar words:

Dearly beloved brothers and sisters: because this our son, who is your relative and friend, is now to be advanced to the Order of Priests, consider carefully the ministry in the Church to which he is about to be raised.

Assuredly, the entire holy People of God is being made into a royal priesthood in Christ. But our great Priest himself, Jesus Christ, also chose some of his disciples to carry out publicly in the Church a priestly office in his name, on behalf of the human race. For Christ was sent by the Father, and he himself sent the Apostles into the world, so that through them and their successors, the Bishops, he might continue to exercise his office of Teacher, Priest, and Shepherd. Indeed, priests are established as co-workers of the Order of Bishops, with whom they are joined in the priestly office and with whom they are called to the service of the people of God.

After mature deliberation, this, our brother, is now to be ordained to the priesthood in the Order of the presbyterate so as to serve Christ the Teacher, Priest, and Shepherd, by whose ministry his body, that is, the Church, is built and grows into the people of God, a holy temple.

In being configured to Christ the eternal High Priest and joined to the priesthood of the Bishops, he will be consecrated as a true priest of the New Testament, to preach the Gospel, to shepherd God's people, and to celebrate the sacred liturgy, especially the Lord's sacrifice.

The Archbishop then addresses the elect:

Now, dearly beloved son, you are to be raised to the Order of the Priesthood. For your part you will exercise the sacred duty of teaching in the name of Christ the Teacher. Impart to everyone the word of God, which you have received with joy. Meditating on the law of the Lord, see that you believe what you read, that you teach what you believe, and that you practice what you teach.

Therefore, let what you teach be nourishment for the people of God. Let the holiness of your life be a delightful fragrance for Christ's faithful, so that by word and example you may build up the house, which is God's Church.

Likewise you will exercise in Christ the office of sanctifying, for by your ministry the spiritual sacrifice of the faithful will be made perfect, being united to the sacrifice of Christ. This sacrifice in union with the faithful will be offered through your hands in an unbloody way on the altar in the celebration of the mysteries. Understand, therefore, what you do, and imitate what you celebrate. As a celebrant of the mystery of the Lord's death and resurrection, strive to put to death whatever within you is sinful and to walk in newness of life.

When you gather men and women into the people of God through Baptism, when you forgive sins in the name of Christ and the Church in the sacrament of Penance, when you comfort the sick with holy oil and celebrate the sacred rites, when you offer prayers of praise and thanks to God throughout the hours of the day, not only for the people of God but for the whole world, always remember that you are taken from among men and appointed on their behalf for those things that pertain to God. Therefore, carry out the ministry of Christ the Priest with constant joy and genuine love, attending not to your own concerns but to those of Jesus Christ.

Finally, dearly beloved son, for your part, as you exercise the office of Christ, Head and Shepherd, while united with the Bishop and subject to him, strive to bring the faithful together into one family, so that you may lead them to God the Father through Christ in the Holy Spirit. Keep always before your eyes the example of the Good Shepherd, who came not to be served but to serve, and who came to seek out and save what was lost.

PROMISE OF THE ELECT

The homily is followed by a few moments of silence for personal reflection, after which the Cardinal sits in front of the altar, with his mitre and crosier, and the elect stands before him.

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

Are you resolved,
with the help of the Holy Spirit,
to discharge without fail
the office of priesthood
in the presbyteral rank,
as a worthy co-worker
with the Order of Bishops
in caring for the Lord's flock?

Elect: I am.

Cardinal: Are you resolved to exercise
the ministry of the Word worthily and wisely,
preaching the Gospel
and teaching the Catholic faith?

Elect: I am.

Cardinal: Are you resolved to celebrate
the mysteries of Christ
faithfully and reverently,
in accord with the Church's tradition,
especially in the sacrifice of the Eucharist
and in the sacrament of Reconciliation,
for the glory of God
and the sanctification of the Christian people?

Elect: I am.

Cardinal: Are you resolved to implore
God's mercy upon the people
entrusted to your care
by observing the command
to pray without ceasing?

Elect: I am.

Cardinal: Are you resolved to be united more closely
to Christ the High Priest,
who offered himself for us to the Father
as a pure sacrifice,
and with him to consecrate yourself to God
for the salvation of all?

Elect: I am, with the help of God.

*Then the elect goes to the Cardinal, who puts away his crosier, and kneeling before him, places
his joined hands between those of the Cardinal.*

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

Elect: I do.

The Cardinal always concludes:

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

LITANY OF SUPPLICATION

*All stand. With his mitre removed, the Cardinal stands facing the people and, with hands
joined, invites them to pray:*

Cardinal: Let us pray, dearly beloved,
that God the all-powerful Father
will mercifully pour out the grace of his blessing
on this, his servant,
whom in his kindness
he raises to the sacred Order of the Priesthood.

Deacon/ Animator: Let us kneel

All kneel. The elect prostrates as a sign of total dependence on God.

Leader: Lord, have mercy

All: Lord, have mercy

Leader: Christ, have mercy

All: Christ, have mercy

Leader: Lord, have mercy

All: Lord, have mercy

Holy Mary, Mother of God

Pray for us

Saint Michael

Holy Angels of God

Saint John the Baptist

Saint Joseph

Saint Peter and Saint Paul

Saint Andrew

Saint John

Saint Mary Magdalene

Saint Stephen

Saint Ignatius of Antioch

Saint Lawrence

Saint Perpetua and Saint Felicity

Saint Agnes

Saint Timothy

Saint Gregory

Saint Augustine

Saint Athanasius

Saint Basil

Saint Martin

Saint Benedict

Saint Francis and Saint Dominic

Saint Francis Xavier

Saint John of the Cross

Pray for us

Saint Francis de Sales

Saint John Vianney

Saint Peter Julian Eymard

Saint Pius of Pietrelcina

Saint John Paul II

Saint Catherine of Siena

Saint Teresa of Jesus

Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

Saint Benedicta of the Cross

All holy men and women, Saints of God

Lord, be merciful

Lord, deliver us, we pray

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

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

Govern and protect your holy Church

Keep the Pope and all the ordained in faithful
service to your Church

Bless this chosen man

Bless and sanctify this chosen man

Bless, sanctify, and consecrate this chosen man

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

Christ, hear us

Christ, graciously hear us

The Cardinal stands and turns towards the people and, with hands extended (manibus extensis), prays:

Cardinal:

Hear us, we beseech you, Lord our God,
and pour out on this servant of yours
the blessing of the Holy Spirit
and the power of priestly grace,
that this man, 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.

R: **Amen.**

Deacon/Animator : Let us stand.

LAYING ON OF HANDS

The Cardinal wears his mitre. The elect rises and goes to the Cardinal and kneels before him.

*The Cardinal lays his hands on the head of the elect,
without saying anything. The elect then returns to his place and kneels.*

After the Cardinal has laid on hands, all the priests present, wearing stoles, lay hands on the elect, without saying anything. Meanwhile the Veni, Creator Spiritus may be chanted.

After the laying on of hands, the priests remain alongside the Cardinal until the end of the Prayer of Ordination, in such a way that the faithful may have a clear view of the rite.

Veni Creator Spiritus

Text: Attr. Rabanus Maurus (776-856)

Tune: Veni Creator Spiritus, Plainsong, Chant Mode VIII

Hymn.
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V

e-ni, cre- á-tor Spí-ri-tus, mentes tu-ó-rum ví-si-
ta, imple sup.-érna grá-ti-a, quæ tu cre- ásti, pécto-ra.

2. Qui diceris Paráclitus,
donum Dei altíssimi,
fons vivus, ignis caritas
et spiritalís únctio.

3. Tu septiformis múnere,
dextræ Dei tu dígitus,
tu rite promíssum Patris
sermóne ditans gúttura.

4. Accénde lumen sénsibus,
infúnde amórem córdibus,
infírma nostri córporis
virtúte firmans pérpeti.

5. Hostem repéllas lóngius
pacémque dones prótinus;
ductore sic te prævio
vitémus omne nóxium.

6. Per te sciámus da Patrem
noscámus atque Fílium,
te utriúsque Spíritum
credamus omni témpore.

7. Glória Patri Domino,
Natóque qui a mórtuis
Surréxit, ac Paráclito,
In saeculórum saécula. Amén

Come Holy Ghost, Creator Come

Text: Attr. Rabanus Maurus (776-856), English trans. unknown

Tune: Tallis' Ordinal, C.M., Thomas Tallis

1. Come, Holy Ghost, Creator, come
From Thy bright heav'nly throne;
Come, take possession of our souls,
And make them all Thine own.

2. Thou who art called the Paraclete,
Best gift of God above,
The living spring, the living fire,
Sweet unction and true love.

3. Thou who art sevenfold in Thy grace,
Finger of God's right hand;
His promise, teaching little ones
To speak and understand.

4. O guide our minds with Thy blest light,
With love our hearts inflame;
And with Thy strength, which ne'er decays,
Confirm our mortal frame.

5. Far from us drive our deadly foe;
True peace unto us bring;
And through all perils lead us safe
Beneath Thy sacred wing.

6. Through Thee may we the Father know,
Through Thee th' eternal Son,
And Thee the Spirit of them both,
Thrice-blessèd Three in One.

7. All glory to the Father be,
With His co-equal Son:
The same to Thee, great Paraclete,
While endless ages run. Amen.

PRAYER OF ORDINATION

*The Cardinal, with his mitre removed and hands extended (extensis manibus),
says the prayer of ordination, as the elect kneels before him.*

Cardinal:

Draw near, O Lord, holy Father,
almighty and eternal God,
author of human dignity,
who apportion all graces.
Through you everything progresses
and all things are held secure.
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 developed, instituted by mystical rites,
so that when you had set Moses and Aaron
over your people to govern and sanctify them,
you chose men next in rank and dignity
to accompany 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 unblemished to you,
and 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 this helper whom we need
to exercise the priesthood that comes
from the Apostles.

Almighty Father, grant, we pray,
to this your servant
the dignity of the priesthood;
renew deep within him
the Spirit of holiness;
may he hold fast to this office,
next in rank to our own,
which he receives from you, O God;
by his manner of life
may he be an example of right conduct.

May he be a worthy co-worker with our Order,
so that by his 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 he be a faithful steward of your mysteries,
 so that your people may be renewed
 in the waters of rebirth
 and nourished from your altar
 and so that sinners may be reconciled
 and the sick raised up.

May he be joined with us, Lord,
 as we implore your mercy
 for the people entrusted to his care
 and for the entire world.

Thus may the full number of nations,
 gathered together in Christ,
 be transformed into your one people
 to be 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.

R: Amen.

INVESTITURE WITH STOLE AND CHASUBLE

All sit. The Cardinal receives the mitre.

The newly ordained stand and is vested by another priest with the priestly stole and then the chasuble which have been prepared for him on a side table.

Meanwhile the following antiphon may be sung with Psalm 109(110).

Christ the Lord, * a Priest for ev - er ac - cord -
 ing to the or - der of Mel - chiz - e - dek, of - fered bread
 and wine (E.T. al - le - lu - ia).

The psalm is interrupted and the antiphon repeated when the newly ordained has been vested in the manner of priests.

ANOINTING OF HANDS

The Cardinal assumes a linen gremial. If circumstances so suggest, he instructs the people. Then, he anoints with holy chrism the palms of the new priest as he kneels before him.

Cardinal:

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.

Then, the Cardinal and the newly ordained wash their hands.

HANDING OVER THE BREAD AND WINE

Next, some of the faithful bring a paten holding the bread and a chalice containing the wine mixed with water for the celebration of Mass. A deacon or server receives them and brings them to the Cardinal, who places them in the hand of the newly ordained as he kneels before him.

Cardinal: Receive the offering of the holy people
 to be rendered to God.
 Understand what you do,
 imitate what you celebrate,
 and conform your life to the mystery
 of the Lord's cross.

KISS OF PEACE

Lastly, the Cardinal gives the fraternal kiss to the newly ordained, saying:

Cardinal: Peace be with you.

Newly ordained: And with your spirit.

Likewise, all the priests present, or at least some of them, give the fraternal kiss to the newly ordained Priest. Meanwhile a suitable chant is sung.

OFFERTORY HYMN

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

1. The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never.
I nothing lack if I am his,
and he is mine forever.
2. Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth;
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.
3. Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me;
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.
4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.
5. Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!
6. And so through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The Offertory Chant begins while ministers prepares the Altar.

The Cardinal, standing at the altar, takes the paten with the bread and holds it slightly raised above the altar with both hands, saying in a low voice:

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,
for through your goodness we have received
the bread we offer you:
fruit of the earth and work of human hands,
it will become for us the bread of life.

*Then he places the paten with the bread on the corporal.
A deacon or concelebrant pours wine and a little water into the chalice, saying quietly:*

By the mystery of this water and wine
may we come to share in the divinity of Christ
who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

*He passes this to the Cardinal, who takes the chalice and holds it slightly raised above the altar
with both hands, saying in a low voice:*

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,
for through your goodness we have received
the wine we offer you:
fruit of the vine and work of human hands,
it will become our spiritual drink.

After this, the Cardinal, bowing profoundly says quietly:

With humble spirit and contrite heart
may we be accepted by you, O Lord,
and may our sacrifice in your sight this day
be pleasing to you, Lord God.

*If appropriate, he also incenses the offering, the cross, and the altar.
A deacon or other minister then incense the Cardinal, Priests and the people.*

Then the Cardinal, standing at the side of the altar, washes his hands, saying quietly:

Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin.

*Standing at the middle of the altar, facing the people, extending and then joining his hands, the
Cardinal says:*

Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters),
that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

The people rise and reply:

**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

Then the Cardinal, with hands extended, says:

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.

R: Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Preface: The Priesthood of Christ and the ministry of Priests

Cardinal: The Lord be with you.

R: And with your spirit.

Cardinal: Lift up your hearts.

R: We lift them up to the Lord.

Cardinal: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R: It is right and just.

Cardinal:

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 sharers 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 your 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:

*At the end of the Preface, he joins his hands and concludes the Preface
with the people, saying aloud:*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
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.**

The Cardinal alone, with hands extended, says:

You are indeed Holy, O Lord,
and all you have created rightly gives you praise,
for through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,

by the power and working of the Holy Spirit,
you give life to all things and make them holy,
and you never cease to gather a people
to yourself,
so that from the rising of the sun to its setting
a pure sacrifice may be offered to your name.

*He joins his hands and, holding them extended over the offerings,
the Cardinal and Concelebrants say:*

Therefore, O Lord, we humbly implore you:
by the same Spirit graciously make holy
these gifts we have brought to you for consecration,

*The Cardinal joins his hands and makes the Sign of the Cross once
over the bread and chalice together, saying:*

that they may become the Body and ✠ Blood
of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,

He joins his hands.

at whose command we celebrate these mysteries.

*In the formulas that follow, the words of the Lord should be pronounced
clearly and distinctly, as the nature of these words requires.*

For on the night he was betrayed

The Cardinal takes the bread and, holding it slightly raised above the altar, continues:

he himself took bread,
and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing,
broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying:

He bows slightly.

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

*He shows the consecrated host to the people, places it again on the paten,
and genuflects in adoration.
After this, he continues:*

In a similar way, when supper was ended,

He takes the chalice and, holding it slightly raised above the altar, continues:

he took the chalice,
and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing,
and gave the chalice to his disciples, saying:

He bows slightly.

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.

*He shows the chalice to the people, places it on the corporal,
and genuflects in adoration. Then he says:*

The mystery of faith.

And the people continue, acclaiming:

**We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.**

Then the Cardinal and Concelebrants, with hands extended, say:

Therefore, O Lord, as we celebrate the memorial
of the saving Passion of your Son,
his wondrous Resurrection
and Ascension into heaven,
and as we look forward to his second coming,
we offer you in thanksgiving
this holy and living sacrifice.

Look, we pray, upon the oblation of your Church
and, recognizing the sacrificial Victim
by whose death
you willed to reconcile us to yourself,
grant that we, who are nourished
by the Body and Blood of your Son
and filled with his Holy Spirit,
may become one body, one spirit in Christ.

May he make of us
an eternal offering to you,
so that we may obtain an inheritance
with your elect,
especially with the most Blessed Virgin Mary,
Mother of God,
with blessed Joseph, her Spouse,
with your blessed Apostles and glorious Martyrs
with Saint Francis Xavier
and with all the Saints,
on whose constant intercession in your presence
we rely for unfailing help.

May this Sacrifice of our reconciliation,
we pray, O Lord,
advance the peace and salvation of all the world.
Be pleased to confirm in faith and charity
your pilgrim Church on earth,
with your servant Leo our Pope
and William our Bishop,
the Order of Bishops,
this your servant,
who have been ordained today as a Priest
for the Church,
all the clergy, and the entire people
you have gained for your own.

Listen graciously to the prayers of this family,
whom you have summoned before you:
in your compassion, O merciful Father,
gather to yourself all your children
scattered throughout the world.

To our departed brothers and sisters
and to all who were pleasing to you
at their passing from this life,
give kind admittance to your kingdom.
There we hope to enjoy for ever
the fullness of your glory

He joins his hands.

through Christ our Lord,
through whom you bestow on the world
all that is good.

The Cardinal takes the chalice and the paten with the host and raising both, he says:

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

R: Amen.

THE COMMUNION RITE

After the chalice and paten have been set down, the Cardinal, with hands joined, says:

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

He extends his hands and, together with the people, continues:

**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.**

With hands extended, the Cardinal alone continues:

Cardinal: 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.

**R: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours
now and for ever.**

Then the Cardinal, with hands extended, says aloud:

Cardinal: 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

He joins his hands.

Who live and reign for ever and ever.

R: Amen.

The Cardinal, turned towards the people, extending and then joining his hands, adds:

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

R: And with your spirit.

Then a Deacon or the Cardinal himself adds:

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

And all offer one another a sign that expresses peace, communion and charity.

Then the Cardinal takes the host, breaks it over the paten, and places a small piece in the chalice, saying quietly:

May this mingling of the Body and Blood
of our Lord Jesus Christ
bring eternal life to us who receive it.

Meanwhile the following is sung or said:

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.**

Then the Cardinal, with hands joined says quietly:

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God,
who by the will of the Father
and the work of the Holy Spirit,
through your Death gave life to the world,
free me by this, your most holy Body and Blood,
from all my sins and from every evil;
keep me always faithful to your commandments,
and never let me be parted from you.

Or:

May the receiving of your Body and Blood,
Lord Jesus Christ,
not bring me to judgement and condemnation,
but through your loving mercy
be for me protection in mind and body
and a healing remedy.

The Cardinal genuflects, takes the host and, holding it slightly raised above the paten or above the chalice, while facing the people, says aloud:

Cardinal: 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.

And together with the people he adds once:

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

The Cardinal, facing the altar, says quietly:

May the Body of Christ keep me safe for eternal life.

And he reverently consumes the Body of Christ. Then he takes the chalice and says quietly:

May the Blood of Christ keep me safe for eternal life.

And he reverently consumes the Blood of Christ. Communion follows as usual.

COMMUNION HYMN

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

1. When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.
2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
save in the death of Christ, my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them through his blood.
3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?
4. His dying crimson like a robe,
Spreads o'er his body on the Tree;
Then am I dead to all the globe,
and all the globe is dead to me.
5. Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

Godhead Here in Hiding (Adoro Te Devote)

1. Godhead here in hiding whom I do adore
Masked by these bare shadows, shape and nothing more.
See, Lord, at thy service low lies here a heart
Lost, all lost in wonder at the God thou art.
2. Seeing, touching, tasting are in thee deceived;
How says trusty hearing? that shall be believed;
What God's Son has told me, take for truth I do;
Truth himself speaks truly or there's nothing true.
3. On the cross thy godhead made no sign to men;
Here thy very manhood steals from human ken:
Both are my confession, both are my belief,
And I pray the prayer made by the dying thief.

4. I am not like Thomas, wounds I cannot see,
But I plainly call thee Lord and God as he:
This faith each day deeper be my holding of,
Daily make me harder hope and dearer love.
5. O thou, our reminder of the Crucified,
Living Bread, the life of us for whom he died,
Lend this life to me, then; feed and feast my mind,
There be thou the sweetness man was meant to find.
6. Like what tender tales tell of the Pelican,
Bathe me, Jesus Lord, in what thy bosom ran –
Blood that but one drop of has the pow'r to win
All the world forgiveness of its world of sin.
7. Jesus whom I look at shrouded here below,
I beseech thee, send me what I thirst for so,
Some day to gaze on thee face to face in light
And be blest forever with thy glory's sight.

Be Thou my Vision

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me save that thou art.
Thou my best thought by day and by night;
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my great Father, I thy dear child;
Thou in me dwelling, with thee reconciled.
3. Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
Be thou my dignity, thou my delight.
Thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r;
Raise thou me Heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
4. Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
Thou mine inheritance, now and always.
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

5. High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heav'ns Sun!
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

THANKSGIVING HYMN

As the Bridegroom to his Chosen

1. As the bridegroom to His chosen,
As the king unto His realm,
As the keeper to the castle,
As the pilot to the helm,
As the captain to his soldiers,
As the shepherd to his lambs
So, Lord, art Thou to me.
2. As the fountain in the garden,
As the candle in the dark,
As the treasure in the coffer,
As the manna in the ark,
As the firelight in the winter,
As the sunlight in the spring
So, Lord, art Thou to me.
3. As the music at the banquet,
As the stamp unto the seal,
As refreshment to the fainting,
As the wine cup at the meal,
As singing on the feast day,
As the amen to the prayer,
So, Lord, art Thou to me.
4. As the ruby in the setting,
As the honey in the comb,
As the light within the lantern,
As the father in the home,
As the eagle in the mountains,
As the sparrow in the nest,
So, Lord, art Thou to me.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Then, standing at the chair and facing the people, with hands joined, he says:

Let us pray.

All pray in silence with the Cardinal for a while, unless silence has just been observed. Then the Cardinal, with hands extended, says:

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.

R: Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

The Cardinal receives the mitre. Then facing the people and extending his hands, he says:

Cardinal: The Lord be with you.

R: And with your spirit.

One of the Deacon adds:

Deacon: Bow down for the blessing.

Then the Cardinal, with hands extended over the newly ordained Priest and the people, says:

Cardinal: May God, who founded the Church and guides her still,
protect you constantly with his grace,
that you may faithfully discharge the duties
of the Priesthood.

R: Amen.

Cardinal: May he make you a servant and a witness
in the world,
to divine charity and truth
and a faithful minister of reconciliation.

R: Amen.

Cardinal: And may he make you a true shepherd
to provide the living Bread and word of life
to the faithful,
that they may continue to grow in the unity
of the Body of Christ.

R: Amen.

The Cardinal receives the crosier and blesses all the people, adding:

Cardinal: And may almighty God bless all of you,
who are gathered here,
the Father ✠, and the Son ✠, and the Holy ✠ Spirit.

R: Amen.

A Deacon, or the Cardinal himself, with hands joined and facing the people, says:

Deacon: Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.

The Cardinal venerates the altar as usual. Then, together with the ministers, he processes out of the sanctuary.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

O Purest of Creatures

1. O Purest of creatures, sweet Mother, sweet maid,
The one spotless womb wherein Jesus was laid!
Dark night hath come down on us, Mother! and we
Look out for thy shining, sweet Star of the Sea!
2. Deep night hath come down on this rough-spoken world,
And the banners of darkness are boldly unfurled;
And the tempest-tossed Church, all her eyes are on thee;
They look to thy shining, sweet Star of the Sea!
3. He gazed on thy soul, it was spotless and fair,
For the empire of sin it had never been there;
None ever had owned thee, dear Mother, but He.
And He blest thy clear shining, sweet Star of the Sea!
4. Earth gave Him one lodging; t'was deep in thy breast,
And God found a home where the sinner finds rest;
His home and His hiding-place both were in thee,
He was won by thy shining, sweet Star of the Sea!

"I am the True Vine"

*Apse mosaic above high altar,
San Clemente, Rome (12th Century).*



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