

THE ORDINAL

[In using the expression, “the Form and Manner,” in the title of its Ordinal, the Church of England, followed by the Protestant Episcopal Church in the U.S.A., were referring to what they learned from the New Testament – the setting aside, or ordaining men, by “the laying on of hands with prayer.” So at the heart of all three services are these two elements, the laying on of the hands of the Bishop (with Priests or other Bishops) and prayer. The latter occurred especially through the use of The Litany in which a special suffrage for those being ordained was added. And to emphasize the authority of God’s Word written, the Bible, over the Church and especially over its ordained Ministry, the newly ordained deacon was given a copy of the New Testament, while the Priest and Bishop received a copy of the whole Bible. While the three services are based upon their medieval predecessors, they were much revised in the sixteenth century in the light of a changed doctrine of the nature and vocation of the Threefold Ministry in the Church.]

THE FORM AND MANNER OF THE MAKING OF DEACONS, THE ORDAINING OF PRIESTS AND THE CONSECRATING OF BISHOPS IN THE CHURCH OF GOD, according to the Order of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, as established by the Bishops, the Clergy, and Laity of this Church, in General Convention, September, A.D. 1792. (in contemporary English)

The Preface

It is clear to all who diligently read Holy Scripture and the writings of the ancient Fathers, that from the Apostles’ time there have been three Orders of Ministers in the Church of Christ – Bishops, Priests and Deacons. These offices were always held in such high regard that no person might presume to perform any of them, except he were first called, tested, examined, and known to have such qualities as are required for them; and also in a public Service, with the laying on of hands, approved and admitted by lawful authority into them.

Therefore, so that these three Orders may be continued, reverently used and esteemed in this Church, it is required that no man shall be accepted and received as a lawful Bishop, Priest or Deacon, and allowed to perform any ministerial function attached to the office, except he is first called, tested and examined, and admitted into the office, according to the Form that follows – except he has already received Episcopal Consecration or Ordination.

No man shall be admitted a Deacon, Priest or Bishop, unless he has reached the age which Canon Law stipulates.

The Form and Manner of Making of Deacons

On the day appointed by the Bishop, there shall be a Sermon or Exhortation, in which the duty and office of those who are to be made deacons shall be declared, the necessity of the office of Deacon in the Church of Christ explained, and how the people of God ought to esteem those who are made Deacons.

After the Sermon or Exhortation, a Priest shall present unto the Bishop (sitting in his Chair near to the holy Table) those who are being candidates for ordination and who are appropriately dressed for the occasion. He shall say,

Reverend Father in God, I present unto you these persons to be admitted as Deacons in the Church of Christ.

The Bishop

Be careful that the persons whom you present to us are truly suited and prepared, by their learning and godly lives to exercise their ministry in an appropriate manner to the glory of God and the building up of his Church.

The Priest shall answer

I have examined them and I believe that they are suited and prepared for this Office.

The Bishop addresses the congregation

Brothers and Sisters, if any of you knows of any major reason why any of these persons ought not to be admitted to the office of Deacon, come forward in the Name of God, and make known that reason.

If any serious objection is alleged against a candidate, the Bishop shall postpone that person's ordination so that proper investigation can be made.

The Bishop proceeds by commending to the prayers of the congregation all those against whom no objection has been lodged. Then shall be said or sung the Litany (or the shorter Litany for Ordinations).

In the Litany, after the petition, That it may please you to illuminate all Bishops, this shall be added:

That it may please you to bless these your servants, who are being admitted to the Order of Deacons, and to pour your grace upon them; that they may exercise appropriately their Office, to the building up of your Church, and the glory of your holy Name;

After the Litany, the Service of Holy Communion shall begin with this Collect, followed by the Epistle.

Almighty God, who by your divine providence have appointed various Orders of Ministers in your Church, and who inspired your apostles to choose for the Order of Deacons the first martyr Saint Stephen and others: Look in mercy on these your servants also called to the office of Deacon; so replenish them with the truth of your Word, and adorn them with holiness of life, that, both by word and good example, they may faithfully serve you in this Office, to the glory of your Name, and the building up of your Church; through the merits of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

The Epistle. 1 Timothy 3.8-13 or Acts 6. 2-7

Before the Gospel, the Bishop, sitting in his Chair, shall in the presence of the people examine each candidate for ordination.

Do you believe that you are inwardly moved by the Holy Spirit to undertake this office and ministry, and to serve God, by the promoting of his glory and the building up of his people?

Answer. I believe so.

Do you think that you are truly called, according to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, and according to Canon Law, to the ordained Ministry of this Church?

Answer. I think so.

Are you persuaded that the Holy Scriptures contain all teaching that is necessary for eternal salvation through faith in Jesus Christ?

Answer. I am persuaded.

Will you diligently read the Holy Scriptures to the people assembled in the church where you will be appointed to serve?

Answer. I will do so.

It belongs to the office of a Deacon, in the church where appointed to serve, to assist the Priest in Divine Service, and especially when he administers the Holy Communion. Also the Deacon publicly reads the Scriptures, instructs the youth in the content of the Faith, conducts the service of Holy Baptism when asked by the Priest, and preaches, if licensed to do so by the Bishop. In addition, the Deacon is called to work with church members in caring for the sick and needy in the congregation and local community.

Will you gladly and willingly do this?

Answer. I will do so, with God's help.

Will you diligently seek to order your own life, and that of your family, in such a way that you follow the teaching of Christ, and are thereby wholesome examples to the flock of Christ?

Answer. I will do so, the Lord Jesus being my helper.

Will you reverently obey your Bishop and other senior Ministers who, according to Canon Law, are set over you in authority in the Church; and will you gladly and readily follow their godly advice?

Answer. I will do so, the Lord Jesus being my helper.

Then, as each candidate kneels humbly before him, the Bishop lays his hands upon the head and says,

Take authority to carry out the office of a Deacon in the Church of God, now committed to you, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Then shall the Bishop give to each Deacon a New Testament and say,

Take authority to read the Gospel in the Order for Holy Communion in the Church of God, and, and if licensed to do so, to preach the same.

Then one of the newly-ordained Deacons, appointed by the Bishop, reads the Gospel,

Luke 12. 35-38,

and afterwards the Order for Holy Communion is resumed and the Deacons receive Communion with the Bishop. At the end of the Order for Holy Communion, and immediately before the Blessing, the Bishop prays,

Almighty God, giver of all good things, who of your great goodness have been pleased to place these your servants in the office of Deacon in your Church: Make them, we implore you, to be modest, humble and faithful in their ministry and ready to observe all spiritual discipline. Grant that they may always have the testimony of a clear conscience, and continue stable and strong in your Son Jesus Christ, our Savior, to whom be glory and honor, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Blessing

THE FORM AND MANNER OF ORDAINING PRIESTS

On the day appointed by the Bishop, there shall be a Sermon or Exhortation, in which the duty and office of those who are to be ordained Priests shall be declared, the necessity of the office of Priest in the Church of Christ explained, and how the people of God ought to esteem those who are made Priests.

After the Sermon or Exhortation, a Priest shall present unto the Bishop (sitting in his Chair near to the holy Table) those who are candidates for ordination and who are appropriately dressed for the occasion.

Reverend Father in God, I present unto you these persons to be admitted to the Office of Priest.

The Bishop

Be careful that the persons whom you present to us are truly suited and prepared, by their learning and godly lives, to exercise their ministry in an appropriate manner to the glory of God and the building up of his Church.

The Priest shall answer

I have examined them and I believe that they are suited and prepared for this Office.

The Bishop addresses the congregation

Brothers and Sisters, we intend, God willing, to receive today these persons into the holy Office of Priesthood. After examining them we find that they are both lawfully called to their Ministry and fit to enter into it. But if any of you knows a major reason why any of these persons ought not to be received into this holy Ministry, come forward in the Name of God and make known that reason.

If any serious objection is alleged against a candidate, the Bishop shall postpone that person's ordination so that proper investigation can be made.

The Bishop proceeds by commending to the prayers of the congregation all those against whom no objection has been lodged. Then shall be said or sung the Litany in which, after the petition, That it may please you to illuminate all Bishops, etc., shall be said the following petition:

That it may please you to bless these your servants who are to be admitted to the Order of Priests, and to pour your grace upon them; that they may daily fulfill their Office, to the building up of your Church, and the glory of your holy Name;

After the Litany (or the shorter Litany for Ordinations) the Service of Holy Communion shall begin with this Collect, followed by the Epistle and Gospel.

Almighty God, giver of all good things, who by your Holy Spirit have appointed various orders of Ministry in your Church: Look in mercy upon these your servants now called to the Office of Priesthood; and so fill them with the truth of your teaching, and adorn them with holiness of life, that, both by word and good example, they may faithfully serve you in this office, to the glory of your Name, and the building up of your Church; through the merits of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Epistle. Ephesians 4. 1-7

The Gospel. Matthew 9. 36-38 or John 10. 1-16

Sitting in his chair the Bishop says to those about to be ordained,

My brothers in Christ, you have heard both beforehand in your private examination and now in the Address and Scripture readings of what dignity and great importance this Office is, to which you are called. In the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, we urge you to keep in mind the nature of this Office. You are called to be messengers, watchmen and stewards of the Lord; to teach and to warn, to feed and nurture the Lord's family; to seek for Christ's sheep scattered abroad, and for his children living in this evil world, so that they may be saved through Christ for ever.

Always have printed in your memory what a great treasure is committed to your charge. For the people whom you serve are the flock of Christ, which he purchased with his death and for whom he shed his precious blood. The church and congregation is both Christ's Bride and his Body. Thus, if the congregation itself, or any member of it, is hurt or impeded as a result of your negligence, God will surely discipline or punish you for this sin. Bearing this in mind, remember what God has called you to be and to do in and for the Bride of Christ and his Body. Never cease your work, care and diligence, until you have done all that you can possibly do, as is your duty, to bring all those under your pastoral care, to a true knowledge of God, unity of faith and maturity in Christ, so that there is no place available amongst you for erroneous belief and immoral behavior.

Since this Office is both so excellent in nature and so difficult in its exercise, you see how most carefully and studiously you ought to apply yourselves to this Ministry, so as to prove yourselves dutiful and thankful to the Lord, who has placed you in such a dignified position;

and also to take care not to offend nor to cause others to do so. It is only God himself who can give you the intention and ability to do these things. Therefore, you ought, and you need, to pray earnestly for his Holy Spirit. And, bearing in mind, that you cannot accomplish so important a work relating to the salvation of man, except by using teaching and exhortation taken out of the Holy Scriptures, and by living a life agreeable to the same, consider how seriously you ought to study and learn the Scriptures, and order your own life and that of your family, according to the rule of the same Scriptures. For the same reason, you ought to forsake and set aside, as much as you can, all worldly cares and studies which hinder you doing your duty.

We are persuaded that you have carefully weighed and pondered these things for some time, and that you have clearly determined, by God's grace, to give yourselves wholly to this office, into which it has pleased God to call you, so that, to the extent of your ability, you will apply yourself wholly to this one thing, and draw all your concerns and studies towards the fulfillment of this ministry. We are also persuaded that you will continually pray to God the Father, by the mediation of our only Savior Jesus Christ, for the heavenly assistance of the Holy Spirit; that, by daily reading and considering of the Scriptures, you will grow stronger in your ministry, and endeavor to purify and shape your lives and those of your families according to the rule and teaching of Christ, that you may be wholesome and godly examples and patterns for the people to follow.

And now, in order that this congregation of Christ's flock may also understand your minds and wills in these things, and in order to strengthen your resolve to do your duty before God, you shall plainly answer the questions which we, in the Name of God, and of his Church, now ask you.

Do you genuinely think that you are truly called, according to the will of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the Canon Law of this Church, to the Order and Ministry of Priesthood?

Answer. I do think so.

Are you persuaded that the holy Scriptures contain sufficiently all doctrine that is necessary for eternal salvation through faith in Jesus Christ? And are you determined to instruct the people committed to your pastoral care from those Scriptures, and to teach nothing as required or necessary for eternal salvation except that which you are persuaded can be drawn and proved from the Scriptures?

Answer. I am persuaded and will do so, by God's grace.

Will you make every effort always faithfully to provide the doctrine, the sacraments and the discipline of Christ, as the Lord has commanded and this Church has received them, according to the commandments of God; so that you may teach the people under your pastoral care diligently to keep and observe the same?

Answer. I will do so, with the Lord's help.

Will you be ready, with all faithful diligence, to banish and drive away all erroneous and strange doctrines contrary to God's Word? And will you use private warning and public exhortation, both to the sick as well as to the healthy within your congregation, to accomplish this?

Answer. I will do so, with the Lord's help.

Will you be diligent in prayers, in reading of the Holy Scriptures, and in such studies as assist in gaining a fuller knowledge of them? And will you at the same time lay aside worldly study and private pursuits?

Answer. I will do so, with the Lord's help.

Will you strive to frame and fashion your own selves, and your families, according to the teaching of Christ? And will you make both yourselves and them, to the best of your ability, to be wholesome examples and patterns to the flock of Christ?

Answer. I will do so, with the Lord's help.

Will you maintain and promote, as far as you are able, quietness, peace and love amongst all Christian people, and especially among those that are or will be under your pastoral care?

Answer. I will do so, with the Lord's help.

Will you reverently obey your Bishop, and other senior Ministers, who are set above you in the Church, and gladly and willingly accept their godly advice and judgments?

Answer. I will do so, with the Lord's help.

The Bishop stands and prays

Almighty God, who has given you the will to do all these things, grant you strength and power to perform them; that he may complete the work that he has begun in you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

During a period of silence the congregation shall be urged to pray for those to be ordained. Then, as all those to be ordained kneel, the Bishop shall lead the saying or singing of Veni Creator Spiritus in an appropriate English translation.

All shall continue in prayer as the Bishop says,

Let us pray.

Almighty God and heavenly Father, by your infinite love and goodness towards us, you have given to us your only and most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and the Author of everlasting life. After he had completed our redemption by his death, and had ascended into heaven, he sent into the world his Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Teachers, and Pastors, by whose labor and ministry he gathered together a great flock in all parts of the world to proclaim the eternal praise of your holy Name. For these great benefits of your eternal goodness, and because you have graciously determined to call these your servants to the same office and ministry, which is appointed for the salvation of mankind, we give you our heartfelt thanks, and we praise and worship you.

And we humbly pray that through your Son, you will grant to all, who both here and in other places, call upon your holy Name, the resolve to show ourselves continually thankful to you for these and all your blessings; and that we may increase daily in the knowing and believing in you and in your Son, by the assistance of the Holy Spirit. Further, we humbly pray that by these your Ministers, and by those over whom they shall be appointed as pastors, your holy Name will be for ever glorified, and your blessed kingdom enlarged; through the same your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reign with you in the unity of the same Holy Spirit, One God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Bishop, with the Priests present, shall lay their hands upon the head of each of the candidates, as in turn they kneel before the Bishop, who says,

Receive the Holy Spirit for the office and work of a Priest in the Church of God, now committed to you by the laying on of our hands. Whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; and whose sins you retain, they are retained. And be faithful in the teaching of the Word of God and in the administration of his holy Sacraments, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Then the Bishop shall give to each a Bible, saying to him,

Take authority to preach the Word of God, and to administer the holy Sacraments in the congregation to which you are lawfully appointed.

When the ordinations are completed, the Nicene Creed shall be said or sung in either the traditional or contemporary version, and the Order for Holy Communion shall continue. Those who have been ordained shall receive Communion first and together.

After the last Collect and before the final Blessing, this Collects shall be said.

Most merciful Father, we earnestly ask you to send upon these your servants your heavenly blessing, that they may be clothed with righteousness, and that your Word spoken by their mouths may have such success that it may never be spoken in vain. Grant that we may have grace to hear and receive what they shall proclaim and teach from your most holy Word as the means of our salvation, and grant also that in all our words and deeds we may seek your glory, and the increase of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Blessing.

If on the one day some are to be made Deacon and others ordained Priest, those to be Deacons shall first be presented, and then those to be Priests. The Litany shall be said or sung once.. The Epistle shall be Ephesians 4. 7-13 and immediately after the Epistle shall be the examination and ordination of the Deacons. Then, after one of them has read the Gospel (Matthew 9. 36-38; or Luke 12. 35-39) those to be ordained Priest shall be examined and ordained. The Collect shall be as follows:

Almighty God, giver of all good things, who by your Holy Spirit have appointed several Orders of Ministers in your Church; mercifully look upon these your servants called to the Office of Deacon and these your servants called to the Office of Priest, and so replenish them with the truth of your Word, and adorn them with holiness of life, that, both by word and good example, they may faithfully serve you in their Ministry, to the glory of your Name, and the building up of your Church; through the merits of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the same Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Form of Ordaining or Consecrating of a Bishop

The Presiding Bishop (or some other Bishop duly appointed) shall begin the Communion Service with this Collect followed by the Epistle and Gospel, both to be read by Bishops.

Almighty God, who by your Son Jesus Christ gave to your holy Apostles many excellent gifts, and commanded them to feed your flock; Give grace, we earnestly pray, to all Bishops, the Pastors of your Church, that they may diligently preach your Word, and duly administer its godly discipline; and grant that your people may obediently follow the same, that all may receive the crown of everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Epistle. Either 1 Timothy 3.1-7, or Acts 20. 17-35

The Gospel. Either John 21.15-17, or John 20. 19-23 or Matthew 28. 18-20

Then shall be said or sung the Nicene Creed either in the traditional or contemporary version, followed by the Sermon. Afterwards the Bishop-elect, vested with his Rochet, shall be presented by two bishops to the Presiding Bishop or the Bishop appointed, sitting in his chair near the Holy Table. The Bishops who present him shall say,

Most reverend Father in God, we present to you this godly and learned man to be ordained and consecrated Bishop.

The testimonials of the election are read and then the Bishop-elect takes the Promise of Conformity in these words,

In the Name of God. Amen. I *N.*, elected (assistant, suffragan, co-adjutor) Bishop of the Church and Diocese of *N.* do promise conformity and obedience to the Doctrine, Discipline and Worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America. So help me God, through Jesus Christ.

Then the Presiding Bishop calls the congregation to prayer,

Brothers and sisters, it is written in the Gospel of Luke that our Savior spent a whole night in prayer before he chose and sent out his twelve Apostles. It is written also, that the holy Apostles prayed before they ordained Matthias to be of the number of the Twelve. Let us, therefore, follow the example of Christ and his Apostles, and pray first to Almighty God before we admit and send out this person presented to us, to the work to which we believe the Holy Spirit has called him.

Then shall be said or sung the Litany into which shall be inserted,

That it may please you to bless this our Brother, Bishop-elect of *N.*, and to send your grace upon him, that he may duly fulfill the office into which he is called, to the building up of your Church, and to the honor, praise and glory of your Name.

Then, after the Litany (or the shorter Litany for Ordinations) is ended, this prayer shall be said,

Almighty God, giver of all good things, who by your Holy Spirit have appointed various orders of Ministers in your Church, look in mercy upon this your servant, *N.*, now called to the work and ministry of a Bishop. So replenish him with the truth of your Word and adorn him with holiness of life, that he may faithfully serve you in this office, to the glory of your Name, and the building up and well-governing of your Church; through the merits of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Presiding Bishop, sitting in his chair, addresses the Bishop-elect,

Brother, the Holy Scripture and the Canons of the Early Church command that we are not to be hasty in laying on of hands and admitting any person to governing in the Church of Christ, which he purchased with his precious blood. Therefore, before I admit you to this Ministry, I must examine you in certain important matters, so that the congregation may witness the examination and know how you will conduct yourself in the Church of God.

Are you persuaded that you are truly called to this Ministry, according to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Canon Law of this Church?

Answer. I am so persuaded.

Are you persuaded that the Holy Scriptures contain sufficiently all doctrine required of necessity for eternal salvation through faith in Jesus Christ? And are you determined out of the same Holy Scriptures to instruct the people committed to your pastoral care, and to teach or maintain nothing as required or necessary for eternal salvation, except that which you are persuaded can be proved by Holy Scriptures?

Answer. I am so persuaded and determined, by God's grace.

Will you faithfully study and meditate upon the Holy Scriptures, and call upon God for true understanding of them, so that you will be able, by them, both to teach and encourage God's people by wholesome doctrine and to oppose and correct those who contradict it?

Answer. I will do so, with the Lord's help.

Are you ready, with all faithful diligence, to banish and drive away all erroneous and strange doctrine that is contrary to God's Word; and will you both in private and in public urge and call upon others to do the same?

Answer. I am ready to do so, with the Lord's help.

Will you deny and turn away from all ungodliness and immoral lusts, and live daily a sober, righteous and godly life, so that by your example, the adversary may be put to shame and have nothing to say against you?

Answer. I will do so, with the Lord's help.

Will you maintain and promote to the best of your ability quietness, peace and love amongst all men, and will you both exercise discipline in your pastoral care, and also bring correction to the disorderly and disobedient within your charge, according to the teaching of God's Word and as Canon Law provides?

Answer. I will do so, with the Lord's help.

Will you be faithful in ordaining, authorizing, commissioning and laying hands on others?

Answer. I will be so, with the Lord's help.

Will you be gentle and merciful for Christ's sake to poor and needy people, and to all destitute strangers in need of help?

Answer. I will be so, with the Lord's help.

Then the Presiding Bishop shall say,

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who has given you the good desire to do all these things, grant to you strength and power to perform them, so that he may complete the work which he has begun in you, and that you may be found perfect and without blame at the last day; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Then shall the Bishop-elect be vested in the full Episcopal habit, and, as he kneels, Veni, Creator Spiritus in an English translation shall be sung or said, led by the Presiding Bishop.

After Veni, Creator Spiritus the Presiding Bishop shall say,

Lord, hear our prayer.

Answer. **And let our cry come unto you.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God and most merciful Father, by your infinite goodness you have given to us your only and most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and the Author of everlasting life. After he had completed our redemption by his death, and had ascended into heaven, he poured down in abundance his gifts, making some Apostles, some Prophets, some Evangelists, some Pastors and Teachers, for the building up and bringing to maturity of his Church. Grant, we implore you, to this your servant such grace that he may always be ready to proclaim your Gospel, the good news of reconciliation with you; and also use the authority given to him not to destroy but to save, not to hurt but to help, so that as a wise and faithful steward in your household, he may at the last be received into everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Then the Presiding Bishop and Bishops present shall lay their hands upon the head of the Bishop-elect, as he kneels before them, and as the Presiding Bishop says,

Receive the Holy Spirit for the office and work of a Bishop in the Church of God, now committed to you by the laying on of our hands: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. And remember to stir up the grace of God which is given to you by this laying on of hands, for God has not given you the spirit of fear, but of power, and love, and self-control.

Then the Presiding Bishop shall give to him a Bible, saying,

Commit yourself to reading, exhortation and teaching. Think upon the contents of this Book, given to you. Be diligent in this duty and allow what you learn to be evident to all through the quality of your life. Be disciplined in heart and life by the teaching of Scripture, so that you shall both save yourself and those who hear you. Be to the flock of Christ a shepherd, and not a wolf; feed them and do not devour them. Support the weak, heal the sick, comfort the broken-hearted, restore the backsliders, and seek the lost. Be so merciful that you are not lacking in care; and administer discipline in such a way that you do not forget mercy; so that when the Chief Shepherd appears you may receive the never-fading crown of glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Now follows the Service of Holy Communion at which the newly consecrated Bishop shall communicate with the Archbishop and other bishops.

At the end of The Holy Communion Service and before the final Blessing, this prayer shall be said.

Most merciful Father, we desire and implore you to send down upon this your servant your heavenly blessing; and so to endue him with your Holy Spirit, that, preaching your Word, he may not only be earnest to reprove, encourage and rebuke with all patience and sound teaching, but also may be a wholesome example in word, life, love, faith, and purity; that faithfully fulfilling his ministry, he may at the last day receive the crown of righteousness, laid up by the Lord Jesus, the righteous Judge, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Blessing

Note that there is printed after the above service in the BCP of 1928 “The Litany and Suffrages for Ordinations” as an alternative form of prayer at ordinations to the general and longer, traditional Litany of the Church.