Clergy Vocations in A New Missional Age

Renewal of Ordination Vows

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1:00 pm
Virtual Gathering
An Order of Service for Noonday

**Officiant**  O God, make speed to save us.

**People**  O Lord, make haste to help us.

**Officiant and People**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

**Psalm 119  Lucerna pedibus meis**

105 Your word is a lantern to my feet *
    and a light upon my path.
106 I have sworn and am determined *
    to keep your righteous judgments.
107 I am deeply troubled; *
    preserve my life, O LORD, according to your word
108 Accept, O LORD, the willing tribute of my lips, *
    and teach me your judgments.
109 My life is always in my hand, *
    yet I do not forget your law.
110 The wicked have set a trap for me, *
    but I have not strayed from your commandments.
111 Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; *
    truly, they are the joy of my heart.
112 I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes *
    for ever and to the end.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: * as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

**Scripture** - John 12:20-36

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now
the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.”

He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die. The crowd answered him, “We have heard from the law that the Messiah remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?”

Jesus said to them, “The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you. If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going. While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light.” After Jesus had said this, he departed and hid from them.

Entre los que habían subido a adorar en la fiesta había algunos griegos. Estos se acercaron a Felipe, que era de Betsaida de Galilea, y le pidieron: —Señor, queremos ver a Jesús. Felipe fue a decírselo a Andrés, y ambos fueron a decírselo a Jesús. —Ha llegado la hora de que el Hijo del hombre sea glorificado —les contestó Jesús— . Ciertamente les aseguro que, si el grano de trigo no cae en tierra y muere, se queda solo. Pero, si muere, produce mucho fruto. El que se apega a su vida la pierde; en cambio, el que aborrece su vida en este mundo la conserva para la vida eterna. Quien quiera servirme debe seguirme; y donde yo esté, allí también estará mi siervo. A quien me sirva, mi Padre lo honrará. "Ahora todo mi ser está angustiado, ¿y acaso voy a decir: “Padre, salvame de esta hora difícil”? ¡Si precisamente para afrontarla he venido! ¡Padre, glorifica tu nombre!” Se oyó entonces, desde el cielo, una voz que decía: «Ya lo he glorificado, y volveré a glorificarlo». La multitud que estaba allí, y que oyó la voz, decía que había sido un trueno; otros decían que un ángel le había hablado.

—Esa voz no vino por mí, sino por ustedes —dijo Jesús— . El juicio de este mundo ha llegado ya, y el príncipe de este mundo va a ser expulsado. Pero yo, cuando sea levantado de la tierra, atraeré a todos a mí mismo. Con esto daba Jesús a entender de qué manera iba a morir. —De la ley hemos sabido —le respondió la gente— que el Cristo permanecerá para siempre; ¿cómo, pues, dices que el Hijo del hombre tiene que ser levantado? ¿Quién es ese Hijo del hombre? —Ustedes van a tener la luz solo un poco más de tiempo —les dijo Jesús— . Caminen mientras tengan la luz, antes de que los envuelvan las tinieblas. El que camina en las tinieblas no sabe a dónde va. Mientras tengan la luz, crean en ella, para que sean hijos de la luz. Cuando terminó de hablar, Jesús se fue y se escondió de ellos.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Lector: Palabra del Señor.
Pueblo: Demos gracias a Dios.

Homily

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

The Lord’s Prayer

Officiant: Lord, hear our prayer;
People: And let our cry come to you.
Officiant: Let us pray.

The Officiant then says one of the following Collects. If desired, the Collect of the Day may be used.
Heavenly Father, send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, to direct and rule us according to your will, to comfort us in all our afflictions, to defend us from all error, and to lead us into all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessed Savior, at this hour you hung upon the cross, stretching out your loving arms: Grant that all the peoples of the earth may look to you and be saved; for your tender mercies’ sake. Amen.

Almighty Savior, who at noonday called your servant Saint Paul to be an apostle to the Gentiles: We pray you to illumine the world with the radiance of your glory, that all nations may come and worship you; for you live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly city, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. Amen.

The Renewal of Ordination Vows

A representative of the clergy says to the bishops

A bishop in God’s holy Church is called to be one with the apostles in proclaiming Christ’s resurrection and interpreting the Gospel, and to testify to Christ’s sovereignty as Lord. You are called to guard the faith, unity, and discipline of the Church; to celebrate and to provide for the administration of the sacraments of the New Covenant; to ordain presbyters and deacons and to join in ordaining bishops; and to be in all things a faithful pastor and wholesome example for the entire flock of Christ. With your fellow bishops you will share in the leadership of the Church throughout the world. Your heritage is the faith of patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and those of every generation who have looked to God in hope. Your joy will be to follow him who came, not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.

Are you resolved to continue faithfully in this ministry, keeping watch over the whole flock to which the Holy Spirit has appointed you shepherd, encouraging the faithful, restoring the lost and building up the body of Christ in the unity of the Spirit and the bond of peace?

The bishops say

With the help of God, I am.

The priests stand.

A Bishop says to the priests

Sisters and brothers, you are called to work as a pastor, priest, teacher, together with your bishops and fellow presbyters, and take your share in the councils of the Church. And as a presbyter, it is your task to proclaim by word and deed the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and to fashion your life in accordance to its precepts. You are to love and serve the people among whom you work, caring alike for young and old, strong and weak, rich and poor.

You are to preach, to declare God’s forgiveness to penitent sinners, to pronounce God’s blessing, to share in the administration of Holy Baptism and in the celebrations of the mysteries of Christ’s Body and Blood, and to perform the other ministrations entrusted to you. In all that you do, you are to nourish Christ’s people from the riches of his grace and strengthen them to glorify God in this life and in the life to come.

Are you resolved to reaffirm your commitment to Christ as ministers of his new covenant?

The priests say

With the help of God, I am.

The priests sit.
The deacons stand.
A Bishop says to the deacons

Sisters and brothers, you are called to a special ministry of servanthood directly under your bishop. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are to serve all people, particularly the poor, the weak, the sick and the lonely. As a deacon, you are to study the Holy Scriptures, to seek nourishment from them, and to model your life upon them. You are to make Christ and his redemptive love known, by word and example, to those among whom you live, work, and worship. You are to interpret to the Church the needs, concerns, and hopes of the world. You are to assist the bishop and presbyters in public worship and in the ministration of God’s Word and Sacraments, and you are to carry out other duties assigned to you from time to time. At all times, your life and teaching are to show Christ’s people that in serving the helpless they are serving Christ himself.

Are you resolved to reaffirm your commitment to Christ as ministers of his new covenant?

The deacons say
With the help of God, I am.

All stand. Please stand as you are able.

Litany for Ordinations

God the Father,
Have mercy on us.

God the Son,
Have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit,
Have mercy on us.

Holy Trinity, one God,
Have mercy on us.

We pray to you, Lord Christ.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the Day of your Coming, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For all members of your Church in their vocation and ministry, that they may serve you in a true and godly life, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Ian Douglas, Laura Ahrens our bishops, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons, that they may be filled with your love, may hunger for truth, and may thirst after righteousness, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For those in positions of public trust, especially for our President and elected officials at all levels, that they may serve justice and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O
Lord.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

*To you, O Lord our God.*

A bishop concludes with the following collect:

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, who glorified your Son for death on the cross. Receive the prayers we offer this day through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Free intercessions may be offered.*

*The service concludes as follows*

**Officiant**  Let us bless the Lord.

**People**  Thanks be to God.

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Liturgy resources used in the design of this liturgy are noted as follow:

- The Book of Common Prayer, 1979
- The Book of Occasional Services, 2003