

# The Consecration of a Bishop

## ABBREVIATIONS

Consecrator .....	Primary Consecrator .....	The Most Rev John Plummer PhD
SAC.....	Senior Assistant Consecrator.....	The Most Rev James Bryant
JAC .....	Junior Assistant Consecrator .....	The Most Rev Robert A Jones
B-E .....	Bishop-Elect.....	The Rev Wynn Wagner
New Bishop.....	New Bishop.....	The Most Rev Wynn Wagner
Deacon.....	Deacon .....	Deacon Hooker
Server .....	Altar Server .....	Julio A Chong

## SEASON: Eastertide

### *Vide Aquam*

*At the foot of the Altar*

**Consecrator:** I saw water coming forth from the Temple on the right side, alleluia:

**All:** and all those were saved to whom that water came, and they shall say:

**Consecrator:** Alleluia.

**All:** Alleluia.

**Consecrator:** Give praise to the Lord, for He is good:

**All:** for His mercy endureth forever.

**Consecrator:** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**All:** As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**Consecrator:** I saw water coming forth from the Temple on the right side, alleluia:

**All:** and all those were saved to whom that water came, and they shall say alleluia, alleluia.

**Consecrator:** Show us, O Lord, Thy mercy.

**All:** And grant us Thy salvation.

**Consecrator:** O Lord, hear my prayer.

**All:** And let my cry come unto Thee.

**Consecrator:** The Lord be with you.

**All:** And with thy spirit.

**Consecrator:** Let us pray. Hear us Lord, Holy Father, almighty and eternal God; and graciously send Thy holy angel from Heaven to watch over, foster, safeguard, abide with and defend all who dwell in this house. Through Christ Our Lord.

**All:** Amen.

## *The Mass of the Catechumens*

*Consecrators approach the altar, and Primary Consecrator recites the entrance antiphon:*

**All Consecrators:** O send forth your light and your truth: let them lead me;  
 Let them bring me unto your holy hill, and to your tabernacles.  
 Then will I go unto the altar of God, unto God my exceeding joy:  
 Yea, upon the harp I will praise you, O God, my God.  
 I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving:  
 And I will call upon the name of the Lord  
 I will pay my vows unto the Lord:  
 Now in the presence of all God's 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 forever. Amen. Alleluia!

*Primary Consecrator turns to the people, and gives the salutation and blessing:*

**Consecrator:** ☩ Peace be with you.

**All:** And with your spirit.

## *The Presentation*

*Bishop-elect is brought to the Primary Consecrator by a representative of the community:*

**Consecrator:** The priest, Wynn Wagner, who has been called to the office of bishop by prophetic word and communal discernment, is here present, that, if it be the will of God, he may be consecrated to the episcopacy in God's holy church.

Are you assured in your hearts that Wynn is sufficiently prepared and in all respects fit and worthy of this office?

**Parishioner:** We have examined him, and in our hearts we believe him so to be.

**Consecrator:** Thanks be to God.

*Addressing the congregation—*

**SAC:** Dear friends, this service begins with you. Please come forward and lay your hands on this priest's head. Give him your energy: help him as he begins this new voyage as a prince of the church.

*The congregation files up to lay hands on the bishop elect.*

**Consecrator:** When the Lord commanded Moses to hallow Aaron that he might minister in the high priest's office, he was bidden to take with him appointed sacrifices, and the garments which had been prepared according to the word of the Lord. He was to bring Aaron before the Lord in the presence of all the congregation, to wash him with water, to put upon him

the holy garments, to anoint him with holy oil, and to offer as well the sacrifices for atonement and propitiation, as also the sacrifices and offerings for consecration.

These things are figures and examples of the truth. They instruct us that there is a holy order appointed in the church of God. They set forth as types and shadows the glorious operations of the Holy Spirit, who dwells in God's temple, the church, and works in all things according to the will of God.

In fulfillment of this order, our brother has been washed and cleansed with pure and holy teaching. He is now brought before you to be robed in the holy garments of the high priesthood, to be anointed with oil and with the Holy Spirit, and to offer himself as a living sacrifice of praise and service to God. If any of you know of a just cause why our brother should not be admitted to the order of bishop in Christ's church, speak now...

*Brief pause*

Then, let us say with one voice: By God's grace, he is worthy!

All: By God's grace, he is worthy!

### *The Examination and Vow*

**Consecrator:** Dear brother in Christ, you have been presented and found worthy to receive the laying on of our hands for consecration to the episcopacy, that in Jesus Christ, you may be a Priest, Prophet, and Sovereign. We are instructed by the Holy Scriptures to lay hands suddenly on no one. Therefore, although you have received a good testimony from these friends, I call upon you now to give testimony to the faith and hope that are in you. Thus assured, we may with one heart and mind address ourselves to our present work. Therefore I ask you –

Do you believe, according to the measure of your understanding and the powers of your mind, in the Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, from whom, by whom, and in whom are all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, bodily and spiritual?

**Bishop-Elect:** I do.

**JAC:** Are you fully persuaded in your heart, that you are called by the Holy Spirit to be a bishop in Christ's church?

**Bishop-Elect:** I am.

**Consecrator:** The Lord increase this faith in you, dearly beloved brother, even unto that perfect day. Having heard the testimony of your faith, I now call upon you to declare in the presence of Jesus Christ and before his church, your purpose, resolution, and engagement, touching the duties of your ministry. Therefore, I ask you –

Will you faithfully minister the sacraments, most especially the holy Eucharist, to all who come to you? Will you be unwearied in prayer for the flock of God, in absolving and comforting the penitent, in blessing the people in the name of the Lord, in teaching them pub-

licly and privately, in preaching the gospel with your words and deeds, with the enlarged heart and spiritual grace that become a bishop?

**Bishop-Elect:** All this I will do, the Lord helping me.

**SAC:** Will you walk in the Spirit, abide in the Spirit, robed in heavenly conversation and grace, that you will discern spiritual things, may foster in yourself and others the good fruit of the Spirit, and may detect and reject the wiles and workings of all spiritual evil?

**Bishop-Elect:** All this I will do, the Lord helping me.

**Consecrator:** Will you bear in mind that Jesus has called us to be servants, and not to lord it over others, and thus be as the humble friend of all, taking no haughty thought of your high office? Will you cultivate gentleness of spirit, the love of Christ, and the eternal faithfulness of the Father in all your doings?

**Bishop-Elect:** All this I will do, the Lord helping me.

**JAC:** Beloved brother, Jesus welcomed all who came to him: children, soldiers, prostitutes, and scholars. As you serve as a bishop in his name, you are called to the same open and compassionate embrace.

**Bishop-Elect:** In the presence of God and all the Holy Ones, I vow hospitality, welcoming Christ in all people, without distinction, that I may serve God in them.

## *Confession and Absolution*

*Bishops kneel facing the altar and lead the prayer of confession:*

**All:** O Lord, you have created us to be immortal and made us to be an image of your own eternity; yet often we forget the glory of our heritage and wander from the path which leads to righteousness. But you, O Lord, have made us for yourself and our hearts are ever restless till they find their rest in you. Look with the eyes of your love upon our manifold imperfections and pardon all our shortcomings, that we may be filled with the brightness of the everlasting light and become the unspotted mirror of your power and the image of your goodness; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Consecrator:** God the Father, God the ✠ Son, God the Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and sanctify you; the Lord in his loving-kindness look down upon you and be gracious unto you; the Lord ✠ absolve you from all your sins and grant you the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit.

**All:** Amen.

## *Bidding*

**Consecrator:** Friends, it weighs upon a bishop to consecrate, to ordain, to offer sacrifice, to anoint, to bless, to loose and to bind, to baptize and confirm, to preside, to interpret and to judge. Let us pray that God in great loving-kindness and watchful care over the church, will bestow

upon this bishop-elect abundant grace with which to perform the sacred ministry to which the Holy Spirit has called him.

*Candidate lays flat on the floor (or kneels, or bows with hands crossed upon the altar, and the head laid upon the hands). All kneel with him, and join in several minutes of silent prayer for the descent of the Holy Spirit, followed by the Litany of the Saints. Particular saints may be added to the Litany, as desired:*

JAC:	God the Father,	JAC:	All holy apostles and evangelists,
All:	Pour forth your love.	All:	Pray for us.
JAC:	God the Son,	JAC:	All holy disciples of the Lord,
All:	Pour forth your love.	All:	Pray for us.
JAC:	God the Holy Spirit,	JAC:	All holy martyrs,
All:	Pour forth your love.	All:	Pray for us.
JAC:	Holy Mary, Mother of God,	JAC:	All holy bishops and confessors,
All:	Pray for us.	All:	Pray for us.
JAC:	All holy angels and archangels,	JAC:	All holy teachers,
All:	Pray for us.	All:	Pray for us.
JAC:	All holy orders of blessed spirits,	JAC:	All holy priests and levites,
All:	Pray for us.	All:	Pray for us.
JAC:	St John the Baptist, forerunner of the Lord,	JAC:	Saint Mychal Judge,
All:	Pray for us.	All:	Pray for us.
JAC:	All holy ancestors and prophets,	JAC:	All holy saints of God,
All:	Pray for us.	All:	Intercede for us.
		JAC:	We pray to you, Lord Christ.
		All:	Lord, hear our prayer.
JAC:	For your church and all who serve within it, that they may be filled with truth and love,		
All:	Lord, hear our prayer.		
JAC:	For this chosen one ✠ that through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, he may fulfill his ministry,		
All:	Lord, hear our prayer.		
JAC:	For the healing of the earth and all his children,		
All:	Lord, hear our prayer.		
JAC:	Rejoicing in the fellowship of Holy Mary and all the saints and angels, let us commend our- selves and all our life unto Christ our God.		
All:	To you, O Lord.		

## *The Collect*

**Consecrator:** Almighty and eternal God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the church is made holy and governed, pour forth your sanctifying grace into the heart of this your servant, who is about to be numbered among the shepherds of your church, that with pure heart and open mind he may faithfully receive of the fullness of the Spirit, through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen.

## The Readings

### *First Reading (Old Testament)*

**JAC:** A reading from the Book of Leviticus.

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Take Aaron along with his sons, and the vestments, the anointing oil, the bull of sin offering, the two rams, and the basket of unleavened bread; and assemble the whole community at the entrance of the tent of meeting. Moses did as the Lord commanded him, saying to the community, "This is what the Lord has commanded to be done."

Then Moses brought Aaron and his sons forward and washed them with water. He put the tunic on him, girded him with the sash, clothed him with the robe, and put the ephod on him, girding him with the decorated band with which he tied it to him. He put the breastplate on him, and put into the breastplate the Urim and the Thummim. And he set the headdress on his head; and on the headdress, in front, he put the gold frontlet, the holy diadem – as the Lord had commanded Moses.

Moses took the anointing oil and anointed the Tabernacle and all that was in it, thus consecrating them. He sprinkled some of it on the altar seven times, anointing the altar, all its utensils, and the laver with its stand, to consecrate them. He poured some of the anointing oil upon Aaron's head and anointed him, to consecrate him. Moses then brought Aaron's sons forward, clothed them in tunics, girded them with sashes, and wound turbans upon them, as the Lord had commanded Moses.

From the basket of unleavened bread that was before the Lord, he took one cake of unleavened bread, one cake of oil bread, and one wafer, and placed all these on the palms of Aaron and on the palms of his sons, and elevated them as an elevation offering before the Lord. Then Moses took them from their hands and turned them into smoke. This was an ordination offering for a pleasing odor; it was an offering by fire to the Lord – as the Lord had commanded Moses.

And Moses took some of the anointing oil and sprinkled it upon Aaron and upon his vestments, and also upon his sons and upon their vestments. Thus he consecrated them.

Moses said to Aaron and his sons, “Everything done today, the Lord commanded to be done.”

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

### *Psalm*

Server: Exalt the Lord our God:

All: And worship at this footstool for he is holy.

Server: Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those that call upon his name:

All: They called upon the Lord and he answered them.

Server: He spoke to them in the cloudy pillar:

All: They kept his testimonies and the ordinances that he gave them

Server: Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at his holy hill:

All: For the Lord our God is holy.

### *Second Reading (Epistle)*

Server: A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to Timothy

Therefore I would remind you to rekindle, ever and again, the fire of awakened spiritual power which you received by my laying on of hands. For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love, and wise conduct of life. You must not be ashamed of the martyrdom of our Lord, nor of mine who serve him in chains. You, too, take on yourself the suffering that the service of the Gospel brings with it. By doing this, you will find in yourself the moving power of God who gives us salvation and calls us to a sacred destiny. This destiny is not the result of our works; it proceeds from the creative purpose of God himself, and from his gracious will which he turned toward us before all times, in Christ Jesus. But now it has become manifest in the merciful appearing of Christ Jesus, the bringer of our healing. He has destroyed the might of death, and has lit the light of the true, deathless life through the Gospel, whose herald, apostle, and teacher I have been appointed to be. For the sake of this task, I take on myself all sufferings and am not ashamed of them. I know who it is with whom I unite myself in faith, and so I know also that he gives the strength to carry through what has been laid upon me until the breaking of the new Day. Take what you have heard from me as an example for how you may work with the soul-healing Word, out of the power of faith, and out of love for Christ Jesus. Nurture and enliven the good treasure which has been given to you by the power of the Holy Spirit who dwells within our souls.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

*The Gradual and Alleluia*

Deacon: Alleluia!

All: Alleluia!

Deacon: The Lord has prepared his throne in the heavens:

All: And his kingdom rules over all.

Bless the Lord, his angels who excel in strength, who do his will:

Hearkening unto the voice of his word.

Bless the Lord, all this hosts:

Ministers of his who do his pleasure.

Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion:

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Alleluia!

*Gospel*

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Deacon: The Gospel of Jesus Christ according to John

All: Glory to you, Lord!

When the meal was over, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than the others?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that you are dear to me." And Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." And he asked him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" And he answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that you are dear to me." And Jesus said to him, "Be a shepherd to my little sheep." For a third time, Jesus asked him, "Simon, son of John, am I dear to you?"

Then Peter was grieved that on the third occasion Jesus asked him, "Am I dear to you?" And he answered, "Lord, you know all things, you know that you are dear to me." And Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Yes, I tell you: when you were young, you tied your own belt and followed aims you had set yourself; but when you reach maturity of age, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will gird you and lead you to aims you do not set yourself." With these words, Jesus showed Peter in a picture by what death the divine in him should be revealed. And he said to him, "Follow me."

Then Peter turned and saw that the disciple whom Jesus loved was following. He was the one who had lain close to his breast at the meal and had said: Lord, who is it that betrays you? When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, "Lord, what is his task?" Jesus answered him, "If I choose for him to remain until my coming, it does not concern you. Follow me!"

Thus far the gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

## *The Consecration*

**Consecrator:** We have the three essentials for consecrating this priest as a bishop. We have form, matter and intent.

- I am a consecrated bishop with jurisdictional authority to consecrate. My own lineage (or apostolic succession) is validly. These other bishops will assist in the consecration, there-by passing several lineages to the bishop-elect.
- Our bishop-elect is a validly ordained priest with no impediments to consecration.
- It is our intent to consecrate him as a bishop.
- And the form of the consecration is an ancient rite. We will invoke of the Holy Spirit by laying on of hands at this Eucharist

### *Blessing of the book of the Gospels*

*An open book of the gospels is laid, open side down, upon the candidate's head by the clergy, and held in place.*

### *Prayer*

**Consecrator:** Let us pray that God will pour forth His gifts in fullness upon this servant, through Christ our Lord.

*All kneel, including the Consecrators, who kneel facing the altar. Primary Consecrator prays as follows:*

**Consecrator:** God, you created everything by your power and established the universe by the will of your only Son. You have freely given us the grasp of truth and made known to us your holy and excellent love. You have given your beloved and only-begotten Son, the Word, Jesus Christ, the Lord of Glory, as pastor and physician of our souls. By His Blood you have founded your Church and ordained in it all grades pertaining to the priesthood. You have given guidance that we may please you in that the knowledge of the name of your Anointed has increased and spread in the whole world. Send on this your servant your Holy and Spiritual Breath so that he may tend and oversee the flock entrusted to him, namely — to anoint priests, to ordain deacons, to dedicate altars and churches, to bless houses, to make appointments, to heal, to save, to deliver, to loose and bind, to invest and divest . Grant him all the power of your saints — the same power you gave to the Apostles of your only begotten Son — that he may become a glorious high-priest with the honor of Moses, the dignity of the venerable Jacob, in the throne of the Patriarchs. Let your people and the flock of your inheritance be well established through this your servant. Give him wisdom and prudence and let him understand your will. Grant him this power to solve difficult problems and all bonds of iniquity.

*All Consecrators and their attendants stand. All Consecrators extend both hands over the candidate and pray out loud in unison:*

**All Consecrators:** O Lord Jesus Christ, abiding at the right hand of the Father in the glory of the Highest, and yet invisibly present in our midst, You have received all power in heaven and in earth, and promised to remain with Your people until the end of the ages: Hear us. Look not upon our weakness, but prosper and make effectual the work of our hands. Calling upon the Holy Spirit, in Your name and in obedience to Your will, we stretch forth our hands to consecrate this Your servant to serve You as a Bishop in Your church.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now, and ever, and unto the ages of ages, Amen!

### *Veni Creator*

1

Come, thou Creator Spirit blest,  
And in our souls take up thy rest;  
Come with thy grace and heavenly aid,  
To fill the hearts which thou hast made.

2

Great Paraclete, to thee we cry,  
O highest gift of God most high;  
O living fount, O fire, O love,  
And sweet anointing from above.

3

Thou in thy sevenfold gift art known;  
Thee, finger of God's hand, we own;  
The promise of the Father, thou  
Who dost the tongue with power endow.

4

Kindle our senses from above  
And make our hearts o'erflow with love;  
With patience firm and virtue high  
The weakness of our flesh supply.

5

Far let us drive our tempting foe  
And thine abiding peace bestow;  
So shall we not, with thee as guide,  
Turn from the path of life aside.

6

O may thy grace on us bestow  
The Father and the Son to know  
And thee, through endless time confessed,  
Of both eternal Spirit blest.

7

All glory while the ages run  
Be to the Father and the Son,  
Who gave us life; the same to thee,  
O Holy Ghost, eternally. Amen.

*All Consecrators and their attendants stand, while the congregation continues to kneel with the candidate. All Consecrators extend both hands over the candidate, and then lay hands silently on the candidate's head. After a couple of minutes of silence, the Consecrators say in unison:*

**All Consecrators:** Receive the Holy Spirit for the office and work of a Bishop in the Church of God, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Consecrators continue to pray silently for a few moments, sealing the episcopal consecration, and then remove their hands. Primary Consecrator then takes the Gospel book from the clergy and hands it to the new bishop, saying:*

**Consecrator:** Take heed to your teaching and to the teaching of those committed to your charge, holding fast to the way of Jesus Christ. See that you rightly divide the word of truth, for thus you will bring light and life to those who hear you.

*All Consecrators lay their right hands on the head of the new bishop, and all attending priests and ministers lay their right hands on the shoulders of the new bishop, saying these words in unison:*

**All Consecrators:** God the Father bless you!

God the Son save you!

God the Holy Spirit preserve, sanctify, and keep you, now and forevermore! Amen!

*All Consecrators stand with both hands extended toward the new bishop. Primary Consecrator prays aloud as follows, while other Consecrators join in the prayer quietly or in silence:*

**Consecrator:** Holy and Beloved Creator, You anointed Your Son Incarnate with the Holy Spirit, and sent Him forth to accomplish the Work of Redemption on earth. Grant that this same anointing of the Spirit may now come down and overflow upon the head of this Your servant. May the mighty power of the Holy Spirit renew him within, and be his defense and shield without. May he abound in the steadfastness of faith, in purity of love, in sincerity of peace. Grant that his feet may be beautiful to publish the gospel of peace, the gospel of Your good things. Commit unto him, O Lord, the ministry of reconciliation in words, in deeds, in mighty signs and wonders. May his speech and his preaching be not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power.

Grant unto him meekly to bear himself in the authority You give him, exercising Your power according to Your will for building up and not for tearing down; that whatsoever he binds on earth may be bound in heaven, and whatsoever he loose upon earth be loosed in heaven. May he be a wise and faithful servant set over Your household to give them food in due season, and to present every person given to his charge perfect before You. May he be unwearied in his charge, fervent in spirit; may pride be hateful to him, may he love humility and practice it. May he love the truth, may he never forsake it, neither won by the praise nor deterred by the fear of others. May he never put light for darkness, nor darkness for light; may he never call evil, good, nor good, evil. May he be debtor to both the wise and the unwise the he may obtain fruit among all. In all his work, may he be as the servant of all.

Be unto him, O God, his steadfast rock and the refuge of his heart. Multiply upon him the blessing ✠ of Your grace, that he may ever live in awe and wonder before You. By Your compassion, may he ever obtain love and perfect acceptance with You through Jesus Christ

your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

### *Anointing*

*An attendant moves a chair directly in front of the altar, and the Primary Consecrator sits facing the people. Other Consecrators stand nearby. The new bishop kneels directly before the Primary Consecrator. The new bishop's head is bound with a strip of linen. The Primary Consecrator anoints the head of the new bishop with holy chrism, saying:*

**Consecrator:** God the Holy Spirit anoint you ✠ with the oil of gladness, with the chrism of light and salvation. I seal you ✠ with the sign of the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and consecrate you to the office of Bishop, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. May the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has raised you up as a bishop in His church, imbue you with the mystical anointing of the Holy Spirit, and enrich you with the fullness of His blessing, that God's blessing may extend through you to all people. Hear, O Divine Beloved, and grant these things we seek, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Primary Consecrator anoints the hands of the new bishop with holy chrism, saying:*

May your hands be consecrated and hallowed by our anointing and the work of the Holy Spirit. In the Name of the Father ✠ and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy ✠ Spirit. Amen.

*Primary Consecrator joins the hands of the new bishop, bind his hands together with a strip of linen, and may optionally place the bound hands in another cloth suspended from the new bishop's neck. Then, the Primary Consecrator blesses the new bishop's heart and hands:*

May your heart ✠ be filled with the Holy Spirit, so that whatever you bless ✠ is blessed, and whatever you hallow ✠ is hallowed, and that that laying on of these consecrated hands bring the spiritual safeguarding of your flock, in the name of Christ the Lord. Amen.

*Primary Consecrator unbinds the hands and head of the new bishop, and all clean their hands. During this procedure, all say or chant as follows:*

**All:** Behold, how good and how precious it is:  
 For brothers and sisters to dwell in unity.  
 It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard:  
 That went down to the skirts of his garments.  
 As the dew of Hermon:  
 And as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion  
 For there the Lord commanded the blessing:  
 Even life for evermore  
 Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:  
 As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.  
 Amen. Alleluia!

## *The Symbols of Office*

*Primary Consecrator goes to the altar, and quietly blesses the crozier, pectoral cross, and episcopal ring, holding each in turn, blessing them with sacred chrism, and praying as follows:*

**Consecrator:** Eternal Triune God, before whose great white throne seven flaming Spirits stand, whom you send forth throughout the world, ✠ pour out upon this staff your sevenfold fire, that it may be a rod of power for the ruling and strengthening of your church, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, by your own most holy will you offered yourself as a sacrifice for all the world. By that limitation of yourself you have hallowed the sign of the cross, making it forever your own. Let now the seven rays of your ineffable glory ✠ shine through this sacred symbol, that this holy cross may be a radiant sun to the one who wears it, and a fountain of light and blessing to all your people, O you who reign from the cross forever. Amen.

O Christ, pure Lord of Love, whom angel hosts obey, touch with your sacred fire this ring which we now bless ✠ in your name, that he who wears it will ever show forth your love and purity, and all who touch it shall know your healing grace.

**All:** Amen.

### *The Crozier*

*Primary Consecrator presents crozier to the new bishop:*

**Consecrator:** Receive this staff and wield your power with care, as shepherd of Christ's flock. By virtue of the sevenfold fire of God the Holy Spirit, be all things to all people, giving more strength to the strong, yet showing gentleness to the weak, full of wisdom for the wise, and for the devout full of deep devotion. Yet as the seven flashing colors of the bow make but one pure white ray, so shall your sevenfold power be all the one great power of love.

### *The Pectoral Cross*

*Primary Consecrator places pectoral cross around new bishop's neck:*

**Consecrator:** Receive this cross, remembering that only by the perfect sacrifice of the lower nature to the higher can you bear it worthily. Go forth in the power of the cross, and may the sevenfold light of the Holy Spirit so shine through you that you may win others to the beauty of sacrifice.

### *The Ring*

*Primary Consecrator places ring on new bishop's hand:*

**Consecrator:** Receive this ring in token of the link which binds you to our Lord, and as a symbol of your office as Christ's legate to those you serve. In Christ's name, be a healer of souls and a channel of love.

**All Consecrators:** Peace be with you.

**New bishop:** And with your spirit.

*All exchange the peace with one another, and the Eucharist continues as usual, the new bishop and the consecrators all concelebrating.*

## *Sign of Peace*

**Consecrator:** My brothers and sisters, we have confessed our sins and we have been forgiven. Jesus Christ, the King of Tenderness, binds us with a bond of love that cannot be broken. Therefore:

In the name of the Logos ever present, ever saying: Peace I leave with you, My Peace I give unto you; not as the world gives do I give it unto you.

**Consecrator:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**All:** *And also with you.*

**Deacon:** Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*The Peace is exchanged.*

**Consecrator:** As a forgiven and reconciled people, let us bring our offerings before the altar of God.

# Liturgy of the Eucharist

## Offertory Hymn

1

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,  
And with fear and trembling stand;  
Ponder nothing earthly minded,  
For with blessing in His hand,  
Christ our God to earth descendeth,  
Our full homage to demand.

2

King of kings, yet born of Mary,  
As of old on earth He stood,  
Lord of lords, in human vesture,  
In the body and the blood;  
He will give to all the faithful  
His own self for heavenly food.

3

Rank on rank the host of heaven  
Spreads its vanguard on the way,  
As the Light of light descendeth  
From the realms of endless day,  
That the powers of hell may vanish  
As the darkness clears away.

4

At His feet the six wingèd seraph,  
Cherubim with sleepless eye,  
Veil their faces to the presence,  
As with ceaseless voice they cry:  
Alleluia, Alleluia  
Alleluia, Lord Most High!

## Presentation of the Gifts

**Consecrator:** Dear Lord, we accept that of which, by the nature of this planet, we are composed; and in our great gratitude, we offer this bread unto You, as we likewise offer ourselves.

Blessed are You, Lord, God of all creation. Through Your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made.

It will become for us the bread of life.

**All:** Blessed be God forever.

*Wine poured; Deacon if present, blesses water*

**Consecrator:** As Your Spirit would move the heart of every being, now we move water within this wine, and they shall move as one.

We adore You, O God, and offer unto You this water and wine, as we offer that which gives us life. From You have we come, and unto You shall we return.

Blessed are You, Lord, God of all creation. Through Your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands.

It will become our spiritual drink.

**All:** Blessed be God forever.

## The Censing

**Consecrator:** Welcome as incense smoke let my prayers rise up before You, O Lord.  
When I lift my hands, let it be acceptable as the evening sacrifice.

**All:** Amen.

*Altar and oblations are censed; server, celebrant, other servers, and congregation are censed.*

**Consecrator:** Lord God, we ask You to receive us and be pleased with the sacrifice we offer You with humble and contrite hearts.

### *Lavabo*

*Priest washes hands before preparing gifts.*

**Consecrator:** Pray, my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

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

### *Prayer over the Gifts*

**Consecrator:** Lord, by these holy gifts we offer, make holy those You gather together in Your Name. May we who share this sacrament experience the life and power it promises and come to know Your presence.

**All:** Amen.

### *Sursum Corda*

**Consecrator:** The Lord be with you.

**All:** And also with you.

**Consecrator:** Lift up your hearts.

**All:** We lift them up unto the Lord.

**Consecrator:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All:** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

### *Preface*

**Consecrator:** O Holy One of Blessing, God of all being, we do well always and everywhere to give You thanks. You have no need of our praise, yet our desire to thank You is itself Your gift. Our prayer of thanksgiving adds nothing to Your greatness, but makes us grow in Your grace, through Your Son, the Christ.

You give us Your Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to help us always by Her power, so that with loving trust we may turn to You in all our troubles, and give You thanks in all our joys.

Source of life and goodness, You have created all things, to fill Your creatures with every blessing and lead all to the joyful vision of Your Light. Countless hosts of angels stand before You to do Your will. They look upon Your splendor and praise You, night and day. United with them, and in the name of every creature under heaven, we too praise Your glory as we say/sing:

## Sanctus

All: Holy, 🛎 Holy, 🛎 Holy 🛎 Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. ✠ Hosanna in the highest.

## Eucharistic Prayer

Consecrator: Lord, You are holy indeed, the fountain of all holiness. As one family, we gather around Your table. Here is the sacrifice of Christ offered in mystery.

Here is prepared the Lord's Table, at which Your children are nourished by the Body of Christ.

Here Your people drink of the Spirit, the stream of living water that flows from the rock of Christ.

Loving Creator, we who have been redeemed by Your Son bring You these gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves as a living sacrifice.

Let Your Spirit come upon these gifts to make them holy. Sanctify them, that they may become for us the Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, at Whose command we celebrate this Eucharist. 🛎

Consecrator: Before He was given up to death, a death He freely accepted, He took bread and gave You thanks. He broke the bread, gave it to His disciples, and said: Take this, all of you, and eat it:

This Is My Body

which will be given up for you.



Consecrator: When supper was ended, He took the cup. Again He gave You thanks and praise, gave the cup to His disciples, and said: Take this, all of you, and drink from it:

This Is the Cup of My Blood

the blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of Me.



Consecrator: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Consecrator: Father, we celebrate the memory of Christ, Your Son. We, Your people and Your ministers, recall His passion, His resurrection from the dead, and His ascension into glory; and from the many gifts You have given us, we offer to You, God of glory and majesty, this holy and perfect sacrifice: the bread of life and the cup of eternal salvation.

Look with favor on these offerings and accept them as once You accepted the gifts of Your servant Abel, the sacrifice of Abraham and Sarah, our parents in faith, and the bread and wine offered by Your priest, Melchizedek.

Almighty God, we pray that Your angel may take this sacrifice to Your altar in heaven, there to be offered by Him Who, as the eternal high priest, forever offers Himself as the eternal sacrifice.

And as He has ordained that the heavenly sacrifice shall be mirrored here on earth through the ministry of mortals, to the end that Your holy people may be knit more closely into fellowship with You, we do pray for Your servants who minister at this altar, that, meetly celebrating the mysteries of the most holy Body and Blood of Your Son the Christ, they may be filled with Your mighty power and blessing.

Lord, remember Your Church throughout the world, Your people who hail You under many names and guises. Make us grow in love, together with all Your people and bishops and clergy.

For them and for ourselves, we ask some share in the fellowship of Your apostles and martyrs and all the just ones made perfect: with Mary, the Virgin Mother of God; with Mary of Magdala, first to behold the risen Lord; with John the Baptist and Stephen, Cecelia, Benedict, Scholastica, Brigid, Francis and Claire, Julian of Norwich, Thomas Ábecket, Thomas More, and the Saints and Holy Ones of all ages and peoples.

Welcome into Your kingdom our departed brothers and sisters especially, Priscilla, Rafe, Shelagh, Carol, and Myriam Sue Ann and all who have left this world in Your friendship.

Loving God, we call You Father, but You are also the fountain of Motherhood. Male and female You created us, in Your own image and likeness. May all people come to know that in You, there is no male or female, no distinction of race, class, or color; for we are all one in Your Son.

Through Christ our Lord You give us all these gifts, You fill them with life and goodness, You bless them and make them holy.

**All:** Through Whom, with Whom, in Whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor is Yours, almighty Father, forever and ever.  
Amen.

### *Communion Rite*

**Consecrator:** Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words that Jesus taught us:

*The congregation shall join hands, standing if necessary.*

**Consecrator:** Our Father...

**All:** Who art in heaven, and 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. Amen.

### *Breaking of the Bread*

**Consecrator:** O Son of God, You show Yourself this day upon countless altars and yet are one and indivisible. In token of Your great Sacrifice, we break this, Your Body.

And in token of Your triumph over death, the reuniting of Your Soul and Body, and Your glorious Resurrection, we unite this Your Body with this Your Blood, praying that we, being dead to error but alive to righteousness, may be one with You, even as You are one with the Father; and that this action, ordained from of old, may be to us and to all the world a means of grace and of life everlasting.

### *Agnus Dei*

**All:** 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.

**Consecrator:** This is the Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to His supper.

**All:** Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, speak but the word and my soul shall be healed.

**Consecrator:** Alleluia.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**All:** Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Risen Christ, we welcome you. You are the flowering bough of creation; from you cascades music like a million stars, Truth to cleanse a myriad of souls. From you flee demons, omens, and all ill will. Around you rejoice the angels of light. Giver of all that is Good, Send us the tender Spirit of the Lamb; Feed us with the Bread of Heaven; refresh us with the Cup of Salvation.

### *Communion*

**Consecrator:** The gifts of God for the people of God! My table is ready, saith the Lord. Come, my brothers and sisters, and let us share joyfully in His banquet.

You are all welcome to receive at the altar of our Beloved, for the Lord's Supper belongs to all His people.

*Celebrant gives communion to clergy and self, then to congregation.*

*Here is a period of silent meditation.*

## **Post Communion**

**Consecrator:** I have eaten Your sacred Body: let not the fire seize me!  
 I have looked upon It: let mine eyes see Your mercies.  
 I have not been a stranger to Your Mysteries: let me not be separated from You.

## **Prayer after Communion**

**Consecrator:** Let us pray.  
 Loving God, You strengthen us with bread from heaven and give us the joy of sharing the cup of Your covenant. By this sacrifice may we always remain one with Your Son, the Christ, whose Body and Blood we share, for He is Lord for ever and ever.  
**All:** Amen.

## **The Mitre**

*At the conclusion of the Eucharist, the Primary Consecrator silently blesses the new bishop's mitre, and a cope or mantle (if these regalia are to be used.) The cope is placed on the new bishop silently, and then the mitre with these words:*

**Consecrator:** Receive this mitre with which we crown you for the service of our Lord Jesus, who, although he is divine and human, is not two, but one Christ. As in himself, the Lord indissolubly unites two natures, so may you in yourself ever join the attributes of wisdom and love.

## **Dismissal**

**New Bishop:** The Lord be with you.  
**All:** And with thy spirit.  
**New Bishop:** Ite, missa est.  
**All:** Deo gratias.

*The new bishop returns to the center of the sanctuary, and gives the final blessing:*

**New Bishop:** Blessed be the Name of the Lord.  
**All:** From this time forth, forevermore.  
**New Bishop:** Our help is in the Name of the Lord  
**All:** Who made heaven and earth.  
**New Bishop:** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your minds and hearts in the knowledge and love of God and of his son Jesus Christ our Lord; and may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father ✠, the Son ✠, and the Holy ✠ Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you evermore.  
**All:** Amen.