

THE TEXTS SUNG AT THE ORDINATION OF A BISHOP
FROM CHAPTER V
OF THE
RITES OF ORDINATION
OF A BISHOP, OF PRIESTS,
AND OF DEACONS
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342 The Ritual Mass “For the Conferral of Holy Orders” may be used except on Solemnities, the Sundays of Advent, Lent, and Easter, on days within the octave of Easter, and feasts of the Apostles. On these days the Mass of the day is said, with its proper readings.

Nevertheless, if on other days the Ritual Mass is not said, one of the readings for this Ritual Mass provided in the *Lectionary for Mass* may be chosen.

When several Bishops are ordained, the prayers are said in the plural.

Entrance Antiphon Luke 4:18

**The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
and sent me to bring good news to the poor,
to heal the broken-hearted.**

Collect

**O God, who by the singular gift of your untold grace,
have willed today to set your servant and priest N.
over the Church of N.:
grant that he may carry out worthily the office and ministry of Bishop,
and that under your constant governance
he may direct by word and example the people entrusted to his care.
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.**

Or, for a non-resident Bishop:

**O God, who, as the eternal Shepherd,
governing your flock with watchful care,
have willed this day to join N., your servant and priest,
to the College of Bishops,
grant, we pray, that by the holiness of his life
he may show himself in all places to be a true witness to Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.**

**Christ, hear us
Christ, graciously hear us**

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56 After setting aside his pastoral staff, the newly ordained Bishop rises and receives the fraternal kiss from the principal ordaining Bishop and all the other Bishops.

57 Meanwhile, until the end of this rite, the following antiphon may be sung with Psalm 95 (96).
**Go into the world, alleluia.
And teach all nations, alleluia.**

Or in Lent:
**Go into the world.
And teach all nations.**

Another appropriate liturgical song with a similar theme to the antiphon may be sung, especially when Psalm 95(96) has been used as the Responsorial Psalm.

Prayer over the Offerings

If the newly ordained Bishop presides at the Liturgy of the Eucharist, he says:
**To serve you more generously,
we offer you, Lord, the sacrifice of praise,
that what you have conferred on us, unworthy as we are,
may be brought by you to gracious fulfillment.
Through Christ our Lord.**

If the principal ordaining Bishop presides at the Liturgy of the Eucharist, he says:
**Let the offering we make, O Lord,
for your Church and for N., your servant and Bishop,
be a gift acceptable to you,
and, for the benefit of his flock,
endow with apostolic virtues him whom you have raised up
as high priest among your people,
Through Christ our Lord.**

Preface

**The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
R. We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**

R. It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The priesthood of Christ and the ministry of priests

**It is truly fitting and right, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.
By the anointing of the Holy Spirit you made your only-begotten Son
High Priest of the new and eternal covenant,
and by your ineffable plan, you were pleased to ordain
that his one priesthood should continue in the Church.
For Christ not only accords the dignity of a royal priesthood
to the people he has made his own,
but he also chooses men with a brother's care
to receive a share in his sacred ministry by the laying on of hands.
He appoints them to renew in his name the sacrifice of mankind's redemption
to set before your family the paschal meal,
to lead your holy people in charity, to nourish them with your word,
and to renew them through the sacraments.
As they offer their lives for you and for the salvation of their brothers and sisters
they are to strive to be conformed to the image of Christ himself
and to offer you their constant witness of faith and love.
And so, Lord, we join all the Angels and Saints
in the joyous hymn of your praise:
Holy, holy, holy . . .**

The intercessions to be inserted into the eucharistic prayer are given in nos. 59 and 95.

Communion Antiphon John 17:17-18

**Holy Father,
sanctify them in the truth.
As you sent me into the world,
I have sent them into the world,
says the Lord.**

Prayer after Communion

If the newly ordained Bishop presides at the Liturgy of the Eucharist, he says:
**Accomplish fully within us, we pray, O Lord,
the healing effects of your mercy:
graciously perfect and sustain us,
that we may come to please you in all things.
Through Christ our Lord.**

If the principal ordaining Bishop presides at the Liturgy of the Eucharist, he says:

**By the power of this sacrament, Lord,
multiply your gifts of grace
in N., your servant and Bishop,
that he may worthily fulfill before you his ministry as pastor
and receive the eternal reward
that you bestow on your faithful stewards.
Through Christ our Lord.**

61 At the conclusion of the prayer after Communion, the hymn *Te Deum* or, depending on local custom, another hymn similar to it is sung. Meanwhile, the newly ordained Bishop, after taking the miter and pastoral staff, is led by two of the ordaining Bishops through the church, and he blesses all who are present.