

For the Ordination of Deacons

344 The Ritual Mass “For the Conferral of Holy Orders” may be used except on Solemnities, the Sundays of Advent, Lent, and Easter, and on days within the octave of Easter. 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 only one deacon is ordained, the prayers are said in the singular.

Entrance Antiphon John 12:26

**Whoever serves me, must follow me, says the Lord:
and where I am, my servant will also be.**

INVESTITURE WITH STOLE AND DALMATIC

22. After the prayer of consecration, the bishop, wearing his miter, sits, and the newly ordained stands. An assisting deacon or priest puts a deacon’s stole and then a dalmatic on him.

23. Meanwhile, the following antiphon may be sung with Psalm 84.

Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

How lovely is your dwelling place,
Lord, God of hosts.

My soul is longing and yearning,
is yearning for the courts of the Lord.
My heart and my soul ring out their joy
to God, the living God.

The sparrow herself finds a home
and the swallow a nest for her brood;
she lays her young by your altars,
Lord of hosts, my king and my God.

They are happy, who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.
They are happy, whose strength is in you,
in whose hearts are the roads to Zion.

As they go through the Bitter Valley,

they make it a place of springs
(the autumn rain covers it with blessings).
They walk with ever growing strength,
they will see the God of gods in Zion.

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer,
give ear, O God of Jacob.
Turn your eyes, O God, our shield,
look on the face of your anointed.

One day within your courts
is better than a thousand elsewhere.
The threshold of the house of God
I prefer to the dwellings of the wicked.

For the Lord God is a rampart, a shield;
he will give us his favor and glory.
The Lord will not refuse any good
to those who walk without blame.

Lord, God of hosts,
happy the man who trusts in you!

The antiphon is repeated after every two verses. **Glory to the Father** is not said. The psalm is interrupted and the antiphon repeated when the dalmatic has been put on the deacon. Any other appropriate song may be sung.

KISS OF PEACE

25. Lastly, the bishop stands and gives the kiss of peace to the new deacon, saying:

Peace be with you.

The deacon responds: **And also with you.**

26. Meanwhile, the following antiphon may be sung with Psalm 146.

**If anyone serves me, says the Lord, my
Father in heaven will honor him.**

Alleluia!

My soul, give praise to the Lord;
I will praise the Lord all my days,
make music to my God while I live.

Put no trust in princes,
in mortal men in whom there is no help.
Take their breath, they return to clay
and their plans that day come to nothing.

He is happy who is helped by Jacob's God,
whose hope is in the Lord his God,
who alone made heaven and earth,
the seas and all they contain.

It is he who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free,

the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord, who protects the stranger
and upholds the widow and orphan.

It is the Lord who loves the just
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age.

Alleluia!

The antiphon is repeated after every two verses. **Glory to the Father** is not said. The psalm is interrupted and the antiphon repeated when all have received the kiss of peace.

Any other appropriate song may be sung.

Communion Antiphon Mark 16:15; Matthew 28:20

**Go out to all the world, and preach the Gospel:
I am with you always, says the Lord.**