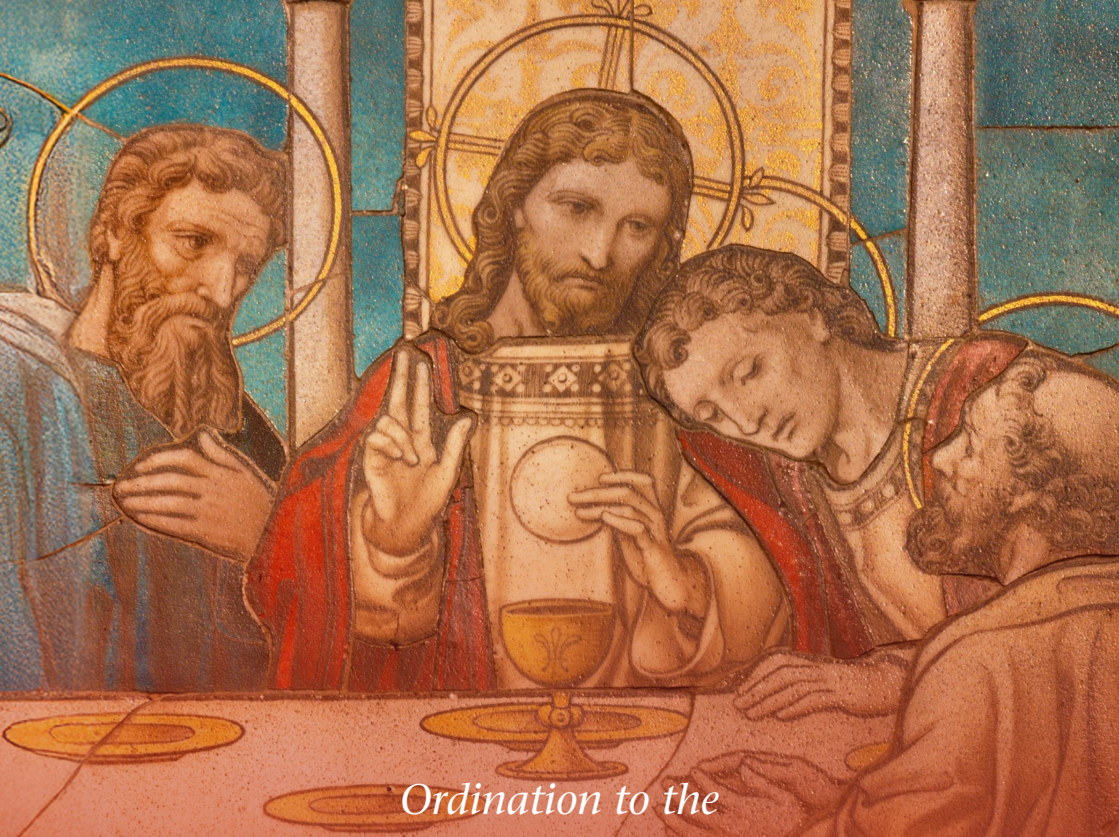


Ordination to the

PRIEST HOOD

REV FX SINH TRUONG LE

REV DARREN MCDOWELL

REV JOSEPH VUONG NGUYEN

SATURDAY 13 DECEMBER 2025

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Acknowledgements

Principal Celebrant	Most Rev Brian G Mascord DD Bishop of Wollongong *Diocesan, national and international concelebrating priests and assisting deacons*
Master of Ceremonies	Rev James Arblaster (Assistant Priest, St Paul's Catholic Parish, Camden)
Presenter	Very Rev Dr Bernard L Gordon VG
Deacon of the Word	Rev Mr Ha Tran (Deacon, Diocese of Bathurst)
Deacon of the Altar	Rev Mr Sam Gennaoui (St Mary MacKillop Parish, Oran Park)
Servers	Michael Holroyd (Sacristan), Quy Tran, Anthony Rewak, Thomas Vu, Johna Thomas, Benjamin Binoy
Readers	Sr Maria Martha Nguyen FMV & Ann Pham
Bringing forward of Stole and Chasuble	Sinh: Thao Ho & Chau Ho Darren: Geoff McDowell & Pat Chatwin Joseph: Vinh Nguyen & Chau Nguyen
Investiture	Sinh: Rev John Ho & Rev Sang Ho Darren: Rev Slawek Plonka & Rev Damien Ellis Joseph: Rev Peter Trong Huynh & Very Rev Sean Cullen
Bringing forward of Chalice & Paten	Sinh: Hai Tran Darren: Mel Satya Joseph: Cham T. Dinh
Cantors	Abraham Leota, Katrina Feil & Monique Hill
Music	Angela Quinn (Choir Conductor), Gary Quinn (Pianist), Isabelle Carolan and Declan Greer (Violin) / Diocesan Choir / Vietnamese Choir (Ca Đoàn Những Người Bạn) / Seminary Schola
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A message from the Ordinandi



Rev FX Sinh Truong Le



Rev Darren McDowell



Rev Joseph Vuong Nguyen

Today marks one of the most significant and joyful moments in our three lives. God has graced and blessed us so abundantly on our journeys, and despite all our weaknesses, has brought us to this place of saying "yes" to his call and vocation for our lives.

We are also most grateful to our families and friends who have nurtured, supported and inspired us on this journey. We remember and give thanks to God for all our deceased relatives and friends, especially FX Duyet Le, Ann McDowell and Chris McDowell, who through their lives shaped and formed us.

To the people and clergy of our diocese who have been with us through our years of formation, we thank you. We are especially grateful to those communities where we have undertaken pastoral placements—you will always have a special and meaningful place in our hearts. We look forward to serving you all as priests of Christ Jesus in our diocese.

Finally, yes this is a special day for the three of us along with our diocese as a whole, however, let us remember that God is inviting every person gathered here and beyond to respond to his love and vocational call in their own lives.

May each of you come to know the depth of God's love for you and his call and vocation which he has given to you. Let us all work together, responding to God with our charisms and gifts, in bringing his Kingdom to life in our broken world.

May God bless you!
Sinh, Darren and Joseph

INTRODUCTORY RITES

GATHERING HYMN

I Bind Unto Myself Today

Cecil Frances Alexander

I bind unto myself today
the strong name of the Trinity,
by invocation of the same,
the Three in One, and One in Three.

I bind myself to God forever
to Jesus in his incarnation
baptised for me in the Jordan river,
and crucified for my salvation;
he burst the prison of his tomb,
ascended to the heavenly throne,
returning at the day of doom
by faith I make his life my own.

I bind myself to God today
to his great pow'r to hold and lead,
his eye to watch me on my way,
his ear to listen to my need,
the wisdom of my God to teach,
his hand to guide, his shield to ward;
the word of God to give me speech,
his heavenly host to be my guard.

I bind myself to God today,
the strong and holy Trinity,
to know the name and make it known,
the Three in One, the One in Three,
from whom all nature has creation,
eternal Father, Spirit, Word.
Praise God my strength and my salvation;
praise in the Spirit through Christ the Lord!

GREETING

Bishop Brian: In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

℟ **Amen.**

Bishop Brian: Peace be with you.

℟ **And with your spirit.**

RITE OF BLESSING AND SPRINKLING OF WATER

Bishop Brian: Dear brothers and sisters,
let us humbly beseech the Lord our God
to bless this water he has created,
which will be sprinkled on us
as a memorial of our Baptism.
May he help us by his grace
to remain faithful to the Spirit we have received.

Almighty ever-living God,
who willed that through water,
the fountain of life and the source of purification,
even souls should be cleansed
and receive the gift of eternal life;
be pleased, we pray, to ✠ bless this water,
by which we seek protection on this your day, O Lord.
Renew the living spring of your grace within us
and grant that by this water we may be defended
from all ills of spirit and body,
and so approach you with hearts made clean
and worthily receive your salvation.
Through Christ our Lord.

℟ **Amen.**

The Bishop moves through the church sprinkling the assembly. All sing:

I Saw Water Flowing

Curtis Stephan

I saw water flowing
from the Temple's right-hand side,
and all to whom this water came
were saved and shall say:

Refrain: **Alleluia, alleluia!**
Alleluia, praise the Lord!

From your side, O risen Christ,
springs the water of new life,
by which our sins are washed away
and life has been made new. ***R.***

Chosen people, priesthood sing;
holy ones, proclaim his deeds.
Our mighty God has called us out
of darkness into light. ***R.***
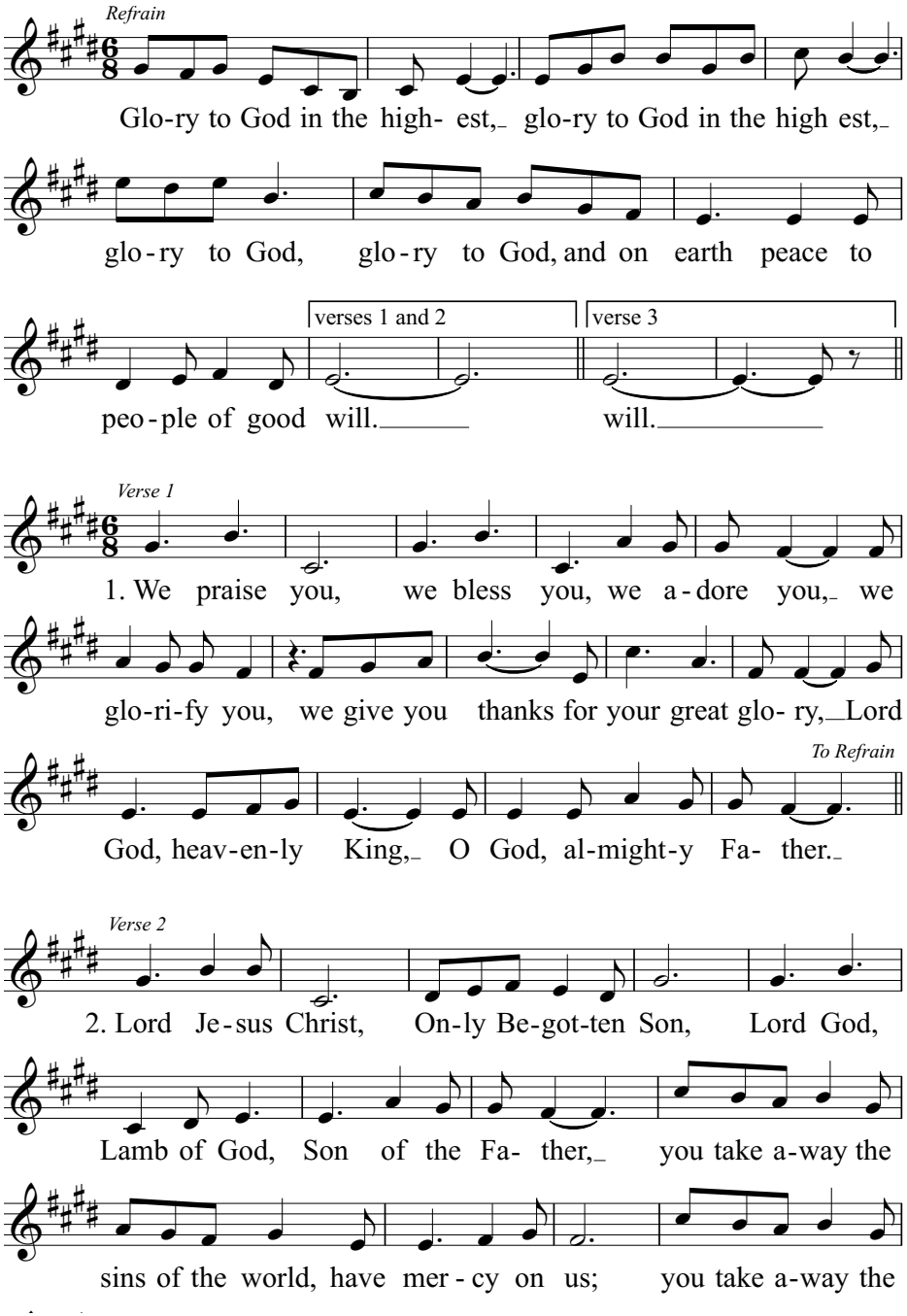
Through the waters we're reborn:
death's dark shadow is no more.
Christ, our Saviour and our Lord,
has won the victory. ***R.***

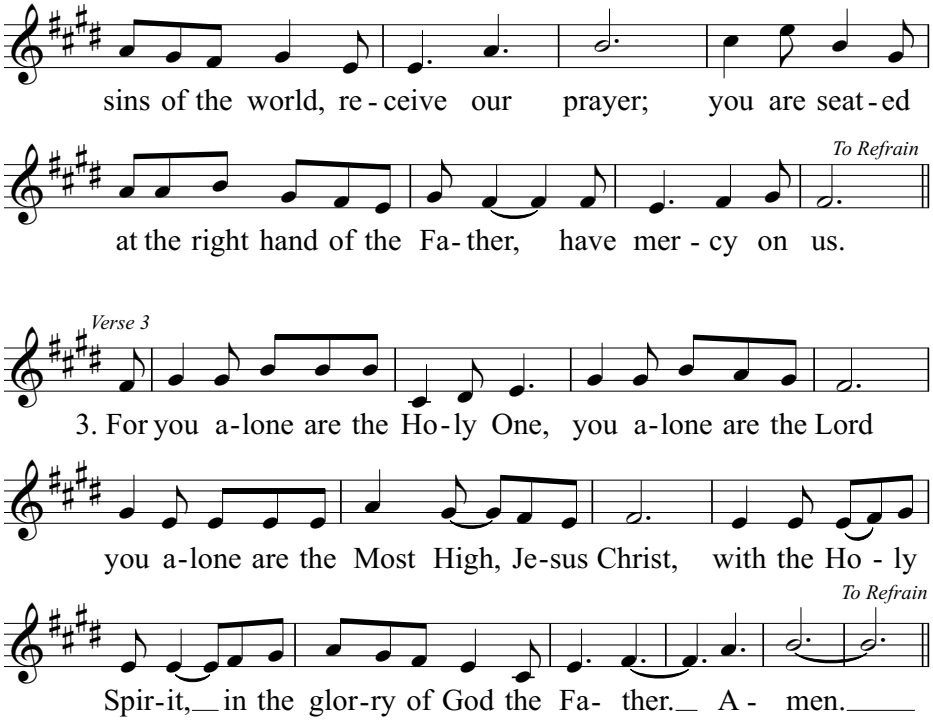
On our dryness, pour your dew,
mend the broken, heal our wounds;
wash the stains of guilt away,
and strengthen us anew. ***R.***

Bishop Brian: May almighty God cleanse us of our sins, and through the celebration of this Eucharist make us worthy to share at the table of his Kingdom.

℟ **Amen.**

GLORIA


Refrain
Glo-ry to God in the high- est, glo-ry to God in the high est,
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and on earth peace to
verses 1 and 2
verse 3
peo - ple of good will.
will.
Verse 1
1. We praise you, we bless you, we a - dore you, we
glo-ri-fy you, we give you thanks for your great glo- ry, Lord
To Refrain
God, heav-en-ly King, O God, al-might-y Fa- ther.
Verse 2
2. Lord Je - sus Christ, On-ly Be-got-ten Son, Lord God,
Lamb of God, Son of the Fa- ther, you take a-way the
sins of the world, have mer - cy on us; you take a-way the



COLLECT

Bishop Brian: Let us pray.

Lord our God, who in governing your people
make use of the ministry of Priests,
grant a persevering obedience to your will
to these Deacons of your Church,
whom you graciously choose today
for the office of the Priesthood,
so that by their ministry and life
they may gain glory for you in Christ.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

℟ **Amen.**

All sit.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

English translation on next page.

BÀI ĐỌC I

Sr Maria Martha Nguyen FMV

Giêrêmia 31:1–6

Ta đã yêu ngươi bằng mối tình muôn thuở.

Bài trích sách ngôn sứ Giê-rê-mi-a

Thời bấy giờ –sấm ngôn của ĐỨC CHÚA– Ta sẽ là Thiên Chúa của tất cả các thị tộc Ít-ra-en, và chúng sẽ là dân Ta.

ĐỨC CHÚA phán thế này: Đám dân thoát cảnh gươm đao
đã được ân nghĩa trong sa mạc,
đó là Ít-ra-en trên đường về chốn nghỉ ngơi.
Từ xa ĐỨC CHÚA đã hiện ra với tôi:
"Ta đã yêu ngươi bằng mối tình muôn thuở,
nên Ta vẫn dành cho ngươi lòng xót thương.
Ta sẽ lại xây ngươi lên, và ngươi sẽ được xây lại,
hỡi trinh nữ Ít-ra-en.
Ngươi sẽ lại nên xinh đẹp; với những chiếc trống cơm,
ngươi sẽ xuất hiện giữa đám nhảy múa tưng bừng.
Ngươi sẽ trồng nho lại trên núi đồi Sa-ma-ri;
những kẻ trồng cây sẽ trồng cây, và được hưởng hoa lợi.
Vì có ngày trên núi Ép-ra-im, người canh gác sẽ hô lớn:
"Đứng lên nào, chúng ta lên Xi-on,
đến cùng ĐỨC CHÚA là Thiên Chúa chúng ta!"

Đó là lời Chúa

℟ ***Tạ ơn Chúa***

English translation below.

FIRST READING

Sr Maria Martha Nguyen FMV

Jeremiah 31:1–6

I have loved you with an everlasting love.

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

I will be the God of all the clans of Israel –
it is the Lord who speaks –
they shall be my people.

The Lord says this:

They have found pardon in the wilderness,
those who have survived the sword.
Israel is marching to his rest.

The Lord has appeared to him from afar:
I have loved you with an everlasting love,
so I am constant in my affection for you.

"I build you once more;
you shall be rebuilt, virgin of Israel.
Adorned once more,
and with your tambourines,
you will go out dancing gaily.

Come, let us go up to Zion,
to the Lord our God."

The word of the Lord.

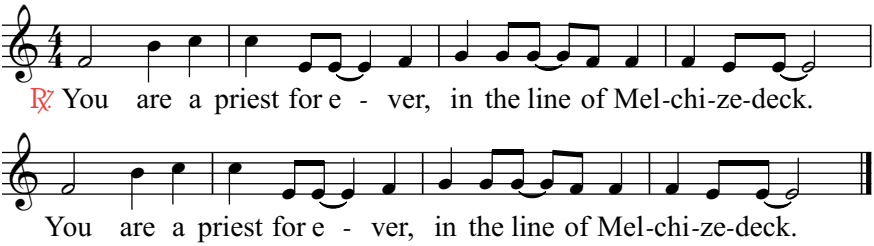
℟ **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Abraham Leota

You Are a Priest Forever (Psalm 109)

Paul Mason



The Lord's revelation to my Master:
'Sit on my right:
I will put your foes beneath your feet.' ℟

The Lord will send from Zion
your sceptre of pow'r:
rule in the midst of all your foes. ℟

A prince from the day of your birth
on the holy mountains;
from the womb before the daybreak I begot you. ℟

The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change:
'You are a priest for ever,
a priest like Melchizedek of old.' ℟

SECOND READING

Ann Pham

Philippians 3:4–11

I count everything else as loss, if only I can gain Christ.

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians.

If it came to relying on physical evidence, I should be fully qualified myself. Take any man who thinks he can rely on what is physical: I am even better qualified. I was born of the race of Israel and of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrew parents, and I was circumcised when I was eight days old. As for the Law, I was a Pharisee; as for working for religion, I was a persecutor of the Church; as far as the Law can make you perfect, I was faultless.

But because of Christ, I have come to consider all these advantages that I had as disadvantages. Not only that, but I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him.

I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead.

The word of the Lord.
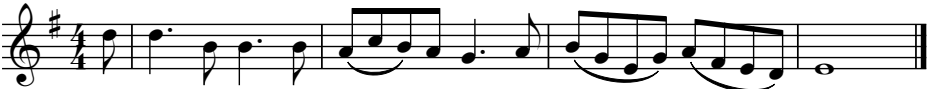
℟ **Thanks be to God.**

All stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Diocesan Choir

John 15:9



℣ As the Father has loved me,
so I have loved you.
Abide in my love. ℟

GOSPEL

Deacon Ha Tran

John 15:1–11

All who live in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

℟ **And with your spirit.**

Deacon: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

℟ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you.

Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away—he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it.

It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete.

The Gospel of the Lord.

℟ **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

All sit.

RITE OF ORDINATION

ELECTION OF THE CANDIDATES

Deacons Sinh, Darren, and Joseph are called by Deacon Ha Tran.

Dn Ha: Let those, who are to be ordained Priests, come forward.

Their names are called individually by Dn Ha. Each candidate replies:

Deacons: Present.

The deacons make a sign of reverence before Bishop Brian.

Fr Bernard Gordon, addresses the Bishop:

Fr Bernard: Most Reverend Father, holy Mother Church asks you to ordain these men, Sinh, Darren and Joseph, our brothers, to the responsibility of the Priesthood.

Bishop Brian: Do you know them to be worthy?

Fr Bernard: After inquiry among the Christian people and upon the recommendation of those responsible, I testify that they have been found worthy.

Bishop Brian: Relying on the help of the Lord God and our Saviour Jesus Christ, we choose these, Sinh, Darren and Joseph, our brothers, for the Order of the Priesthood.

℟ **Thanks be to God.**

The assembly signifies their consent by acclamation.

After the acclamation, Deacons Sinh, Darren and Joseph take their seats in the chairs provided for this purpose.

HOMILY

Bishop Brian Mascord

PROMISE OF THE ELECT

After the homily, Deacons Sinh, Darren, and Joseph rise and stand before the Bishop, who questions them:

Bishop Brian: Dear sons, before you enter the Order of the Priesthood, you must declare before the people your intention to undertake this office.

Do you resolve, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to discharge without fail the office of Priesthood in the presbyteral rank, as worthy fellow workers with the Order of Bishops in caring for the Lord's flock?

Deacons: I do.

Bishop Brian: Do you resolve to exercise the ministry of the word worthily and wisely, preaching the Gospel and teaching the Catholic faith?

Deacons: I do.

Bishop Brian: Do you resolve to celebrate faithfully and reverently, in accord with the Church's tradition, the mysteries of Christ, especially the Sacrifice of the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, for the glory of God and the sanctification of the Christian people?

Deacons: I do.

Bishop Brian: Do you resolve to implore with us God's mercy upon the people entrusted to your care by observing the command to pray without ceasing?

Deacons: I do.

Bishop Brian: Do you resolve to be united more closely every day to Christ the High Priest, who offered himself for us to the Father as a pure Sacrifice, and with him to consecrate yourself to God for the salvation of all?

Deacons: I do, with the help of God.

Deacons Sinh, Darren, and Joseph move forward one at a time, and kneeling before the Bishop, each places their joined hands between those of the Bishop.

Bishop Brian: Do you promise respect and obedience
to me and my successors?

Deacons: I do.

Bishop Brian: May God who has begun the good work in you
bring it to fulfilment.

LITANY OF SUPPLICATION

Dn Ha: Let us stand.
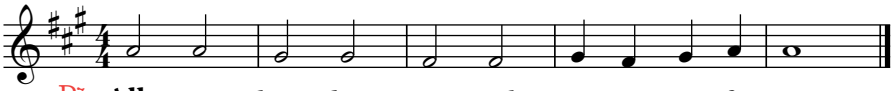
All stand.

Bishop Brian: My dear people,
let us pray that God the all-powerful Father
will pour out abundantly the gifts of heaven
on these, his servants,
whom he has chosen for the office of Priest.

Dn Ha: Let us kneel.
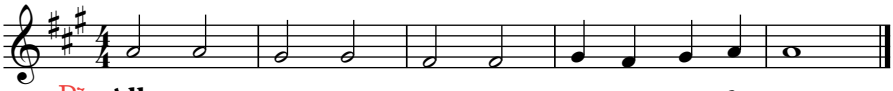
The assembly kneels while Deacons Sinh, Darren, and Joseph prostrate themselves before the altar. Katrina Feil and Monique Hill lead the assembly in the Litany.

Cantors:	℟
Lord, have mercy.	**Lord, have mercy.**
Christ, have mercy.	**Christ, have mercy.**
Lord, have mercy.	**Lord, have mercy.**
Holy Mary, Mother of God,	**Pray for us.**
Saint Michael,	**Pray for us.**
Holy Angels of God,	**Pray for us.**
Saint John the Baptist,	**Pray for us.**
Saint Joseph,	**Pray for us.**
Saint Elizabeth,	**Pray for us.**
Saint Anne,	**Pray for us.**
Saint Peter and Saint Paul,	**Pray for us.**
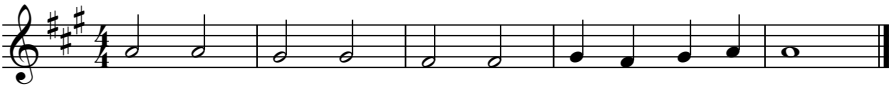


℟ **All you ho - ly men and wo-men pray for us.**

Cantors:	℟
Saint Andrew,	**Pray for us.**
Saint James & Saint John,	**Pray for us.**
Saint Matthew,	**Pray for us.**
Saint Mark,	**Pray for us.**
Saint Luke,	**Pray for us.**
Saint Mary Magdalene,	**Pray for us.**
Saint Stephen,	**Pray for us.**
Saint Phillip,	**Pray for us.**
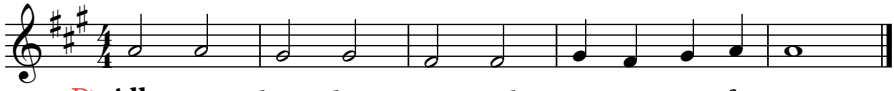


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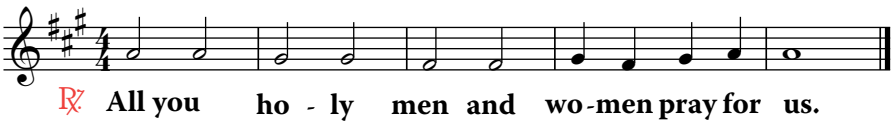
Cantors:	℟
Saint Ignatius of Antioch,	**Pray for us.**
Saint Lawrence,	**Pray for us.**
Saint Perpetua and Saint Felicity,	**Pray for us.**
Saint Agnes,	**Pray for us.**
Saint Cecilia and Saint Lucy,	**Pray for us.**
Saint Gregory,	**Pray for us.**
Saint Monica,	**Pray for us.**
Saint Augustine,	**Pray for us.**



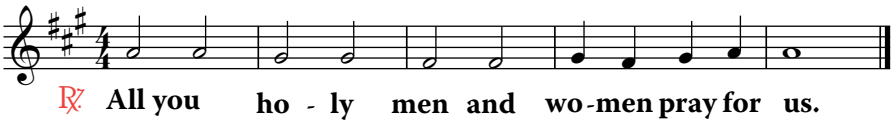
Cantors:	℟
Saint Athanasius,	**Pray for us.**
Saint Basil,	**Pray for us.**
Saint Martin,	**Pray for us.**
Saint Thomas Aquinas,	**Pray for us.**
Saint Patrick,	**Pray for us.**
Saint Brigid,	**Pray for us.**
Saint Benedict,	**Pray for us.**
Saint Leo,	**Pray for us.**
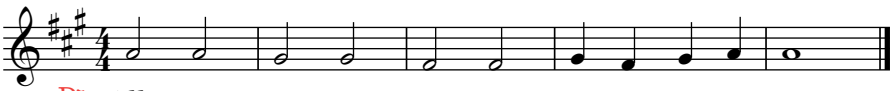


Cantors:	℟
Saint Francis and Saint Dominic,	**Pray for us.**
Saint Catherine of Sienna,	**Pray for us.**
Saint Ignatius of Loyola,	**Pray for us.**
Saint Francis Xavier,	**Pray for us.**
Saint Teresa of Avila,	**Pray for us.**
Saint Anthony of Padua,	**Pray for us.**
Saint John Vianney,	**Pray for us.**
Saint John of the Cross,	**Pray for us.**



Cantors:	℟
Saint François De Sales,	**Pray for us.**
Saint Don Bosco,	**Pray for us.**
Saint Vincent de Paul,	**Pray for us.**
Saint Thérèse of Lisieux,	**Pray for us.**
Saint Peter Faber,	**Pray for us.**
Saint Stanislaus Kostka,	**Pray for us.**
Saint Aloysius Gonzaga,	**Pray for us.**
Saint Louis de Montfort,	**Pray for us.**
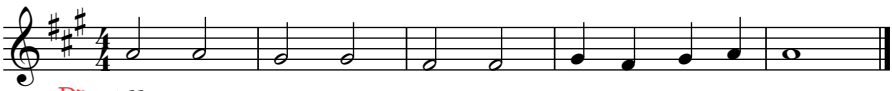


Cantors:	℟
Saint Pio of Pietrelcina,	**Pray for us.**
Saint John Henry Newman,	**Pray for us.**
Saint Pius the Tenth,	**Pray for us.**
Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop,	**Pray for us.**
Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross,	**Pray for us.**
Saint Maximillian Kolbe,	**Pray for us.**
Saint Paul the Sixth,	**Pray for us.**
Saint John the Twenty Third,	**Pray for us.**
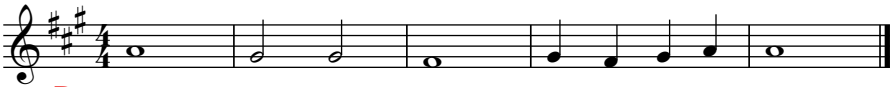


℟ **All you ho - ly men and wo-men pray for us.**

Cantors:	℟
Saint Oscar Romero,	**Pray for us.**
Saint Teresa of Calcutta,	**Pray for us.**
Saint John Paul the Second,	**Pray for us.**
Saint Toma Thien,	**Pray for us.**
Saint Carlo Acutis,	**Pray for us.**
All holy Martyrs of Vietnam,	**Pray for us.**
All holy men and women,	**Pray for us.**
Saints of God,	**Pray for us.**
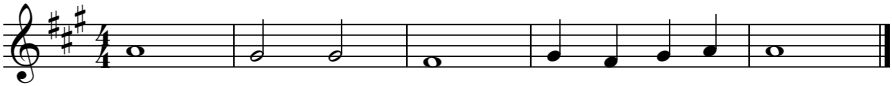


℟ **All you ho - ly men and wo-men pray for us.**

Cantors:	℟
Lord, be merciful,	**Lord, deliver us, we pray.**
From all evil,	**Lord, deliver us, we pray.**
From every sin,	**Lord, deliver us, we pray.**
From everlasting death,	**Lord, deliver us, we pray.**
By your Incarnation,	**Lord, deliver us, we pray.**
By your Death and Resurrection,	**Lord, deliver us, we pray.**
By the outpouring	**Lord, deliver us, we pray.**
of the Holy Spirit,	**Lord, deliver us, we pray.**



℟ **Christ, hear us. Christ, gra-cious-ly hear us.**

Cantors:	℟
Be merciful to us sinners,	**Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.**
Govern and protect your holy Church,	**Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.**
Keep the Pope and all the ordained	**Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.**
in faithful service to your Church,	**Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.**
Bless these chosen men,	**Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.**
Bless and sanctify these chosen men,	**Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.**
Bless, sanctify, and consecrate	**Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.**
these chosen men,	**Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.**
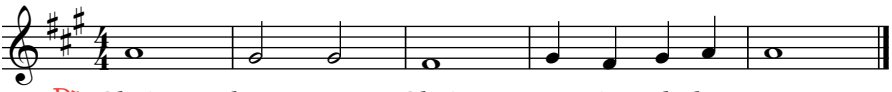


℟ **Christ, hear us. Christ, gra-cious-ly hear us.**

Cantors:

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Bring all peoples together, **Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.**
In peace and true harmony, **Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.**
Comfort with your mercy, **Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.**
The troubled and the afflicted, **Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.**
Strengthen all of us and keep us, **Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.**
In your holy service, **Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.**
Jesus, Son **Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.**
of the Living God, **Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.**



℟ **Christ, hear us. Christ, gra-cious-ly hear us.**

Bishop Brian: Hear us, we beseech you, Lord our God,
and pour out on these servants of yours
the blessing of the Holy Spirit
and the power of priestly grace,
that those whom in the sight of your mercy
we offer to be consecrated,
may be surrounded by your rich and unfailing gifts.
Through Christ our Lord.

℟ **Amen.**

Dn Ha: Let us stand.

All stand.

LAYING ON OF HANDS

The Bishop lays his hands upon each deacon's head in silence.
After Bishop Brian has laid on hands, all the priests present also lay hands.
Meanwhile, the Seminary Schola chants "Veni, Creator Spiritus".

Veni, Creator Spiritus

Veni, creátor Spíritus,
mentes tuórum vísita,
imple supérna grátia
quae tu creásti péctora.

Qui diceris Paráclitus,
donum Dei altíssimi,
fons vivus, ignis, cáritas,
et spiritális únctio.

Come, O Creator Spirit, come,
and visit the souls of your people;
fill with heavenly grace
the hearts you have created.

You who are called the Paraclete,
gift of God most high,
fountain of life, fire of love,
and the soul's anointing.

PRAYER OF ORDINATION

Bishop Brian: Draw near, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
author of human dignity:
it is you who apportion all graces.
Through you everything progresses;
through you all things are made to stand firm.
To form a priestly people
you appoint ministers of Christ your Son
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
arranging them in different orders.

Already in the earlier covenant
offices arose, established through mystical rites:
when you set Moses and Aaron over your people
to govern and sanctify them,
you chose men next in rank and dignity
to accompany them and assist them in their task.

So too in the desert
you implanted the spirit of Moses
in the hearts of seventy wise men;
and with their help he ruled your people with greater ease.

So also upon the sons of Aaron
you poured an abundant share of their father's plenty,
that the number of the priests prescribed by the Law
might be sufficient for the sacrifices of the tabernacle,
which were a shadow of the good things to come.

But in these last days, holy Father,
you sent your Son into the world,
Jesus, who is Apostle and High Priest of our confession.
Through the Holy Spirit
he offered himself to you as a spotless victim;
and he made his Apostles, consecrated in the truth,
sharers in his mission.
You provided them also with companions
to proclaim and carry out the work of salvation
throughout the whole world.
And now we beseech you, Lord, in our weakness,
to grant us these helpers that we need
to exercise the Priesthood that comes from the Apostles.

Grant, we pray, Almighty Father,
to these your servants the dignity of the Priesthood;
renew deep within them the Spirit of holiness;
may they henceforth possess this office,
which comes from you, O God,
and is next in rank to the office of Bishop;
and by the example of their manner of life,
may they instil right conduct.

May they be worthy co-workers with our Order,
so that by their preaching
and through the grace of the Holy Spirit
the words of the Gospel may bear fruit in human hearts
and reach even to the ends of the earth.

Together with us,
may they be faithful stewards of your mysteries,
so that your people may be renewed in the waters of rebirth
and nourished from your altar;

so that sinners may be reconciled and the sick raised up.
May they be joined with us, Lord,
in imploring your mercy
for the people entrusted to their care
and for all the world.

And so may the full number of the nations, gathered
together in Christ,
be transformed into your one people
and made perfect in your Kingdom.
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.

℟ **Amen.**

All sit.

INVESTITURE OF STOLE AND CHASUBLE

The priestly stoles and chasubles are brought forward by Thao Ho and Chau Ho (for Fr Sinh), Geoff McDowell and Pat Chatwin (for Fr Darren), and Vinh Nguyen and Chau Nguyen (for Fr Joseph).

The newly ordained are then vested by Fr John Ho and Fr Sang Ho (Fr Sinh), Fr Slawek Plonka and Fr Damien Ellis (Fr Darren), and Fr Peter Trong Huynh and Fr Sean Cullen (Fr Joseph).

While the vesting takes place, the Seminary Schola chants "Tu Es Sacerdos." The chalice and paten are then brought forward by Hai Tran (for Fr Sinh), Mel Satya (for Fr Darren), and Cham T. Dinh (for Fr Joseph).

Tu Es Sacerdos

Tu es Sacerdos in aeternum secundum ordinem
secundum ordinem
Melchisedech
Melchisedek.

You are a Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

Juravit Dominus et non poenitebit eum.

Tu es Sacerdos in aeternum secundum ordinem
secundum ordinem
Melchisedech
Melchisedeck.

Ora pro nobis
ora pro nobis

Deum.

The Lord swore it
and he will not repent.

You are a Priest forever
according to the order
of Melchizedek.

Pray for us to God.

ANOINTING OF HANDS

Fathers Sinh, Darren, and Joseph kneel before Bishop Brian, who then anoints their palms with holy Chrism.

Bishop Brian: The Lord Jesus Christ,
whom the Father anointed with the Holy Spirit and power,
guard and preserve you
that you may sanctify the Christian people
and offer sacrifice to God.

HANDING OVER OF THE BREAD AND WINE

A paten holding bread and a chalice containing the wine mixed with water for the celebration of Mass is brought forward. Bishop Brian places them in the hands of Fathers Sinh, Darren, and Joseph, and says:

Bishop Brian: Receive the oblation of the holy people, to be offered to God.
Understand what you do, imitate what you celebrate,
and conform your life to the mystery of the Lord's Cross.

FRATERNAL KISS

Bishop Brian gives Fathers Sinh, Darren, and Joseph the fraternal kiss, saying:

Bishop Brian: Peace be with you.
Fathers: And with your spirit.

Likewise, all the priests present give Fathers Sinh, Darren, and Joseph the fraternal kiss. Meanwhile, the Vietnamese Choir sing the following responsory:

Chúa Đã Xức Dầu
(God Has Anointed)

Vietnamese Choir

Fr An Duc

ĐK: Chúa đã xức dầu và thánh hiến con, cho con làm người của Chúa, cho con thuộc trọn về Chúa. Một đời con đây hoàn toàn xin vâng. Từ nay xin Chúa dùng con như khí cụ tình yêu nhiệm mầu. Cho con nồng nàn gắn bó tin yêu, chìm vào biển cả Giêsu.

1. Giờ đây Chúa ơi, ân huệ Chúa ban cao vời. Chọn con giữa đời mong manh hạt cát nhỏ nhoi. Con nên tư tế thi hành chức thiêng, lộc trời ban phát giao hòa thứ tha. Một đời dâng lên hy lễ tình yêu. ***ĐK.***

2. Từ nay Chúa ơi, con là chứng nhân của Ngài. Để con hóa thân Giêsu Mục tử từ nhân. Con nên ngôn sứ rao lời thánh thiêng, phục vụ Chân Lý soi lòng thế nhân. Một đời con như ánh sáng trần gian. ***ĐK.***

3. Từ nay Chúa ơi, con nguyện sống theo gương Ngài. Tình yêu hiến dâng cho đi chẳng chút từ nan. Con nên tôi tớ dịu hiền tín trung, một đời thanh thoát không gì vấn vương. Vì đoàn chiên Chúa con hiến mạng sống. ***ĐK.***

Refrain: Oh God, you have anointed and consecrated me, making me Your own and ensuring I belong to You completely. I will obey You wholeheartedly for my whole life. From now on, please use me as an instrument of Your mysterious love. Let me passionately hold onto faith and love, and immerse myself in the ocean of Jesus.

1. O God, Your grace is now so immense. You choose me, a tiny fragile grain of sand from this world. I become a priest, fulfilling a sacred duty, channeling heavenly gifts, offering reconciliation and forgiveness. My life is dedicated to offering the sacrifice of love. ***R.***

2. From now on, God, I bear witness for You. Let me represent Jesus, the merciful Shepherd. I become a prophet delivering the sacred words, serving the Truth to illuminate human hearts. My life is like the light of the world. ***R.***

3. From now on, God, I vow to live by Your example. I dedicate my love without hesitation. I become a gentle and faithful servant, embracing a life of freedom without attachments. For the sake of Your flock, I offer my life. ***R.***

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Take and Receive

Manoling V. Francisco SJ. Arr. Norman A Agatep

Take and receive, O Lord, my liberty.
Take all my will, my mind, my memory.
All things I hold, and all I own are Thine.
Thine was the gift, to Thee I all resign.

Do Thou direct and govern all and sway.
Do what Thou wilt command and I obey.
Only Thy grace, Thy love on me bestow.
These make me rich. All else will I forego.

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Do what Thou wilt, command and I obey.
Only Thy grace, Thy love on me bestow.
These make me rich. All else will I forego.

When the incensation is concluded, the Bishop addresses the assembly.

Bishop Brian: Pray, brothers and sisters,
that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God,
the almighty Father.

All stand.

℟ **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 holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Bishop Brian: O God who have willed that your priests
should minister at the holy altar and serve your people,
grant, by the power of this sacrifice, we pray
that the labours of your servants may constantly please you
and in your Church bear that fruit that lasts forever.
Through Christ our Lord.

℟ **Amen.**

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Bishop Brian: The Lord be with you.

℟ **And with your spirit.**

Bishop Brian: Lift up your hearts.

℟ **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Bishop Brian: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

℟ **It is right and just.**

Bishop Brian: It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.
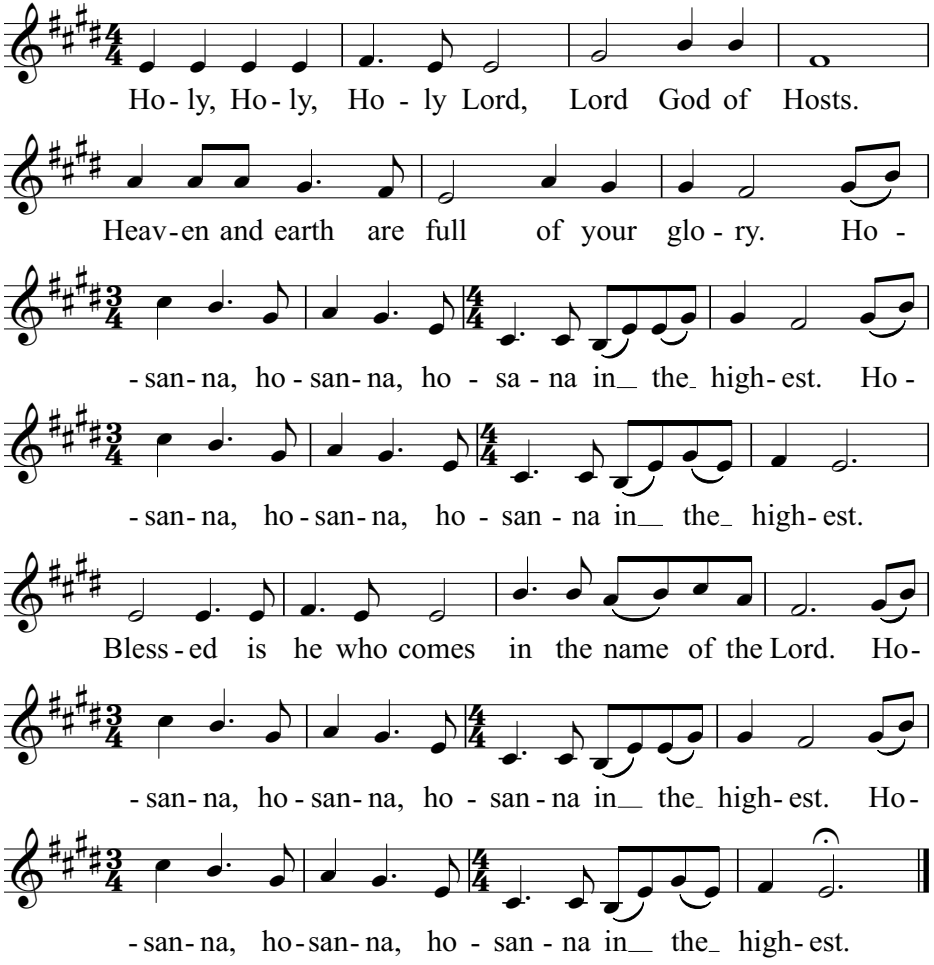
For by the anointing of the Holy Spirit
you made your Only Begotten Son
High Priest of the new and eternal covenant,
and by your wondrous design were pleased to decree
that his one Priesthood should continue in the Church.

For Christ not only adorns with a royal priesthood
the people he has made his own,
but with a brother's kindness he also chooses men
to become sharers in his sacred ministry
through the laying on of hands.

They are to renew in his name
the sacrifice of human redemption,
to set before your children the paschal banquet,
to lead your holy people in charity,
to nourish them with the word
and strengthen them with the Sacraments.

As they give up their lives for you
and for the salvation of their brothers and sisters,
they strive to be conformed to the image of Christ himself
and offer you a constant witness of faith and love.

And so, Lord, with all the Angels and Saints,
we, too, give you thanks, as in exultation we acclaim:


Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, Lord God of Hosts.
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
- san - na, ho - san - na, ho - sa - na in the high - est. Ho -
- san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
- san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho -
- san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

All kneel.

Bishop Brian: You are indeed Holy, O Lord,
and all you have created
rightly gives you praise,
for through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,
by the power and working of the Holy Spirit,
you give life to all things and make them holy,
and you never cease to gather a people to yourself,
so that from the rising of the sun to its setting
a pure sacrifice may be offered to your name.

Bishop Brian & Priests: Therefore, O Lord, we humbly implore you:
by the same Spirit graciously make holy these gifts
we have brought to you for consecration,
that they may become the Body and ✠ Blood
of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
at whose command we celebrate these mysteries.

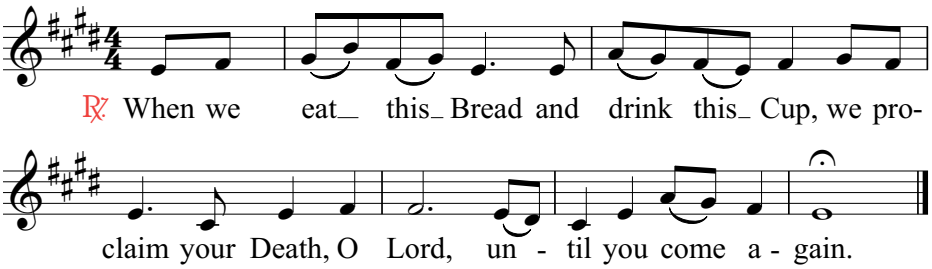
For on the night he was betrayed,
he himself took bread,
and giving you thanks, he said the blessing,
broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,
FOR THIS IS MY BODY,
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In a similar way, when supper was ended,
he took the chalice,
and giving you thanks, he said the blessing,
and gave the chalice to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,
FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT,
WHICH WILL BE POURED OUT FOR YOU
AND FOR MANY
FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.
DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

Bishop Brian: The mystery of faith.



Bishop Brian
& Priests: Therefore, O Lord, as we celebrate the memorial
of the saving Passion of your Son,
his wondrous Resurrection
and Ascension into heaven,
and as we look forward to his second coming,
we offer you in thanksgiving
this holy and living sacrifice.

Look, we pray, upon the oblation of your Church
and, recognising the sacrificial Victim by whose death
you willed to reconcile us to yourself,
grant that we, who are nourished
by the Body and ✠ Blood of your Son
and filled with his Holy Spirit,
may become one body, one spirit in Christ.

C[1] May he make of us
an eternal offering to you,
so that we may obtain an inheritance with your elect,
especially with the most Blessed Virgin Mary,
Mother of God, with blessed Joseph, her Spouse.
with your blessed Apostles and glorious Martyrs,
and with with all the Saints,
on whose constant intercession in your presence
we rely for unfailing help.

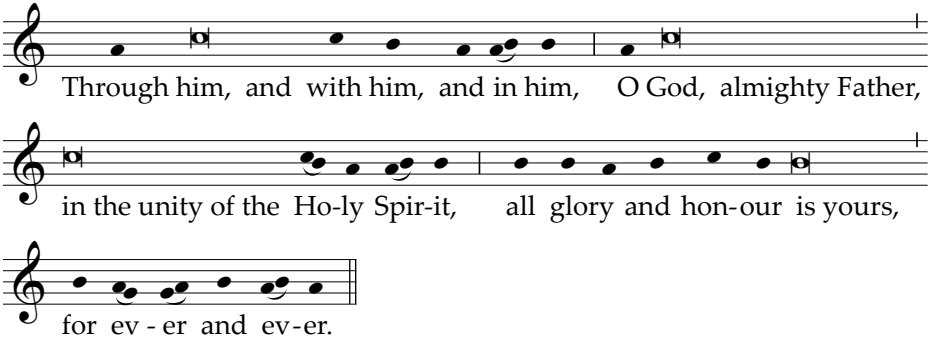
C[II] May this Sacrifice of our reconciliation,
we pray, O Lord,
advance the peace and salvation of all the world.
Be pleased to confirm in faith and charity
your pilgrim Church on earth,
with your servant Leo our Pope
and Brian our Bishop,
with the Order of Bishops,
with these your servants,
who have been ordained today as Priests for the Church,
all the clergy,
and the entire people you have gained for your own.

Listen graciously to the prayers of this family,
whom you have summoned before you:
in your compassion, O merciful Father,
gather to yourself all your children
scattered throughout the world.

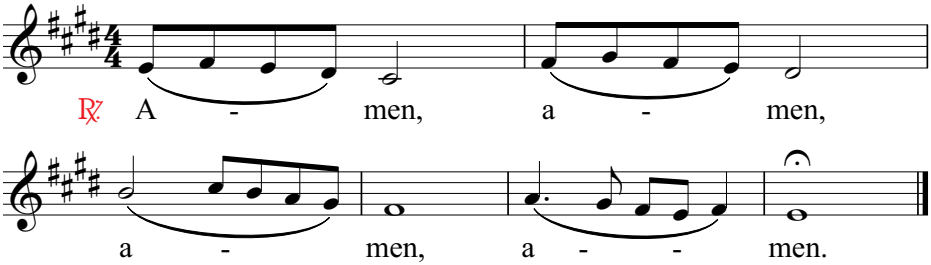
C[III] To our departed brothers and sisters
and to all who were pleasing to you
at their passing from this life,
give kind admittance to your kingdom.
There we hope to enjoy for ever the fullness of your glory
through Christ our Lord,
through whom you bestow on the world all that is good.

The Bishop takes the paten, and Deacon Sam Gennaoui takes the chalice, and, as both are raised, the Bishop and priests sing:

Bishop Brian & Priests:



All sing:



All stand.

COMMUNION RITE

Bishop Brian: At the Saviour's command
and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

℟ **Our Father who art in heaven,**
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.

Bishop Brian: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we wait the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

℟ **For the kingdom and the power**
and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Bishop Brian: Lord Jesus Christ,
who said to your Apostles:
look not on our sins,
but on the faith of your Church,
and graciously grant her peace and unity
in accordance with your will.

Who live and reign for ever and ever.

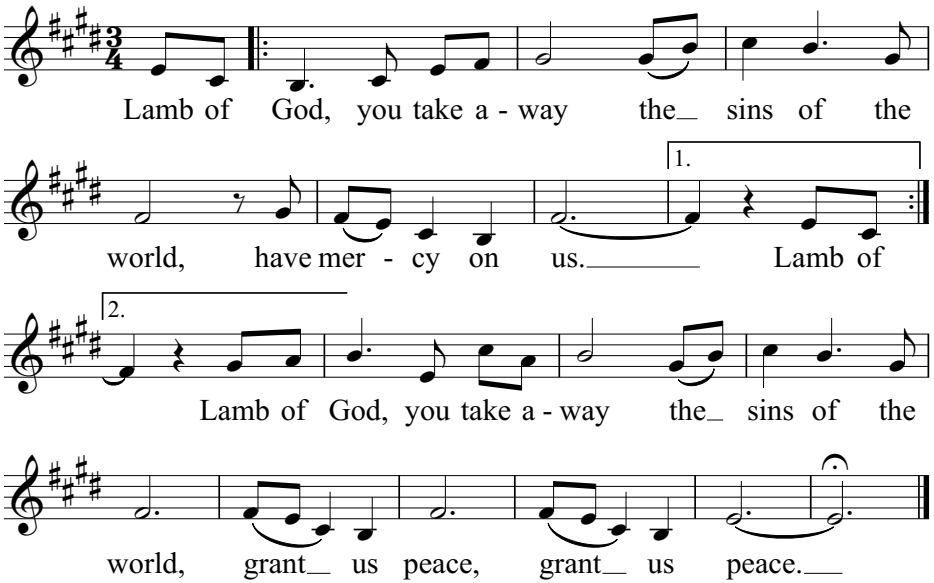
℟ **Amen.**

Bishop Brian: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

℟ **And with your spirit.**

Dn Sam: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

The Bishop then takes the host, breaks it over the paten, and places a small piece in the chalice. Meanwhile, the assembly and choir sing:



All kneel.

Bishop Brian: Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

℟ **Lord, I am not worthy**
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.

While the Bishop and the clergy receive Holy Communion, the Seminary Schola chants the Communion Antiphon:

Go into all the world, and proclaim the Gospel.
I am with you always, says the Lord.

(with verses from Ps 33).

After the chant, the assembly sings the Communion Hymn:

COMMUNION HYMN

One Love Released

Robert (Bob) Frenzel and Kevin Keil

Refrain: **One bread, one body,**
One cup, one call,
One faith, one Spirit
Present in us all.
One prayer, one blessing,
One hope, one peace,
One church, one people,
One love released.

Is not this bread we share,
The body of our Lord?
Is not this wine we drink,
the blood of Christ outpoured? ***R.***

I am the bread of life,
eat and you shall live.
To those who share this meal,
my strength I'll always give. ***R.***

I am the living bread,
as manna from the sky.
This bread I give to you,
that you may never die. ***R.***

No one will come to me
unless our God has led.
And I shall raise them up,
raise them from the dead!. ***R.***

THANKSGIVING HYMN

After the Communion Hymn, the Vietnamese Choir sings the Thanksgiving Hymn.

Đuốc Sáng Tâm Linh

Vietnamese Choir

(The Spiritual Torch)

Sr Trầm Hương FMSR

1. Linh mục hình bóng Chúa trong kiếp người, tham dự vào chức thánh Con Chúa Trời. Linh mục là muối ướp cõi trần ai, là tinh hoa của Giáo Hội, ngọn hải đăng thắp trên dương trần. ***ĐK.***

ĐK: Xin cho người tình mến không bao giờ lịm tắt. Xin cho người nghèo khó trong trái tim thanh thoát tuyệt vời. Xin cho người phản chiếu đức tín thành của Chúa, không bao giờ tàn úa dung nhan Người đuốc sáng tâm linh.

2. Linh mục người thánh hiến bao lễ vật, trung thành làm chứng tá cho Nước Trời. Linh mục là đuốc sáng giữa trời đêm, dù phong ba dù phũ phàng, một niềm tin chứng nhân muôn đời. ***ĐK.***

3. Linh mục là nến cháy trong thánh điện, hao mòn trọn kiếp sống cho thế trần. Linh mục là dấu chứng của tình thương, ngàn năm qua chẳng phai mờ, diệu vời như giấc mơ Thiên đường. ***ĐK.***

4. Linh mục được thánh hóa trong Thánh Thần, dâng mình làm hiến lễ trong thánh điện. Linh mục người dấn bước trong niềm tin, người ra đi để quy tụ thành đoàn chiên của Cha trên trời. ***ĐK.***

1. The priest reflects God's image in humankind and takes part in the sacred ministry of the Son of God. The priest is the salt of the earth, the core of the Church, and the lighthouse in the world. ***R.***

Refrain: May his love never fade. May he find true freedom in the poverty of his heart. May he reflect God's faithfulness, and may His countenance, the beacon of spirituality, never fade.

2. The priest is the one who consecrates many offerings and faithfully witnesses to the Kingdom of Heaven. The priest is the torch shining in the night sky, no matter how stormy or chaotic, holding faith as an eternal witness. ***R.***

3. The priest is the candle burning in the sanctuary, dedicating his whole life to the world. The priest is a sign of love that has lasted for thousands of years, as magnificent as the heavenly dream. ***R.***

4. The priest is sanctified by the Holy Spirit, offering himself as a sacrifice in the sanctuary. The priest is the one who walks in faith, going out to gather the Father's flock to heaven. ***R.***

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Bishop Brian: Let us pray.

All stand.

May the divine sacrifice
we have offered and received O Lord,
give new life to your Priests and to all your servants,
that, united to you in unfailing love,
they may receive the grace
of giving worthy service to your majesty.
Through Christ our Lord.

℟ **Amen.**

CONCLUDING RITES

WORD OF THANKS

Fr Darren McDowell
Fr Joseph Vuong Nguyen
Fr FX Sinh Truong Le

SOLEMN BLESSING

Bishop Brian: The Lord be with you.

℟ **And with your spirit.**

Deacon: Bow down for the blessing.

Bishop Brian: May God, who founded the Church and guides her still,
protect you constantly with his grace,
that you may faithfully discharge the duties of the Priesthood.

℟ **Amen.**

Bishop Brian: May he make you servants and witnesses in the world to divine charity and truth
and faithful ministers of reconciliation.

℟ **Amen.**

Bishop Brian: And may he make you true shepherds to provide the living Bread and word of life to the faithful,
that they may continue to grow in the unity
of the Body of Christ.

℟ **Amen.**

Bishop Brian: And may almighty God bless you, who are gathered here,
the Father, ✠ and the Son, ✠ and the Holy ✠ Spirit.

℟ **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Deacon: Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

℟ **Thanks be to God.**

RECESSIONAL HYMNS

O God of All Creation

Gustav Holst, THAXTED Text: Bernard Kirkpatrick

O God of all creation, whose glory fills the sky,
we gather in your presence, our spirits lifted high;
to bring for humble service, those who answer to your call,
that they may follow Christ, the example for us all.
Protect them and guide them, his faith in you be strong,
as now they journey onward, we sing the ancient song:

"You are a priest forever," within God's Church on earth,
"In the order of Melchizedek", a priest before your birth.
Called out to be a pastor, the flock of Christ to serve;
from the humble to the mighty, the word of God make heard,
to celebrate the sacraments, in fitting praise proclaim
the love of Holy Trinity, give honour to God's name.

All process from the church to the statue of Our Lady.

Salve Regina

Blessed Hermann of Reichenau

Salve, Regina, Mater misericordiæ;
vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra, salve.
Ad te clamamus,
exsules filii Hevæ.
Ad te suspiramus
gementes et flentes
in hac lacrimarum valle.
Eia ergo, advocáta nostra,
illos tuos misericordes óculos
ad nos convérte.
Et Jesum, benedíctum fructum ventris
tui, nobis post hoc exsílium osténde.
O clemens, O pia,
O dulcis Virgo María.

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of mercy,
our life, our sweetness and our hope.
To thee do we cry,
poor banished children of Eve.
To thee do we send up our sighs,
mourning and weeping
in this valley of tears.
Turn then, most gracious advocate,
thine eyes of mercy toward us,
and after this our exile,show unto us
the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

O clement, O loving,
O sweet Virgin Mary.

Light refreshments will be served in the Hall after the ordination, and ushers will be available to guide you.

THANKSGIVING MASSES

You are warmly invited to attend one of the Thanksgiving Masses celebrated by our newly ordained priests. These liturgies are an opportunity to gather, rejoice and pray with them as they begin their priestly ministry.

SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, UNANDERRA

Time:	**6pm, Saturday 13 December 2025**
Principal Celebrant:	**Fr Joseph V. Nguyen**
Concelebrants:	Fr Sinh Le and Fr Darren McDowell
Address:	48–50 Princes Highway, Unanderra NSW 2526

ST MARY MACKILLOP CHURCH, ORAN PARK

Time:	**10am, Sunday 14 December 2025**
Principal Celebrant:	**Fr Sinh Le**
Concelebrants:	Fr Darren McDowell and Fr Joseph V. Nguyen
Address:	94 Oran Park Drive, Oran Park NSW 2570

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH, CAMPBELLTOWN

Time:	**5pm, Sunday 14 December 2025**
Principal Celebrant:	**Fr Darren McDowell**
Concelebrants:	Fr Joseph V. Nguyen and Fr Sinh Le
Address:	35 Cordeaux Street, Campbelltown NSW 2560

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so I have loved you;
remain in my love.

JOHN 15:9

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