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MANNER OF MAKING  
and Consecrating BISHOPS.  
PRIESTES and  
DEACONS.

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## ¶ THE PREFACE.



It is euident unto all men, diligently reading holye Scripture, and ancient Authors, that from the Apostles time, there hath bene these orders of Ministers in Christs church, Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, Which offices were euermore had in such reuerent estimation, that no man by his own priuate authoritie, might presume to execute any of them, except he were first called, tried, examined, and knowne to haue such qualities, as were requisite for the same. And also by publique prayer, with imposition of hands, approued, and admitted thereunto. And therefore to the intent these orders should bee continued, and reuerently vsed, and esteemed in this Church of England, it is requisite that no man (not being at this presente Bishop, Priest, nor Deacon) shall execute any of them, except hee bee called, tried, examined, and admitted, according to the forme hereafter following. And none shall be admitted a Deacon, except hee bee twenty one yeeres of age at the least. And euery man, which is to bee admitted a Priest, shall bee full foure and twentie yeeres old. And euery man, which is to be consecrated a Bishop, shall be fully thirtie yeeres of age. And the Bishop knowing either by himselfe, or by sufficient testimony, any person to be a man of vertuous conuersation, and without crime, and after examination and tryall, findyng him learned in the Latine tongue, and sufficiently instructed in holy Scripture, maye vpon a Sunday or holy day, in the face of the Church, admit him a Deacon in such manner and forme as hereafter followeth.



## The Forme and manner of Ordering of DEACONS.



First, when the day appointed by the Bishop is come, there shall be an exhortation, declaring the duetie and office of such as come to be admitted Ministers, how nece ary such orders are in the Church of Christ, and also how the people ought to esteeme them in their vocation.

After the exhortation ended, the Archdeacon or his Deputie, shall present such as shall come the Bishop to bee admitted, saying these words.

**R**everend Father in God, I presente unto you, these persones presented, to be admitted Deacons.

The Bishop.

**T**ake heed that the persons whom yee presente unto vs, bee apt and meet, for their learning and godly conuersation, to exercise their ministerie duely, to the honour of God, and edifying of his Church.

The Archdeacon shall answer.

**I** haue enquired of them, and also examined them, and thinke them so to be.

And then the Bishop shall say vnto the people.

**B**rethren, if there be any of you, who knoweth any impediment, or notable crime, in any of these persones presented to be ordered Deacons, for the which hee ought not to bee admitted to the same, let him come forth in the name of God, and shewe what the crime or impediment is.

And if any great crime, or impediment be obiected, the Bishoppe shall surcease, from ordering that person, vntill such time as the party accused shall trie himself cleare of that crime.

Then the Bishop, commending such as shall be found meet to bee ordered to the prayers of the Congregation, with the Clearkes, and people present, shall say or sing the Letany as followeth, with the prayers.

## *The Letanie and Suffrages.*



**God the Father of heauen : haue mercy vpon vs miserable sinners.**

O God the Father of heauen : haue mercy vpon vs miserable sinners.

**God the Sonne, redeemer of the world : haue mercy vpon vs miserable sinners.**

O God the Sonne, Redeemer of the world : haue mercy vpon vs miserable sinners.

**God the holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Sonne: haue mercie vpon vs miserable sinners.**

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**holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, thzee persons and one God : haue mercie vpon vs miserable sinners.**

O holy, bleffed, and glorious Trinitie, three perfons and one God : haue mercy vpon vs miserable sinners.

**Remember not Lord our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers, neither take thou vengeance of our sinnes : spare vs good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious bloud, and be not angry with vs for euer.**

Spare vs good Lord.

**From all euill and mischiefe, from sinne, from the crafts and assaults of the deuill, from thy wzath, and from euerlasting damnation.**

Good Lord deliuer vs.

**From all blindnesse of heart, from pride, vaine glozy, and hypocrisie, from enuie, hatred, and malice, and all uncharitableness.**

Good Lord deliuer vs.

**From fornication, and all other deadly sinne, and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, & the deuill.**

Good Lord deliuer vs.

**From lightning and tempest, from plague, pestilence, and famine, from battell and murther, and from sudden death.**

Good Lord deliuer vs.

**From all sedition and priuy conspiracy, from all false doctrine and heresie, from hardnesse of heart, and contempt of thy word and Commandement:**

Good Lord deliuer vs.

**By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation, by thy holy Patiuitie and Circumcision, by thy Baptisme, Fasting, and Temptation.**

Good Lord deliuer vs.

**By thine agony and bloody sweat, by thy Crosse and Passion, by**

thy precious Death and Buriall, by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension, and by the comming of the holy Ghost.

Good Lord deliuer vs.

In all time of our tribulacion, in all time of our wealth, in the houre of death, and in the daye of Iudgement.

Good Lord deliuer vs.

Wee sinners doe beseech thee to heare vs (O Lord God), and that it may please thee to rule and gouerne thy holy Church vniuersally in the right way.

Wee beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to keepe and strengthen in the true worshipping of thee, in righteousnesse, and holinesse of life, thy seruant Charles, our most gracious King and Governour.

Wee beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to rule his heart in thy faith, feare, and loue, and that he may euermore haue affiaunce in thee, and euer seeke thy honour and glozy.

Wee beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to bee his defender and keeper, giuing him the victozy ouer all his enemies.

We beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to blesse and preserue our gracious Queene Mary, Prince Charles, and the rest of the Royall Progenie.

We beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to illuminate all Bishops, Pastors, and Ministers of the Church, with true knowledge and vnderstanding of thy Word, and that both by their preaching and liuing, they may set it forth and shew it accordingly.

We beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to endue the Lords of the Councell, and al the Nobility, with grace, wisdome, and vnderstanding.

We beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to blesse and keepe the Magistrates, giuing them grace to execute Justice, and to maintaine trueth.

We beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to blesse and keepe all thy people.

We beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to giue to all Nations, vnity, peace, and concord.

We beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to geue vs an heart to loue and dread thee, and diligently to liue after thy Commandements.

We beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

**That it may please thee to geve all thy people increase of grace, to heare meekely thy word, and to receiue it with pure affection, and to bynge forth the fruits of the Spirit.**

Wee befeech thee to heare vs good Lord.

**That it may please thee to bring into the way of trueth, al such as haue erred, and are deceiued.**

Wee befeech thee to heare vs good Lord.

**That it may please thee to strengthen such as doe stand, and to comfort and help the weake hearted, and to raise vp them that fall, and finally to beate downe Satan vnder our feete.**

Wee befeech thee to heare vs good Lord.

**That it may please thee to succour, helpe and comfort, all that be in danger, necessity, and tribulation.**

We befeech thee to heare vs good Lord.

**That it may please thee to preserue all that trauell by land or by water, all women labouring of child, all sick persons and young children, and to shew thy pity vpon all prisoners and captiues.**

We befeech thee to heare vs good Lord.

**That it may please thee to defend and prouide for the fatherlesse children and widowes, and all that bee desolate and oppressed.**

We befeech thee to heare vs good Lord.

**That it may please thee to haue mercie vpon al men.**

We befeech thee to heare vs good Lord.

**That it may please thee to forgiue our enemies, persecutozs, and slanderers, and to turne theyr hearts.**

Wee befeech thee to heare vs good Lord.

**That it may please thee to giue and preserue to our vse the kindly fruits of the earth, so as in due time wee may enioy them.**

We befeech thee to heare vs good Lord.

**That it may please thee to giue vs true repentance, to forgiue vs all oure sinnes, negligences, and ignorances, and to endue vs with the grace of thy holy Spirit, to amend our liues according to thy holy Word.**

Wee befeech thee to heare vs good Lord.

**Sonne of God: wee befeech thee to heare vs.**

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**○ Lambe of God, that takest away the sinnes of the world.**

Grant vs thy peace.

**○ Lambe of God, that takest away the sinnes of the world.**

Have mercie vpon us.

**○ Christ heare vs.**

O Christ heare vs.

**Lord haue mercy vpon vs.**

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**Lord haue mercy vpon vs.**

Lorde haue mercy vpon vs.

**Our Father which art in heauen, &c.**

And leade vs not into temptation.

**But deliuer vs from euill. Amen.**

The Verficle.

**Lord deale not with vs after our finnes.**

Anfwere.

**Neither reward vs after our iniquities.**

**Let us pray.**



**God mercifull Father, that despisest not the sighing of a contrite heart, nor the desire of such as be sorrowfull, mercifully assist our prayers that wee make befoze thee, in all our troubles and aduersities, whensoeuer they oppresse vs: and graciously heare vs, that those euils, which the craft and subtilty of the deuill, or man worketh against vs, be brought to naught, and by the prouidence of thy goodnesse, they may be disperfed, that we thy seruants, beyng hurt by no persecutions, may euermore giue thanks vnto thee, in thy holy Church, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

O Lorde arise, helpe vs, and deliuer vs, for thy Names sake.

**God, we haue heard with our eares, and oure fathers haue declared vnto vs the noble workes that thou diddest in their dayes, and in the old time befoze them.**

O Lord arise, helpe vs, and deliuer vs, for thine honour.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Sonne: and to the holy Ghost. As it was in the begynning, is now, and euer shall be, world without end. Amen.**

**From our enemies defend vs, O Christ.**

Graciously looke vpon our afflictions.

**Pitifully behold the sorowes of our hearts.**

Mercifully forgiue the finnes of thy people.

**Fauourably with mercy heare our prayers.**

O Sonne of Dauid haue mercy vpon vs.

**Both now and euer vouchesafe to heare vs, O Christ.**

Graciously heare vs, O Christ, Graciously heare vs, O Lord Christ.

The Verficle.

**Lord let thy mercy be shewed vpon vs.**

The Anfwere.

**As we doe put our trust in thee.**



¶ Let vs pray.

**W**e humbly beseech thee, O father, mercifully to look vpon our infirmities, and for the glory of thy Names sake, turne from vs all those euils that wee most righteously haue deserued: and grant that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in thy mercy, and euermore serue thee in holinesse and purenesse of liuing, to thy honour and glory, through our onely Mediatour and Aduocate Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**A**lmightie God, which hast giuen vs grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications vnto thee, and doest promise that when two or three bee gathered together in thy Name, thou wilt grant their requests: fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy seruants, as may be most expedient for them, granting vs in this world, knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life euerlasting. Amen.

¶ Then shall bee said also this that followeth.



**A**lmighty God, which by thy diuine prouidence, hast appointed diuers orders of Ministers in the Church, and diddest inspire thine holy Apostles to chuse vnto this order of Deacons, the first Martyr S. Stephen, with other: mercifully behold these thy seruants, now called to the like office and administration; replenishe them so with the trueth of thy doctrine, and innocency of life, that, both by word and good example, they may faithfully serue thee in this office, to the glory of thy Name, and profite of the Congregation, through the merits of our Saviour Iesu Christ, who liueth and reigneth with thee and the holy Ghost, now and for ever. Amen.

Then shall be sung or said the Communion of the day, sauing the Epistle shall be read out of Timothie, as followeth.

**L**ikewise must the Ministers be honest, not double tongued, not giuen vnto much wine, neither greedy of filthy lucre, but holding the mystery of the faith, with a pure conscience: and let them first be proued, and then let them minister, so that no man be able to reprove them. Even so must their wiues be honest, not euil speakers, but sober and faithfull in all things. Let the Deacons be the husbands of one wife, and suche as rule their children well, and their owne households: For they that minister

well, get themselves a good degree, and a great liberty in the faith, which is in Christ Iesu.

These things write I vnto thee trusting to come shortly vnto thee; but and if I tarry long, that then thou mayest yet haue knowledge, how thou oughtest to behaue thy self in the house of God, which is the congregation of the liuing God, the pillar and ground of truth. And without doubt, great is that mystery of godlynesse. God was shewed in the flesh, was iustified in the spirit, was seene among the Angels, was preached vnto the Gentiles, was beleued on in the world, and receiued up in glory.

Or else this out of the sixth of  
the Acts.

**T**hen the twelue called the multitude of the Disciples together, and said, It is not meet that we should leaue the word of God, and serue tables. Wherefore brethren, looke yee out among you, seuen men of honest report and full of the holy Ghost and wisdom, to whom wee may commit this businesse: but wee will giue our selues continually to praier, and to the administration of the word. And that saying pleased the whole multitude. And they chose Stephen, a man ful of faith, and full of the holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanos, and Timon, and Hermenas, and Nicholas a conuert of Antioch. These they set before the Apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid their hands on them. And the word of God increased, and the number of the Disciples multiplied in Ierusalem greatly, and a great company of the Priests, were obedient vnto the faith.

And before the Gospell, the Bishop sitting in a chaire, shall cause the Oath of the Kings supremacie, and against the power and authoritie of all forreigne Pontentates, to bee ministred vnto euery of them that are to be ordered.

## The Oath of the Kings Soueraignetic.

**A.** B. do vtterly testifie and declare in my conscience that the Kings Highnesse is the onely supream Couernour of this Realme & of all other his Highnes Dominions and Countries, aswel in all spiritual or Ecclesiasticall things or causes, as Temporall, and that no forreigne Prince, Person, Prelate, State, or Potentate, hath or ought to haue any iurisdiction,

power, superiority, preeminence or authority Ecclesiasticall or Spiritual within this Realme, and therefore I doe vtterly renounce and forsake all forreigne Jurisdicions, Powers, Superiorities, and authorities, and doe promise that from henceforth I shall beare faith and true Allegiance to the kings Highnesse, his Heires and lawfull Successours, and to my power shall assist and defend all Jurisdicions, Privileges, Preeminences, and Authorities granted or belonging to the Kings Highnes, his Heires and Successours, or vnitied and annexed to the Imperiall Crowne of this Realme, so helpe me God, and the Contentes of this Booke.

Then shall the Bishop examine euery one of them that are to bee ordered, in the presence of the people, after this manner following.

**D**oe you trust that you are inwardly moued by the holy Ghost, to take vpon you this office and ministracion, to serue God, for the promotinge of his glory, and the edifying of his people?

Answere.

I trust so.

The Bishop.

Doe you thinke that yee truly be called according to the will of our Lord Iesus Christ, and the due order of this Realme, to the Ministry of the Church?

Answere.

I thinke so.

The Bishop.

Doe you unfainedly beleue all the Canonically Scriptures, of the old and new Testament?

Answere.

I doe beleue.

The Bishop.

**W**ill you diligently reade the same vnto the people assembled in the Church, where you shall be appointed to serue?

Answere.

I will.

The Bishop.

**I**t appertaineth to the office of a Deacon in the Church, where he shall be appointed to assist the Priest in deuine Seruice, and specially when he ministrath the holy Communion, and to helpe him in distribucion thereof, and to reade holy Scriptures and Homilies in the Congregation, and to instruct the youth in the Catechisme, to baptize and to preache if he bee admitted thereto by the Bishop. And furthermore, it is his office, where prouision is so made, to search for the sicke, poore, and impotent people of the Parish, and to inti-

mate their estates, names, and places where they dwell vnto the Curate, that by his exhortation they may bee relieved by the Parish or other conuenient almes: wil you doe this gladly and willingly?

Anfwere.

**I will so doe by the helpe of God.**

The Bishop.

**W**ill you applie all youre diligence to frame and fashion your owne liues, and the liues of all your familie according to the doctrin of Christ, and to make both your selues and them as much as in you lieth, wholesome examples of the flocke of Christ?

Anfwere.

**I will so doe, the Lord being my helper.**

The Bishop.

**W**ill you reuerently obey your Ordinary and other chiefe Ministers of the Church, and them to whom the gouernment and charge is committed ouer you, following with a glad minde and will their godly admonitions?

Anfwere.

**I will indeauour my selfe, the Lord being my helper.**

Then the Bishop laying his hands feuerally vpon the head of euery of them, shall saye.

**Take thou authority to execute the office of a Deacon in the Church of God committed vnto thee: In the Name of the Father, the Sonne, and the holy Ghost. Amen.**

Then shall the Bishop deliuer to euery one of them the New Testament, saying.

**Take thou authoritie to reade the Gospel in the Church of God, and to preach the same, if thou be thereto ordinarily commanded.**

Then one of them appointed by the Bishop, shall reade the Gospel of that day.  
Then shall the Bishop proceed to the Communion, and all that are ordered shall tarry and receiue the holy Communion the same day with the Bishop.  
The Communion ended, after the last Collect, and immediately before the Benediction, shall be said this Collect following.

**A**lmighty God, giuer of all good thinge, which of thy great goodnesse hast vouchsafed to accept and take these thy seruants vnto the offices of Deacons in thy Church: make them wee beseech thee (O Lord) to bee modest, humble, and constant in their ministration, to haue a ready will to obserue all spirituall discipline, that

they hauing alwayes the testimony of a good conscience, and continuing euer stable and strong in thy Sonne Christ, may so well use themselues in this inferiour office, that they may be found worthy to bee called vnto the higher ministeries in thy Church, through the same thy Sonne our Sauour Christ, to whom be glory and honour, world without end. Amen.

And here it must bee shewed vnto the Deacon that hee must continue in that office of a Deacon, the space of a whole yeere at the least (except for reasonable causes, it bee otherwise seene to his Ordinary) to the intent hee may be perfect, and well expert in the things appertaining to the Ecclesiasticall administration, in executing whereof, if he be found faithful and diligent, he may be admitted by his Diocefan to the order of Priesthood.



## ¶ The forme of Ordering *of Priests.*

When the exhortacion is ended, then shall follow the Communion. And for the Epistle shall bee read out of the twentieth Chapter of the Actes of the Apostles as followeth.

**U**om Mileto, Paul sent messengers to Ephesus, and called the Elders of the Congregation; which when they were come to him, hee said vnto them. *See know, that from the first day that I came into Asia, after what manner I haue beene with you at all seasons, seruiyng the Lord with all humbleness of minde, and with many teares and temptations which happened vnto me by the layings await of the Jewes, because I would keepe backe nothing that was profitable vnto you, but to shew you, and teach you openly throughout euery house: witnessing both to the Jewes, and also to the Greekes, the repentance that is toward GOD, and the faith which is toward our Lord Iesus. And now behold, I goe bound in the spirit vnto Hierusalem, not knowing the things that shall come on me there, but that the holy Ghost witnesseth in euery Citie, saying that bands*

and trouble abide mee. But none of these things mooue me, neither is my life deare vnto my selfe, that I might fulfill my course with ioy and the ministracion of the word which I haue receiued of the Lord Iesu, to testifie the Gospel of the grace of God. And now behold, I am sure that henceforth yee all (through whom I haue gone preaching the kingdome of God) shall see my face no more. Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men: For I haue spared no labour, but haue shewed you all the counsell of God. Take heed therefore vnto your selues, and to all the flocke among whom the holy Ghost hath made you ouerscers, to rule the Congregation of God, which hee hath purchased with his blood. For I am sure of this, that after my departing, shall grieuous woolues enter in among you, not sparing the flocke. Moreover, of your owne selues shall men arise, speaking peruerse things, to draw disciples after them. Therefore awake, and remember that by the space of three yeeres I ceased not to warne euery one of you night and day, with teares.

And now brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build further, and to giue you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified. I haue desired no mans siluer, gold, or vesture. Yea, you know your selues, that these hands haue ministred vnto my necessities, and vnto them that were with mee. I haue shewed you all things, how that so labouring yee ought to receiue the weake, and to remember the words of the Lorde Iesus, how that hee said; It is moze blessed to giue, than to receiue.

Or else this third Chapter, of the first Epistle to Timothie.



His is a true saying, If any man desire the office of a Bishop, he desireth an honest work. A Bishop therefore must be blamelesse, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sobre, discrete, a keeper of hospitalitie, apt to teach, not giuen to ouer much wine, no fighter, nor greedy of filthy lucre, but gentle, abhorring fighting, abhorring couetousnesse, one that ruleth well his owne house, one that hath children in subiection with all reuerence. For if a man cannot rule his owne house, how shall hee care for the Congregation of God? He may not be a pong Scholer, lest he swell, and fall into the iudgement of the euill speaker. He must also haue a good report of them which are without; lest hee fall into rebuke, and snare of the euill speaker.

Likewise must the Ministers bee honest, not double tongued, not giuen vnto much wine, neither greedy of filthy lucre; but holding

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And without doubt, great is that mysterie of godlinesse: God was shewed in the flesh, was iustified in the Spirit, was seene among the Angels, was preached vnto the Gentiles, was beleued on in the world, and receiued up in glory.

After this shall be read for the Gospel a piece of the last Chapter of Mathew, as followeth.

**I**esus came and spake vnto them, saying: All power is giuen vnto me in heauen and in earth: Goe ye therefore and teach all Nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Ghost, teaching them to obserue all things, whatsoever I haue commanded you: and loe, I am with you alway, euen vntil the end of the world.

Or else this that followeth, of the tenth Chapter of Iohn.

**V**erily, verely, I say vnto you, He that entreth not in by the dooze into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thiefe and a murtherer. But hee that entreth in by the dooze, is the shepeherd of the sheepe, to him the porter openeth, and the sheepe heare his voyce, and hee calleth his owne sheepe by name, and leaeth them out. And when hee hath sent forth his owne sheepe, hee goeth before them, and the sheepe follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him, for they know not the voyce of strangers. This prouerbe spake Iesus vnto them, but they vnderstood not what things they were which hee spake vnto them. Then said Iesus vnto them againe, Verely, verely, I say vnto you, I am the dooze of the sheepe: and all (euen as many as come before mee) are theues and murderers, but the sheepe did not heare them. I am the dooze: by me if any

man enter in, he shall be safe, and goe in and out, and finde pasture. A thiefe cometh not but for to steale, kill and to destroy. I am come, that they might haue life, and that they might haue it moze abundantly. I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd giueth his life for the sheepe. An hired seruant, and he which is not the shepherd (neither the sheepe are his owne) seeth the wolke comming, and lea- ueth the sheepe and fleeth, and the wolke catcheth and scattereth the sheepe. The hired seruant fleeth, because hee is an hired seruaunt, and careth not for the sheepe. I am the good shepherd and know my sheepe, and am knowne of mine. As my Father knoweth me, euen so know I also my Father. And I giue my life for the sheepe. And other sheepe I haue, which are not of this fold: them also must I bring, and they shall heare my voyce, and there shall be one foldm and one shepherd.

Or else this, of the xx. Chapter of Iohn.

**T**he same day at night, which was the first day of the Sab-  
bothes, when the doozes were shut (where the Disciples were  
assembled together, for feare of the Jewes) came Iesus and stood in  
the midst, and sayd vnto them, Peace be vnto you. And when hee  
had so sayd, he shewed vnto them his hands & his side. Then were  
the Disciples glad, when they saw the Lord. Then said Iesus vnto  
them againe, Peace be vnto you: As my Father sent me, euen so send  
I you also. And when he had said those words, he breathed on them  
and sayd vnto them, Receiue ye the holy Ghost: Whosoeuers sinnes  
pee remit, they are remitted vnto them: and whosoeuers sinnes ye  
retaine, they are retained.

When the Gospel is ended, then shall be sayd or sung.

**C**ome holy Ghost eternall God proceeding from aboue:  
Both from the Father and the Sonne, the God of peace and  
loue:

Visit oure minds, and into us, thy heauenly grace inspire:

That in all truth and godlinesse, we may haue true desire.

Thou art the very Comforter, in all woe and distresse:

The heauenly gifte of God most high, which no tongue can ex-  
presse.

The fountaine and the liuely spring, of ioy celestiall:

The fire so bright, the loue so cleare, and Vnction spirituall.

Thou in thy giftes art manifold, whereby Christes Church doth  
stand:

In faithfull hearts writing thy Law, the finger of Gods hand.



According to thy promise made, thou giuest speech of grace:  
That through thy helpe, the praise of God, may sound in euery  
place.

O holy Ghost, into oure wits, send downe thy heauenly light:  
Kindle our hearts with feruent loue, to serue God day and night.  
Strength and stablish all our weakenesse, so feeble and so fraile:  
That neither flesh, the world, noꝝ deuill, against us do preuaile.  
Put backe our enemye farre from us, and grant us to obtaine,  
Peace in our hearts, with God and man, without grudge oꝝ  
disdaine.

And grant O Lord that thou being, our leader and our guide:  
We may eschewe the snares of sinne, and from thee neuer slide.  
To us such plentie of thy grace, good Lord grant we thee pray:  
That thou mayest be our Comforter, at the last dreadfull day.  
Of all strife and dissention, O Lord, dissolue the bands:  
And make the knots of peace and loue, throughout all Christian  
lands.

Grant vs O Lord, through thee to know the Father most of  
might:

That of his deare beloued Sonne, we may attaine the sight,  
And that with perfect fayth also, we may acknowledge thee;  
The Spirit of them both alway, one God in persons thre.  
Laude and praise be to the Father, and to the Sonne equall:  
And to the holy Spirite also, one God coeternall.  
And pray wee that the onely Sonne, vouchsafe his Spirite to  
send:

To all that doe professe his name, vnto the worlds end. Amen.

And then the Archdeacon shall present vnto the Bishop, all them that shall  
receiue the order of Priesthood that day, the Archdeacon sayinge,

**R**euere[n]d Father in God, I present vnto you, these persons, pre-  
sent, to be admitted to the order of Priesthood,

*Cum interrogatione & responsione, vt in ordine Diaconatus.*

And then the Bishop shall say to the people,

**G**od people, these bee they whom wee purpose, God willing, to  
receiue this day vnto the holy office of Priesthood. For after  
due examination, we finde not to the contrary, but that they be  
lawfully called to their function and ministerie, and that they bee  
persons meet for the same: but yet if there bee any of you, which

knoweth any impediment, or notable cryme in any of them, for the which hee oughte not to be receiued into this holy ministerie, now in the name of God declare the same.

And if any great crime or impediment be objected,

*Vt supra in Ordine Diaconatus vsque ad finem Letanie cum hac Collecta.*

**A**lmighty God, giuer of all good thinges, which by thy holy Spirit hast appointed diuers orders of Ministers in thy Church, mercifully behold these thy servants, now called to the office of Priesthood, and replenish them so with the truth of thy doctrine, and innocencie of life, that both by worde and good example, they may faithfully serue thee in this office, to the glory of thy name, and profit of the Congregation, through the merits of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who liueth and reigneth, with thee and the holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

Then the Bishop shall minister vnto euery of them the Oath, concerning the Kings Supremacie, as it is set forth in the order of Deacons, and that done, hee shall say vnto them, which are appointed to receiue the said office, as hereafter followeth.

**Y**ou haue heard brethren, aswell in youre priuate examination, as in the exhortation, and in the holy Lessons taken out of the Gospel, and of the writings of the Apostles, of what dignity, and of how great importance this office is, (whereunto yee be called). And now wee exhort you, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to haue in remembrance into how high a dignity, and to how chargeable an office yee be called, that is to say, to be the messengers, the watchmen, the Pastours, and the Stewards of the Lords family: to seek for Christs sheepe that be dispersed abroad, and for his children which bee in the midst of this naughty world, to bee saued through Christ for euer. Haue alwayes therfore printed in your remembrance how great a treasure is committed to your charge, for they be the sheepe of Christ, which hee bought with his death, and for whom he shed his blood. The Church and Congregation whom you must serue, is his spouse and his body.

And if it shall chance the same Church, or any membre therof, to take any hurt or hinderance, by reason of youre negligence, yee

know the greatnesse of the fault, and also of the horrible punishment which will ensue. Wherefore, consider with your selues the end of your ministry, towards the children of God, towards the spouse and body of Christ, and see that you neuer cease your labour, your care, and diligence, vntill you haue doen all that lieth in you, according to your bounden duety, to bring all such as are, or shall be committed to your charge, vnto that agreement in faith, and knowledge of God, and to that ripenesse and perfectnesse of age in Christ, that there be no place left among you, either for errour in Religion, or for viciousnesse in life.

Then, forasmuch as your office is both of so greate excellencie, and of so great difficultie, ye see with how great care and study yee ought to apply your selues, aswell that you may shewe your selues kind to that Lord, who hath placed you in so high a dignity, as also to beware, that neither you your selues offend, neither be occasion that other offend. Howbeit, ye cannot haue a mind and a wil thereto of your selues, for that power and ability is giuen of God alone. Therefore ye see how ye ought and haue need, earnestly to pray for his holy Spirit. And seeing that you cannot by any other meanes compassse the doing of so weighty a worke pertaining to the saluation of man, but with doctrine and exhortacion, taken out of holy Scriptures, and with a life agreeable vnto the same. Ye perceiue how studious yee ought to bee in reading and learning the Scriptures, and in framing the manners, both of your selues, and of them that specially pertaine vnto you, according to the rule of the same Scriptures: And for this selve same cause, ye see how yee ought to forsake and set aside (as much as you maye) all worldly cares and studies.

We haue a good hope, that you haue well weighed and pondered these things with your selues, long before this time, and that you haue clearly determined, by Gods grace, to giue your selues wholly to this vocation, wherunto it hath pleased God to call you, so that (as muche as lieth in you) you apply your selues wholly to this one thing, and draw all your cares and studies this way, and to this end. And that you will continually pray for the heauenly assistance of the holy Ghost, from God the father, by the mediation of our onely Mediatour and Sauour Jesus Christ, that by daily reading and weighing of the Scriptures, ye may so ware riper and stronger in your ministry: And that yee may so endeouour your selues from time to time to sanctifie the liues of you and yours, and to fashion them after the rule and doctrine of Christ. And that ye may be wholesome and godly examples and paternes for the rest of the

congregation to folowe: & that this present congregation of Christ here assembled, may also understand your mindes and wils, in these things: and that this your promise shall more moue you to do your duties, ye shal answere plainely to these things, which we in the name of the congregation shall demand of you touching the same.

Doe you thinke in your heart, that you be truely called according to the will of our Lord Iesus Christe, and the order of this Church of England, to the ministry of Priesthood?

Anfwere.

I thinke it.

The Bishop.

**B**Ee you perswaded that the holy scriptures conteine sufficiently all doctrine required of necessitie for eternall saluation, thorow faith in Iesu Christ? And are you determined with the sayd Scriptures, to instruct the people committed to your charge, and to teach nothing (as required of necessitie, to eternal saluation) but that you shall be perswaded may be concluded, and prooued by the Scripture?

Anfwere.

I am so perswaded, and haue so determined by Gods grace.

The Bishop.

**W**ill you then giue your faithfull diligence alwayes, so to minister the doctrine and Sacraments, and the discipline of Christ, as the Lord hath commanded, and as this Realme hath receiued the same, according to the Commandements of God, so that you may teach the people committed to your cure and charge, with all diligence to keepe and obserue the same?

Anfwere.

I wil so doe, by the helpe of the Lord.

The Bishop.

**W**ill you bee ready with all faithful diligence, to banish and driue away all erroneous and strange doctrines, contrary to Gods word, and to use both publike and priuate monitions and exhortations, as well to the sicke as to the whole, within youre cures, as need shall require and occasion be giuen?

Anfwere.

I will, the Lord being my helper.

The Bishop.

**W**ill you bee diligent in prayers, and in reading of the holy Scriptures, and in such studies as helpe to the knowledge of the same, laying aside the study of the world and the fleshe?

Anfwere.

I will endeuour my selfe so to doe, the Lord being my helper.

The Bishop.

**W**ill you be diligent to frame and fashion your owne selues, and your families, according to the doctrine of Christ, and to make bothe your selues and them (as much as in you lieth) wholesome examples and spectacles to the flocke of Christ?

Anfwere.

I will so apply my selfe, the Lord being my helper.

The Bishop.

**W**ill you mainetaine and set forwards (as much as lyeth in you) quietnes, peace, and loue, among all Christian people, and specially among them that are, or shall be committed to your charge?

Anfwere.

I will so doe, the Lord being my helper.

The Bishop.

**W**ill you reuerently obey your Ordinarie, and other chiefe Ministers, vnto whom the gouernment and charge is committed ouer you, following with a glad minde and will, their godly admonition, and submitting your selues to their godly iudgements?

Anfwere.

I will so doe, the Lord being my helper.

Then shal the Bishop say,

**A**lmightie God, who hath giuen you this will to doe all these things, grant also vnto you strength and power to performe the same, that he may accomplish his worke which he hath begun in you, untill the time hee shall come at the latter day, to iudge the quicke and the dead.

After this, the Congregation shall bee desired secretly in their prayers, to make humble supplications to God for the foresaid things : for the whiche prayers, there shall be a certaine space kept in silence.

That done, the Bishop shall pray in this wise.

**¶**Let us praye.



**A**lmightie God and heauenly father, which of thy infinite loue and goodnesse towards vs, hast giuen to vs thy only & most deare beloued Son Iesus Christ, to be our redemer and author of euerlasting life: who after he had made perfecte our redemption by his death, & was ascended into heauen, sent abroad into the world his Apostles, Prophets, Euangel-

ists, Doctours and Pastours, by whose labour and ministry, hee gathered together a greate flocke in all the parts of the world, to set forth the eternall praise of thy holy Name. For these so great benefits of thy eternall goodnesse, and for that thou hast vouchsafed to call these thy seruants here present, to the same office and ministrie of the saluacion of mankind; wee render vnto thee most hearty thanks, we worship and praise thee, and we humbly beseech thee, by the same thy Sonne, to grant vnto us all, which either here, or elsewhere call upon thy Name, that wee may shew our selues thankful to thee, for these and all other thy benefits, & that we may dayly increase and goe forwards, in the knowledge and faith of thee and thy Sonne, by the holy Spirit. So that as well by these thy Ministers, as by them to whom they shall be appointed Ministers, thy holy Name may be alwayes glorified, and thy blessed kingdome enlarged, through the same thy Sonne our Lorde Jesus Christ, which liueth and reigneth with thee, in the unitie of the same holy Spirite, world without end. Amen.

When this prayer is done, the Bishop with the Priestes present shal lay their hands feuerally vpon the head of euery one that receiueth Orders. The Receiuers humbly kneeling vpon their knees, and the Bishop saying,

**R**eceiue the holy Ghost, whose sinnes thou doest forgiue, they are forgiuen: and whose sinnes thou doest retaine, they are retained: and be thou a faithful dispenser of the word of god, and of his holy Sacraments. In the name of the Father, and of the Sonne, and of the holy Ghost. Amen.

The Bishop shall deliuer to euery one of them the Bible in his hand, saying.

**T**ake thou authorizity to preach the word of God, and to minister the holy Sacraments in this Congregation, where thou shalt be so appointed.

When this is done, the Congregation shall sing the Creed, and also they shall goe to the Communion, which all they that receiue Orders, shall take together, and remaine in the same place where the hands were layd vpon them, vntill such time as they haue receiued the Communion.

The Communion being done, after the last Collect, and immediatly before the Benediction, shall be said this Collect.

**M**ost mercifull Father, we beseech thee so to send vpon these thy seruantes thy heauenly blessing, that they may bee clad about with all iustice, and that thy word spoken by their mouthes, may haue such successe, that it may neuer be spoken in vaine. Grant also that we may haue grace to heare, and receiue the same as thy

most holy word and the meanes of our saluation, that in all our words and deeds we may seeke thy glory, and the increase of thy Kingdome, through Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

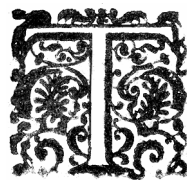
If the Order of Deacon and Priesthood, be giuen both vpon one day, then shall all things at the holy Communion bee used as they are appointed at the ordering of Priests, Sauing that for the Epistle, the whole third Chapter of the first to Timothie shall be read, as it is set out before in the order of Priests. And immediatly after the Epistle, the Deacons shall be ordered. And it shall suffice the Letany to be said once.



## The Forme of Consecrating of an *Archbishop, or Bishop.*

¶ At the Communion.

The Epistle.



**H**is is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a Bishop he desireth an honest work. A Bishop therefore must be blamelesse, the husband of one wife, diligent, sober, discrete, a keeper of hospitality, apt to teach, not giuen to ouermuch wine, no fighter, not greedy of filthy lucre, but gentle, abhorring fighting, abhorring couetousnesse, one that ruleth well his owne house, one that hath children in subiection with all reuerence. For if a man cannot rule his owne house, how shall he care for the Congregation of God? Hee may not be a pong scholler, lest he swell and fall into the iudgement of the euill speaker. He must also haue a good report of them which are without, lest he fall into rebuke, and the snare of the euill speaker.

The Gospel.

**I**esus said to Simon Peter, Simon Iohanna, louest thou mee, more than these? Hee said vnto him, yea, Lord, thou knowest that I loue thee: hee said vnto him, feed my Lambes. He said to him againe the seconde time: Simon Iohanna, louest thou me? Hee said vnto him, Yea Lord, thou knowest that I loue thee: hee said vnto

him, Feede my sheepe. He said vnto him the third time, Simon Iohanna, louest thou me? Peter was sorry, because he said vnto hym the third time, Lovest thou me? And hee said vnto him, Lord thou knowest all things, thou knowest that I loue thee. Iesus said vnto him, Feed my sheepe.

Or else out of the tenth Chapter of Iohn: as before in the order of Priests.

After the Gospell and Creed ended: first the elected Bishop shall be presented by two Bishops vnto the Archbishop of that Prouince, or to some other Bishop appointed by his commission: the Bishops that present him, saying.

**M**ost reuerend Father in God, we present vnto you this godly and well learned man to be consecrated Bishop.

Then shall the Archbishop demand the Kings mandate for the consecration and cause it to be read, and the Oath touching the knowledge of the Kings Supremacie, shall be ministred to the persons elected, as it is set out in the order of Deacons. And then shall be ministred also the Oath of due obedience vnto the Archbishop, as followeth.

*The Oath of due obedience to  
the Archbishop.*

**I**n the Name of God, Amen. I, B. chosen Bishop of the Church and See of B. doe professe and promise, a due reuerence and obedience to the Archbishop, and to the Metropolitall Church of B. and to their successors: so helpe me God, through Iesus Christe.

This Oath shall not be made at the Consecration of an Archbishop.

Then the Archbishop shall moue the Congregation present, to praye, saying thus to them.

**B**rethren, it is written in the Gospell of S. Luke, that our Saviour Christ continued the whole night in prayer, or euer that he did chuse and send forth his twelve Apostles. It is written also in the Acts of the Apostles, that the Disciples which were at Antioche did fast and pray, or euer they laid hands vpon, or sent forth Paul and Barnabas. Let vs therefore, following the example of our Saviour Christ and his Apostles, first fall to prayer, or that we admit and send forth this person presented vnto vs, to the worke wherunto we truste the holy Ghost hath called him.



And then shall be said the Letanie, as afore in the order of Deacons,

And after this place: **That it may please the to illuminate all Bishops. &c.** he shal say.

**That it may please thee to blesse this our brother elected, and to send thy grace vpon him, that he may duely execute the office wherunto hee is called, to the edifying of thy Church, and to the honour, praise, and glory of thy Name.**

Aunswere.

**We beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.**

Concluding the Letanie in the end, with this prayer.

**A**lmightie God, giuer of all good things, which by thy holy spirit hast appointed diuers orders of Ministers in thy Church, mercifully behold this thy seruant, now called to the worke and ministry of a Bishop, and replenish him so with the truth of thy doctrine, and innocencie of life, that both by word and deed he may faithfully serue thee in this office, to the glory of thy Name, and profit of thy Congregation, through the merits of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who liueth and reigneth with thee and the holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

Then the Archbishop sitting in a chaire, shall say to him that is to bee consecrated.

**B**rother, for as much as holy Scripture, and the old Canons commandeth, that we should not be hasty in laying on hands, and admitting of any person to the gouernement of the Congregation of Christ, which he hath purchased with no lesse price than the effusion of his owne blood: afoze I admit you to this administration wherunto you are called, I will examine you in certaine articles, to the end the Congregation present, may haue a triall and beare witness how ye be minded to behaue your selve in the Church of God.

**Are you perswaded that you bee truly called to this ministracion according to the will of our Lorde Jesus Christ, and the order of this Realme?**

Aunswere.

**I am so perswaded.**

The Archbishop.

**A**re you perswaded that the holy Scriptures containe sufficiently all doctrine, required of necessitie for eternall saluation, through the faith in Jesus Christ? And are you determined with the same holy Scriptures, to instruct the people committed to your

charge, and to teach or maintaine nothing, as required of necessitie to eternall saluation, but that you shall be perswaded may be concluded, and proued by the same?

Anfwere.

I am so perswaded and determined by Gods grace.

The Archbifhop.

**W**ill you then faithfully exercise your selfe in the sayd holy Scriptures, and call vpon God by prayer for the true understanding of the same, so as ye may be able by them to teache and exhort with wholesome doctrine, and to withstand and conuince the gainesayers?

Anfwere.

I will so doe, by the helpe of God.

The Archbifhop.

**B**e you ready with all faithfull diligence to banish and driue away all erroneous and strange doctrine contrary to Gods word, and both priuately and openly to call vpon, and encourage other to the same?

Anfwere.

I am ready, the Lord being my helper.

The Archbifhop.

**W**ill you deny all vngodlinesse and worldly lusts, and liue soberly, righteously, and godly in this world, that you may shewe your selfe in all things an example of good works vnto other, that the aduersary may be ashamed, hauing nothing to lay against you?

Anfwere.

I will so doe, the Lord being my helper.

The Archbifhop.

**W**ill you maintaine and set forward (as much as shall lie in you) quietnesse, peace, and loue emonge all men: and such as be vnquiet, disobedient, and criminous within your Diocesse, correct and punish, according to such authoritie, as yee haue by Gods word, and as to you shall bee committed, by the ordinance of this Realme?

Anfwere.

I will doe so by the helpe of God.

The Archbifhop.

**W**ill you shewe your selfe gentle, and be mercifull for Christs sake to poore and needie people, and to all strangers destitute of helpe?

Anfwere.

I will so shewe myselke by Gods helpe.

The Archbishop.

**A** Almighty God oure heauenly Father, who hath giuen you a good will to doe all these things, grant also vnto you, strength and power to performe the same, that hee accomplishing in you, the good worke which he hath begon, yee may bee found perfect, and irreprehensible at the latter day, through Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then shall be fung or said, Come holy Ghost, &c.

As it is set out in the order of Priests.

That ended, the Archbishop shall say.

Lozde, heare our prayer.

Anfwer.

And let our cry come vnto thee.

Let vs pray.



Almighty God and most mercifull Father, which of thine infinite goodnesse hast giuen thy onely and most deare beloued Son Iesus Christ to be our Redeemer and Authoz of euerlasting life, who after that hee had made perfect our Redemption by his death, and was ascended into heauen, powzed downe his gifts abundantly vpon men, making some

Apostles, some Prophets, some Euangelists, some Pastours and Doctours, to the edifying and making perfect his Congregation: grant wee beseech thee, to this thy seruant such grace, that hee may euermore be ready to spreade abroad thy Gospell, and glad tidings of reconcilment to God, and to vse the authozitie giuen vnto him, not to destroy, but to save, not to hurt, but to helpe: so that he, as a wise and a faithfull seruant, giuing to thy family meate in due season, may at the last bee receiued into ioy, through Iesu Christ our Lord, who with thee, and the holy Ghost liueth and reigneth one God, world without end. Amen.

Then the Archbishop and Bishops present, shal lay their hands vpon the head of the elected Bishop, the Archbishop saying.

**T**ake the holy Ghost, and remember that thou stirre up the grace of God, which is in thee, by imposition of hands: for god hath not giuen vs the spirite of feare, but of power, and loue, and sobernesse.


Then the Archbishop shal deliuer him the  
Bible, faying.

**G**ue heed vnto reading, exhortation and doctrine. Thinke vpon these things contained in this booke. Be diligent in them, that the increase comming thereby, may be manifest vnto all men. Take heed vnto thyselfe, and vnto teaching, and be diligent in doing them: for by doing this thou shalt saue thy selfe, and them that heare thee. Bee to the flocke of Christ a shepherd, not a wolfe: feed them, deuoure them not: hold vp the weak, heale the sick, binde together the broken, bring againe the outcasts, seeke the lost. bee so mercifull, that yee be not too remisse: so minister discipline, that you forget not mercy, that when the chiefe Shepherd shall come, ye may receiue the immarcessible crowne of glory, through Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then the Archbishop shall proceed to the Communion, with whom the new consecrated Bishop, with other shall also communicate. And for the last Collect immediatly before the Benediction, shall be said this Prayer.

**M**ost merciful Father, we beseech thee, to send down vpon this thy seruant, thy heauenly blessing, and so endue him with thy holy Spirit, that he preaching thy word, may not onely be earnest to reprove, beseech, and rebuke, with all patience and doctrine, but also may bee, to such as beleue, an wholesome example in word, in conuersation, in loue, in faith, in chastitie, and puritie, that faithfully fulfilling his course, at the latter day hee may receiue the Crowne of righteousnesse, laid vp by the Lord the righteous Iudge, who liueth and reigneth, one God with the Father and holy Ghost, world without end.  
Amen.

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