

THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM IN ALABAMA

THE RITE OF ORDINATION

TO THE PRESBYTERATE

EL RITO DE LA ORDENACIÓN SACERDOTAL



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THE CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PAUL

MAY 30, 2026 AT 11:00AM

PRESBYTERAL ORDINATION

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Welcome to the Cathedral of Saint Paul. The order of Mass can be found on page 3 in the Sunday's Word book found in the pew racks or on the pew cards. Please follow this order of worship for today's music. / Bienvenidos a la Catedral de San Pablo. El orden de la Santa Misa lo pueden encontrar en la página 3 de los libros Sunday's Word que se encuentran frente a ustedes en las bancas. Por favor, sigan el orden de la celebración y la música de hoy.

PRELUDE/PRELUPIO

THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD

EDWARD ELGAR

SELECTIONS FOR BRASS QUARTET

AVE MARIS STELLA

EDVARD GRIEG

ENTRANCE HYMN/HIMNO DE ENTRADA
PRAISE TO THE HOLIEST IN THE HEIGHT

NEWMAN



1. Praise to the Ho - liest in the height, And in ___ the
2. O lov - ing wis - dom of our God! When all ___ was
3. O wis - est love! that flesh and blood, Which did ___ in
4. And that a high - er gift than grace Should flesh and
5. Praise to the Ho - liest in the height, And in ___ the



depth be praise; In all his words most won - der -
sin and shame, A sec - ond Ad - am to ___ the
Ad - am fail, Should strive a - gainst the
blood re - fine: God's pre - sence and his ve - ry
depth be praise; In all his words most won - der -



ful, Most sure ___ in all his ways!
fight And to ___ the res - cue came.
foe, Should strive, ___ and should pre - vail;
self, And es - sence all - di - vine.
ful, Most sure ___ in all his ways!



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON/ANTÍFONA DE ENTRADA *Sacerdotes Dei*

DANIEL 3:84, 87, 57

Sacerdotes Dei, benedicite Dominum; sancti et humiles corde, laudate Deum. ✠ Benedicite omnia opera Domini Domino: laudate et superexaltate eum in saecula. / Priests of God, bless the LORD; praise God with holy and humble hearts. ✠ Bless the LORD, all you works of the LORD, praise and exalt him above all forever. / Sacerdotes de Dios, bendigan al Señor; santos y humildes de corazón, alaben a Dios. / ✠ Bendigan al Señor, todas las obras del Señor; alábenle y ensálcenle por siempre.

LITURGY OF THE WORD/LITURGIA DE LA PALABRA

FIRST READING/PRIMERA LECTURA

JEREMIAH 1:4-9

The word of the LORD came to me thus: Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you. "Ah, Lord God", I said, "I know not how to speak; I am too young." But the LORD answered me, "Say not, 'I am too young.' To whomever I send you, you shall go; whatever I command you, you shall speak. Have no fear before them, because I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord." Then the Lord extended his hand and touched my mouth, saying, "See, I place my words in your mouth!"

En tiempo de Josías, el Señor me dirigió estas palabras: "Desde antes de formarte en el seno materno, te conozco; desde antes de que nacieras, te consagré como profeta para las naciones". Yo le contesté: "Pero, Señor mío, yo no sé expresarme, porque apenas soy un muchacho". El Señor me dijo: "No digas que eres un muchacho, pues irás a donde yo te envíe y dirás lo que yo te mande. No tengas miedo, porque yo estoy contigo para protegerte", palabra del Señor. El Señor extendió entonces su brazo, con su mano me tocó la boca y me dijo: "Desde hoy pongo mis palabras en tu boca".

℣ The Word of the Lord. / Palabra de Dios.

℟ Thanks be to God. / Te alabamos, Señor.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM/SALMO RESPONSORIAL

PSALM 110:1-4



You are a priest for ever in the line of Mel-chi-ze dek.

Tú eres sacerdote para siempre, como Melquisedec.

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

Esto ha dicho el Señor a mi Señor: "Siéntate a mi derecha; yo haré de tus contrarios el estrado donde pongas los pies". ℟

The Lord will wield from Zion your scepter of power; rule in the midst of all your foes. ℟

Extenderá el Señor desde Sión tu cetro poderoso y tú dominarás al enemigo. ℟

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

Es tuyo el señorío; el día en que naciste, en los montes sagrados, te consagró el Señor antes del alba. ℟

The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change. "You are a priest forever, a priest like Melchizedek of old." ℟

Juró el Señor y no ha de retractarse: "Tú eres sacerdote para siempre, como Melquisedec". ℟

Every high priest is taken from among men and made their representative before God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal patiently with the ignorant and erring, for he himself is beset by weakness and so, for this reason, must make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honor upon himself but only when called by God, just as Aaron was. In the same way, it was not Christ who glorified himself in becoming high priest, but rather the one who said to him: You are my son: this day I have begotten you; just as he says in another place: You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek. In the days when he was in the flesh, he offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered; and when he was made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, declared by God high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Hermanos: Todo sumo sacerdote es un hombre escogido entre los hombres y está constituido para intervenir en favor de ellos ante Dios, para ofrecer dones y sacrificios por los pecados. Él puede comprender a los ignorantes y extraviados, ya que él mismo está envuelto en debilidades. Por eso, así como debe ofrecer sacrificios por los pecados del pueblo, debe ofrecerlos también por los suyos propios. Nadie puede apropiarse ese honor, sino sólo aquel que es llamado por Dios, como lo fue Aarón. De igual manera, Cristo no se confirió a sí mismo la dignidad de sumo sacerdote; se la otorgó quien le había dicho: *Tú eres mi Hijo, yo te he engendrado hoy.* O como dice otro pasaje de la Escritura: *Tú eres sacerdote eterno, como Melquisedec.* Precisamente por eso, durante su vida mortal, ofreció oraciones y súplicas, con fuertes voces y lágrimas, a aquel que podía librarlo de la muerte, y fue escuchado por su piedad. A pesar de que era el Hijo, aprendió a obedecer padeciendo, y llegado a su perfección, se convirtió en la causa de la salvación eterna para todos los que lo obedecen y fue proclamado por Dios sumo sacerdote, como Melquisedec.

✠ The Word of the Lord. / Palabra de Dios.

✠ Thanks be to God. / Te alabamos, Señor.

ALLELUIA/ALELUYA



Go and teach all nations, says the Lord; I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Vayan y enseñen a todas las naciones, dice el Señor, y sepan que yo estaré con ustedes todos los días, hasta el fin del mundo.

GOSPEL/EVANGELIO

LUKE 22:24-27

✠ The Lord be with you. / El Señor esté con ustedes.

✠ And with your spirit. / Y con tu espíritu.

✠ A ✠ reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke. / Lectura del santo Evangelio según San Lucas.

✠ Glory to you, O Lord. / Gloria a ti, Señor.

At that time, an argument broke out among the disciples about which of them should be regarded as the greatest. Jesus said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them and those in authority over them are addressed as 'Benefactors'; but among you it shall not be so. Rather, let the greatest among you be as the youngest, and the leader as the servant. For who is greater: the one seated at table or the one who serves? Is it not the one seated at table? I am among you as the one who serves."

En aquel tiempo, los discípulos se pusieron a discutir sobre cuál de ellos debería ser considerado como el más importante. Jesús les dijo: "Los reyes de los paganos los dominan, y los que ejercen la autoridad se hacen llamar bienhechores. Pero ustedes no hagan eso, sino todo lo contrario: que el mayor entre ustedes actúe como si fuera el menor, y el que gobierna, como si fuera un servidor. Porque, ¿quién vale más, el que está a la mesa o el que sirve? ¿Verdad que es el que está a la mesa? Pues yo estoy en medio de ustedes como el que sirve."

℣. The Gospel of the Lord. / Palabra del Señor.

℟. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ. / Gloria a ti, Señor Jesús.

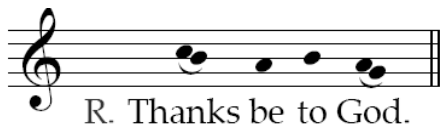
Please remain standing after the Gospel that the Bishop may bless those assembled with the Book of Gospels.



RITE OF ORDINATION

ELECTION OF THE CANDIDATE

The elect are called forward by a Deacon. They go to the Bishop, who questions the Priests in charge of their formation regarding their worthiness. After the Bishop declares them worthy, the people respond:



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PROMISE OF THE ELECT

The elect for the priesthood stand before the Bishop. He questions them regarding their faith, their willingness to accept the duties and obligations of the priesthood, and asks each of them for a promise of obedience.

LITANY OF SUPPLICATION

All then rise as the Bishop invites the candidates and the faithful to pray the Litany of the Saints. After the introduction, the Elect will lie prostrate while all others kneel as the cantor leads the Litany, responding to the petitions as follows:

V. Lord, have mer-cy. R. Lord, have mer-cy.

V. Christ, have mer-cy. R. Christ, have mer-cy.

V. Lord, have mer-cy. R. Lord, have mer-cy.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, [] R. pray for us.

The names of many saints are invoked for protection and intercession, including those saints specially chosen for inclusion by the Elect; the Litany then continues:

Lord, be mer-ci-ful, R. Lord, de-liv-er us, we pray.

From all e - vil, R. Lord, de-liv-er us, we pray.
 From eve - ry sin,
 From ever - last-ing death,
 By your In - car - na - tion,
 By your
 Death and Res - ur - rec - tion,
 By the out-
 -pouring
 of the Ho - ly Spir - it,

Be merciful to us sin-ners, R. Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

The same response is sung to the petitions for the Pope, universal Church, the ordinand, and the whole People of God. Jesus Christ is invoked in the following fashion to end the Litany:

Christ, hear us. R. Christ, hear us.

Christ, gra-cious-ly hear us. R. Christ, gra-cious-ly hear us.

To conclude the Litany of Supplication, the Bishop stands and prays a collect, asking the Holy Spirit to bless and consecrate the men to be ordained. After the "Amen", all stand and remain so until the Prayer of Ordination is completed.

LAYING ON OF HANDS

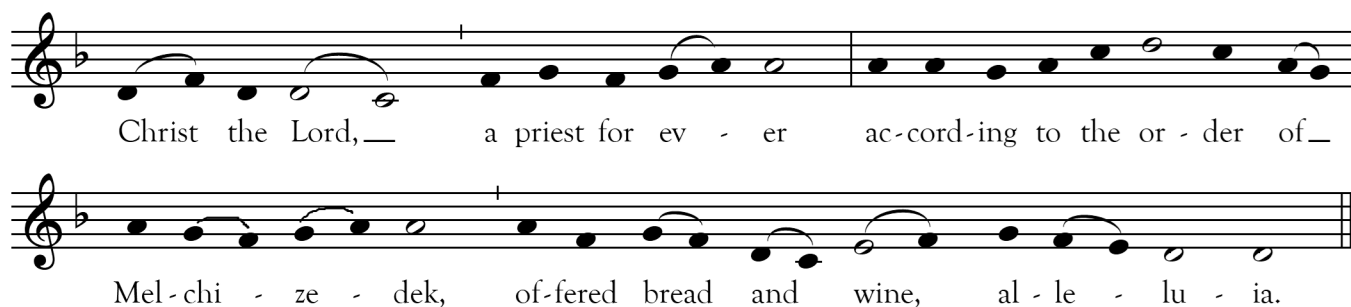
The elect rise and go to the Bishop. Then, they kneel before him: the Bishop lays his hands on them in silence, followed by all the Priests present.

PRAYER OF ORDINATION

With the elect kneeling before him, the Bishop puts aside the miter and, with hands extended, sings or says the Prayer of Ordination. At the conclusion of the prayer, all in the congregation may be seated.

ANOINTING OF HANDS AND HANDING OVER OF THE BREAD AND WINE

The newly ordained Priests stand and are vested in the stole and chasuble, the liturgical vestments of the presbyterate. During the investiture, the following antiphon (with verses from Psalm 110) is sung:

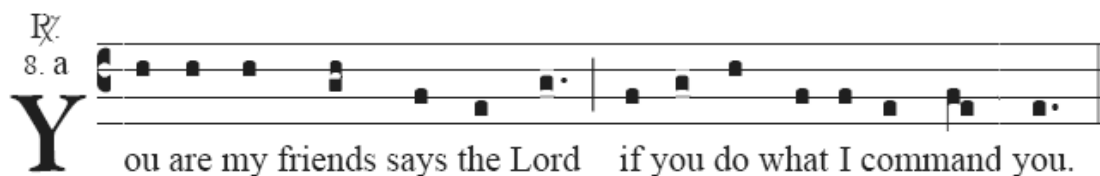


Christ the Lord, — a priest for ev - er ac-cord-ing to the or - der of —
Mel - chi - ze - dek, of-fered bread and wine, al - le - lu - ia.

Then, the Bishop anoints the palms of the newly ordained with holy Chrism.

Next, some faithful present a paten holding the bread and a chalice containing the wine mixed with water for the celebration of Mass. A Deacon receives them and presents them to the Bishop, who in turn presents them to the newly ordained, charging them to imitate the Lord.

After the anointing, the Bishop gives the newly ordained Priests the fraternal kiss of peace; the other Priests present also share this sign of peace with the newly ordained. During this portion of the rite, the following antiphon is sung by the congregation, cantor, and choir in between verses of Psalm 100:



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8. a
You are my friends says the Lord if you do what I command you.

The Universal Prayer (Prayer of the Faithful) is omitted, after which the Mass continues in the usual way, with the preparation of the altar.



LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST/LITURGIA DE LA EUCARISTÍA

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OFFERTORY ANTIPHON *Sicut in holocausto*

DANIEL 3:40

As in a burnt offering of rams and bulls, and as in thousands of fatted lambs: so let our sacrifice be in your sight today, that it may be pleasing to you., for there is no confusion for those who trust in you, O Lord.

Como con holocaustos de carneros y toros, y con millares de corderos pingües; tal sea hoy nuestro sacrificio ante ti, y te agrade que plenamente te sigamos, porque no hay confusión para los que en ti confían.

OFFERTORY/OFERTORIO

O GOD, ALMIGHTY FATHER

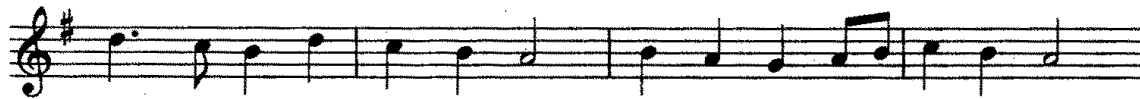
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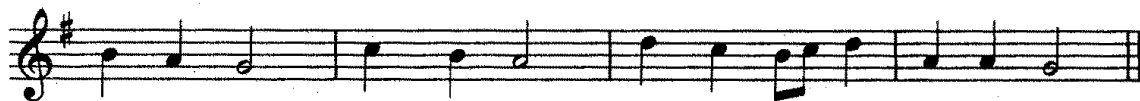
1. O God, al-might - y Fa - ther, Cre - a - tor of all things, The
2. O Je - sus, Word in - car - nate, Re - deem-er most a - dored, All
3. O God, the Ho - ly Spir - it, Who lives with - in our soul, Send



heav-ens stand in won - der, While earth your glo - ry sings.
glo - ry, praise, and hon - or Be yours, O sov'-reign Lord.
forth your light and lead us To our e - ter - nal goal.



O most ho - ly Trin - i - ty, Un - di - vid - ed u - ni - ty,



Ho - ly God, might - y God, God im - mor-tal be a-dored!

SANCTUS

MASS VIII



An- ctus, * San ctus, San- ctus Dó- mi- nus De- us Sá-



ba- oth. Pleni sunt cæ- li et ter- ra gló- ri- a tu- a. Ho- sán na in excél-

sis. Bene-dí- ctus qui ve- nit in nómine Dó-mi-ni. Ho- sán- na in
 ex cél- sis.

Santo, Santo, Santo es el Señor, Dios del Universo. Llenos están el cielo y la tierra de tu gloria. Hosanna en el cielo. Bendito el que viene en nombre del Señor. Hosanna en el cielo.

MYSTERIUM FIDEI/EL MISTERIO DE LA FE

We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your Res-ur-rec-tion un-til you come a-gain.
Anunciamos tu muerte, proclamamos tu resurrección, ¡ven Señor Jesús!

AGNUS DEI

MASS VIII

VI
A - gnus De- i, * qui tollis peccá-ta mun-di : mi-se-ré- re no- bis. Agnus
 De- i, * qui tol- lis peccá-ta mun-di : mi-se-ré- re no- bis. A-gnus De- i, *
 qui tollis peccá-ta mun-di : dona no- bis pa- cem.

Cordero de Dios, que quitas el pecado del mundo, ten piedad de nosotros. Cordero de Dios, que quitas el pecado del mundo, ten piedad de nosotros. Cordero de Dios, que quitas el pecado del mundo, danos la paz.

HOLY COMMUNION/SAGRADA COMUNIÓN

We invite all Catholics who are properly disposed (i.e., in the state of grace and having fasted for one hour before communion) to come forward in the usual way to receive Holy Communion. All others, including our non-Catholic guests, may remain in their pews and join us in prayer. Alternatively, to participate in the communion procession and receive a blessing, come forward in the line and cross your arms over your chest as you approach the minister. Thank you.

Invitamos a todos los católicos que estén debidamente dispuestos (es decir, en estado de gracia y habiendo guardado el ayuno de una hora antes de la comunión) a acercarse de la manera acostumbrada para comulgar. Todos los demás, incluidos nuestros invitados no católicos, pueden permanecer en sus bancas y unirse a nosotros en oración.

Como alternativa, quienes deseen participar en la procesión de la comunión y recibir una bendición pueden acercarse en la fila y cruzar los brazos sobre el pecho al aproximarse al ministro. Gracias.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON/ANTÍFONA DE COMUNIÓN *Ego vos elegi*

JOHN 15:16

Ego vos elegi de mundo, ut eatis, et fructum afferatis: et fructus vester maneat. /I have chosen you from the world to go and bear fruit, and that fruit will last./ Yo los he elegido a ustedes, y los he destinado para que vayan y den fruto, y que su fruto permanezca.

COMMUNION/COMUNIÓN

ANIMA CHRISTI

MARCO FRISINA

Please join in the antiphon below after the cantor intonation and between choir verses.

A - ni - ma Chri - sti, sanc - ti - fi - ca me. Cor - pus Chri - sti, sal - va me.
San - guis Chri - sti, in - e - bri - a me. A - qua la - te - ris Chri - sti, la - va me.

Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me. Blood of Christ, inebriate me. Water from the side of Christ, wash me. / *Alma de Cristo, santificame. Cuerpo de Cristo, sálvame. Sangre de Cristo, embriágame. Agua del costado de Cristo, lávame.*

COMMUNION

CANTIQUE DE JEAN RACINE

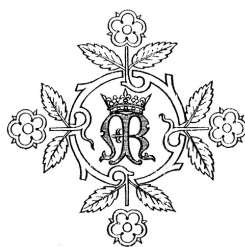
GABRIEL FAURÉ

O Word, equal of the Most High, our sole hope, eternal day of earth and the heavens, we break the silence of the peaceful night. Divine Savior, cast Thine eyes upon us! Shed the light of Thy mighty grace upon us. Let all Hell flee at the sound of Thy voice. Dispel the slumber of a languishing soul that leads it to the forgetting of Thy laws! O Christ, be favorable unto this faithful people now gathered to bless Thee. Receive the hymns it offers unto Thine immortal glory and may it return laden with Thy gifts.

—*Consorts paterni luminis, Medieval Latin hymn; trans. Jean Racine (French)*

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S Alve, Regína, * máter misericórdi-æ: Ví-ta, dul cé-do, et spes
 nóstra, sálve. Ad te clamámus, éxsules, fí-li-i Hé-væ. Ad te suspirámus,
 gemén tes et flén tes in hac lacrimárum välle. E-ia ergo, Advocáta
 nóstra, íllos tú-os misericórdes óculos ad nos con vért e. Et Jésum,
 benedíctum frúctum vén tris tú-i, nobis post hoc ex sí-li-um ostén de.
 O clémens : O pí- a : O dúl cis * Vir go Ma rí- a.



Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of mercy, [Hail] 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.

Dios te salve, Reina y Madre de Misericordia, vida, dulzura y esperanza nuestra. Dios te salve. A ti llamamos, los desterrados hijos de Eva; a ti suspiramos, gimiendo y llorando en este valle de lágrimas. Ea, pues, Señora, abogada nuestra, vuelve a nosotros esos tus ojos misericordiosos, y después de este destierro muéstranos a Jesús, fruto de tu bendito vientre. Oh clemente, oh piadosa, oh dulce Virgen María.

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL/BENDICIÓN Y DESPIDO

∞ The Lord be with you.

✠ And with your spirit.

∞ Let us pray: (Then follow the three invocations of the Solemn Blessing. All reply "Amen" to each invocation.)

∞ And may Almighty God bless all of you, who are gathered here, the ✠ Father, ✠ and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

✠ Amen.

∞ Go forth, the Mass is ended.

✠ Thanks be to God.

FIRST BLESSINGS OF THE NEWLY ORDAINED OVER BISHOP RAICA & OTHER PRELATES /
PRIMERAS BENEDICIONES DE LOS NEOPRESBITEROS SOBRE EL MONS. RAICA Y OTROS PRELADOS

CLOSING

O GOD, BEYOND ALL PRAISING

THAXTED



1. O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to - day
*2. The flow'r of earth - ly splen-dor in time must sure - ly die,
3. Then hear, O gra-cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring,



And sing the love a - maz-ing that songs can - not re - pay;
Its frag - ile bloom sur - ren - der to you, the Lord most high;
That we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our King;



For we can on - ly won - der at ev - 'ry gift you send,
But hid - den from all na - ture the e - ter - nal seed is sown,
And wheth - er our to - mor - rows be filled with good or ill,



At bless-ings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out end.
Though small in mor - tal stat - ure to heav - en's gar - den grown.
We'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still,



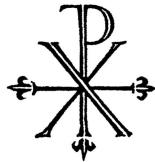
We lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your word;
For Christ, the man from heav - en, from death has set us free,
To mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways,



We hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.
And we through him are giv - en the fin - al vic - to - ry!
And make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

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JOSEPH JONGEN



ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

Welcome to this joyous occasion as we celebrate the ordination of three men to the Sacred Priesthood of Jesus Christ. We begin Mass with a hymn by one of the Church's newest saints, St. John Henry Newman. As the Bishop enters the sanctuary, the Gregorian entrance antiphon *Sacerdotes Dei* is sung: this text from the Book of Daniel implores priests to praise the Lord. However, we also present the excellent *Kyrie* by Palazón in Spanish and, following, the *Gloria* from Charles-Marie Widor's *Messe*, Op. 36. This Mass is the prototype for French Masses for choir (two choirs in this case) and organ and/or other instruments which would flower with Vierne's *Messe Solennelle* and similar pieces by Langlais and others, not to mention Durufle's masterful works in the genre. Uniquely, Widor's church, Saint-Sulpice, housed the major seminary for the Sulpician order, so he had a built-in men's choir available. His Mass utilizes a "seminarian" choir for heroic gestures that are nonetheless musically manageable, while a full-fledged mixed choir part dialogues with it. The *Gloria* we hear tonight is the most evocative movement: it is set in triple (3/4) time, a traditional sign of rejoicing. This recedes in the middle section for a slower, but related, statement in 4/4 time dialoguing the two choirs. A recapitulation re-introduces the initial 3/4 meter, closing with the "*Cum Sancto Spiritu/With the Holy Spirit*" at a brisk tempo. It is a piece of great excitement! Today's *Sanctus* and *Agnus Dei* are taken from Mass VIII, traditionally appointed to feasts in Ordinary Time. At Masses such as today's Ordination Mass, where the assembly comes from different traditions, the Church favors at least some use of a Gregorian (Latin) chant ordinary as a sign of the universality of the Faith. Gregorian chant is the one repertoire we can all claim as Catholics (cf. *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, #116). In the words of Pope St. Paul VI, chant helps "...make it easier for Christians to achieve unity and spiritual harmony with their brothers and with the living tradition of the past." (*Voluntati Obsequens*) Similarly, the tradition of singing the Marian antiphon of the liturgical season is a beautiful custom we have here in the Diocese: the *Salve Regina* recalls prayers we pray in the Liturgy of the Hours as well as in devotions like the Holy Rosary. We are also fortunate to present a variety of music requested by the *ordinandi*: the communion hymn "Anima Christi"; closing hymn "O God, beyond all praising"; and the Gregorian introit, offertory, and communion chants. Cathedral Choir is happy to present Edward Elgar's great Pentecost anthem "The Spirit of the Lord" (especially as we are in the Pentecost octave). Brass adds a festive touch to today's liturgy, too, and we are thankful to John Carroll Catholic High School's Dr. Mark Foster for helping set up this wonderful quartet! May God watch over these newly-ordained priests, and may we pray faithfully for them as well!

CONGRATULATIONS TO
THE REV. JOHN STEPHEN GARDINER
THE REV. JOHN PAUL STEPNOWSKI
THE REV. ANDREW GRESHAM VICKERY

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