

DIOCESE OF SCRANTON



RITE OF ORDINATION OF DEACONS

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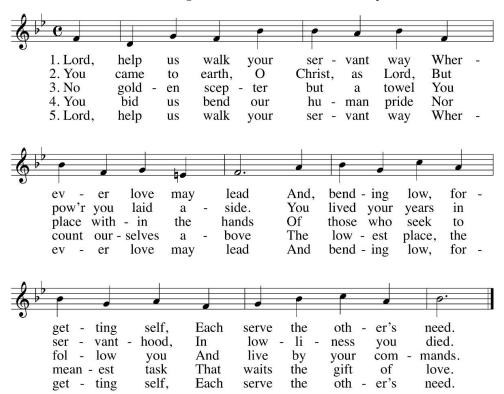
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SIGN OF THE CROSS AND GREETING

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

All: Amen.

Bishop Bambera: Peace be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

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COLLECT

LITURGY OF THE WORD

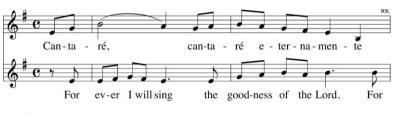
FIRST READING Numbers 3:5-9

Now the **LORD** said to Moses: Summon the tribe of Levi and station them before Aaron the priest to serve him. They shall discharge his obligations and those of the whole community before the tent of meeting by maintaining the tabernacle. They shall have responsibility for all the furnishings of the tent of meeting and discharge the obligations of the Israelites by maintaining the tabernacle. You shall assign the Levites to Aaron and his sons they have been assigned unconditionally to him from among the Israelites.

The word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 89: 2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 Krisman





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SECOND READING

Hechos de los Apóstoles 6, 1–7b

En aquellos días, como aumentando mucho el número de los discípulos, hubo ciertas quejas de los judíos griegos conta los hebreos, de que no se atendía bien a sus viudas en el servicio de caridad de todos los días. Los Doce convocaron entonces a la multitud de los discípulos y les dijeron: "No es justo que, dejando el ministerio de la palabra de Dios, nos dediquemos a administrar los bienes. Escojan entre ustedes a siete hombres de buena reputación, llenos del Espíritu Santo y de sabiduría, a los cuales encargaremos este servicio. Nosotros nos dedicaremos a la oración y al servicio de la palabra." Todos estuvieron de acuerdo y eligieron a Esteban, hombre lleno de fe y del Espíritu Santo; a

Felipe, Prócoro, Nicanor, Timón, Pármenas y Nicolás, prosélito de Antioquía. Se los presentaron a los apóstoles, y estos, después de haber orado, les impusieron las manos. Mientras tanto, la palabra de Dios iba cundiendo. En Jerusalén se multiplicaba grandemente el número de los discípulos.

Palabra del Señor. Todos: Te alabamos, Señor.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Festival Alleluia"

Cheponis





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GOSPEL

Evangelio según San Mateo 20, 25b-28

En aquel tiempo, Jesús dijo a sus discípulos: "Ya saben que los jefes de los pueblos los tiranizan y que los grandes los oprimen. Que no sea así entre ustedes. El que quiera ser grande entre ustedes, que sea el que los sirva, y el que quiera ser primero que sea su esclavo; así como el Hijo del Hombre no ha vino a ser servido, sino a servir y dar la vida por la redención de todos".

Palabra del Señor. Todos: Gloria a ti, Señor Jesús.

RITE OF ORDINATION

ELECTION OF THE CANDIDATES

The candidates to be ordained Deacons are called by name. Each one stands and replies, "Present." The candidate then makes a sign of reverence to the Bishop.

Deacon: Let those who are to be ordained Deacons come forward.

Fernando B. Alves Michaelangelo J. Colaneri Joel Marte Rafael Sánchez Velásquez Francisco Castelan Frank A. Fanelli Jorge A. Roca Christian D. Saunders Reverend DeCelles: Most Reverend Father, holy Mother Church asks you to ordain

these men, our brothers, to the responsibility of the Diaconate.

Bishop Bambera: Do you know them to be worthy?

Reverend DeCelles: After inquiry among the Christian people and upon the

recommendation of those concerned with their formation, I

testify that they have been found worthy.

Bishop Bambera: Relying on the help of the Lord God and of our Savior Jesus

Christ, we choose these our brothers for the Order of the

Diaconate.

All present: Thanks be to God.

HOMILY

The Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L.

PROMISE OF THE ELECT

The candidates declare their intentions to be ordained to the Diaconate and to fulfill its duties.

Bishop Bambera: Dear sons, before you proceed to the Order of the

Diaconate, you must declare before the people your resolve

to undertake this office.

Do you resolve to be consecrated for the ministry of the Church through the laying on of my hands and the gift of

the Holy Spirit?

Elect: I do.

Bishop Bambera: Do you resolve to discharge with humble charity the office

of the Diaconate, so as to assist the priestly Order and to

benefit the Christian people?

Elect: I do.

Bishop Bambera: Do you resolve to hold fast to the mystery of the faith with a

clear conscience, as the Apostle says, and to proclaim this faith by word and deed according to the Gospel and the

Church's tradition?

Elect: I do.

Bishop Bambera: Do you resolve to guard and increase the spirit of prayer proper to

your way of life and, in keeping with this spirit and the

circumstances of your life, to celebrate faithfully the Liturgy of the Hours, with and for the People of God and indeed for the whole

world?

Elect: I do.

Bishop Bambera: Do you resolve to conform your manner of life always to the

example of Christ, whose Body and Blood you will handle at the

altar?

Elect: I do, with the help of God.

Then each one of the elect goes to the Bishop and places his joined hands between those of the Bishop.

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

Elect: I do.

Bishop Bambera: May God who has begun the good work in you, bring it to

fulfillment.

LITANY OF SUPPLICATION

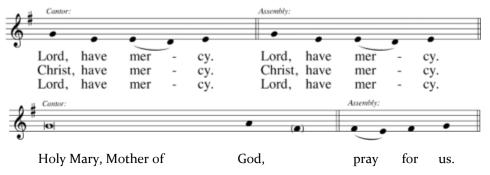
The elect prostrate themselves on the floor in a gesture of solemn petition. The assembly then kneels and, through the intercession of all the saints, asks for God's blessing for the candidates to be ordained.

Bishop Bambera: Let us pray, dearly beloved, that God the almighty Father will, in his

mercy, pour out the grace of his blessing on these his servants, whom he is pleased to receive into the Sacred Order of the

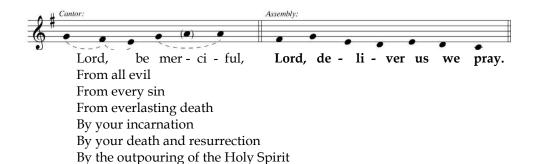
Diaconate.

Deacon: Let us kneel.



Saint Michael. Saint Agnes, Holy Angels of God, Saint Gregory, Saint John the Baptist, Saint Augustine, Saint Athanasius Saint Joseph, Saint Peter and Saint Paul. Saint Basil. Saint Andrew, Saint Ephrem Saint Martin Saint John, Saint Mary Magdalene, Saint Benedict, Saint Stephen, Saint Francis. Saint Philip, Saint Dominic Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Saint Francis Xavier Saint Lawrence, Saint John Vianney,

Saint Vincent, Saint Catherine of Siena Saint Perpetua and Saint Felicity, Saint Teresa of Jesus, All holy men and women, Saints of God,





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

Govern and protect your holy Church,

Keep the Pope and all the ordained in faithful service to your Church,

Bless these chosen men,

Bless and sanctify these chosen men,

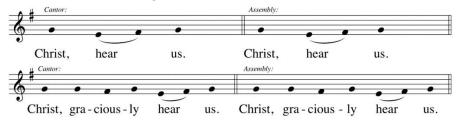
Bless, sanctify, and consecrate these chosen men,

Bring all peoples together in peace and true harmony,

Comfort all the troubled and the afflicted with your mercy,

Strengthen us and keep us in your holy service,

Jesus, Son of the living God,



Bishop Bambera: Lord God, mercifully hear our prayers, and kindly accompany with

your help what we are about to do by virtue of our office; sanctify with your blessing those whom in our judgment, we believe are worthy to be offered for the exercise of sacred ministries.

Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Deacon: Let us stand.

LAYING ON OF HANDS AND PRAYER OF ORDINATION

The elect rise. One by one they go to the Bishop and kneel before him. The Bishop lays his hands upon each of them without saying anything. With the elect kneeling before him, with hands extended, he says the Prayer of Ordination. After the Prayer of Ordination, all are seated.

VESTING WITH THE STOLE AND DALMATIC

After the Prayer of Ordination, the newly ordained Deacons stand. The vesting priests place a diaconal stole and then a dalmatic on the Deacons. Meanwhile, the following hymn is sung:





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HANDING ON OF THE BOOK OF THE GOSPELS

Now vested, the newly ordained Deacons each go to the Bishop. The Bishop places the Book of Gospels in his hands and says:

Bishop Bambera: Receive the Gospel of Christ, whose herald you have become.

Believe what you read, teach what you believe, and practice what

you teach.

FRATERNAL KISS

The Bishop and the Deacons present give the newly ordained Deacons the fraternal kiss, saying:

Bishop Bambera: Peace be with you.

Deacon: And with your spirit.

"Psalm 146"



LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

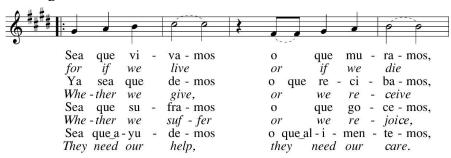
PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS "If We Are Living"

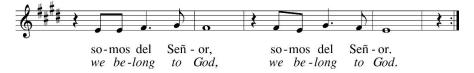
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"If We Are Living" continued





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INVITATION TO PRAYER

All: 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

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Bishop Bambera: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Bishop Bambera: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

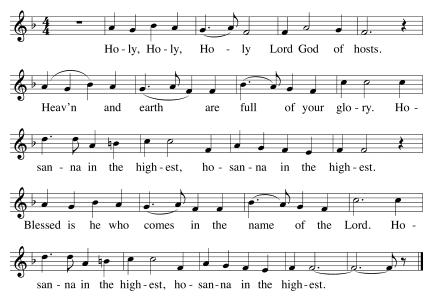
Bishop Bambera: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right and just.

EUCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS from A Community Mass

Proulx

SANCTUS



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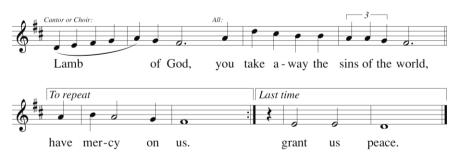


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COMMUNION RITE

THE LORD'S PRAYER AND THE SIGN OF PEACE

FRACTION RITE litany from *Holy Cross Mass*



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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

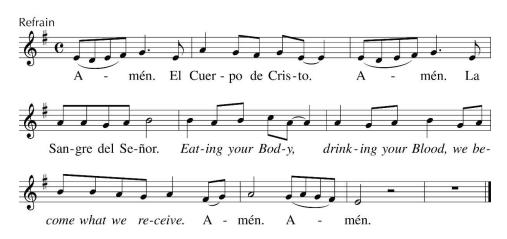
Bishop Bambera: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the

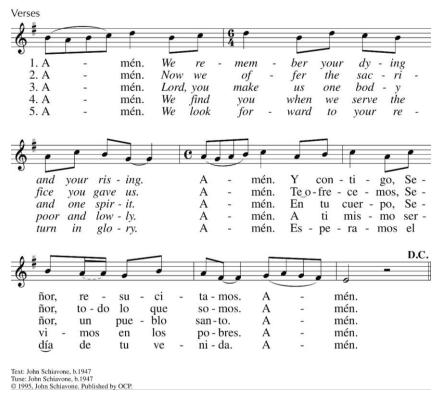
world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,

but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

HYMN DURING COMMUNION "Amen. El Cuerpo de Cristo"





POST COMMUNION PRAYER

CONCLUDING RITES

PONTIFICAL BLESSING

Bishop Bambera: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Bishop Bambera: Blessed be the name of the Lord.

All: Now and for ever.

Bishop Bambera: Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

All: Who made Heaven and earth.

Bishop Bambera: May almighty God bless you, ♣ the Father, and the Son, and the

Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

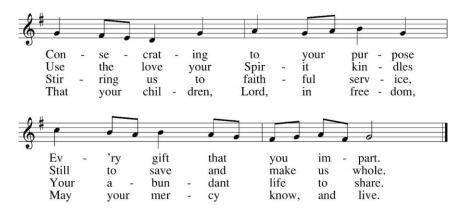
DISMISSAL

Deacon: Go forth, the Mass is ended.

All: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF SENDING FORTH "Lord Whose Love in Humble Service"





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