

THE REAFFIRMATION OF ORDINATION VOWS

The Archbishop

My sisters and brothers, with wisdom and love Christ planned that his ministry of royal priesthood and loving service should continue in the Church after his ascension.

He grants a share in this ministry to all whom he makes his own in baptism, and from them he appoints some, by the laying on of hands, to particular ministries.

He has appointed us, bishops, priests, and deacons, with the whole people of God, to show forth in his name the sacrifice of our redemption, as we set before God's family his paschal meal. He has called us to lead his holy people in love, nourishing them with his word, and strengthening them with the sacraments.

Let us renew our dedication to his service.

The clergy stand and the Archbishop addresses them

Do you now, before God, and in the presence of his Church, commit yourself anew to the trust and responsibility of the ordained ministry to which you are called?

I do

Are you convinced that the holy scriptures contain all doctrine necessary for eternal salvation through faith in Jesus Christ, and are you determined to instruct from these scriptures the people committed to your care?

I am convinced, and will do so by God's grace

Will you be diligent in prayer, and in the study of the Holy Scriptures?

I will, by God's grace

Will you undertake such other studies as will help you in your ministry?

I will, by God's grace

Will you constantly stir up the gift of God which is in you, so that you may proclaim the gospel of Christ?

I will, by God's grace

Will you faithfully and humbly minister the doctrine, sacraments, and discipline of Christ, as he has commanded and as this Church has received them?

I will, by God's grace

Will you be ready to oppose and set aside teaching that is contrary to God's word?

I will, by God's grace

Will you be a faithful pastor to all whom you are called to serve and lead, striving together with them to build up the body of Christ in truth and love, in unity and peace?

I will, by God's grace

Will you encourage and enable those committed to your care to fulfil their ministry and mission in the world?

I will, by God's grace

The clergy now sit.

Those in lay ministry stand and the Archbishop addresses them

My fellow labourers in the work of the Lord, yours is the foundational order of our Church. I invite you to dedicate yourself afresh to the tasks to which God has called you in ministry.

I therefore ask you, in the presence of Christ and his Church, will you rededicate yourself to the role that God has called you to fulfil in the Body of Christ and in support of his ministry and mission?

I will, by God's grace

Those in lay ministry now sit

The bishops stand and the Archbishop addresses them

At our consecration as bishops we received the gift of the Spirit to lead the Church in mission, to send out ministers in Christ's name, to promote the Church's unity, to uphold its discipline, to guard its faith and to teach and govern the people committed to our charge.

I invite you to join me, so that together we might rededicate ourselves to this ministry.

The bishops join the Archbishop in saying

We promise, with the help of God, to continue faithfully in our ministry as bishops, watching over Christ's flock, and building them up in the unity of the faith.

All stand

The Archbishop says

Gracious and holy God, we pray for all who minister, that they may be constant in prayer and steadfast in faith, and serve your people with joy.

Lord, hear us.

We pray for all lay ministers, that you will grant them the blessing of the Holy Spirit for their service in the gospel and for the church.

Lord, hear us.

We pray for all deacons, that you will pour upon them the riches of your grace. As you have called them to service, make them worthy of that calling.

Lord, hear us.

We pray for all priests, that you will bless them with the fullness of your love, so that they may be faithful ministers of your word and sacraments, and lead your people in the way of salvation.

Lord, hear us.

We pray for all bishops, that we may be faithful to the great trust that has been handed to us. Grant that we may become like Jesus, our Good Shepherd and great High Priest, the teacher and servant of all, and so become more and more a sign of Christ's loving presence among God's people.

Lord, hear us.

We pray for the families of those who minister, for their homes, and for all with whom they share their lives.

Lord, hear us.

Gracious God, in your love keep us ever close to you, and may you bring us all to the fullness of eternal life. **Amen.**

All kneel. A period of silence follows

The Archbishop, the Assistant Bishops, Clergy, Lay Ministers and the congregation, say together

**May the Lord who has given us the will to do these things,
give us also the grace and power to perform them. Amen.**