THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Liturgy for the Proclamation of the Word of God, the Ordination of a Priest and Celebration of the Holy Communion.

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE AND IN THE NAME OF THE LORD

The Processional Hymn or Song

The Acclamation

Bishop: Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Response: And Blessed be His Kingdom now and forever.

Amen.

WE CONFESS AND RECEIVE GOD'S FORGIVENESS FOR OUR SINS

The Deacon invites the People to recall their sins and to repent of them in silence.

Deacon: Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith; thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. The second is like unto it; thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The Confession of Sin and Declaration of Absolution

The Deacon and the People say:

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,

we have offended against Thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.

But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare Thou those who confess their faults, restore Thou those who are penitent, according to Thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous and sober life, to the glory of Thy holy name. Amen.

The Bishop says

Bishop: May Our Lord Jesus Christ, who has left power to his Church to absolve all sinners who truly repent and believe in Him, of His great mercy forgive you all your offenses; and by His authority committed to me, I absolve you from all your sins; in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Response: Amen.

The Gloria (Sung)

Praise and Worship

The Collect

Bishop: O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by Him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ Our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Response: Amen.

WE PROCLAIM AND RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

The Old Testament Reading

Reader: A Reading from Isaiah 61:1-3a.

After the Reading, the Reader says:

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm—Psalm 100

After the reading of the Psalm, the Reader and People say together:

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The New Testament Reading

Reader: A Reading from Hebrews 5:1-10

After the Reading, the Reader says:

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (15:9-17).

Response: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the Gospel, the Deacon says:

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

Response: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

WE MAKE OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH

(The Nicene Creed)

Bishop and People:

I believe in One God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through Him all things were made.

For our sake
He came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit
of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE CONSECRATION OF A PRIEST

The Calling and Presentation

The Bishop is seated. The candidate is called forward. Two priest-presenters and additional lay presenters stand before the Bishop and present the candidate, saying

Presenters: Most Reverend Craig Bates, Bishop in the Church of God, on behalf of the Diocese of the Northeast, we present to you: Andrew Peter Wyns to be ordained a priest in Christ's holy catholic Church.

Bishop: Has he been selected in accordance with the canons of this Church? And do you believe his manner of life to be suitable to the exercise of this ministry?

Presenters: We certify to you that he has satisfied the requirements of the canons, and we believe him qualified for this order.

Bishop: Will you be loyal to the doctrine, discipline and worship of Christ as this Church has received them? And will you, in accordance with the canons of this Church, obey your bishop and other ministers who may have authority over you and your work?

The Candidate answers

Candidate: I am willing and ready to do so; and I solemnly declare that I do believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, and to contain all things necessary to salvation; and I do solemnly engage to conform to the doctrine, discipline and worship of the International Communion of the Charismatic Episcopal Church.

Bishop: Let the documents be signed.

All stand. The Bishop says to the People

Bishop: Dear friends in Christ, you know the importance of this ministry and the weight of your responsibility in presenting Andrew Peter Wyns for ordination to the sacred priesthood. Therefore, if any of you know any impediment or crime because of which we should not proceed, come forward now and make it known.

If no objection is made, the Bishop continues

Bishop: Is it your will that Andrew Peter Wyns be ordained a priest?

Response: It is.

Bishop: Will you uphold him in his ministry?

Response: We will.

The Exhortation

The People are seated. The Bishop addresses the candidate

Bishop: My son, you are being raised to the order of the presbyterate. You must apply your energies to the duty of teaching in the name of Christ, the chief Teacher. Share with all mankind the word of God you have received with joy. Meditate on the law of God, believe what you read, teach what you believe and put into practice what you teach.

Let the doctrine you teach be true nourishment for the people of God. Let the example of your life attract the followers of Christ, so that by word and action you may build up the house which is God's Church.

In the same way you must carry out your mission of sanctifying in the power of Christ. Your ministry will perfect the spiritual sacrifice of the faithful by uniting it to Christ's sacrifice, the sacrifice which is offered sacramentally through your hands. Know what you are doing and imitate the mystery you celebrate. In the memorial of the Lord's death and resurrection, make every effort to die to sin and to walk in the new life of Christ.

When you baptize, you will bring men and women into the people of God. In the sacrament of penance, you will forgive sins in the name of Christ and the Church. With holy oil you will relieve and console the sick. You will celebrate the liturgy and offer thanks and praise to God throughout the day, praying not only for the people of God but for the whole world. Remember that you are chosen from among God's people and appointed to act for them in relation to God. Do your part in the work of Christ the Priest with genuine joy and love, and attend to the concerns of Christ before your own.

Finally, conscious of sharing in the work of Christ, the Head and Shepherd of the Church, and united with the bishop and subject to him, seek to bring the faithful together into a unified family and to lead them effectively, through Christ and in the Holy Spirit, to God the Father. Always remember the example of the Good Shepherd who came not to be served but to serve, and to seek out and rescue those who were lost.

The Candidate answers

Amen.

The Examination

The Candidate stands before the Bishop

Bishop: My son, before you proceed to the order of the presbyterate, declare before the people your intention to undertake this priestly order.

Are you resolved, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to discharge without fail the office of priesthood in the presbyteral order as a conscientious fellow worker with the bishops in caring for the Lord's flock?

Candidate: I am.

Bishop: Are you resolved to celebrate the mysteries of Christ faithfully and religiously as the Church has handed them down to us, for the glory of God and the sanctification of Christ's people?

Candidate: I am.

Bishop: Are you resolved to exercise the ministry of the word worthily and wisely, preaching the Gospel and explaining the Catholic faith?

Candidate: I am.

Bishop: Are you resolved to be diligent in the reading and study of the Holy Scriptures, and in seeking the knowledge of such things as may make you a stronger and more able minister of Christ?

Candidate: I am.

Bishop: Are you resolved to pattern your life [and that of your family or household or community] in accordance with the teachings of Christ, so that you may be a wholesome example to your people?

Candidate: I am.

Bishop: Are you resolved to celebrate faithfully the Daily Office, to persevere in prayer, both public and private, asking God's grace, both for yourself and for others, offering all your labors to God, through the mediation of Jesus Christ, and in the sanctification of the Holy Spirit?

Candidate: I am.

Bishop: Are you resolved to consecrate your life to God for the salvation of his people, and to unite yourself more closely every day to Christ the High Priest, who offered himself for us to the Father as a perfect sacrifice?

Candidate: I am.

Bishop: May the Lord who has given you the will to do these things give you the grace and power to perform them.

Candidate: Amen.

The Promise of Obedience

The Candidate goes to the Bishop and, kneeling before him, places his joined hands between those of the Bishop

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

Candidate: I do.

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

The Litany for Ordinations

All stand, and the Bishop invites the People to pray.

Bishop: My dear people, let us pray that the all-powerful Father may pour out the gifts of heaven on this servant of His, whom He has chosen to be a priest.

The Candidate prostrates himself; the Litany is prayed responsively.

Leader: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

God the Father, *Have mercy on us.*

God the Son, Have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit, *Have mercy on us.*

Holy Trinity, one God, *Have mercy on us.*

We pray to you, Lord Christ. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For the holy Church of God, that she may be filled with truth and love and found without fault at the Day of your Coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all members of your Church in their vocation and ministry, that they may serve you in a true and godly life, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For Randolph Adler, our Patriarch, for Craig Bates, our Bishop, and for all bishops, priests and deacons, that they may be filled with your love, may hunger for truth and may thirst after righteousness, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

The following petitions are prayed by the Bishop who is presiding

For Andrew, chosen priest in your holy Catholic Church, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That he may faithfully fulfill the duties of this ministry, build up your Church and glorify your Name, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit he may be sustained and encouraged to persevere to the end, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For his family, that they may be adorned with all Christian virtues,

we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

The leader continues

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease and that all may be one as you and the Father are one,

we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness she may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who do not yet believe and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice and promote dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners and all who are in danger, that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

Bishop: Lord, have mercy

Response: Christ, have mercy

Bishop: Lord, have mercy

The Bishop then says

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

Response: And also with you.

Bishop: Let us pray . . .

Hear us, Lord our God, and pour out upon this servant of yours the blessings of the Holy Spirit and the grace and power of the priesthood. In your sight we offer this man for ordination; support him with your unfailing love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Response: Amen.

At the conclusion of the Litany, all stand except the Candidate who remains prostrate while the hymn Veni Creator Spiritus is sung responsively

VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
And lighten with celestial fire.
Thou the anointing Spirit art,
Who dost Thy sevenfold gifts impart.

Thy blessed unction from above,
Is comfort, life and fire of love.
Enable with perpetual light,
The dullness of our blinded sight.

Anoint and cheer our soiled face
With the abundance of Thy grace.

Keep far our foes, give peace at home
Where Thou art guide, no ill can come.

Teach us to know the Father, Son, And Thee, of both, to be but One. That, through the ages all along, This may be our endless song:

Praise to Thy eternal merit, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

A period of silent prayer follows, the People still standing

The Consecration

The Bishop says the prayer of consecration

Come to our help,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God;
You are the source of every honor and dignity,
of all progress and stability.
You watch over the growing family of man
by your gift of wisdom and your pattern of order.
When you had appointed high priests to rule your people,
you chose other men next to them in rank and dignity
to be with them and help them in their task;
and so there grew up
the ranks of priests and the offices of levites,
established by sacred rites.

In the desert

you extended the spirit of Moses to seventy wise men who helped him to rule the great company of his people. You shared among the sons of Aaron the fullness of their father's power, to provide worthy priests in sufficient number for the increasing rites of sacrifice and worship. With the same loving care you gave companions to your Son's apostles to help in teaching the faith: they preached the gospel to the whole world.

Lord, grant also to us such fellow workers, for we are weak and our need is greater. The Bishop lays his hands on the head of the Candidate and all priests present lay their hands upon the Candidate.

Therefore, Father, through Jesus Christ your Son, give your Holy Spirit to Andrew; fill him with grace and power, and make him a priest in your Church.

Almighty Father, grant to this servant of yours the dignity of the priesthood. Renew within him the Spirit of holiness. As a co-worker with the order of bishops may he be faithful to the ministry that he receives from you, Lord God, and be to others a model of right conduct.

May he be faithful in working with the order of bishops, so that the words of the Gospel may reach the ends of the earth, and the family of nations, made one in Christ, may become God's one, holy people.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, your son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Response: Amen.

Investiture with Stole and Chasuble

The new Priest is vested according the Order of Priests

Anointing of Hands

The Bishop anoints with chrism the palms of the new priest as he kneels before him.

The Father anointed our Lord Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.

May Jesus preserve you to sanctify the Christian people and to offer sacrifice to God.

Presentation of the Bible

The Bishop presents the Priest with a Bible, saying

Receive the Gospel of Christ, whose herald you now are. Believe what you read, teach what you believe, and practice what you teach.

Presentation of the Prayer Book

The Bishop presents the Priest with a Prayer Book, saying

Receive this prayer book and be among us as a man of prayer.

The new Priest blesses the Bishop

The Bishop presents the new Priest to the Congregation

The Peace

The Bishop says to the Congregation

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

Response: And also with you.

The Holy Communion

After the Table is prepared, the Bishop goes to the Table and begins the Great Thanksgiving

The Postcommunion Prayer

In place of the usual Postcommunion Prayer, all say the following together

Almighty Father, we thank you for feeding us with the holy food of the Body and Blood of your Son, and for uniting us through Him in the fellowship of your Holy Spirit. We thank you for raising up among us a faithful servant for the ministry of your Word and Sacraments. We pray that Drew may be to us an effective example in word and action, in love and patience, and in holiness of life. Grant that we, with him, may serve you now and always rejoice in your glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

The new Priest blesses the Congregation

The Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Response: Thanks be to God.