

In the Name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Ghost, Amen.

THE ORDERING OF
The Rev Frederic Everett Abbott
TO THE PRIESTHOOD

by

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On Ember Wednesday
December Fourteenth, Nineteen Hundred Sixty
at Ten-Thirty in the Morning

St. Luke's Church
Lanesborough, Massachusetts

The Church hath anointed the Priest with the
Holy Spirit: Blessed him that he may Bless,
Consecrated him that he may Consecrate, San-
ctified him that he may Sanctify.

The Order for
THE FORM AND MANNER OF ORDERING PRIESTS

(Page numbers refer to the Book of Common Prayer)

Prelude —

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (Verses 1, 2, 5, 6 & 7) No. 268

INVOCATION — The Ember Day Collect Page 260

THE SERMON The Rev. John C. Harper

The Ordinand stands during the "Charge of the Preacher
at the close of the sermon."

HYMN No. 220

During the singing of this Hymn, the Ordinand is brought
forward to the Communion rail to be presented to the
Bishop for Ordination.

PRESENTATION OF THE ORDINAND Page 536
The Rev. Rush W. D. Smith — Presentor

THE BISHOP'S CHALLENGE

The Presentation and Challenge represent a final and
formal ratification that the Canonical requirements have
been fulfilled.

THE LITANY AND SUFFRAGES
FOR ORDINATIONS Page 560

The Rev. Richard A. Ellis — Litanist

This is a Prayer of Supplication and Petition in which
the Congregation beseeches God for the Sanctifying,
strengthening and continuing power of the Holy Spirit;
that the Ordinand may be guided and strengthened for
Christ's Service.

THE ANTE-COMMUNION Page 67

The Collect Page 537

The Epistle Page 537

The Rev. Douglas M. Williams — Epistler

The Holy Gospel Page 538

The Rev. Malcolm W. Eckel — Gospeler

EXAMINATION OF THE ORDINAND

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(Congregation seated)

The Ordinand publicly pledges his allegiance to the Church; indicates his belief in Holy Scripture and his determination to serve gladly and willingly as a Priest, the people witnessing thereunto.

THE BISHOP'S PRAYER

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(Congregation standing)

Following this Prayer, the Bishop calls upon the people to Pray for the Ordinand. This invitation to silent Prayer is the sole example in the Prayer Book of this ancient custom of corporate intercession.

VENI, CREATOR SPIRITUS— Hymn No. 217 or Page 543

While the congregation remains standing, the Ordinand kneels. The Bishop sings the first and third lines of each verse—all others answering with the second and fourth lines.

THE BISHOP'S PRAYER

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(Congregation standing)

THE LAYING-ON OF HANDS

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(Congregation standing)

After the great example of our Lord Jesus Christ and with Apostolic Authority, the "Great Commission" is given. Thus, with unbroken continuity since the days of Jesus, the Spiritual heritage of Christ's authority and power is given to the Ordinand.

In this Act, there is the "outward and visible sign" of the bestowal of a Spiritual gift; the Blessing and setting apart of one for Holy Service by the imposition of the Bishop's and Priest's hands.

PRESENTATION OF THE HOLY BIBLE

The Bishop

Authority is given to Preach the Word of God and to administer the Sacraments of the Church.

THE INVESTING

The Presentor

The Stole, the symbol of one's submission to the Will of Christ, is placed over the Priest's shoulders. As a Deacon he has worn it over the left shoulder and fastened it at the right side. The Investing signifies that the Rights and Responsibilities of a Priest have been conferred upon the Ordinand and that he now bears the full responsibility of the Christian Ministry.

THE ORDER FOR HOLY COMMUNION

THE NICENE CREED

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THE OFFERTORY

Old Hundredth — Williams

(Congregation standing)

PRAYER FOR THE WHOLE STATE
OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

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SANCTUS

THE CANON OF CONSECRATION

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HYMN

No. 197

THE COMMUNION

(Only the newly Ordained Priest—Officers and members of the family, receive at this service.)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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POST COMMUNION COLLECT AND BLESSING

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(Congregation kneeling)

RECESSIONAL HYMN

No. 289

Postlude —

Purcell, Trumpet Voluntary