



Order of THE CEREMONIAL for the  
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At

**THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR,  
IJEBU ODE,  
DIOCESE OF IJEBU,  
OGUN STATE**

On

**TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2024**

*[St Joseph of Nazareth, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary]*

**AT 9 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING**

By

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**THE VEN. OWEN UKAFIA**  
The Bishop-Elect  
Diocese of Uyo



**THE VEN. NUHU YOHANNA**  
The Bishop-Elect  
Diocese of Katsina



**THE VEN. OBAZE T. MATTHEW**  
The Bishop-Elect  
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## OFFICIANTS

Presiding:	THE MOST REVD HENRY C. NDUKUBA, MA, BD, MA (ED), DD Primate of All Nigeria
Celebrant:	The Most Rev'd Dr Isaac Nwaobia Archbishop of Aba and the Bishop of Isiala-Ngwa South
Old Testament Reader:	Otunba Segun Demuren Chancellor Diocese of Ijebu
Epistoler:	The Rt Rev'd Ndubisi Obi Bishop of Nnewi
Gospeller:	The Rt Rev'd Nixon A. Anekeme Bishop of Niger Delta West
The Litany/Cantor:	The Rt Rev'd Dr Babatunde Ogunbanwo Bishop of Ijebu South West
Preacher	The Most Rev'd Dr Buba A. Lamido Bishop of Wusasa

## BISHOP DESIGNATE

## PRESENTERS

1. The Ven. Owen Ukafia	The Rt Rev'd Sostheness Eze (Bishop of Enugu North) The Rt Rev'd Samuel Ogundeji (Bishop of Egba West)
2. The Ven. Nuhu Yohanna	The Rt Rev'd Abiodun Ogunyemi (Bishop of Ekiti Kwara) The Rt Rev'd Emmanuel Oko-jaja (Bishop of Niger Delta)
3. The Ven. Obaze T. Matthew	The Rt Rev'd Andrew Ajayi (Bishop of Ekiti) The Rt Rev'd Nneoyi Egbe (Bishop of Calabar)
4. The Ven. Ikechukwu Egbuonu	The Rt Rev'd Yusuf Janfalan (Bishop of Ikara) The Rt Rev'd Prof. Dapo Asaju (Bishop of Ilesa)



## ORDER OF PROCESSION

### The First Procession

- Crucifer I
- The Choir
- The Lay Readers
- The Clergy (Juniores Priores)

### The Second Procession

- Crucifer II
- The Canons
- The Archdeacons
- The Provosts
- The Chancellors, Registrars and other Legal Luminaries (from Dioceses)
- The General Secretary, Church of Nigeria

### The Primatial Procession

- Crucifer III
- The Bishops-Elect (attended to by their Chaplains)
- A Verger
- The Bishop-Assistants (Juniores Priores)
- The Registrar, Church of Nigeria
- The Chancellor, Church of Nigeria
- The Provincial Archbishops
- The Dean, Church of Nigeria
- The Preacher
- The Primatial Cross
- The Primate (attended to by his Chaplains)



## ORDER OF SERVICE

### 1. PROCESSIONAL HYMNS

- i. Sing Alleluia forth in duteous praise (CONH 35)
- ii. Immortal, invisible God, only wise (CONH 16)

### PRIMATIAL PROCESSION

- iii. Benedicite OmniaOpera

### 2. MARCHING IN THE COLOURS

### 3. PREPARATION

Introit – Approach my soul, the mercy seat (CONH 266)

### 4. THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

- i. Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 6: 1-8
- ii. Psalm 40: 1-14
- iii. The Epistle: 2 Corinthians 4: 1-10
- iv. Gradual Hymn: Lord, speak to me that I may speak (CONH 559)
- v. The Gospel: Matthew 28: 18-20

### THE SERMON –

### 5. THE NICENE CREED

### 6. HYMNS:

- i. Jesus keep me near the cross (CONH 427)
- ii. Jesus, Lover of my soul (CONH 277)
- iii. Lord, pour Your Spirit from on high (CONH 93)

### 7. THE PRESENTATION:

### 8. THE DECLARATIONS AND OATHS

### 9. THE EXAMINATION OF THE BISHOPS-ELECT

### 10. THE LITANY -

### 11. HYMNS

- i. May the mind of Christ my Saviour (CONH 595)
- ii. Come down O Love Divine (CONH 83)
- iii. Courage brothers do not stumble
- iv. God of mercy, God of grace (CONH 1140)



**12. THE CONSECRATION**

- i. Veni Creator Spiritus
- ii. The Prayers
- iii. The Anointing

**13. THE PEACE**

**14. ANTHEM BY THE CHOIR – Zadok the Priest**

**15. THE OFFERTORY**

- i. We give Thee but Thine own (CONH 503)
- ii. I bring my thanks, with grateful heart (CONH 864)

**16. EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

**17. THE COMMUNION**

- i. Sinful signing to be blessed (CONH 293)
- ii. Christian seek not yet repose (CONH 448)
- iii. Dear Lord, and Father of mankind (CONH 272)
- iv. Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor (CONH 629)

**18. ABLUTION HYMN: Take my life and let it be (CONH 602)**

**19. POST COMMUNION PRAYERS**

**20. NOTICES**

**21. BENEDICTION**

**22. MARCHING OUT THE COLOURS**

**23. WITHDRAWAL HYMNS**

- i. Who is on the LORD'S side (CONH 480)
- ii. Forth in Your name O Lord I go (CONH 120)
- iii. Take up the cross the Saviour said (CONH 603)



1. THE PROCESSIONAL HYMNS  
THE FIRST PROCESSION

(i) “Sing Alleluia forth in duteous praise”

- 1.f Sing Alleluia forth in duteous praise  
O citizens of heaven and sweetly raise,  
An endless Alleluia!
2. Ye, powers who stand before  
th’ Eternal Light  
In songs of praise re-echo to the height,  
An endless Alleluia!
3. The Holy City shall take up your strain,  
And with glad songs  
resounding wake again,  
An endless Alleluia!
4. This is sweet rest for weary  
ones brought back  
This is the food and drink  
which none shall lack,  
An endless Alleluia!
5. In blissful antiphons you thus rejoice,  
To render to the Lord with thankful voice,  
An endless Alleluia!
6. Ye, who have gained at length  
your palms in bliss  
Victorious ones, your chants shall still be this,  
An endless Alleluia!
7. There in one grand acclaim, forever ring,  
The strains which tell the  
honour of your King  
An endless Alleluia!
8. While You, by whom were all  
things made we praise,  
For ever, and tell out in sweetest lays,  
An endless Alleluia!





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- 9.ff Almighty God to You our voices sing,  
Glory for evermore, to You we bring,  
An endless Alleluia! Amen
- (ii) “Immortal, invisible God, only wise”
- 1.f Immortal, invisible God, only wise  
In light, inaccessible, hid from our eyes,  
Most Blessèd, Most Glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, Victorious, Thy great Name we praise.
- 2mf Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light  
Nor wanting, nor wasting,  
Thou rulest in might,  
Thy justice like mountains,  
high soaring above,  
Thy clouds which are fountains  
of goodness and love.
3. To all men Thou givest  
to both great and smal,  
In a l life Thou livest, the true life of all,  
We blossom and flourish  
as leaves on the tree  
And wither and perish  
but nought changeth Thee.
4. f Great Father of Glory, pure Father of Light,  
Thine angels adore Thee,  
all veiling their sight,  
f All laud we would render, O help us to see,  
Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee. Amen

### PRIMATIAL PROCESSION

#### A SONG OF CREATION BENEDICITE OMNIA OPERA

1. Bless the Lord all cre/ated / things: sing his/ praise and ex/alt him for/ever.
2. Bless the Lord you/heavens: sing his/praise and ex/alt him for/ever.
3. Bless the' Lord you/angels of the/Lord: bless the/Lord you/stars of/heaven.
4. Bless the Lord you waters a/bove the/heavens: sing his/praise and ex/alt him for/ever.



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5. Bless the Lord / sun and / moon: bless the / Lord you / stars of / heaven.
6. Bless the Lord all / rain and / dew: sing his / praise and ex / alt him for / ever.
7. Bless the Lord all / winds that / blow: bless the / Lord / fire and. heat.
8. Bless the Lord scorching wind and / bitter / cold: sing his / praise and ex / alt him for / ever.
9. Bless the Lord dews and / falling / snows: bless the / Lord you / nights and / days.
10. Bless the Lord / light and / darkness: sing his / praise and ex / alt him for / ever.
11. Bless the Lord / frost and / cold: bless the / Lord you / ice and / snow.
12. Bless the Lord / lightnings and / clouds: sing his / praise and ex / alt him for / ever.
13. O let the earth / bless the / Lord: bless the / Lord you / mountains and / hills.
14. Bless the Lord all that / grows in the / ground: sing his / praise and ex / alt him for / ever.
15. Bless the / Lord you / springs: bless the / Lord you / seas and / rivers.
16. Bless the Lord you whales and all that / swim in the / waters: sing his / praise and ex / alt him for / ever.
17. Bless the Lord all / birds of the air: bless the / Lord you / beasts and / cattle.
18. Bless the Lord all / men on the / earth: sing his / praise and ex / alt him for / ever.
19. O people of God / bless the / Lord: bless the / Lord you / priests of the / Lord.
20. Bless the Lord you / servants of the / Lord: sing his / praise and ex / alt him for / ever.
21. Bless the Lord all men of / upright / spirit: bless the Lord you that are / holy and / humble in / heart. Bless the Father, the Son and the / Holy / Spirit; sing his / praise and ex / alt him for / ever.

## 2. MARCHING IN THE COLOURS

### 3. PREPARATION

*All Officiating Ministers being at their seats; then shall follow this Invocation.*

**“Introit – “Approach my soul, the mercy seat”**

1mf Approach my soul, the mercy seat  
Where Jesus answers prayer,  
There humbly fall before His feet,  
For none can perish there.

2mp Thy promise is my only plea,  
With this I venture nigh,  
Thou callest burdened souls to Thee  
And such, O Lord, am I.



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3. p Bowed down beneath a load of sin,  
By Satan sorely pressed  
By war without and fears within,  
I come to Thee, for rest.

4mf Be Thou my shield and hiding place  
That sheltered near Thy side.

cr I may my fierce accuser face  
And tell him Thou hast died.

5mf O wondrous love! To bleed and die,  
p To bear the cross and shame  
cr That guilty sinners, such as I  
Might plead Thy gracious name. Amen

*All Stand:*

President: Blessed are You, O God our Father  
All: All creation worship you

President: Blessed are You, Lord Jesus Christ  
All: You bring new life to the world:

President: Blessed are You, Holy Spirit of God  
All: You draw us together in love.

President: Blessed be Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
All: One God, to be praised for ever

President: The Lord be with you  
All: The Lord bless you

President: Lord of all the world, we thank You that through Your Son, You have called us into the fellowship of Your universal Church. Hear our prayer for Your faithful people that in our vocation and ministry we may be instruments of Your love. And give Your servants now to be ordained the needful gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.

All: Amen.



### COLLECT FOR PURITY

**All:** Almighty God, to Whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from Whom no secrets are hidden: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your Holy Name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### GLORIA IN EXCELSIS:

**All:** Glory be to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth, Lord God, Heavenly King, Almighty God and Father. We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us; You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father, Amen.

### ACT OF PENITENCE

#### (a) Summary of the Law

*President: Our Lord Jesus Christ said: "Hear O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord: and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this: You shall love your neighbour as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.*

**All:** Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these Your Laws in our hearts.

#### (b) Comfortable Words

**President:** Hear the words of comfort our Saviour Christ says to all who truly turn to Him. Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest (Matt. 11:28)

God so loved the world that he gave His only Son that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16)

Hear what St. Paul says: This saying is true and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners (1Tim 1:15)

Hear also what St. John says: If any one sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous, and He is the propitiation for our sins (1John 2:1)



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Let us confess our sins, in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all people; meekly kneeling upon our knees.

**All:** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbours, in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We have not sufficiently walked according to the mind of Christ. We have named the name of Christ but have not departed from iniquity. We are truly sorry, and repent of all our sins. For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may serve You in newness of life, to the glory of Your name. Amen.

*President:* Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen

*President:* The Lord be with you

**All:** And also with you

*President:* Let us pray

**THE COLLECTS** (*All Kneeling*)

**i. Collect for the Day – Saint Joseph of Nazareth (Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary)**

O God, who from the family of your servant David raised up Joseph to be the guardian of your incarnate Son and the spouse of his Virgin mother: Give us grace to imitate his uprightness of life and his obedience to your commands; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**ii. For Ordination**

Almighty Father, through Your Holy Spirit, You have appointed many ministries in the Church; bless Your servants OWEN, NUHU, OBAZE and IKECHUKWU now called to be Bishops. Maintain them in Your truth, renew them in Your holiness and make them Your ever-faithful servants, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



**4. THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

**i. Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 6: 1-8**

1. In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple.
2. Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew.
3. And one cried to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!"
4. And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke.
5. So I said: "Woe is me, for I am [a] undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, The LORD of hosts."
6. Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal which he had taken with the tongs from the altar.
7. And he touched my mouth with it, and said: Your iniquity is taken away, And your sin purged."
8. Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: "Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me." At the end, the reader says:

**Reader:** This is the word of God.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

**(ii) Psalm 40: 1-14 (to be chanted)**

1. I waited patiently / for the / Lord: and he in/clined to me . and / heard my / cry.
2. He brought me up from the pit of roaring waters out of / the mire and / clay: and set my feet upon a / rock and made / firm my / foothold.
3. And he has put a new / song in my / mouth: even a song of / thanksgiving / to our / God.
4. Many shall / see it . and / fear: and shall / put their / trust . in the / Lord.
5. Blessed is the man who has made the / Lord his / hope: who has not turned to the proud or to those who / wander / in de/ceit.
6. O Lord my God great are the wonderful things which you have and your thoughts which / are to/wards us: there is none to / be com/ pared with / you;
7. Were I to de/clare them . and / speak to them: they are more than I am / able / to ex/press.
8. Sacrifice and offering you do / not de/sire: but my / ears you have / marked . for o/bedience;
9. Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have / not re/quired: then / said I / Lo I / come.



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10. In the scroll of the book it is written of me that I should / do your /will: O my God I long to do it\* your / law de/lights my / heart.
11. I have declared your righteousness in the / great congre/gation: I have not restrained my lips O / Lord and / that you / know.
12. I have not hidden your righteousness / in my / heart: I have spoken of your faithfulness / and of / your sal/vation.
13. I have not kept back your loving-kindness /and your / truth: from the / great / congregation.
14. O Lord do not withhold your / mercy / from me: let your loving kindness and your / truth ever . pre/serve me.

**(iii) The Epistle: 2 Corinthians 4: 1-10**

1. Therefore, since we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we do not lose heart.
2. But we have renounced the hidden things of shame, not walking in craftiness nor handling the word of God deceitfully, but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.
3. But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing,
4. whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.
5. For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus' sake.
6. For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.
7. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.
8. We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair;
9. persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed—
10. always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.

**Reader:** This is the word of God.

**All:** Thanks be to God

**(iv) Gradual Hymn: "Lord, speak to me that I may speak"**

- 1.f Lord, speak to me that I may speak  
In living echoes of Your tone  
As You have sought so let me seek  
Thy erring children lost and lone.



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2. O lead me, Lord, that I may lead,  
The wandering and the wavering feet,  
O feed me, Lord that I may feed  
The hungering ones with manna sweet.
- 3.f O give that sweet rest unto me  
That I may speak with soothing power,  
A word as from Thee in season  
To weary ones in needful hour.
- 4.f O strengthen me, that while I stand  
Firm on the rock, and healthy be  
dim I may stretch out a loving hand  
To wrestlers on the troubled sea.
- 5.f O fill me with Your fulness Lord,  
Until my very heart o'erflow  
In kindling thought and glowing word  
Your love to tell, Your praise to show.
- 6mf O teach me, Lord, that I may teach  
The precious things You do impart,  
And wing my words, that they may reach,  
The hidden depths of many a heart.
- 7.cr O use me Lord, use even me,  
Just as Thou wilt, and when and where  
f Until Your blessèd face I see,  
Your rest, Your joy, Your glory share. Amen.

**(v) The Gospel: Matthew 28: 18-20**

*When it is announced*

**All: Glory to Christ our Saviour**

- 18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been givento Me  
in heaven and on earth.
19. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name  
of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
20. teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am  
with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

**Gospeller:** This is the Gospel of Christ

**All:** Praise to Christ our Lord





**THE SERMON — The Most Rev'd Dr Buba A. Lamido (Bishop of Wusasa)**

**5. THE NICENE CREED**

**All:** We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We 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 us men and for our salvation, He came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit, He became incarnate 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 in glory, to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son, He is worshipped and glorified; He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church; we acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*After this, the Chaplains will conduct the Bishops-Elect to the Sacristy where they will put on their Rochet.*

**6. During their absence, the Congregation will sing the Hymns:**

i. "Jesus keep me near the cross"

Imp Jesus keep me near the cross  
There a precious fountain  
Free to all, a healing stream  
Flow from Calvary's mountain.

Ref: cr In the cross, in the cross  
Be my glory ever;

f Till my raptured soul shall find  
Rest beyond the river.



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2. p Near the cross a trembling soul  
Love and mercy found me  
There the Bright and Morning Star  
Shed its beams around me.

3. Near the cross! O Lamb of God  
Bring its scenes before me  
Help me walk from day to day  
With its shadows o'er me.

4mf Near the cross I'll watch and wait  
Hoping□ trusting ever;  
Till I reach the golden strand;  
Just beyond the river. Amen.

ii. "Jesus, Lover of my soul"

1mp Jesus, Lover of my soul,  
Let me to Thy bosom fly.

cr While the nearer waters roll  
While the tempest still is high  
mf Hide me, O my Saviour, hide,  
Till the storm of life is past  
Dim Safe into the haven guide,  
p O receive my soul at last.

2mf Other refuge have I none  
Hangs my helpless soul on Thee.  
Dim Leave, ah! Leave me not alone  
Still support and comfort me.  
All my trust on Thee is stayed  
All my help from Thee I bring,  
Cover my defenceless head,  
With the shadow of Thy wing.

3mf Thou O Christ, art all I want  
More than all in Thee I find.  
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint.  
Heal the sick, and lead the blind.  
Just, and holy is Thy Name

p I am all unrighteousness  
Sick and full of sin I am,

Mf Thou art full of truth and grace.



- 4 f Plenteous grace with Thee is found  
Grace to cover all my sin;  
Let the healing streams abound,  
Make and keep me pure within,  
Thou, of life the fountain art,  
Freely let me take of Thee  
O spring up within my heart,  
Rise to all eternity. Amen.
- iii. “Lord, pour Your Spirit from on high”
- 1.f Lord, pour Thy Spirit from on high,  
And all Thy ordained servants bless  
Graces and gifts to each supply  
“And clothe Thy priests with righteousness.
- 2mf Wisdom, and zeal and faith impart  
Firmness with meekness, from above  
To bear Thy people on their heart,  
And love the souls whom Thou didst love
- 3mp Within Thy temple when they stand,  
To teach the truth as taught by Thee  
cr Saviour, like stars in Thy right hand,  
Let al Thy Church’s pastors be.
- 4.f To watch and pray and never faint  
By day and night their guard to keep.  
To warn the sinner, cheer the saint,  
Nourish Thy lambs and feed Thy sheep.
5. f Then, when their work is finished here,  
In humble hope their charge resign  
When the Chief Shepherd shal appear,  
O God, may they and we be Thine. Amen

## 7. THE PRESENTATION OF THE BISHOPS-ELECT

*The Primate takes his seat in front of the Holy Table in the Sacrarium. The Bishops-Elect shall return to the Sacrarium, where their Presenters shall then meet them and present them to the Primate saying:*

Bishops: Most Reverend Father in God, we present these godly and learned persons to be ordained and consecrated Bishops in the Church of God.

The Presenting Bishops shall return to their seats.



## 8. THE DECLARATIONS AND OATHS

*The Primate reads the following preface:*

The Church of Nigeria is part of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church worshipping the One, True God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. She professes the faith uniquely revealed in the Holy Scriptures and set forth in the Catholic Creeds which faith the Church is called upon to proclaim afresh in each generation. Led by the Holy Spirit, she has borne witness to Christian truth in her Historic Formularies, the Thirty-Nine articles of Religion, the Book of Common Prayer and the ordering of Bishops, Priests and Deacons. In the declaration you are about to make, will you affirm your loyalty to this inheritance of faith as your inspiration and guidance under God in bringing the grace and truth of Christ to this generation and making Him known to those in your care?

*Primate: Let the Oaths be taken and the Declarations made.*

### THE CONSECRATION OATHS

#### **The Declaration of Belief**

I, ..... now to be consecrated Bishop do so affirm and accordingly declare my belief in the truth which is revealed in the Holy Scriptures and set forth in the Catholic Creed and to which the Historic Formularies of the Church of Nigeria bear witness; and in public prayer and administration of the Sacraments. I will use only the forms of service which are authorized or allowed by the Canons.

#### **The Declaration of Submission to Synod**

I do also declare that I consent to be bound by the regulations of the Church of Nigeria and Canons which have been made or which may hereafter be made by the Church of Nigeria Synod or may otherwise have lawful effect in the Church of Nigeria.

#### **The Oath of Canonical Obedience**

*The Bishops-elect holding their Bible in uplifted right hand will say:*

I, ..... do swear by Almighty God that I will pay true and Canonical obedience to the Primate of the Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) and his successors in all things lawful and honest.



### **The Oath of Submission**

And I hereby undertake to accept and immediately submit to any sentence depriving me of any or all the rights and emoluments appertaining to the office of Bishop, which may at any time be passed upon me after due examination by the Primate acting under the Constitution of the Church of Nigeria.

I agree to exercise the said office of Bishop so long as may be required of me by the Primate and his successors acting under the Constitution. So help me God. Amen.

*The Bishops-elect touch their forehead with the Bible*

### **The Oath of allegiance to God**

I, ..... confess before God and His Church that I am not a member of any Secret Cult. I also vow that I will never join any Secret Cult; and I owe allegiance to no other but to the Lord Jesus Christ; and that my loyalty to Him will always be absolute; total and undivided. If I go back on this Oath and Vow, I put myself under the wrath of God, in the Name of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. Amen.

I, ..... declare before God and His Church that I have never been a homosexual/bi-sexual, and I vow that I will not indulge in the practice of homosexuality/bi-sexuality: and that if after this oath I am involved, found to be, or profess to be a homosexual/bi-sexual against the teachings of the Holy scriptures as contained in the Bible, I bring upon myself the full wrath of God and subject myself willingly to Canonical discipline as enshrined in the Constitution of the Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion). So help me God. Amen.

## **9. THE EXAMINATION OF THE BISHOPS-ELECT**

*The Bishops-Elect stand before the Primate and the Congregation sits*

**Primate:** Beloved in Christ, the people have chosen you and have affirmed their trust in you by acclaiming your election. A Bishop in God's Church is called to be one with the Apostles, to proclaim Christ's resurrection and interpret the Gospel, and testify to Christ's sovereignty as Lord of lords and King of kings. You are called to guard the faith, unity and the discipline of the Church; to celebrate and to provide for the administration of the Sacraments of the New Covenant, to ordain Priests and Deacons and to join in consecrating Bishops, and to be in all things faithful pastor and



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wholesome example to the entire flock of Christ. With fellow Bishops, you will share in the leadership of the Church throughout the world. Your heritage is the faith of the Patriarchs, Prophets, Apostles and Martyrs and those of every generation who have looked to God in hope. Your joy will be to follow him who came, not to be served, but to serve and to give his life a ransom for many.

*Primate:* Are you persuaded that God has called you to the office of a Bishop?

*Bishops-Elect:* I am so persuaded.

*Primate:* Do you accept this call to be a Bishop, believing it to be the will of our Lord Jesus Christ?

*Bishops-Elect:* I do.

*Primate:* Will you as a shepherd and leader of his people faithfully fulfil this trust and obey our Lord Jesus Christ in your ministry?

*Bishops-Elect:* By the help of God, I will.

*Primate:* Do you believe the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ as taught in the Holy Scriptures, held by the undivided Church and declared in the Creeds?

*Bishops-Elect:* I do believe.

*Primate:* Will you devote yourself to prayer, to reading the Scriptures, and to such studies as may deepen your faith and increase your love for God?

*Bishops-Elect:* By the help of God, I will.

*Primate:* Will you teach and proclaim the gospel of Christ and declare its meaning to the world?

*Bishops-Elect:* By the help of God, I will.

*Primate:* Will you accept the discipline of the Church and faithfully exercise authority within it?

*Bishops-Elect:* By the help of God, I will.

*Primate:* Will you be faithful in ordaining and commissioning those whom you believe God has called, and will you constantly guide, support and encourage them in their ministries?



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**Bishops-Elect: By the help of God, I will.**

*Primate:* Will you strive to fashion your life and that of your household according to the way of Christ?

**Bishops-Elect: By the help of God, I will.**

*Primate:* Will you for Christ's sake be gentle and merciful to all, and defend those who have no helper?

**Bishops-Elect: By the help of God, I will.**

*The Bishops-elect kneel down and the Primate stands and prays:*

Almighty God, who has given you the will to undertake all these things, give you also the strength to perform them, that He may complete that work which He, has begun in you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**10. THE LITANY – The Rt Rev'd Dr Babatunde Ogunbanwo (Bishop Ijebu South West)**

*The Primate commends the Bishops-Elect to the prayers of the people while the Bishops-Elect lie flat at the accustomed place.*

The Litany is sung

*Precentor:* God the Father,

*All:* *Have mercy on us.*

*Precentor:* God the Son,

*All:* *Have mercy on us.*

*Precentor:* God the Holy Spirit,

*All:* *Have mercy on us.*

*Precentor:* Holy Trinity, one God,

*All:* *Lord hear our prayer.*

*Precentor:* We pray you, Lord Christ,

*All:* *Lord hear our prayer.*

*Precentor:* Govern and direct Your Holy Church; fill it with love and truth, and grant it that unity which is Your will.

*All:* *Hear us, good Lord.*



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- Precentor:* Enlighten your ministers with knowledge and understanding, especially we pray for **Henry** our Primate, our Archbishops and all other Bishops, that by their teaching and their lives they may proclaim your word.
- All:* Hear us, good Lord.
- Precentor:* Bless your servants **OWEN, NUHU, OBAZE** and **IKECHUKWU** now to be ordained and consecrated Bishops that they may serve your Church and reveal your glory in the world.
- All:* Hear us, good Lord.
- Precentor:* Bless their homes and families that they may be adorned with all Christian virtues.
- All:* Hear us, good Lord.
- Precentor:* Give your people grace to hear and receive your word, and to bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.
- All:* Hear us, good Lord.
- Precentor:* That they may faithfully fulfil the duties of this ministry, build up your Church, and glorify your name.
- All:* Hear us, good Lord.
- Precentor:* That by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit they may be sustained and encouraged to persevere to the end.
- All:* Hear us, good Lord.
- Precentor:* That divisions may cease among all who fear God and believe in You, Lord Jesus, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one.
- All:* Hear us, good Lord.
- Precentor:* That the Church should bear faithful witness in her mission and that she may preach the gospel to the end of all the earth.
- All:* Hear us, good Lord.





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*Precentor:* That those who do not believe and those who have lost their faith may receive the light of the Gospel.

**All:** Hear us, good Lord.

*Precentor:* That we may have forgiveness of our sins and the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives.

**All:** Hear us, good Lord.

*Precentor:* That the world may have peace and that a Spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples.

**All:** Hear us, good Lord.

*Precentor:* That those in authority especially, Bola our President may fear God, love justice and promote the dignity and freedom of every person.

**All:** Hear us, good Lord.

*Precentor:* That all who have died in the Communion of the Church and those whose faith is known to you alone, with all the Saints, may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal.

**All:** Hear us, good Lord.

*Precentor:* Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the Saints, we commend ourselves and one another, to Christ our Lord.

**All:** Hear us, good Lord.

**This ended, the Primate prays**

Lord, You are merciful and forgive our sins. You hear those who pray in the name of Your Son: Grant that what we have asked in faith we may obtain according to Your will; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**All:** Amen

*Then shall the Bishops-Elect attended by their chaplains return to the Sacristy to put on the rest of their Episcopal habits.*



## 11. HYMNS

*During their absence, the following hymns shall be sung; the Congregation seated*

### i. “May the mind of Christ my Saviour”

1mf May the mind of Christ my Saviour,  
Live in me from day to day,  
By His love and power controlling  
All I do and say.

2.f May the love of Jesus fill me  
As the waters fill the sea,  
Him exalting, self abasing,  
This is victory.

3. May the Word of God dwell richly,  
In my heart from hour to hour  
So that all may see I triumph  
Only through His power.

4.cr May I run the race before me  
Strong and brave to face the foe,  
Looking only unto Jesus  
As I onward go.

5. May the peace of God my Father,  
Rule my life in everything,  
That I may be calm to comfort,  
Sick and sorrowing.

6.f May His beauty rest upon me,  
As I seek the lost to win,  
And may they forget the channel  
Seeing only Him. Amen

### ii. “Come down O Love Divine”

1mf Come down, O Love Divine,  
And seek this soul of mine  
And visit it with Your own ardour glowing,  
O Comforter, draw near,  
within my heart appear,  
And kindle it, Your holy flame bestowing.



2. O let it freely burn,  
till earthly passions turn  
To dust and ashes, in its heat consuming,

F O let Your glorious light,  
shine ever on my sight,  
And clothe me round,  
the while my path illuming.

3mf Let holy charity,  
my outward vesture be,  
And lowliness become my inner clothing.  
True lowliness of heart,  
which takes the humbler part  
And o'er its own shortcomings  
weeps with loathing.

4f And so the yearning strong,  
with which the soul will long  
Shall for outpass this power  
of human telling.  
For none can guess its grace,  
till he becomes the place,  
Wherein the Holy Spirit  
makes His dwelling. Amen

**iii. "Courage brothers do not stumble"**

1. Courage, brother, do not stumble,  
Though thy path be dark as night;  
There's a star to guide the humble:  
Trust in God and do the right.

2. Though the road be rough and dreary,  
And its end far out of sight,  
Foot it bravely; strong or weary,  
Trust in God and do the right.

3. Perish policy and cunning,  
Perish all that fears the light!  
Whether losing, whether winning,  
Trust in God and do the right,



4. Trust no party, sect or faction;  
Trust no leaders in the fight;  
Put in every word or action,  
Trust in God and do the right.
5. Some will hate thee, some will love thee,  
Some will flatter, some will slight;  
Cease from man, and look above thee:  
Trust in God and do the right.
6. Trust no forms of guilty passion,  
Fiends can look like angels bright ;  
Trust no custom, school, or fashion,  
Trust in God, and do the right.
7. Simple rule, and safest guiding,  
Inward peace and inward might,  
Star upon our path abiding,  
Trust in God and do the right.
8. Let the road be rough and dreary,  
Though 'tis far and out of sight;  
Foot it bravely, strong or weary,  
"Trust in God, and do the right."

**iv. "God of mercy, God of grace"**

**1mp** God of mercy, God of grace,  
Show the brightness of Your face,  
Shine upon us, Saviour shine,  
Fill Your church with light divine,  
And Your saving health extend,  
Unto earth's remotest end.

**2mf** Let the people praise You, Lord,  
Be by al that live adored,  
Let the nations shout and sing,  
Glory to their Saviour King,  
At Your feet their tribute paid,  
And Your holy wil obey.



3.f Let the people praise You, Lord,  
Earth shall then her fruits a ford;  
God to us His blessing give,  
We to God devoted live,  
All below and al above,  
One in joy and light and love. Amen

## 12. THE CONSECRATION

*The Bishops-Elect, on their return will kneel in front of the Primate's Chair; and the Primate leading the congregation, shall sing, "VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS"*

1. *Primate:* COME, HOLY GHOST, our souls inspire,  
*All:* And lighten with celestial fire

*Primate:* Thou the anointing Spirit art  
*All:* Who dost Thy sevenfold gifts impart

2. *Primate:* Thy blessed unction from above  
*All:* Is comfort, life, and fire of love

*Primate:* Enable with perpetual light  
*All:* The dullness of our blinded sight.

3. *Primate:* Anoint and cheer our soiled face  
*All:* With the abundance of Thy grace

*Primate:* Keep far our foes, give peace at home  
*All:* Where Thou art guide no ill can come

4. *Primate:* Teach us to know the Father, Son  
*All:* And Thee, of both, to be but One.

*Primate:* That through the ages all along  
*All:* This may be our endless song.

*Primate:* Praise to Thy eternal merit  
*All:* Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

## THE PRAYERS

*That ended, the Primate stands and prays:*



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We praise and glorify You, Almighty Father, because You have formed throughout the world, a Holy people for Your own possession, a royal priesthood, a universal Church.

We praise and glorify You because You have given us Your only Son, Jesus Christ to be the Apostle and High Priest of our faith, and Shepherd of our souls.

We praise and glorify You that by His death He has overcome death and that, having ascended into heaven, He has given His gifts abundantly, making some Apostles, some Prophets, some Evangelists, some Pastors and Teachers, to equip Your people for the work of the ministry and to build up His body.

And now we give You thanks that You have called these Your servants OWEN, NUHU, OBAZE and IKECHUKWU, whom we ordain in Your name, to share the ministry entrusted to Your Church.

Almighty Father, fill them with the grace and power which You gave to Your Apostles, that they may lead those committed to their charge in proclaiming the Gospel of salvation. Through them increase Your Church, renew its ministry, and unite its members in a holy fellowship of truth and love, and enable them as true shepherds to feed and govern your flock, make them wise teachers, and steadfast as guardians of its faith and Sacraments.

Guide and direct them in presiding at the worship of Your people. Give them humility that they may use their authority to heal and not to hurt, to build up and not to destroy.

Defend them from all evil that as rulers over Your household and ambassadors for Christ they may stand before You blameless, and finally, with all Your servants, enter Your eternal joy.

Accept our prayers, Most Merciful Father, through Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, to Whom, with You and Your Holy Spirit, belong glory and honour, worship and praise, now and forever. Amen.

### ***THE ANOINTING***

*The Primate, with other Bishops present forming a semi-circle round the Primate's Chair to his left and right lay hands on the Bishop-Elect.*

### ***The Primate prays:***

Receive the Holy Spirit for the office and work of a Bishop in the Church of God, now committed to you, by the imposition of our hands, in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



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*The Primate anoints the new Bishop with oil, saying:*

May you be consecrated and hallowed for the work of the Pontifical Order by this anointing with the Holy Chrism of Sanctification in the Name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*The Primate gives a Bible to the new Bishop, saying:*

Receive this Bible, here are the words of eternal life, think upon the things contained therein. Be diligent in them. Take them for your guide and declare them to the world, for by so doing you shall save both yourself and them that hear.

*The Primate gives a Pastoral Staff to the new Bishop, saying:*

Take this Staff. Be a shepherd and not a wolf to the flock of Christ; feed them and do not devour them. Seek the lost, uphold the weak, restore health to the sick, lift the downtrodden. Ensure discipline but forget not mercy. Be so merciful and be not too remiss. May the Spirit of the Chief Shepherd guide you. Amen.

*The Newly Consecrated Bishops' wives are invited to join their husbands to be formally welcomed by the Church.*

*Then the Primate presents the new Bishops to the Congregation and says:*

Today, we celebrate the gift of ordained ministry in God's Church. Will you greet your new Bishops and welcome them in Christ's name?

**All: We welcome you, we welcome you in the name of the Lord**

*The Primate, Archbishops and the Bishop-Assistants greet the new Bishops.*

### **13. THE PEACE**

*The New Bishops and their wives are presented at this time.*

*The New Bishops: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.*

**All: And also with you.**

*The New Bishops: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.*

### **14. ANTHEM – Zadok the Priest**



**15. THE OFFERTORY**

**(i) “We give Thee but Thine own”**

1.f We give Thee but Thine own,  
Whate'er the gift may be,  
All that we have is Thine alone,  
A trust, O Lord from Thee.

2mf May we Thy bounties thus,  
As stewards true receive  
And gladly, as Thou hast blest us  
To Thee our first-fruits give

3.p Oh hearts are bruised and dead,  
And homes are bare and cold,  
And lambs for whom the Shepherd bled  
Are straying from the fold.

4.cr To comfort and to bless  
To find a balm for woe,  
To tend the lone and fatherless,  
Is angels' work below.

5.f The captive to release  
To God the lost to bring  
To teach the way of life and peace,  
It is a Christ-like thing.

6.cr And we believe Thy word,  
Though dim our faith may be—  
ff Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord,  
We do it, Lord, for Thee. Amen

**(ii) “I bring my thanks, with grateful heart”**

1.f I bring, my thanks, with grateful heart  
To You, Maker of heaven and earth,  
I worship in Your holy place  
And praise Your faithfulness and grace;

Ref: ff Who is like You in majesty?  
Lord, who rule for eternity.





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2. For righteousness and truth that shines  
In Your most holy word divine.  
cr I cried to You and You did save,  
Your word of grace new courage gave;
3. f The kings of earth shall thank You, Lord,  
For they have heard Your wondrous word;  
They all shall come with songs of praise,  
For great and glorious are Your ways.
4. O Lord, You reign in heavenly height;  
Enthroned in light and glory bright,  
The proud in vain Your favour seek,  
But You have mercy for the meek;
- 5.p Through trouble though my pathway be,  
You will revive and strengthen me.  
cr You will stretch forth Your mighty arm  
To save me from enemy's harm;
6. f The work You have for me begun  
Shall by Your grace be fully done;  
For me, you will never forsake,  
All the works, which Your hand has made.

*The President takes the Bread and Cup into his hands and places them on the Holy Table.*

*At the offering of the Bread.*

*President:* Blessed are You, Lord God of all creation, through Your goodness we have this bread to offer which the earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the Bread of Life.

**All:** Blessed be God for ever. Amen.

*President:* Blessed are You, Lord God of all creation, through Your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.

**All:** Blessed be God for ever. Amen.

*Then the President takes the offering in his hands and says with the people*



## THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

**All:** Yours Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty, for everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.

## 16. EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

(Congregation remains standing)

(The President faces the congregation and sings or says):

*President:* The Lord be with you

*All:* And also with you.

*President:* Lift up your hearts.

*All:* We lift them to the Lord.

*President:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All:* It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

*President:* It is indeed right; it is our duty and joy at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise Holy Father, heavenly King, Almighty and Eternal God through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord, for He is your Living word, through Him you have created all things from the beginning and formed us in your own image. Through Him you have freed us from the slavery of sin, giving Him to be born as man and to die upon the cross; You raised Him from the dead and exalted Him to your right hand on high, through Him you have sent upon us your Holy and life-giving Spirit, and made us a people for your own possession.

And now we give You thanks because within the royal Priesthood of Your Church, You ordained ministers to proclaim the word of God, to care for the people, to equip them for the work of the ministry and to celebrate the Sacraments of the New Covenant.

Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim Your great and glorious name, forever praising You and saying:



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**All:** Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.

*President:* Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

**All:** Hosanna in the highest.

*(The congregation may kneel)*

*President:* Accept our praises, Heavenly Father, through Your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and as we follow His example and obey His command, grant that by the power of Your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us, His Body and Blood; Who in the same night that he was betrayed took bread and gave You thanks; He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying: "Take, eat; this is My Body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me." In the same way, after supper, He took the cup and gave you thanks. He gave it to them, saying: "Drink this, all of you; this is My Blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do these as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me".

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All:** Christ has died,  
Christ is risen;  
Christ will come again.

*President:* Therefore, Heavenly Father, we remember His offering of Himself made once for all upon the cross; and proclaim His mighty resurrection and glorious ascension. As we look for His coming in glory, we celebrate with this bread and this cup His one perfect sacrifice.

Accept through Him our great High Priest this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of Your Divine Majesty, renew us by Your Spirit, inspire us with Your love, and unite us in the Body of Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Him, and with Him, and in Him, by the power of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before You on earth and in heaven. We worship You, Father Almighty in songs of everlasting praise.



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**All:** Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours forever and ever. Amen.

*The President breaks the consecrated bread, saying:*

*President:* We break this Bread to share in the Body of Christ **All:** Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one Bread.

**ANGUS DEI (All Kneeling)**

*President:* Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world

*All:* Have mercy on us.

*President:* Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world

*All:* Have mercy on us.

*President:* Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world

*All:* Grant us peace

**PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS (All kneeling)**

**ALL:** We do not presume to come to this Your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness but in Your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under Your table. But You are the same Lord, whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of Your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink His blood, that we may evermore dwell in Him and He in us. Amen.

*President:* Draw near with faith; receive the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ which He gave for you, and His Blood which He shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that He died for you and feed on Him in your heart by faith with thanksgiving.

**17. THE COMMUNION**

**i.** “Sinful signing to be blessed”

**Imp** Sinful, sighing to be blessed;  
Bound and longing to be free;  
Weary, waiting for my rest

**pp** God be merciful to me.



2mp Goodness, I have none to plead;  
Sinfulness in all I see,  
I can only bring a need  
pp God be merciful to me.

3mp Broken heart and downcast eyes  
Dare not lift themselves to Thee,  
cr Yet Thou canst interpret sigh  
dim God be merciful to me.

4. p From this sinful heart of mine  
To Thy bosom I would flee  
cr I am not my own but Thine  
dim God be merciful to me.

5mp There is One beside Thy throne  
And my only hope and plea  
cr Are in Him, and Him alone,  
dim God be merciful to me.

6mf He my cause will undertake  
My Interpreter will be  
f He's my all; and for His sake  
dim God be merciful to me. Amen

(ii) "Christian seek not yet repose?"

1mf Christian seek not yet repose,  
Hear thy guardian angel say  
Thou art in the midst of foes,  
p "Watch and pray."

2. f Principalities and powers  
Mustering their unseen array,  
Wait for thy unguarded hours,  
p "Watch and pray."

3mf Gird thy heavenly armour on  
Wear it ever night and day,  
Ambushed lies the evil one,  
p "Watch and pray."



4mf Hear the victors who o'ercame,  
Still they mark each warrior's way,  
All with one sweet voice exclaim;  
p "Watch and pray."

5. f Hear above all, hear thy Lord,  
Whom thou love most to obey,  
Hide within thy heart His word;  
p "Watch and pray."

6mf Watch as if on that alone  
Hung the issue of the day,  
Pray that help may be sent down;  
f "Watch and pray." Amen.

**(iii) "Dear Lord, and Father of mankind"**

1mf Dear Lord, and Father of mankind  
Forgive our foolish ways  
Re-clothe us in our rightful mind  
In purer lives Your service find,  
In deeper reverence praise.

2. p In simple trust like theirs who heard,  
Near the Galilean sea  
The glorious calling of the Lord,  
cr Let us, like them, obey His word  
mf "Rise up and follow Me".

3cr Drop Your still dews of quietness  
Till al our strivings cease  
p Take from our souls the strain and stress  
And let our ordered lives confess  
The beauty of Your peace.

4. O Sabbath rest by Galilee  
O calm of hills above  
Where Jesus shared on bended knee  
The silence of eternity  
Interpreted by love.



5. Breath through the heats of our desire  
Your coolness and Your balm  
Dim Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire  
cr Speak through the earthquake, wind and fire  
dim. p O still small voice of calm. Amen

(iv) “Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor”

1.f Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,  
First begotten from the dead,  
cr You alone, are strong Defender  
Now lift up Your people’s head.  
f Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Jesus, true and living Bread.

2. Here our humblest homage pay we  
Here in loving reverence bow,  
Here for faith’s discernment pray we,  
Lest we fail to know You now.  
f Alleluia, Alleluia,  
You are here, we ask not how.

3. p Paschal Lamb, Your offering finished  
Once for all when You were slain.  
cr In its fullness, undiminished  
Shall forevermore remain.  
f Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Cleansing souls from every stain.

4. Great High Priest of our profession  
Through the veil You entered in  
By Your mighty intercession,  
Grace and peace for us to win  
f Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Jesus, whose blood is our wine.

5. cr Life imparting, heavenly Manna;  
Smitten Rock with streaming side,  
f Heaven and earth with loud hosanna  
Worship You, the Lamb who died.  
ff Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Risen, Ascended, Glorified.



**18. ABLUTION HYMN – Take my life and let it be**

1mf Take my life and let it be,  
Consecrated, Lord to Thee  
Take my moments and my days  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2. Take my hands, and let them move.  
At the impulse of Thy love,  
Take my feet, and let them be,  
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

3. f Take my voice, and let me sing  
Always, only, for my King,  
Take my lips and let them be  
Filled with messages from Thee

4mf Take my silver and my gold  
Not a mite would I withhold  
Take my intellect and use,  
Every power as Thou shall choose.

5mp Take my will and make it Thine  
It shall be no longer mine,  
Take my heart it is Thy own,  
cr It shall be Thy royal throne.

6.f Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
At Thy feet its treasure store,  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for Thee. Amen

**19. POST COMMUNION PRAYERS**

President: As our Saviour taught us, so we pray All: Our Father in Heaven hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours, now and forever. Amen.

*The President then prays:*





**President:** 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 faithful servants for the ministry of Your Word and Sacraments. We pray that the new Bishops may be to us effective examples, in word and action, in love and patience, and in holiness of life. Grant that we, with them 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 forever.

**All:** Amen.

## 20. NOTICES

### 21. BENEDICTION (The Primate)

Go forth into the world in peace, be of good courage, hold fast that which is good, render to no man evil for evil, strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak, help the afflicted, honour all men, love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you always. Amen.

### 22. MARCHING OUT THE COLOURS

### 23. THE WITHDRAWAL — (In Reverse Order)

#### i. Who is on the Lord's side

1.cr Who is on the Lord's side,  
Who will serve the King?  
Who will be His helpers,  
Other lives to bring?

mf Who will leave the world's side,  
Who will face the foe?  
Who is on the Lord's side,  
Who will go for Him?

f By Thy call of mercy,  
by Thy grace divine,  
We are on the Lord's side,  
Saviour we are Thine.



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- 2mp Not for weight of glory,  
Nor for crown and palm  
Enter we the army  
raise the warrior- psalm,  
cr But for Love that claimeth  
Lives for whom He died,  
He whom Jesus nameth,  
Must be on His side  
f By Thy love constraining,  
By Thy grace divine,  
We are on the Lord's side,  
Saviour we are Thine
3. Jesus, Thou hast bought us,  
Not with gold or gem  
But with Thine own life-blood,  
For Thy diadem  
With Thy blessing fi ling,  
Each who comes to Thee  
Thou hast made us wiling,  
Thou hast made us free.  
By Thy grand redemption,  
By Thy grace divine,  
We are on the Lord's side,  
Saviour we are Thine .
4. Fierce may be the conflict,  
Strong may be the foe  
But the Kings own army,  
None can overthrow,  
Round His standard ranging,  
Victory is secure,  
For His truth unchanging  
Makes the triumph sure.  
ff Master, Thou wilt keep us  
By Thy grace divine,  
We are on the Lord's side,  
Saviour we are Thine. Amen.



**ii. “Forth in Your name O Lord I go”**

1. Forth in Thy name, O Lord I go,  
My daily labour to pursue,  
Thee only Thee resolved to know,  
In all I think, or speak, or do.
2. Preserve me from my calling snare,  
And hide my simple heart above,  
Above the thorns of choking care,  
The gilded baits of worldly love.
3. The task Thine wisdom has assigned,  
O let me cheerfully fulfill;  
In all my works Thy presence find,  
And prove Thy good and perfect will.
4. Thee, I have set at my right hand,  
Whose eyes my inmost substance see,  
And labour on, at Your command  
And for Thee all my works shall be.
5. Give me to bear Thine easy yoke,  
And every moment watch and pray,  
And still to things eternal look  
And hasten to Your glorious day.
6. For Thy delightfully employ,  
Whate’er Thy bounteous grace has given,  
And run my course with even joy,  
And closely walk with Thee to heaven. Amen

**iii. “Take up the cross the Saviour said”**

- 1mf Take up your cross’, the Saviour said,  
‘If you would My disciple be,  
Deny yourself, the world forsake,  
And humbly follow after me.
2. Take up your cross, nor heed the shame  
Nor let your foolish pride rebel  
cr Your Lord for you the cross endured,  
To save your soul from death and hell.



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- 3mf Take up your cross, let not its weight  
Fill your weak spirit with alarm,  
p His strength shall bear your spirit up,  
And brace your heart, and nerve your arm.
- 4mf Take up your cross then, in His strength  
And calmly every danger brave  
'Twill guide you to the better home  
cr And lead to victory o'er the grave.
- 5mf Take up your cross and follow Christ,  
Nor think till death to lay it down  
For only he who bears the cross  
May hope to wear the glorious crown. Amen



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