

CLERGY REAFFIRMATION OF VOWS

¶ *The diocesan clergy stand as the congregation remains seated. The Bishop prays as follows:*

Bishop: The Lord be with you

Answer: And also with you.

Bishop: Let us pray

ALMIGHTY God, giver of all good gifts, in your divine providence you have appointed various orders of ministers to your Church: Give your grace, we humbly pray, to all who are called to any office and ministry in your one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church; and so fill them with the truth of your doctrine, and clothe them with holiness of life, that they may faithfully serve before you, to the glory of your great Name and for the benefit of your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

¶ *The Bishop addresses the diocesan clergy:*

DEAR fellow clergy, the ministry we share is none other than the sacrificial ministry of Christ, who gave himself up to death on the cross for the salvation of those he has predestined to eternal life. By his glorious resurrection he was raised for our justification. By the gift of the Holy Spirit he shares with us the riches of his grace. We are called to proclaim his death and resurrection, to administer the Sacraments of the New Covenant which he sealed with his blood on the cross, and to care for his people in the power of the Spirit.

DO you here, in the presence of Christ and his Church, renew your commitment to your ministry, under the pastoral and episcopal direction of your Bishop?

Answer: I do.

Bishop: DO you reaffirm your promise to give yourself to prayer and study?

Answer: I do.

Bishop: DO you reaffirm your promise so to preach the inerrant Word of God and administer the Sacraments of the New Covenant so that the reconciling death of Christ may be proclaimed and received?

Answer: I do

Bishop: DO you reaffirm your promise to be a faithful servant of all those committed to your care, patterning your life in accordance with the teachings of Christ, so that you may be a wholesome example to those under your care?

Answer: I do

Bishop: WILL you be loyal to the doctrine, discipline and worship of Christ as this diocese has received them, to the Scriptures, the Thirty-nine Articles of Religion, the 1662 Book of Common Prayer and the Ordinal as the standard for Anglican theology and practice? And will you, in accordance with the Constitution and Canons of this church, be obedient to your bishop and other ministers who may have authority over you and your work?

Answer: 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 inerrant Word of God and to contain all things necessary to salvation, and I consequently hold myself bound to conform my life and ministry thereto, and I do solemnly engage to conform and subscribe to the Fundamental Declarations of the Diocese, and the Doctrine, Discipline, and Worship of Christ as this diocese has received them.

Bishops: AND as your bishops, we too, before God and you, do solemnly declare that we do believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the inerrant Word of God and to contain all things necessary to salvation, and we consequently hold ourselves bound to conform our lives and ministries thereto, and we do solemnly engage to conform and subscribe to the Fundamental Declarations of the Diocese, and the Doctrine, Discipline, and Worship of Christ as this diocese has received them. We ask your prayers.

Bishops & Clergy:

MAY the Lord who has given us the will to do these things, give us also the grace and power to perform them through Christ our Lord. Amen.

[See the end of Compline for the Bishop's Concluding Benediction]

COMPLINE

¶ *The Officiant begins*

THE Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end. Amen.

Officiant. OUR help is in the Name of the Lord;
People. Who hath made heaven and earth.

¶ *The Officiant continues*

LET us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

¶ *Silence may be kept. The Officiant and People then say:*

ALMIGHTY God and Father, we confess to thee, to one another, and to the whole company of heaven, that we have sinned, through our own fault, in thought, and word, and deed, and in what we have left undone. For the sake of thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and by the power of thy Holy Spirit raise us up to serve thee in newness of life, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

¶ *The Officiant alone says*

MAY Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Officiant. O GOD, make speed to save us;
People. O Lord, make haste to help us.
Officiant. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
People. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.

PSALM 91 *Qui habitat*

1. WHOSO dwelleth under the defense of the Most High, * shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
2. I will say unto the Lord, Thou art my hope, and my stronghold; * my God, in him will I trust.
3. For he shall deliver thee from the snare of the hunter, * and from the noisome pestilence.

4. He shall defend thee under his wings, and thou shalt be safe under his feathers;
* his faithfulness and truth shall be thy shield and buckler.
5. Thou shalt not be afraid for any terror by night, * nor of the arrow that flieth by day,
6. For the pestilence that walketh in darkness, * nor for the sickness that destroyeth
in the noon-day.
7. A thousand shall fall beside thee, and ten thousand at thy right hand, * but it shall
not come nigh thee.
8. Yea, with thine eyes shalt thou behold, * and see the reward of the ungodly.
9. For thou, Lord art my hope; * thou hast set thine house of defense very high.
10. There shall no evil happen unto thee, * neither shall any plague come nigh thy
dwelling.
11. For he shall give his angels charge over thee, * to keep thee in all thy ways.
12. They shall bear thee in their hands, * that thou hurt not thy foot against a stone.
13. Thou shalt go upon the lion and adder: * the young lion and the dragon thou shalt
tread under thy feet.
14. Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore I will deliver him; * I will lift him
up, because he hath known my Name.
15. He shall call upon me, and I will hear him; * yea, I am with him in trouble; I will
deliver him and bring him to honor.
16. With long life I will satisfy him, * and show him my salvation.

¶ *At the end of the Psalms the Gloria Patri is sung or said*

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

¶ *One of the following, or some other suitable passage of Scripture, is read*

NOW the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great
Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in
every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight;
through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. HEBREWS 13:20-21

¶ *At the end of the reading is said*

	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People.</i>	Thanks be to God.

¶ *A period of silence may follow. A suitable hymn may be sung.*

<i>Officiant.</i>	INTO thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;
<i>People.</i>	For thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, thou God of truth.

Officiant. Keep me, O Lord, as the apple of thine eye;
People. Hide me under the shadow of thy wings.
Officiant. Lord, have mercy upon us.
People. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Officiant. Lord, have mercy upon us.

¶ *Officiant and People*

OUR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Officiant. O LORD, hear our prayer;
People. And let our cry come unto thee.
Officiant. Let us pray.

¶ *The Officiant then says one or more of the following Collects.*

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thine only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

BE present, O merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this life may rest in thine eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

¶ *One of the following prayers may be added*

KEEP watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give thine angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for thy love's sake. Amen.

¶ *Silence may be kept, and other intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered.*

¶ *The Officiant and People say or sing the Song of Simeon with this Antiphon*

GUIDE us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

NUNC DIMITTIS
The Song of Simeon

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, * according to thy word;
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, * which thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, * and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; * as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. LUKE 2:29-32

GUIDE us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

Officiant. LET us bless the Lord.
People. Thanks be to God.

[Standard Conclusion – Thursday Night Only]

¶ *The Officiant concludes with the following*

THE almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us, this night and evermore. Amen.

[After Clergy Vow Renewal – Friday Night Only]

¶ *The Bishop concludes with the following Benediction*

GO forth into the world in peace; Be of good courage; Hold fast to that which is good; Render to no man evil for evil; Strengthen the fainthearted; Support the weak; Help the afflicted; Honor all men and women; 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 Ghost, be upon you, and remain with you always.

All: Amen.