



The Anglican Union for the Propagation of the Gospel  
*An International Confraternity of Oratories*

## Reaffirmation of Ordination Vows Bishop, Priests, and Deacons of the Patron Dioceses of the Anglican Union

Maundy Thursday 2021



## **OPENING RITE**

*If desired, the Prefect or Dean may briefly introduce the Rite.*

*The presider greets the Oratorians with these or similar words:*

The mercy of God our Father, the grace and peace of Christ,  
and the love of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.

*All: Blessed be the Lord forever!*

*The presider then invites all to pray, pausing for a moment of silent prayer, and then the presider prays:*

*Let us pray.*

All: Merciful Father, you are the beginning  
and end of our earthly pilgrimage.  
Look kindly on us your servants  
who desire to walk the paths of the world  
by propagating the Gospel through prayer, service and unity.  
Grant, we pray be a guide on our journey  
and a light for to our path,  
so that we may know your Will  
and fulfill it with heartfelt love.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. AMEN

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

The First Lesson ~ Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are

blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord. *ALL:* Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 36:5-11 *Dixit injustus***

- <sup>5</sup> Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, \*  
and your faithfulness to the clouds.
- <sup>6</sup> Your righteousness is  
like the strong  
mountains, your  
justice like the great  
deep; \*  
you save both man and beast, O Lord.
- <sup>7</sup> How priceless is your love, O God! \*  
your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.
- <sup>8</sup> They feast upon the abundance of your house; \*  
you give them drink from the river of your delights.
- <sup>9</sup> For with you is the well of life, \*  
and in your light we see light.
- <sup>10</sup> Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, \*  
and your favor to those who are true of heart.
- <sup>11</sup> Let not the foot of the proud come near me, \*  
nor the hand of the wicked push me aside.

**The Holy Gospel ~ Luke 12:12-16**

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

<sup>12</sup> Now during those days he went out to the mountain to pray; and he spent the night in prayer to God. <sup>13</sup> And when day came, he called his disciples and chose twelve of them, whom he also named apostles: <sup>14</sup> Simon, whom he named Peter, and his brother Andrew, and James, and John, and Philip, and Bartholomew, <sup>15</sup> and Matthew, and Thomas, and James son of Alphaeus, and

Simon, who was called the Zealot, <sup>16</sup> and Judas son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

## THE HOMILY

### **Reaffirmation of Ordination Vows and Rule of Life**

*Prefect to fellow bishops priests and deacons says*

Dear friends, 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 the world. By his glorious resurrection he has opened for us the way of everlasting life. 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.

PREFECT: *Sisters and brothers, what do you seek on this most holy day ?*

*The Oratorians respond :*

*We seek to renew our Rule of Life and the Vows by which we were ordained within the Anglican Union for the Propagation of the Gospel , An International Confraternity of Oratories We wish to share the ideals of prayer and service and to give a living witness of our devotion to the God. who created , redeemed and renews us!*

*We desire to embrace the ,rule of life and spirituality being Oratorian clerics and to collaborate in fulfilling its mission in the Church.*

Do you here, in the presence of Christ and his church, renew your commitment to your ministry, under the pastoral direction of the Patrons and the Prefect ? *I do.*

Do you reaffirm your promise to give yourself to prayer and study as so promised in our Rule of Life? *I do.*

Do you reaffirm your promise so to minister the Word of God and the Sacraments of the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Faith so that the reconciling love of Christ may be known and received? *I do.*

Do you reaffirm your promise so 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 the world where we are called to witness ? *I do.*

*The Bishop makes this affirmation.*

And now, as Prefect, Bishop and Priest I, too, before God and you, rededicate myself and reaffirm these promises that I made when I was ordained and when I became an Oratorian I ask your prayers. *All: We shall so pray!*

Prefect: May the Lord who has given you the will to profess these things give you the grace and power to live into them. *ALL: Amen.*

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*The Intercessor now prays :*

*To God the Father, who is pleased with the prayers of the humble and the supplications which rise in unison from the faithful, we now address these prayers for the Church catholic, the Anglican Communion for all peoples and for our Confraternity responding to each petition .....*  
***Hear, O Lord, the prayer of your Servants.***

*For the Church, that it may spread the Kingdom of Christ through Word and Sacrament for the glory of God and the salvation of all people, we pray to the Lord.....Hear, O Lord, the prayer of your Servants.*

*For lay women and men that they may give daily witness to Christ and the Gospel, and be mindful of their prophetic, kingly, and priestly dignity, in their family, professional, and social life, we pray to the Lord. ...Hear, O Lord, the prayer of your Servants.*

*For the Anglican Communion that it may be faithful to its vocations to live the historic faith we pray to the Lord. ...Hear, O Lord, the prayer of your Servants.*

*For this Anglican Union , our patrons, Dioceses and Oratories that we may be faithful to its ideals of prayer service and Christian Unity , we pray to the Lord. ...Hear, O Lord, the prayer of your Servants.*

*For our sisters and brothers (N.N.),who are ill that they may know the healing power of Christ we pray to the Lord. ...Hear, O Lord, the prayer of your Servants.*

*For our sisters and brothers (N.N.),who have died that they may know the power of Christ's Resurrection, we pray to the Lord. ...Hear, O Lord, the prayer of your Servants.*

### **THE COLLECTS**

*Heavenly Father, you have promised through your Son Jesus Christ, that when we meet in his name, and pray according to his mind, he will be among us and hear our prayer: in your love and mercy fulfil our desires, and give us your greatest gift, which is to know you, the only true God, and your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. All Amen.*

*Be with us, Lord, in all our prayers, and direct our way toward the attainment of salvation, that among the changes and chances of this mortal life, we may always be defended by your gracious help; through Jesus Christ our Lord. All Amen.*

### **BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

*The Bishops says*

*The Lord be with you. All: And also with you  
God has redeemed us in his Son and made our labors holy.  
With his help and the guidance of the Spirit of Christ, may you fulfill your  
commitment in the world. All: Amen.*

*May the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son + and the Holy Spirit, come upon you and remain with you forever. All: Amen.*

*Deacon dismisses the assembly, saying:*

*Go in the peace of the Lord and live in the light of the Gospel of Christ  
ALL: Thanks be To God .*