



# *Rite of Ordination of Deacons*

Diocese of Ogdensburg  
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Jubilee Year of Hope

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**THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS**

with the

*Rite of Ordination*

*of Deacons*

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Ogdensburg, NY 13669

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## INTRODUCTORY RITES

### PROCESSIONAL

#### Called to Labor in God's Vineyard



1. Called to la - bor in God's vine - yard, Ea - ger to ac - cept the task,  
2. Called to la - bor in God's vine - yard, Not a - lone but joined as one,  
3. Called to la - bor in God's vine - yard, Help us, Lord, in all we do.



Us - ing ev - ry skill and tal - ent, Do - ing all that God would ask,  
Shar - ing com - mon goals and val - ues, Striv - ing till the task is done,  
As the vines are heav - y - lad - en, Send more work - ers called by you.



May we give our - selves com - plete - ly To the work that is at hand,  
May we work with one an - oth - er In a just and hon - est way,  
May our work bear fruit e - ter - nal And our fer - vor nev - er cease,



Of - fer - ing our will - ing ser - vice As the stew - ards of the land.  
Wheth - er hired at dawn or sun - set, Not ex - pect - ing great - er pay.  
Till at last, the har - vest gath - ered, We may rest and know your peace.

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## SIGN OF THE CROSS AND GREETING

### PENITENTIAL ACT

#### CONFITEOR

I confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done  
and in what I have failed to do,  
*And striking their breast, they say*  
through my fault, through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;  
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God

**Bishop:** *May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life.*

**All:** **Amen.**

### KYRIE

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Owen Alstott

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have  
mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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# GLORIA

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Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to  
 peo - ple of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we a - dore you,  
 we glo - ri - fy you, we give you thanks for your great glo - ry,  
 Lord God, heav'n - ly King, O God, al - might - y Fa - ther.  
 Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly Be - got - ten Son, Lord God,  
 Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, you take a - way the  
 you take a - way the  
 sins of the world, have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the  
 sins of the world, re - ceive our — prayer;  
 right hand of the Fa - ther, have mer - cy on us.  
 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly  
 Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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## COLLECT

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

NUMBERS 3:5-9

Read by Gayle Frank

*Summon the tribe of Levi and present them to Aaron the priest, as his assistants.*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 117:1,2



Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.



Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

### SECOND READING

ACTS 6:1-7B

Read by Wanda Kavanaugh

*Select from among you seven reputable men.*

### ALLELUIA

*The Lord sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor and proclaim liberty to captives.*

James Chepponis



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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### GOSPEL READING

MATHEW 5:13-16

Deacon Robert S. Uttendorfsky

*You are the light of the world.*

## **RITE OF ORDINATION**

### **PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES FOR THE DIACONATE**

Deacon Kevin T. Mastellon

### **ELECTION OF THE CANDIDATES FOR THE DIACONATE**

Deacon Lee M. Trudeau

*After the Gospel reading, the local Church requests the Bishop to ordain the candidates.*

*The deacon assigned to do this responds to the Bishop's questions by informing him in the presence of the people that there are no doubts concerning the candidates.*

*The Bishop responds: "Relying on the help of the Lord God and our Savior Jesus Christ, we choose these, our brothers, for the Order of the Diaconate."*

*The people then give their assent to this decision by the response"*

**"Thanks be to God"**

*followed by applause.*

### **HOMILY**

Most Reverend Terry R LaValley  
Bishop of Ogdensburg

### **PROMISE OF THE ELECT**

*The candidates stand before the Bishop and all the faithful and express their resolve to carry out their office in accord with the mind of the Christ and the Church, under the direction of the Bishop.*

### **LITANY OF SUPPLICATION**

*In the litany all present plead for God's grace for the candidates.*

*As a sign of humility, the candidates prostrates themselves.*

*All others are invited to kneel.*

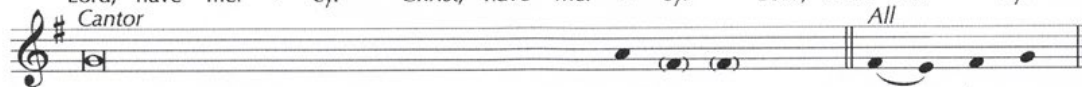




Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy.



Holy Mary, Mother of  
Saint

God,  
Mi - chael,

pray — for us.  
pray — for us.  
pray — for us.

...

...

All holy men and women, Saints of

God,

pray — for us.



Lord, be mer - ci - ful,

Lord, de - liv - er us, we pray.



From all e - vil  
From ev - 'ry sin,  
From ever - last - ing death,  
By your In - car - na - tion,  
By your Death and Res - ur - rec - tion,  
By the outpouring of the Ho - ly Spir - it,

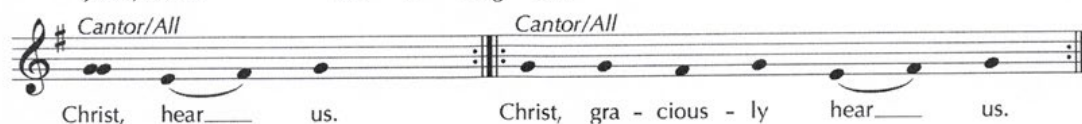
Lord, de - liv - er us, we pray.



Be merciful to us sin - ners  
Govern and protect your ho - ly Church  
Keep the pope and  
all the ordained in  
faithful ser - vice to your Church

Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

Bless these cho - sen men  
Bless and sanctify these cho - sen men  
Bless, sanctify,  
and consecrate these cho - sen men  
Bring all peoples  
together in peace and true har - mo - ny  
Comfort with your mercy  
the troubled and the af - flic - ted  
Strengthen all of us and  
keep us in your ho - ly ser - vice  
Jesus, Son of the li - ving God



Christ, hear us.

Christ, gra - cious - ly hear us.

## **ORDINATION OF DEACONS**

### **LAYING ON OF HANDS AND PRAYER OF ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE**

*Through the laying on of hands by the Bishop and the Prayer of Ordination, the gift of the Holy Spirit for the office of deacon is conferred on the candidates.*

*The following words belong to the nature of the rite  
and are consequently required for the validity of the act:  
“Send forth upon them, Lord, we pray the Holy Spirit,  
that they may be strengthened by the gift of your sevenfold grace  
for the faithful carrying out of the work of the ministry.”*

### **VESTING WITH THE STOLE AND DALMATIC**

*Immediately after the Prayer of Ordination, the newly ordained Deacons are invested with diaconal stoles and dalmatics. By this investiture the liturgical ministry that they will henceforth fulfill is outwardly manifested.*

### **HANDING ON OF THE BOOK OF THE GOSPELS**

*The handing on of the Book of Gospels signifies the office of the deacon to  
proclaim the Gospel in liturgical celebrations  
and to preach the faith of the Church in word and deed.*

### **FRATERNAL KISS**

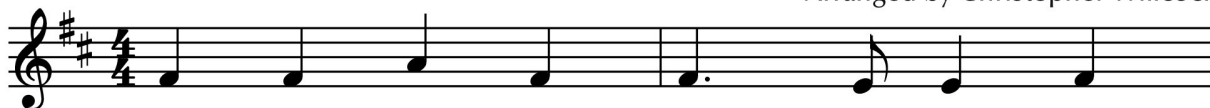
*The Bishop and representatives from the Deacons offer a fraternal kiss of peace to the newly ordained as a sign of welcome into the Order of Deacons.*

# THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS

### See Us, Lord, About Your Altar

DRAKES BROUGHTON  
Arranged by Christopher Willcock



1. See us, Lord, a - bout your al - tar,
2. Hear our prayers, O lov - ing Fa - ther,
3. Once were seen the blood and wa - ter:
4. Wheat and grape con - tain the mean - ing:
5. Hear us yet: so much is need - ful
6. Mem - bers of his Mys - tic Bod - y,



1. Tho' so man - y we are one; Man - y souls by
2. Hear in them you Son, our Lord; Hear him speak our
3. Now are seen but bread and wine; Once in hu - man
4. Food and drink he is to all; One in him we
5. In our frail, dis - or - dered life; Stay with us and
6. Now we know our prayer is heard, Heard by you be -



1. love u - ni - ted In the heart of Christ, your Son.
2. love and wor - ship, As we sing with one ac - cord.
3. form he suf - fered,\* Now these gifts him - self en - shrine.
4. kneel a - dor - ing, Gath - ered by his lov - ing call.
5. tend our weak - ness Till that day of no more strife.
6. cause your chil - dren Have re - ceived th'e - ter - nal Word.

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## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

### SANCTUS

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Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav'n and earth are  
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san-na! Ho-san-na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

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### MYSTERY OF FAITH

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We pro - claim your Death, O Lord, and pro - fess your  
Res-ur-rec-tion un - til you come, un - til you come a - gain.

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## GREAT AMEN

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## COMMUNION RITE

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

### LAMB OF GOD

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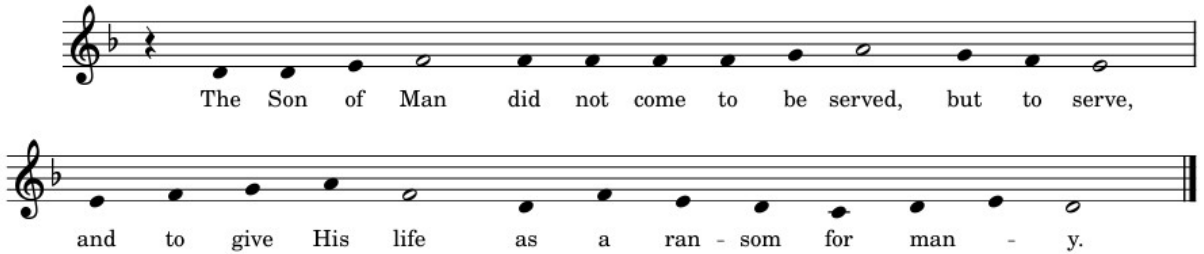


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## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

### Filius Hominus

*Communion Antiphon for the Ordination of Deacons*



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## COMMUNION HYMN

### O Living Bread from Heaven



1. O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, how well you feed your guest!  
2. My Sav - ior, you have led me with - in your ho - liest place,  
3. You gave me all I want - ed; this food can death de - stroy.  
4. Oh, grant me then, well - strength - ened with heav'n - ly food, while here



The gifts that you have giv - en have filled my heart with rest.  
and here your - self have fed me with trea - sures of your grace;  
And you have free - ly grant - ed the cup of end - less joy.  
my course on earth is length - ened, to serve you, free from fear;



O won - drous food of bless - ing! O cup that heals our woes!  
for you have free - ly giv - en what earth could nev - er buy,  
My Lord, I do not mer - it the fa - vor you have shown,  
and bring me home to praise you where none can peace de - stroy,



My heart, this gift pos - sess - ing, in thank - ful song o'er flows!  
the bread of life from heav - en, that now I shall not die.  
and all my soul and spir - it bow down be - fore your throne.  
where I will ev - er raise you glad songs in end - less joy.

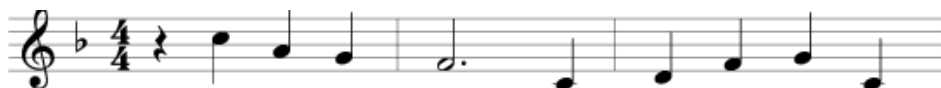
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## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## BLESSING

# RECESSIONAL HYMN

## Go to the World



1. Go to the world! Go in - to all the  
 2. Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ry  
 3. Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless and  
 4. Go to the world! Go as the ones I



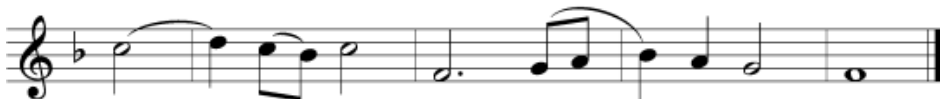
earth. Go preach the cross where  
 place. Go Go live the Word of  
 pray; the nights I of tears give  
 send, for I am with you



Christ re - news life's worth, bap - tiz - ing  
 God's re - deem - ing grace. Go seek God's  
 way to joy - ous day. As ser - vant  
 'til the age shall end, when all the



as the sign of our re - birth.  
 pres - ence in each time and space.  
 Church, you fol - low Christ's own way.  
 hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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# *Congratulations to Our Newly Ordained Deacons*

**Deacon Gordon J. Burdo Jr.**

The Roman Catholic  
Community of St. Alexander  
and St. Joseph in Morrisonville  
St. James Church in Cadyville  
St. Augustine's Church in Peru  
Vested by:

Reverend Christopher J. Looby

**Deacon James P. Law**

St. Bernard's Church in Saranac Lake  
Vested by:

Reverend Patrick A. Ratigan

**Deacon Garry H. Stevens**

St. James Minor Church in Carthage  
St. Mary's Church in Copenhagen  
Vested by:

Reverend Todd E. Thibault

**Deacon James B. Kavanaugh**

St. Mary's Church in Clayton  
The Catholic Community of  
Alexandria in Alexandria Bay  
Vested by:

Reverend Arthur J. LaBaff

**Deacon Francis E Sczerzenie**

St. James Major Church  
in Lake Pleasant  
St. Ann's Church in Wells  
Vested by: Reverend James V. Teti

**Deacon Nicholas A. Tsibulsky**

St. Peter's Parish in Massena  
Vested by:

Reverend Mark R. Reilly, VF

# *Special Thanks...*

The Priests and Staff of St. Mary's Cathedral  
Christine Bookman, Organist and Music Ministry  
Diocese of Ogdensburg Vocations Society  
Knights of Columbus



We invite everyone to gather at Martin Field Club for a light reception.  
The former Knights of Columbus Hall  
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## *Pray for Vocations*

God has created me to do Him  
some definite service;  
He has committed some work to me  
that He has not committed to another.  
I have my mission.  
I am a link in a chain,  
a bond of connection between persons.  
He has not created me for nothing.  
I shall do good. I shall do His work.

~Saint John Henry Cardinal Newman  
Doctor of the Church

Loving God, bless the Diocese of Ogdensburg with  
more priests, deacons, religious, and lay leaders. Give  
those You are calling the courage to respond with  
generous hearts. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

