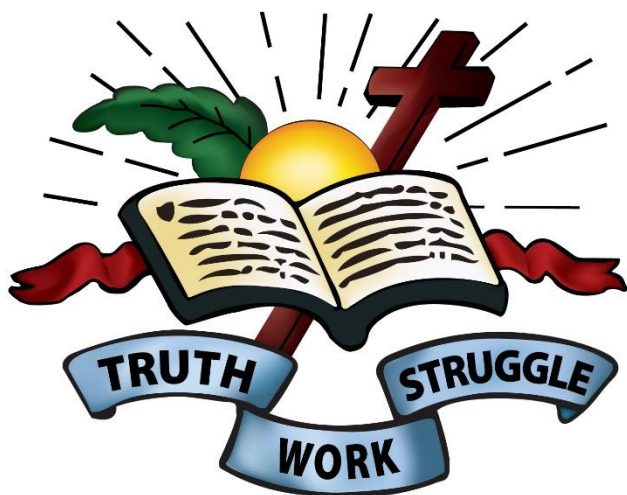


THE RITE OF CONSECRATION
OF THE VERY REV. CHARLES ZAWISTOWSKI



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THE PROCESSION

The Procession, consisting of the Thurifer, Crucifer, Acolytes, Notary, PNCC Supreme Council, Lectors, Clergy, Ecumenical Guests, Bishop candidate, Bishops and the Prime Bishop will assemble in the Church Hall. The Prime Bishop will intone the processional hymn.

PB. *Our help is in the name ~~X~~ of the Lord.*

R. *Who made heaven and earth.*

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Blessed is He

Hymnal of the PNCC –Hymn 196

PB. Blessed is he who **R.** Trusts in God Almighty, And he who hopes in God's most gracious mercy. He shall acknowledge: "God is my protector. In life's dark journey, I shall fear no danger. I shall fear no danger.

From all the pow'rs of evil God shall save him. Of nature's forces, he shall ne'er fall victim. Under the pinions of the Lord Almighty, In God's protection, he shall dwell in safety; he shall dwell in safety.

God's mighty strength shall be his shield and buckler, and shall protect him from all nightly danger. Thousands shall fall, yet he shall walk without fear, Kept from the arrows of the foe that is near, of the foe that is near.

For God shall charge His angels to uplift him, And shall command them ever to protect him. They shall uphold him, lest he fall in danger, And they shall keep him in their care forever; in their care forever.

Hear what the Lord says: "Who in truth shall love Me, and who shall follow all that I have asked thee, He shall be blessed, and shall find salvation, And dwell forever, safe in My protection; Safe in My protection."

Savior, we heed Thy wond'rous invitation. And we accept the strength of Thy protection. Lord, in Thy mercy, keep us safe forever, And in life's journey, Lord, forsake us never; Lord, forsake us never. Amen.

THE CONSECRATION OF A BISHOP

*Before Mass the Consecrator takes his place at his cathedra.
The Bishop-elect, wearing priestly vestments (alb, stole and cope),
occupies his place. The assistant to the Consecrator rises, bows to the
Consecrator, and says:*

ASSISTANT: Most Reverend Father, our holy Polish National Catholic Church requests that you elevate this priest, the Very Reverend Father Senior Charles Zawistowski here present to the dignity of bishop.

CONSECRATOR: Have you written evidence of his election and written consent of the Prime Bishop, Bishops and the Supreme Council for this consecration?

ASSISTANT: We have.

CONSECRATOR: Please read them.

*The notary reads the documents of the election, signed by the chairman
and the secretary of the Synod, as well as the written consent of the
Prime Bishop, Bishops and Supreme Council. After they have been read,
the Consecrator says:*

CONSECRATOR: Thanks be to God!

*The Bishop-elect stands before the Consecrator and makes the following
declaration.*

CHOSEN ONE: I, Charles Zawistowski, having been elected candidate for bishop on the twenty-eighth day of September 2026 by the 27th General Synod of the Polish National Catholic Church, declare in the presence of God, Who permeates the universe, and in your presence, Most Reverend Father in God, from whose hands I am to receive episcopal anointing and hallowing, as well as the plenitude of priestly authority, in the presence of the clergy and faithful here assembled, that in my life I will uphold the teachings

of Jesus Christ contained in Holy Scripture and defined as the principles of faith and norms of conduct by the first Four Councils of the Universal Church; namely, those of Nicea, Constantinople, Ephesus and Chalcedon, not excluding the three subsequent Councils of lesser importance, as well as those defined by the General Synods of the Polish National Catholic Church and the Union of Scranton.

I also solemnly promise, that henceforth I will act in concert, conjunction and unity with the Prime Bishop of the Polish National Catholic Church or with his rightfully chosen successors, in matters of faith, morals, and ecclesiastical discipline, and, furthermore, in such actions as the convoking of diocesan synods, the formation of clergy, and the relationship with other Christian Churches and secular authorities.

I regard episcopal dignity as a ministry transmitted to me by God and by Jesus Christ for the well-being and salvation of the People of God. The most important task and sacred obligation for me will be the preaching of the Gospel, the administering of the holy sacraments, ministering to and governing the diocese in a spirit of love, brotherhood, and righteousness in accordance with the statutes of the Polish National Catholic Church and the Union of Scranton. At this solemn and important moment of my life, I humbly beg you, Most Reverend Consecrator, and you, Bishops, as well as the priests and faithful here present, to pray for me.

SIGNING OF THE DECLARATION OF SCRANTON

At this time the Bishop-elect signs the Declaration of Scranton.

COMMISSION, PROMISE, AND EXAMINATION

(The Consecrator addresses the Bishop-elect.)

CONSECRATOR: Jesus commanded His Apostles: “Go into the entire world and proclaim the Gospel to all creatures. You will receive the power of the Holy Spirit, Who will descend upon you, and you will be My witness to the ends of the earth.”

The Church lives through all ages by this command and this promise. United with the Apostles and their proclamation, we confess ourselves as the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. Within this fellowship the Bishop has the particular task of proclaiming the Lord’s Resurrection, expounding the Gospel, and attesting to the Lordship of Christ.

You have been called to keep watch over the faith, unity and order of the Church.

You have been called to celebrate the sacraments of the New Covenant and to have care for their administration; to ordain priests and deacons, and to assist at the consecration of bishops.

You are called to be in all things a devoted shepherd and a true example for the flock of Christ.

With your brother bishops you bear the concern of the Church in the entire world.

Your inheritance is the faith of Patriarchs and Prophets, of Apostles and Martyrs, of Christians of every generation who have looked to God with hope.

It will be your joy to follow Him, Who came not to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.

Love all those whom God entrusts to you. Above all do not forget the poor and sick, the homeless and strangers.

Share the concerns of the Church everywhere and be prepared to stand by it energetically in its time of need.

The Church has elected you to be a candidate for the office of Bishop. Bishops who stand in fellowship with you today will lay their hands upon you.

Uphold and strengthen the fellowship among all Christians; be bound together in love and truth with your brothers in the episcopate; and do everything, so that all the baptized may be one; in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Dear brother in Christ, you have heard what the Church expects of a bishop. Therefore, I ask you:

Are you prepared, in obedience to Jesus Christ, to serve the Church as Bishop?

(The candidate responds.)

CHOSEN ONE: Yes, with the help of God, I am so prepared.

(The Consecrator addresses the congregation.)

CONSECRATOR: My brothers and sisters, let us all proceed with the holy and important act of the bestowal of God's specific ministry upon this duly elected and certified priest here present. The outward action is being fulfilled by the laying on of hands by the Consecrator and Co-consecrators, through the anointing by the Prime Bishop and through the prayers of the bishops, priests, and faithful, while inwardly Almighty God, our Father, Creator, and Judge, through the Holy Spirit, bless, strengthen, enable, and sanctify the mind and heart of him who is to be a shepherd of God's people.

It has been tradition in the Catholic Church that before the consecration itself the Consecrator questions the one elected of God and of the people, in regards to faith, morals, and discipline. This is done so that all here present may know the conviction and faith of him whom the Church is to anoint as leader of the people.

Therefore, I shall follow this tradition, hallowed by custom, and address to the chosen one the following questions:

1. Do you believe that the almighty and merciful God, as the Creator, has called everything which exists into being, governs the world, and brings it to a design intended by Him?

(The candidate responds.)

CHOSEN ONE: I do so believe.

2. Do you believe that God is One in His being, might, and wisdom, that He has revealed Himself in outward form and in time to the human race in three Divine Persons as Creator and Preserver, as Savior and Teacher, and as Life-giving Spirit and Sanctifier?

CHOSEN ONE: I do so believe.

3. Do you believe that God desires the happiness and salvation of all those created in His image and likeness; and that what God intends must and will be fulfilled in time and by the degree determined by Him?

CHOSEN ONE: I do so believe.

4. Do you believe that in order to convey, sanctify, perfect and save this work of human development, God has sent upon earth Jesus Christ, His Son, Who, through His perfect teaching and also through means called sacraments and through the Church as teacher and guardian of souls and steward of divine graces, leads people to the attainment of the highest good, of relative happiness in temporal life, and of salvation in life beyond the grave?

CHOSEN ONE: I do so believe.

5. Do you believe that God has called the Church to the apostolic work which Christ the Lord began and handed down to us through His disciples?

CHOSEN ONE: I do so believe.

6. Do you believe that you are to be one of those called anew to labor in the vineyard of the Lord; and are you prepared in this regenerated and saving spirit to work among God's people, to suffer

for God and His holy cause, to patiently bear sorrow, want, anguish of soul and body, persecution, and, if need be, slander, imprisonment, and even the shedding of blood for the sake of Jesus and His holy Church?

CHOSEN ONE: I do so believe.

CONSECRATOR: Let it be with you and to all of us according to this faith and readiness, which God through His Holy Spirit has poured into the hearts and minds of all those, who have faithfully and perseveringly followed Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who with God the Father and with the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, for ever and ever. Amen.

After this prayer the Bishop-elect approaches the Consecrator, who embraces him saying:

CONSECRATOR: Peace be with you.

At this time the Mass begins with the Hymn of Faith.

THE HYMN OF FAITH

Hymnal of the PNCC –Hymn 1

To Thee we come, O Lord, our God,
Before Thine altar, Father.
Thou knowest best our yearning hearts;
This supplication answer.
Lift up from want Thy people, Lord,
Bless us, O God; O Father, bless our toil.

We ask Thee not for bliss in life,
Nor golden treasure's splendor
But that we enter in the strife,
Christ's kingdom to engender.
Lift up from sin Thy people, Lord,
And strengthen us; O Father, bless our toil.

And grant us faith, sustain our strength,
As for Thy cause we struggle,
And when we falter punish us,
True God and Righteous Leader.
And 'neath Thy banner gather us;
Renew us, Lord; O Father, bless our toil.

Under Thy cross we stand prepared,
To serve Thee with devotion;
Be it with sweat of blood or tears,
Or humble resignation.
For we Thy people are, O Lord,
Save us, O God; O Father, bless our toil.

THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

INTRODUCTORY RITE

Celebrant: In the name of the Father ✠ and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Response: Amen.

Celebrant: Lord, bless us with the wisdom to praise You in spirit and in truth, so that by following Your holy will we may gain eternal salvation.

Response: Amen.

THE PENITENTIAL RITE

The celebrant invites the congregation to join in the prayer of confession with a suitable invitation.

**I confess to almighty God,
in the presence of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
all the saints and you,
my brothers and sisters,
that I have sinned through my own fault
striking the breast three times and continuing
in my thoughts, in my words,
in what I have done
or failed to do.**

**I ask the Blessed Virgin Mary,
all the saints and you,
my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord,
our God.**

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

R. Amen.

The celebrant imparts the absolution, saying:

C. May our Lord Jesus Christ absolve you and, with His authority vested in me, I absolve you from all your sins: in the name of the Father, ✠ the Son and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

Incense is now placed in the thurible and the celebrant incenses the crucifix and the entire altar. A song or hymn may be offered.

THE ENTRANCE HYMN

(Ezekiel 36:26-27)

V. I will give you a new heart and place a new spirit within you, taking from your bodies your stony hearts and giving you natural hearts.

R. I will put My Spirit within you and make you live by My Statutes, careful to observe My decrees.

V. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

R. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE KYRIE

C. Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

C. Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

C. Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

THE GLORIA

**Glory 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 sins 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.**

THE OPENING PRAYER

C. Peace be with you.
R. And also with you.

C. Let us pray.
We are blessed, O God,
by the feast of Your holy Apostles,
Saints Simon and Jude.

As we remember them
for their missionary work and martyrdom,
may we be inspired by their example.
Grant that this servant to be anointed
and hallowed this day,
whom You have chosen
as an instrument of Your incomprehensible design,
may fulfill his duties with zeal, faith and dignity.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,
Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

SIT

THE FIRST READING

A Reading from the Book of the Sirach

(44:22b-23; 45:2-4,5b-7)

The blessing of all people and the covenant he made to rest on the head of Jacob; he acknowledged him with his blessings, and gave him his inheritance; he divided his portions, and distributed them among twelve tribes. From his descendants the Lord brought forth a godly man, who found favor in the sight of all.

He made him equal in glory to the holy ones, and made him great, to the terror of his enemies. By his words he performed swift miracles; the Lord glorified him in the presence of kings. He gave him commandments for his people, and revealed to him his glory. For his faithfulness and meekness, he consecrated him, choosing him out of all humankind.

Gave him the commandments face to face, the law of life and knowledge, so that he might teach Jacob the covenant, and Israel his decrees.

He exalted Aaron, a holy man like Moses who was his brother, of the tribe of Levi. He made an everlasting covenant with him, and gave him the priesthood of the people. He blessed him with stateliness, and put a glorious robe on him.

L. This is the Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Psalm 19:2-5)

F. Nowowiejski, arr. Elfman

Their mes - sage goes out through all the earth.

L. The heavens declare the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims His handiwork.
Day pours out the word to day,
and night to night imparts knowledge.

R. Their message goes out through all the earth.

L. Not a word nor a discourse
whose voice is not heard;
Through all the earth their voice resounds,
and to the ends of the world, their message.

R. Their message goes out through all the earth.

THE SECOND READING

A Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians

(2:19-22)

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

L. This is the Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Before the Alleluia Verse the Consecrator kneels before the altar of Sacrifice. The Bishop-elect, having removed his chasuble, prostrates himself. The first action of the Consecration begins with the LITANY OF THE SAINTS.

KNEEL

THE LITANY OF THE SAINTS

Lord, have mercy	Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.
Christ, hear us.	Christ, graciously hear us.
God, the Father of Heaven	Have mercy on us.
God, the Son, Redeemer of the world	Have mercy on us.
God, the Holy Spirit	Have mercy on us.
Blessed Trinity, One God	Have mercy on us.
Holy Mary	Pray for us.
Holy Mother of God	Pray for us.
Holy Virgin of virgins	Pray for us.
St. Joseph	Pray for us.
Holy Angels and Archangels	Pray for us.
Holy Order of Blessed Spirits.	Pray for us.
Holy Patriarchs and Prophets	Pray for us.
Holy Apostles and Evangelists	Pray for us.
Holy Disciples of the Lord	Pray for us.
Holy Innocents	Pray for us.
Holy Bishops and Confessors	Pray for us.
Holy Doctors and Fathers of the Church	Pray for us.
Holy Priests and Levites	Pray for us.
Holy Monks and Hermits	Pray for us.
Holy Virgins and Widows	Pray for us.
St. John the Baptist	Pray for us.
St. Paul, Apostle to the Gentiles	Pray for us.
St. Andrew	Pray for us.
St. Matthew	Pray for us.
Sts. Simon and Jude	Pray for us.
St. Luke the Evangelist	Pray for us.
St. Basil the Great	Pray for us.
St. Gregory of Nazianzus	Pray for us.
St. Gregory of Nyssa	Pray for us.

St. John Chrysostom	Pray for us.
St. Augustine	Pray for us.
St. Anselm	Pray for us.
St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr	Pray for us.
St. Willibrord	Pray for us.
St. Olaf, Patron of Norway	Pray for us.
Blessed Jerome Savonarola	Pray for us.
Holy Martyrs	Pray for us.
Blessed Jan Hus	Pray for us.
Blessed Francis Hodur	Pray for us.
Blessed Joseph Padewski	Pray for us.
Be merciful to us	Spare us, O Lord.
Be merciful to us	Hear us, O Lord.
From all evil	Deliver us, O Lord.
From all sins	Deliver us, O Lord.
From Your wrath	Deliver us, O Lord.
From sudden and unexpected death	Deliver us, O Lord.
From anger, hatred and all evil	Deliver us, O Lord.
From lightning and hurricane	Deliver us, O Lord.
From the scourge of earthquake	Deliver us, O Lord.
From the plague, famine and war	Deliver us, O Lord.
From everlasting death	Deliver us, O Lord.
From all misfortune of body and soul	Deliver us, O Lord.
Through the mystery of the Incarnation	Deliver us, O Lord.
Through Your coming and birth	Deliver us, O Lord.
Through Your baptism and holy fasting	Deliver us, O Lord.
Through Your Word and example	Deliver us, O Lord.
Through Your cross and passion	Deliver us, O Lord.
Through Your death and burial	Deliver us, O Lord.
Through Your resurrection and ascension	Deliver us, O Lord.
Through the coming of the Holy Spirit	Deliver us, O Lord.
In the day of judgment	Deliver us, O Lord.
We sinners, entreat You	Deliver us, O Lord.

That You would pardon our iniquities,	Hear us, O Lord.
That You would withdraw punishment from us,	Hear us, O Lord.
That You would bring us to true penance	Hear us, O Lord.
That You would govern and protect Your Holy Church,	Hear us, O Lord.
That You would grant peace and unity to the entire human family,	Hear us, O Lord.
That You would confirm and sustain us in Your holy service,	Hear us, O Lord.
That You would lift our minds to heavenly aspirations,	Hear us, O Lord.
That You would hasten the coming of Your Kingdom on earth,	Hear us, O Lord.
That You would graciously accept our petitions,	Hear us, O Lord.

*Here the Consecrator stands and, turning to the Bishop-elect who
remains prostrate, says the following:*

That You would bless ✠ this chosen one	Hear us, O Lord.
That You would bless ✠ and sanctify ✠ this chosen one,	Hear us, O Lord.
That You would bless ✠ and sanctify ✠ and consecrate ✠ this chosen one,	Hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world,	Forgive us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world,	Hear us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world,	Have mercy on us.
Christ, hear us.	Christ, graciously hear us.
Lord, have mercy,	Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

After the Litany is ended, the Consecrator rises and stands in front of the Altar of Sacrifice and the Bishop-elect rises and then kneels before the Consecrator. The Consecrator with the assistants places the open Book of Gospels upon the head and shoulders of the Bishop-elect, and then he places his hands upon the head of the Bishop-elect. The Co-consecrators also encircle the Bishop-Elect and place their hands upon his head together with the Consecrator. The Consecrator and Co-consecrators together say:

Receive the Holy Spirit

After the Bishop-elect has had hands laid upon him, he stands in front of the consecrator who sings the following prayer

CONSECRATOR: Almighty and eternal God, grant the fullness of priestly grace on this, Your Chosen One, bless him and grant that his life may abound in noble deeds. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God,

The Consecrator sings the Consecratory Preface.

for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

C. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

C. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

C. Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

R. It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

C. Father, all powerful and ever-living God, we do well always and everywhere to give You thanks through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, Source of honor for all who minister to Your glory in Holy Orders.

You instructed Your servant Moses concerning divine worship. You commanded that Aaron, Your chosen high priest, should be clothed in vestments of mystical significance during the Liturgy.

The vestments of that older priesthood prefigured the adornment of our minds, while in our eyes, it is not splendor of vestments, but beauty of soul that enhances a bishop's dignity.

And so, we beg You, Lord, to pour on this, Your chosen one, whom You have called to the fullness of the priesthood, Your grace, that it may shine forth in his character and conduct.

The Consecrator concludes in a prayer tone:

Graciously bestow, almighty and everlasting God, on this, Your chosen priest, the plenitude of Your ministry. Bless him with Your anointing dew and endow him with every heavenly gift, so that his life may abound in noble deeds. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

The Consecrator intones the Hymn to the Holy Spirit. Then he sits as the Chosen One approaches him and kneels before him.

COME, THOU CREATOR

**Come, Thou Creator, Spirit blest,
And in our souls take up Thy rest;
Come with Thy grace and heavenly aid,
To fill the hearts which Thou hast made.**

**Great Paraclete, to Thee we cry,
O highest gift of God most high;
O living Fount, O Fire, O Love,
And sweet anointing from above.**

**The Mystic sevenfold gifts are Thine,
Finger of God's right hand divine;
The Father's promise sent to teach,
The tongue a rich and heav'nly speech.**

**All glory while the ages run,
Be to the Father and the Son;
Who gave us life, the same to Thee,
O Holy Ghost, eternally. Amen.**

During the singing of the hymn the Consecrator sits and the Chosen One kneels before him. He anoints the top of his head with Holy Chrism, while saying:

CONSECRATOR: May God, almighty and merciful, the Father, ✠ the Son, and the Holy Spirit anoint and sanctify your head.

CHOSEN ONE: Amen.

*The Consecrator rises and intones the
Hymn of the Polish National Catholic Church*

THROUGH THE YEARS

**Through the years unto Thee, O Lord,
Faithful service we have rendered,
At the break of dawn marched sunward,
At the chains of bondage straining.**

**Unto Thee we built a temple,
Which for us became a treasure,
Pouring gifts of faith and courage,
In it is our hope forever.**

**Christ Himself speaks from its altars,
As He spoke throughout the ages,
To the poor among His people,
When their blinded eyes He opened.**

**Now again He comes from heaven,
Midst the lab'ring, toiling people,
In the form of Bread and God's Word,
To His humble, needful people.**

**When in doubt by Him we are strengthened,
From degrading sin He lifts us,
Animates us and enobles,
From a dormant slumber wakes us.**

**He pours new life into our souls,
Fires our hearts with passion sacred,
In contrition He refines us,
As a sword of steel we're tempered.**

**Through the storms of life He guides us,
'Midst the thunder and the tempest,
Christ is ever there before us,
But are we, Lord, always faithful?**

**Would to God we be faithful ever,
Would to God this sacred banner,
In our souls and hearts be opened,
Until death our life does sever.**

*After this hymn is sung, the Consecrator sits and anoints the hands
of the Chosen One with Holy Chrism, saying:*

CONSECRATOR: May your palms be sanctified with the holy oil of Chrism, just as You, Lord, commanded the anointing of kings and prophets who were to serve You for greater purposes. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

CHOSEN ONE: Amen.

The Consecrator binds the anointed hands of the Chosen One. The Consecrator washes his hands, then he blesses the pectoral cross, sprinkles it with holy water and hands it to the Chosen One, saying:

CONSECRATOR: Receive this cross, the sign of sacrifice, love, and devotion.

CHOSEN ONE: Amen.

The Consecrator blesses the crozier, sprinkles it with holy water and hands it to the Chosen One, saying:

CONSECRATOR: Receive this pastoral staff, the sign of episcopal authority, and in love, patience, understanding and righteousness endeavor to fulfill your office of instructing, improving and perfecting the souls entrusted to your care.

CHOSEN ONE: Amen.

The Consecrator blesses the bishop's ring, sprinkles it with holy water and hands it to the Chosen One, saying:

CONSECRATOR: Receive this ring, a sign of faith and your unity with the Church of God.

CHOSEN ONE: Amen.

The Consecrator hands the Book of Gospels to the Chosen One, saying:

CONSECRATOR: Receive the Book of Gospels. Go forth, proclaim the Word of God to the faithful with zeal and without fear, for God will support you with His grace.

CHOSEN ONE: Amen.

The Consecrator gives the Chosen One the Kiss of Peace, saying, "Peace be with you." The Co-consecrators do the same. The Chosen One replies: "And also with you."

The newly consecrated bishop washes his hands. He puts on a chasuble and takes his place.

The Mass continues with the Alleluia.

ALLELUIA VERSE

(Acts 4:33)

James Chepponis



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- V.** With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favor was accorded them all.
- R.** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE GOSPEL

(Luke 6:12-16)

- D.** The Lord be with you.
- R.** And also with you.
- D.** ✠ A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke.
- R.** Glory be to You, Lord.

If incense is used, the thurible with incense is brought to the celebrant or deacon who now incenses the Book of Gospels and then proceeds with the proclamation of the Word.

Now during those days he went out to the mountain to pray; and he spent the night in prayer to God. And when day came, he called his disciples and chose twelve of them, whom he also named apostles: Simon, whom he named Peter, and his brother Andrew, and James, and John, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James son of Alphaeus, and Simon, who was called the Zealot, and Judas son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

- D.** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- R.** Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

HYMN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Holy Spirit Come Dwell Within Us

**Holy Spirit, come we ask You,
saving grace we need from You.
Through this heav'nly revelation
may our stubborn will be moved.
May we fully comprehend,
guided by Your constant hand.
Standing on Your words of promise,
we confirm and praise Your goodness.**

THE HOMILY

**The Most Rev. Anthony A. Mikovsky
Prime Bishop - Polish National Catholic Church**

The Prime Bishop intones the Creed

THE PROFESSION OF FAITH *[Nicene Creed]*

**I believe in One God,
the Father, the Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**I 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 and for our salvation**

**He came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
He was born of the Virgin Mary
here genuflect
AND BECAME MAN.**

**For our sake He was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day He rose again
in fulfillment of 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.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and Giver of Life
Who proceeds from the Father.
With the Father and the Son
He is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in One, Holy, Catholic
and Apostolic Church.
I acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
I look for the resurrection
of the dead
and the ☩ life of the world to come.
Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

C. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Celebrant: Let us pray for the Church and all who serve God and His people.

Lector: Our response is: “Christ Jesus, hear our prayer.”

L: For the Polish National Catholic Church and the Union of Scranton, that they may be a beacon for and a home to people of all nations who aspire to union with the pristine faith of the undivided Christian Church. In faith we pray:

R: Christ Jesus, hear our prayer.

L: For the Bishops of our Polish National Catholic Church: our Prime Bishop Anthony, our Bishops John, Paul, Bernard, and Robert, may these servants in Christ’s vineyard manifest the diverse gifts of the Holy Spirit. In faith we pray:

R: Christ Jesus, hear our prayer.

L: For the newly chosen one of the Church: Bishop Charles: may the episcopal ministry passed on to him this day be fruitful and may he continue to be an instrument of Christ to build up His Church. In faith we pray:

R: Christ Jesus, hear our prayer.

L: For all of the priests and deacons, that they may continue to faithfully fulfill their service to Christ and His people. In faith we pray:

R: Christ Jesus, hear our prayer.

L: For his wife Susan and family of the chosen one, may their love for God and neighbor enrich the Church of God and may it, likewise, make their home to be a sanctuary of Christ’s love and peace. In faith we pray:

R: Christ Jesus, hear our prayer.

L: For all who serve the Church in various ministries, may they reflect the love of Christ and be filled with the joy of the Spirit. In faith we pray:

R: Christ Jesus, hear our prayer.

L: For those whose service to the Church remains unseen; may God, Who sees what no one else sees, bless them and keep them in His love and care. In faith we pray:

R: Christ Jesus, hear our prayer.

L: For all the faithful, may they know, understand and appreciate the love of Christ and strive to emulate this love in their lives. In faith we pray:

R: Christ Jesus, hear our prayer.

L: For Prime Bishop Francis Hodur, and all deceased Prime Bishops, Bishops, Clergy and Faithful; may they attain everlasting joy with all the saints. In faith we pray:

R: Christ Jesus, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Loving God, how great is Your name throughout all the earth! You bless Your Church abundantly with faithful servants. Lead them into spiritual adventures that broaden the boundaries of Your love and grace. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

R. Amen.

Prior to the Offertory, the Consecrator sits and the newly-consecrated bishop presents him with gifts of a loaf of bread and an amphora of wine.

OFFERTORY HYMN

HERE I AM LORD

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people's cry. All who dwell in deepest sin My hand will save. I, Who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.

**I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away. I will break
their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will
speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?**

Refrain

**I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I
will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give My life
to them. Whom shall I send?**

Refrain

*The celebrant now takes his place at the altar after the gifts have
been placed upon the corporal.*

*The celebrant takes the paten with the bread and elevates it above
the altar, saying:*

Blessed are You, Lord God of all creation. Through Your goodness
we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands
have made. May it become for us the Bread of Life.

*The celebrant places the paten with the bread on the corporal. The
celebrant pours wine and a little water into the chalice, saying:*

By the mystery of this wine and ✠ water may we come to share in
the divinity of Christ, Who humbled Himself to share in our
humanity.

The celebrant takes the chalice and elevates it above the altar, saying:

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. May it become our Spiritual Drink.

The celebrant places the chalice on the corporal, then bowing he says:

Lord God, we ask You to receive us and be pleased with the sacrifice
we offer You with humble and contrite hearts.

Extending his hands, the celebrant continues:

Come, Holy Spirit, and bless ☩ this sacrifice which we have prepared for the glory of Your Holy Name.

The gifts are censed, then the crucifix, then the altar, the Prime Bishop, the Bishops and the faithful.

The celebrant washes his hands, saying:

Lord, wash away my iniquity; cleanse me from my sin.

The celebrant returns to the center of the altar, bows and says:

Receive this offering, most Holy Trinity, which we make in memory of the passion, resurrection and ascension of our Lord, Jesus Christ, and in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints. May they, whose memory we honor on earth, intercede for us in heaven.

Addressing the congregation with hands extended, the celebrant says:

C. Pray, my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

R. May the Lord accept this sacrifice from your hands, for the praise and glory of His name, for our good and for the benefit of His holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

C. Almighty Gracious Lord, accept our offering on the feast of Your holy apostles, Saints Simon and Jude. May these gifts bring us closer to salvation. For You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

R. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING [Preface]

C. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

C. Lift up your hearts
R. We lift them up to the Lord.

C. Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
R. It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

At the conclusion of the Preface the celebrant joins his hands and together with the people sings:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed ✠ is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Canon of St. Hippolytus

The celebrant, with hands extended, says:

We give thanks to You, God, our Father, through Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, Whom in these last days You have sent us as Savior, Redeemer and Messenger of Your will.

He is Your Word inseparable from You. Through Him You have made all things and in Him You were well pleased.

You sent Him from heaven to a virgin's womb. There He dwelt and was made flesh. He was revealed as Your Son, born through the Holy Spirit and of the Virgin.

When He suffered, He fulfilled Your will and gained for You a holy people. He stretched out His hands to free from suffering those who believed in You.

When He was betrayed to His freely chosen suffering thereby to destroy death, to break the chains of darkness, to crush hell beneath His feet, to give light to the just, to make a covenant and to manifest His resurrection, He took bread; He gave You thanks and said:

The celebrant takes the bread, elevates it a little above the altar and continues:

**TAKE AND EAT: THIS IS MY BODY
WHICH IS BROKEN FOR YOU.**

The celebrant elevates the Sacred Host, places it on the paten, and then genuflects in adoration. He continues:

In like manner He took the cup and said:

The celebrant takes the chalice, elevates it slightly above the altar, and says:

**THIS IS MY BLOOD
WHICH IS POURED OUT FOR YOU.**

Whenever you do this, do it in memory of Me.

The celebrant elevates the Chalice, places it on the corporal and then genuflects in adoration.

With hands joined, he says the following with the congregation:

**Calling then His death and resurrection to mind,
we offer You the Bread and the Cup.
We thank You for allowing us
to come before You and to serve You.**

The celebrant extends his hands over the Sacred Body and Blood, saying:

We ask You to send Your Holy Spirit upon the offering of Your holy Church to gather all in unity. Grant to all, who partake of these Holy Mysteries, the fullness of the Holy Spirit for the strengthening of their faith in the truth. So may we praise and glorify You through Your Son, Jesus Christ.

Holding the Sacred Host above the Chalice and elevating them, the celebrant says:

- C.** Through Him may glory and honor be Yours, with the Holy Spirit, in Your holy Church, now and for ever and ever.
- R. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The celebrant sings the following introduction:

- C.** Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Savior gave us:

**Our Father, Who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy Kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in 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.**

With hands extended, the celebrant sings:

Deliver us, Lord, from every evil and grant us peace in our day. In Your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety, as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

The celebrant joins his hands.

The people conclude the prayer by singing the acclamation:

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours, now and for ever.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

C. The Cup of Blessing which we bless, is it not a participation in the Blood of Christ?

The celebrant fractures the Sacred Host, saying:

C. The Bread, which we break, is it not a participation in the Body of Christ?

R. Because there is one Bread,
we who are many are one body,
for we all partake of the one Bread.

Dropping the particle of the Host into the Chalice, the celebrant says:

C. May the union of divinity and humanity in Jesus Christ bring us sanctification and eternal life.

R. Amen.

With hands extended the celebrant says:

Lord Jesus Christ, You said to Your apostles: I leave you peace, My peace I give you. Do not look at our sins, but on the faith of Your Church, and grant us the peace and unity of Your kingdom where You live for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

Extending his hands, the celebrant sings:

C. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R. And also with you.

Striking his breast, the celebrant and people together say:

**Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.**

COMMUNION PRAYER

The celebrant joins his hands and says:

C. Let us pray together:

**May the partaking of Your Body and Blood,
Lord Jesus, not be cause
for my judgment or condemnation.**

**Though I am unworthy to receive this great
Sacrament, through Your loving kindness
may it become my safeguard and healing remedy.**

**My saving Master, awaken in me a living faith,
fervent love, worship, adoration and a holy longing.**

**Through this Communion make me Your willing
servant, zealous to fulfill Your holy will.**

**May it at last unite me entirely with You,
my Lord and my God.**

The celebrant takes the Sacred Host, saying:

I will take the Bread of Heaven and call upon the name of the Lord.

The celebrant and congregation together say once:

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive You,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

The celebrant says:

May the Body of Christ bring me to everlasting life.

*The celebrant reverently consumes the Sacred Host.
Taking the Chalice, he says:*

May the Blood of Christ bring me to everlasting life.

The celebrant consumes the Blood of Christ.

THE COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL

The celebrant, holding the Sacred Host above the intinctorium, says:

This is the Lamb of God,
Who takes away the sins of the world.
Happy are those who are called to the table of the Lord.

Holding the Host before each communicant, he says:

C. The Body and Blood of Christ.
R. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN

AT COMMUNION

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POST-COMMUNION HYMN

Lord You Have Come (Polish, Spanish & English)

Pan kiedyś stanął and brzegiem szukał ludzi go towych pójść za
Nim, by łowić serca słów Bożych prawdą. O Panie, to Ty na
mnie spojrzaleś, Twoje usta dziś wyrzekły me imię, swoją barkę
pozostawiam brzegu, razem z Tobą nowy zacząć dziś łów.

Tú sabes bien lo que tengo en mi barca no hay or oni espadas,
tan solo redes y mi trabajo. Señor, me has mirado a los ojos,
sonriendo, has dicho mi nombre, en la arena, he dejado mi
barca, junto a tí buscaré otro mar.

Lord, take my hands and direct them. Help me spend myself in
seeking the lost, returning love for the love You gave me. O
Lord, with Your eyes set upon me, gently smiling, You have
spoken my name. All I longed for I have found by the water, at
Your side, I will seek other shores.

*The chalice and the celebrant's fingers are purified with wine and water.
He consumes the ablution and quietly says:*

Lord, may I possess with a pure heart that which I have taken as food, and may the Gift I have received bring me healing and strength now and for ever. Amen.

COMMUNION VERSE

V. You are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus Himself as the cornerstone.

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

C. Let us pray.

Loving Father,

You have nourished us in this Sacrament of Salvation.

May the prayers of Your Saints, Simon and Jude,

whom we honor today aid us

as we live and spread the Gospel.

We ask this in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ,

Who lives and reigns with You, and the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

*Following the Prayer After Communion, the Consecrator with mitre
on goes in front of the Altar and blesses the mitre of the newly-
consecrated bishop.*

CONSECRATOR: Most merciful Lord and God, bless and sanctify this mitre which will be placed upon the head of this, Your chosen and anointed servant. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

CHOSEN ONE: Amen.

*The Consecrator places the mitre on the head of the newly-consecrated
bishop who is kneeling.*

The Consecrator and Co-consecrators are the first to impart their blessing. Then the newly-consecrated imparts his blessing.

C. Peace be with you.

R. And also with you.

THE SOLEMN EPISCOPAL BLESSING

The Consecrator and Co-consecrators impart their blessing.

B. Blessed be the name of the Lord.

R. Now and forever.

B. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

R. Who made heaven and earth.

B. May almighty God bless you: the ✠ Father, the ✠ Son and the Holy ✠ Spirit.

R. Amen.

THE SOLEMN EPISCOPAL BLESSING

Then the newly-consecrated bishop imparts the blessing.

B. Blessed be the name of the Lord.

R. Now and forever.

B. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

R. Who made heaven and earth.

B. May almighty God bless you: the ✠ Father, the ✠ Son and the Holy ✠ Spirit.

R. Amen.

Now "Te Deum" is sung.

TE DEUM - You Are God

C: We praise You, O God.

R. We acknowledge You to be the Lord.

All the earth does worship You, -
the Father everlasting.

To You all angels cry aloud, -
The heav'ns and all the pow'rs therein.

To You cherubim and seraphim, -
continually do cry.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, -
God of Sabaoth;

Heav'n and earth are full –
of the majesty of Your glory.

The glorious company of the apostles –
praise You.

The goodly fellowship of the prophets –
praise You.

The noble army of martyrs –
praise You.

The Holy Church throughout all the world –
does acknowledge You.

The Father of an infinite majesty –
Your adorable, true and only Son.

Also, the Holy Spirit –
the Comforter.

You are the King of Glory, O Christ –
You are the everlasting Son of the Father.

When You became man to deliver us –
You did not shun the Virgin's womb.

You overcame the sting of death –
and opened the kingdom of heav'n to all believers.

You are seated at God's right hand in glory –
We believe that You will come to be our judge.

Come then, Lord and help Your people –
bought with the price of Your own blood.

Let them be numbered with Your saints –
in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save Your people. –

O Lord, save Your people.

O Lord, save Your people –

and bless Your inheritance.

Govern them –

and lift them up forever.

Day by day we magnify You –

and praise Your name forever.

O Lord –

vouchsafe to keep us from all sin.

Lord, have mercy upon us –

Have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us –

As we place our trust in You

O Lord, in You have I trusted –

Let me never be confounded.

C. Let us bless the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

R. Let us praise and magnify Him above all forever.

C. Lord, hear our prayer.

R. And let our cry come to You.

C. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

C. Let us pray.

Almighty God, merciful Father and Lord, You do not reject nor disregard any of us. Look favorably on us, Your children: strengthen and confirm us, that we, following the teaching of Your Church and serving You faithfully, would receive life everlasting. In our earthly pilgrimage, give us Your light and counsel. Grant us courage, and fill our hearts with apostolic zeal and the faith which marked Your confessors and martyrs, that we may always be ready to stand before You, our just Judge and most merciful Father.

We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

THE RECESSIONAL

(The recession from the Cathedral will form in the same manner as the procession.)

Lift High the Cross

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
‘til all the world adore His sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,
our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
‘til all the world adore His sacred name.

Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conqu’ring ranks combine.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
‘til all the world adore His sacred name.

All newborn soldiers of the Crucified
bear on their brows the seal of Him Who died.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
‘til all the world adore His sacred name.

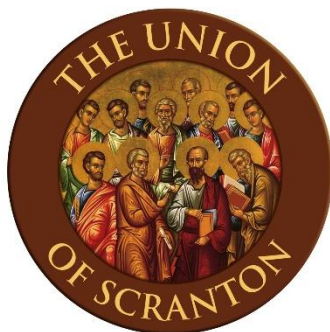
O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As Thou hast promised draw us all to Thee.

Lift High the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
'til all the world adore His sacred name.

So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory!

Lift High the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
'til all the world adore His sacred name.

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MUSIC MINISTRY

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Wes Poole – Tenor
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the Polish National Catholic Church

