October 1, 2015 A.D.

The Consecration of Bishop Thomas Schirrmacher

Church of the New Covenant • Winter Springs, FL • USA

10:00 A.M.
Acknowledgments

We wish to thank the Rt. Rev. Carl Buffington, Bishop Emissary of the Anglican Mission and the Senior Pastor of Church of the New Covenant, for graciously opening his cathedral for this consecration.

Heartfelt thanks also to the Rev. Canon Kevin Donlon for working through the jurisdictional channels of the Anglican Mission in order to secure Anglican Mission participation in the consecration service.

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When the consecration of the Rev. Dr. Thomas Schirrmacher was approved by our College of Bishops, we at first thought to consecrate him in our cathedral in Recife, Brazil. But Dr. & Mrs. Schirrmachers’ travel schedule put them in the US at this time, and in a few days Bishop Schirrmacher will participate in the upcoming Vatican Synod as a special delegate. We thought it strategically important to consecrate him before the Synod.

But an even deeper reason pointed to the consecration’s taking place at Church of the New Covenant. Bishop Schirrmacher’s global work is ecumenical and interacts with ranking church leaders in Anglican, Evangelical, Orthodox, Pentecostal, Protestant, and Roman Catholic jurisdictions of the Church. We thus believed that, for ecumenical reasons, the Anglican Mission’s participation in his consecration would prove materially and symbolically important as he moves forward.

Finally, special thanks to each one of you who is here to witness and bless this consecration. The global work before Bishop Schirrmacher is significant, and your ongoing prayers for him, his family, and his ministry team in Europe will be deeply appreciated.

In Christ Jesus our Lord,

The Rt. Rev. William Mikler
Bishop, Communio Christiana Apostolate for the Nations
Order of Service

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Call to Worship

When the people are seated and before the Procession begins, a minister will call all to worship with these words.

Minister: O Lord, open Thou our lips
People: And our mouth shall show forth Thy praise!

Processional Hymn: A Mighty Fortress is Our God

During the processional, the Bishop Elect and his wife will be escorted to their seats by the bishops.

1. A mighty Fortress is our God,
   A Bulwark never failing;
   Our Helper He amid the flood
   Of mortal ills prevailing:
   For still our ancient foe
   Doth seek to work us woe;
   His craft and power are great,
   And, armed with cruel hate,
   On earth is not his equal.

2. Did we in our own strength confide,
   Our striving would be losing;
   Were not the right Man on our side,
   The Man of God’s own choosing:
   Dost ask who that may be?
   Christ Jesus, it is He;

Lord Sabaoth His Name,
From age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

3. And though this world, with devils filled,
   Should threaten to undo us,
   We will not fear, for God hath willed
   His truth to triumph through us:
   The Prince of Darkness grim,
   We tremble not for him;
   His rage we can endure,
   For lo! his doom is sure,
   One little word shall fell him.

At the conclusion of the processional hymn, the people standing, the Bishop appointed says

People: And blessed be His kingdom, now and forever.
Amen.

The Gloria may be sung or said

Collect for Purity

All: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid.
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.

The Presentation

The bishops and people sit.
The Presiding Bishop will be seated in plain sight of the People in front of the Table, with his fellow-bishops seated on either side of him.

The Presiding Bishop will address the bishop-elect, saying

Thomas, the College of Bishops of Communio Christiana, trusting in the guidance of the Holy Spirit, has chosen you to be a bishop and apostolic emissary to serve and advance the purposes of Christ in the world, and we are prepared to lay our hands upon you and in the power of the Holy Spirit to consecrate you a bishop in the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.

Testimonial of Election

The Presiding Bishop will then read the Testimonial of Election on behalf of the College of Bishops. Other Letters may be read.

The Declaration

When the reading of the Testimonial is ended, the Presiding Bishop requires the following promise from the Bishop-elect

Thomas: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, I, THOMAS SCHIRMACHER, chosen Bishop of the Church, solemnly declare that I do believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, and to contain all things necessary to salvation; and I do solemnly engage to conform to the doctrine, discipline, and worship of the Communio Christiana.

The Bishop-elect then signs the above Declaration in the sight of all present. The witnesses add their signatures.

All stand.
The Presiding Bishop then says the following, or similar words, and asks the response of the people

Presiding Bishop Brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, witnesses to this promise, you have heard testimony given that THOMAS SCHIRMACHER has been duly and lawfully elected to be a bishop of the Church of God for the purposes of ecumenical labor with fellow Christians, the training of ministers, the propagation and defending of the Christian faith, and the establishment and right ordering of churches and other Christian institutions. You have been assured of his suitability for this office, and understand that the Church has approved him for this sacred responsibility. Nevertheless, if any of you know any reason why we should not proceed, let it now be made known.

If no objections are made, the Presiding Bishop continues

Pres. Bishop Holy people of God both lay and ordained, as trustworthy witnesses to this consecration, will you uphold Thomas as a bishop and hold him accountable to his sacred vows?

People We will.

Pres. Bishop The Scriptures tell us that our Savior Christ spent the whole night in prayer before he chose and sent forth his twelve apostles. Likewise, the apostles
prayed before they appointed Matthias to be one of their number. Let us, therefore, follow their examples, and offer our prayers to Almighty God before we ordain Thomas for the work to which we trust the Holy Spirit has called him.

The People may stand or kneel, and the Person appointed leads the Litany for Ordinations.

THE LITANY FOR ORDINATIONS

Leader  God the Father,
People Have mercy on us.

Leader  God the Son,
People Have mercy on us.

Leader  God the Holy Spirit,
People Have mercy on us.

Leader  We pray to you, Lord Christ.
People  Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader  For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the Day of your Coming, we pray to you, O Lord.
People  Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader  For all members of your Church in their vocation and ministry, that they may serve you in a true and godly life, we pray to you, O Lord.
People  Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader  For all bishops, priests, and deacons, that they may be filled with your love, may hunger for truth, and may thirst after righteousness, we pray to you, O Lord.
People  Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader  For Thomas, chosen bishop in your Church, we pray to you, O Lord.
People  Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader  That he may faithfully fulfill the duties of this ministry, build up your Church, and glorify your Name, we pray to you, O Lord.
People  Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader  That by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit he may be sustained and encouraged to persevere to the end, we pray to you, O Lord.
People  Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader  For his family and faith community, that they may be adorned with all Christian virtues, we pray to you, O Lord.
People  Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader  For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.
People  Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader  For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.
People  Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader  For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.
People  Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader  For the peace of the world that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we
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pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader For ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

People To you, O Lord our God.

The Kyrie

Leader Lord, have mercy.

People Christ, have mercy.

Leader Lord, have mercy.

At the end of the Litany, after the Kyrie, the Presiding Bishop stands and reads the Collect for the Day, or the following Collect, or both, first saying

Pres. Bishop The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Pres. Bishop Let us pray.

Leader O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Three Lessons are read. Lay persons read the Old Testament Lesson and the Epistle.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9

“Behold! My Servant whom I uphold,
My Elect One in whom My soul delights!
I have put My Spirit upon Him;
He will bring forth justice to the Gentiles.
[2] He will not cry out, nor raise His voice,
Nor cause His voice to be heard in the street.
[3] A bruised reed He will not break,
And smoking flax He will not quench;  
He will bring forth justice for truth.
[4] He will not fail nor be discouraged,  
Till He has established justice in the earth;  
And the coastlands shall wait for His law.”

[5] Thus says God the Lord,  
Who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
Who spread forth the earth and that which comes from it,  
Who gives breath to the people on it,  
And spirit to those who walk on it:  
[6] “I, the Lord, have called You in righteousness,  
And will hold Your hand;  
I will keep You and give You as a covenant to the people,  
As a light to the Gentiles,  
[7] To open blind eyes,  
To bring out prisoners from the prison,  
Those who sit in darkness from the prison house.  
[8] I am the Lord, that is My name;  
And My glory I will not give to another,  
Nor My praise to carved images.  
[9] Behold, the former things have come to pass,  
And new things I declare;  
Before they spring forth I tell you of them.”

Reader  The Word of the Lord  
People  Thanks be to God!

Responsive Reading: Psalm 100

Reader  Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *  
People  serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.  
Reader  Know this: The Lord himself is God; *  
People  he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.  
Reader  Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; *

People  give thanks to him and call upon his Name.  
Reader  For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; *  
People  and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Epistle Reading: 1 Timothy 3:1-7

This is a faithful saying: If a man desires the position of a bishop, he desires a good work. [2] A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, temperate, sober-minded, of good behavior, hospitable, able to teach; [3] not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for money, but gentle, not quarrelsome, not covetous; [4] one who rules his own house well, having his children in submission with all reverence [5] (for if a man does not know how to rule his own house, how will he take care of the church of God?); [6] not a novice, lest being puffed up with pride he fall into the same condemnation as the devil. [7] Moreover he must have a good testimony among those who are outside, lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

Reader  The Word of the Lord  
People  Thanks be to God!

Then, all standing, a Deacon or a Presbyter reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 20:19-23.

People  Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, “Peace be with you.” 20 When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. 21 So Jesus said to them again, “Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.” 22 And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.” If you forgive
the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**People**  
*Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**The Sermon**

*After the Sermon, the Congregation sings a hymn.*

**POST SERMON HYMN: The Church’s One Foundation**

1. The Church’s one foundation  
Is Jesus Christ her Lord  
She is His new creation  
By water and the Word  
From heav’n He came and sought her  
To be His holy bride  
With His own blood He bought her  
And for her life He died

2. Elect from every nation  
Yet one o’er all the earth  
Her charter of salvation  
One Lord one faith one birth  
One holy name she blesses  
Partakes one holy food  
And to one hope she presses  
With every grace endued

3. Though with a scornful wonder  
men see her sore oppressed,  
by schisms rent asunder,  
by heresies distressed;  
yet saints their watch are keeping,  
their cry goes up, “How long?”  
and soon the night of weeping

4. Mid toil and tribulation,  
and tumult of her war  
she ‘waits the consummation  
of peace for evermore;  
till with the vision glorious  
her longing eyes are blessed,  
and the great Church victorious  
shall be the Church at rest.

5. Yet she on earth hath union  
With God the Three in One  
And mystic sweet communion  
With those whose rest is won  
O happy ones and holy  
Lord give us grace that we  
Like them the meek and lowly  
On high may dwell with Thee

**The Examination**

*All now sit, except the bishop-elect, who stands facing the bishops. The Presiding Bishop addresses the bishop-elect as follows:*

**Presiding Bishop** My brother, the College of Bishops has chosen you and the witness of many has affirmed their trust in you by acclaiming your election. A bishop in God’s holy Church is called to be one with the apostles by proclaiming Christ’s resurrection, by teaching the Gospel, by calling men to faith and repentance through the grace of God, and by declaring Christ Jesus as the Lamb of God who is alone the sovereign Lord of lords and King of kings.

You are called to guard the faith, unity, mission, and 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 ordaining bishops; to
commission and uphold godly lay ministers and institutions, to lead in the evangelization and discipling of nations, and to be in all things a faithful pastor and wholesome example for the entire flock of Christ.

With your fellow bishops you will share in the leadership of the Church throughout the world. Your heritage is the faith of 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.

Are you persuaded that God has called you to the office of bishop?

Answer I am so persuaded.

The following questions are then addressed to the bishop-elect by one or more of the other bishops

Bishop Will you accept this call and fulfill this trust in obedience to Christ?

Answer I will obey Christ, and will serve in his name.

Bishop Will you be faithful in prayer, and in the study of Holy Scripture, that you may have the mind of Christ?

Answer I will, for he is my help.

Bishop Will you boldly proclaim and interpret the Gospel of Christ, enlightening the minds and stirring up the conscience of your people?

Answer I will, in the power of the Spirit.

Bishop As a chief priest and pastor, will you encourage and support all baptized people in their gifts and ministries, nourish them from the riches of God’s grace, pray for them without ceasing, and celebrate with them the sacraments of our redemption?

Answer I will, in the name of Christ, the Shepherd and Bishop of our souls.

Bishop Will you guard the faith, unity, and discipline of the Church of God?

Answer I will, for the love of God.

Bishop Will you share with your fellow bishops in the government of the whole Church; will you sustain your fellow presbyters and take counsel with them; will you guide and strengthen the deacons and all others who minister in the Church?

Answer I will, by the grace given me.

Bishop Will you be merciful to all, show compassion to the poor and strangers, and defend those who have no helper?

Answer I will, for the sake of Christ Jesus.

All stand. The Presiding Bishop then says

Presiding Bishop Thomas, through these promises you have committed yourself to God, to serve his Church in the office of bishop. We therefore call upon you, chosen to be a guardian of the Church’s faith, to lead us in confessing that faith.

Bishop-elect says: We believe in one God...

Then all say together

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 and for our salvation 
he came down from heaven: 
by the power of the Holy Spirit 
he became incarnate from 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 worshiped 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.

THE CONSECRATION OF THE BISHOP

All continue to stand, except the bishop-elect, who will prostrate himself before God in front of the Consecrating Bishops.

HYMN: Veni, Creator Spiritus

(9th Century Plainsong – Mode VIII, Sung by Mary Kuckuck)

A period of silent prayer follows, the people still standing.

Then the Bishop Elect will kneel at the Communion Rail

The Presiding Bishop then begins this Prayer of Consecration

Presiding Bishop God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, 
Father of mercies and God of all comfort, dwelling on high but 
having regard for the lowly, knowing all things before they 
come to pass: We give you thanks that from the beginning you 
have gathered and prepared a people to be heirs of the 
covenant of Abraham, and have raised up prophets, kings, and 
priests, never leaving your temple untended. We praise you 
also that from the creation you have graciously accepted the 
ministry of those whom you have chosen.

The Laying on of Hands

The Presiding Bishop and other Bishops now lay their hands upon the head of the bishop-elect. The following shall be said:

Consecrating Bishop(s) Therefore, Father, make Thomas a bishop in your Church. Pour out upon him the power of your princely 
Spirit, whom you bestowed upon your beloved Son Jesus 
Christ, with whom he endowed the apostles, and by whom 
your Church is built up in every place, to the glory and 
unceasing praise of your Name.

The Presiding Bishop continues

Presiding Bishop To you, O Father, all hearts are open; fill, we 
pray, the heart of this your servant whom you have chosen to 
be a bishop in your Church, with such love of you and of all the
people, that he may feed and tend the flock of Christ, and exercise without reproach the high priesthood to which you have called him, serving before you day and night in the ministry of reconciliation, proclaiming the gospel, declaring pardon in your Name, offering the holy gifts, and wisely overseeing the life and work of the Church. May he be ever enabled by divine power to fulfill the mission you have assigned him. In all things may he present before you the acceptable offering of a pure, gentle, holy, and courageous life; through Jesus Christ your Son, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and power and glory in the Church, now and for ever.

People Amen.

The Bishops’ Prayers & Blessings

The Vesting

The new bishop is now vested according to the order of bishops.

A Bible is presented with these words

Bishop Receive the Holy Scriptures. Feed the flock of Christ committed to your charge, guard and defend them in his truth, and be a faithful steward of his holy Word and Sacraments.

After this other symbols of office may be given. Words of exhortation may be given by the bishop(s) who present the following.

- Chimere
- Pectoral Cross
- Bishop’s Ring
- Bishop’s Staff
- Miter (Optional)
- Cope (Optional)

The Presentation of the New Bishop

The Presiding Bishop presents to the people their new bishop. The Clergy and
The Offering will be collected in good order and then presented to a Deacon who will stand in front of the Table. The Deacon will then pass the Offering to the Celebrant, who may offer a prayer of thanksgiving for the Offering and the People.

Then the celebration of the Lord’s Supper will begin.

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Rite II Eucharistic Prayer A)**

*Celebrant*  
The Lord be with you.

*People*  
And also with you

*Celebrant*  
Lift up your hearts

*People*  
We lift them up to the Lord

*Celebrant*  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

*People*  
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

*Celebrant*  
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth...through the Great Shepherd of your flock, Jesus Christ our Lord; who after his resurrection sent forth his apostles to preach the Gospel and to teach all nations; and promised to be with then even to the end of the ages.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People*

Holy, holy, holy Lord  
God of power and might  
Heaven and earth of your glory are full  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord

Holy, holy, holy Lord  
God of power and might  
Heaven and earth of your glory are full  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest  
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The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “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. Whenever you drink it, do this
for the remembrance of me.’”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.
Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Then may be sung or said

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

and may add

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. [Amen.]

or with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.]
The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]

During the ministration of Communion, hymns, psalms, or anthems may be sung.

AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant & People 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 †THOMAS may be to us an effective example in word and action, in love and patience, and in
holiness of life. Grant that we, with him, 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 for ever. Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

The new Bishop blesses the people, first saying

Bp. Thomas Our help is in the name of the Lord;
People The maker of heaven and earth.
Bp. Thomas Blessed be the name of the Lord.
People From this time forth for evermore.

The Blessing

Bp. Thomas May the blessing of God Almighty, (Θ) Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit be with you and abide with you
forever. Amen.

RECESSONAL

HYMN: Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun

1. Jesus shall reign where’er the sun
   Does His successive journeys run
   His kingdom stretch from shore to shore
   Till moons shall rise and set no more

2. To Him shall endless prayer be made
   And princes throng to crown His head
   His name like sweet perfume shall rise
   With every morning sacrifice

3. People and realms of every tongue
   Dwell on His love with sweetest song
   And infant voices shall proclaim
   Their early blessings on His name

4. Blessings abroad wherever He reigns
   The prisoner leaps to lose His chains
   The weary find eternal rest
   And all the sons of want are blest

5. Let every creature rise and bring
   The highest honours to our King
   Angels descend with songs again
   And earth repeats the loud amen

During the recessional hymn the bishops and clergy may process out. Acolytes (if
any), then Deacons, then Presbyters, and then the Bishops will process out with
the Presiding Bishop being the second-to-last and the New Bishop being last with
Staff in his hand.

DISMISSAL

A Deacon stays behind in front of the Table and dismisses the people

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of
the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Christus Victor!