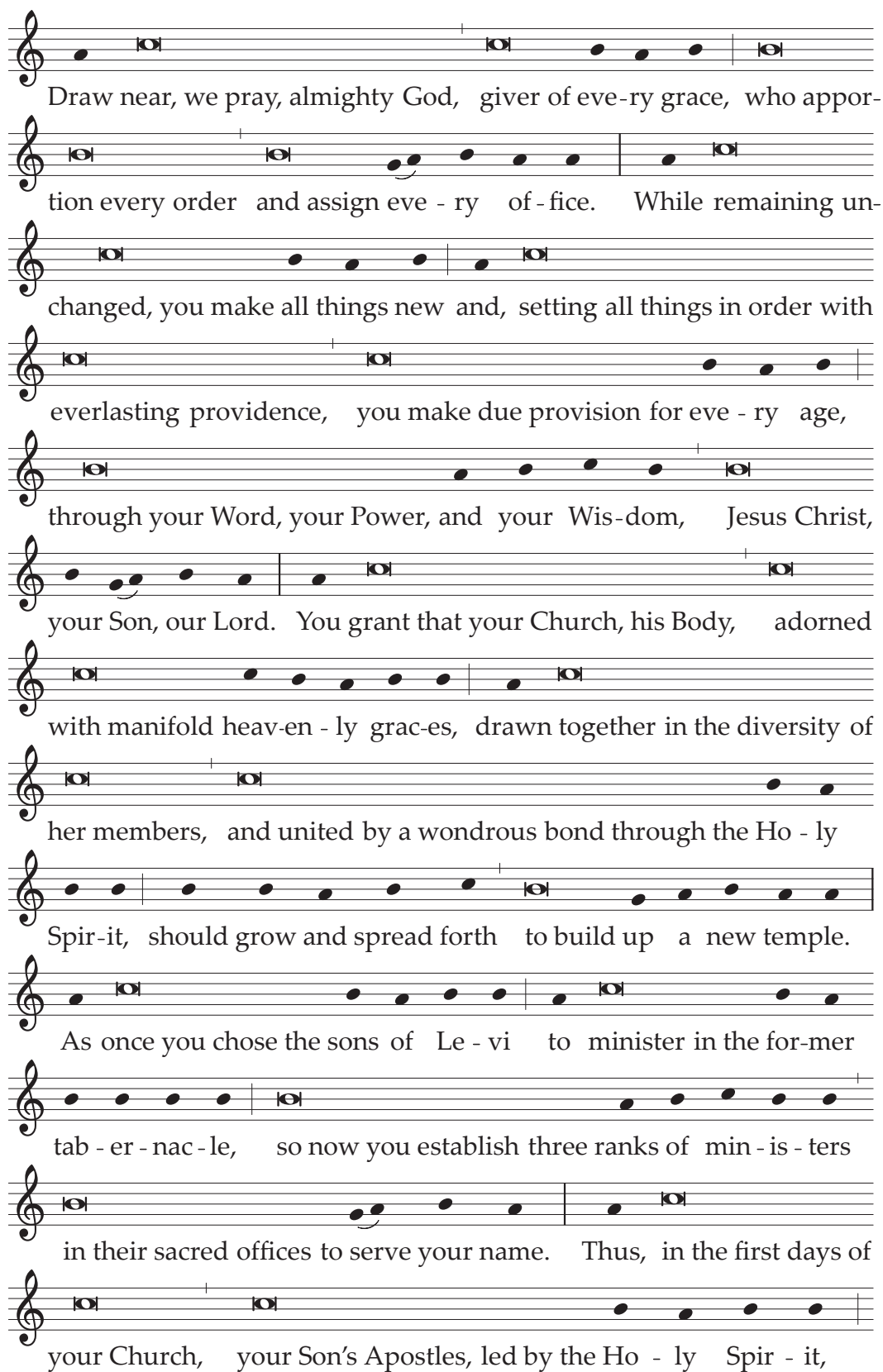


# THE ORDINATION OF DEACONS

## Prayer of Ordination of Deacons

(Chapter III, no. 207)



Draw near, we pray, almighty God, giver of eve-ry grace, who appor-  
tion every order and assign eve - ry of - fice. While remaining un-  
changed, you make all things new and, setting all things in order with  
everlasting providence, you make due provision for eve - ry age,  
through your Word, your Power, and your Wis-dom, Jesus Christ,  
your Son, our Lord. You grant that your Church, his Body, adorned  
with manifold heav-en - ly grac-es, drawn together in the diversity of  
her members, and united by a wondrous bond through the Ho - ly  
Spir-it, should grow and spread forth to build up a new temple.  
As once you chose the sons of Le - vi to minister in the for-mer  
tab - er - nac - le, so now you establish three ranks of min - is - ters  
in their sacred offices to serve your name. Thus, in the first days of  
your Church, your Son's Apostles, led by the Ho - ly Spir - it,

ap-pointed seven men of good repute to help them in the dai - ly  
min-is-try, so that they might devote themselves more fully to prayer  
and the preaching of the word. By prayer and the laying on of  
hands they entrusted to these cho-sen men the ministry of serv-ing  
at ta - ble. Look favorably also on these your servants, we pray,  
O Lord, whom we humbly dedicate to serve at your ho - ly al - tars  
in the office of the Di-ac - onate.

Send forth the Holy Spirit upon them, O Lord, we pray, that they  
may be strengthened by the gift of your sev - en - fold grace to carry  
out faithfully the work of the min-is-try.

May every evangelical virtue abound in them: unfeigned love, con-  
cern for the sick and the poor, un - assuming authority, the puri-ty  
of in - nocence, and the ob - servance of spir - it - ual dis - ci-pline.

May your precepts shine forth in their conduct, that by the example  
of their man-ner of life they may inspire the im-i-tation of your ho-ly  
peo-ple. In offering the witness of a good conscience, may they  
remain firm and stead-fast in Christ, so that, imitating your Son  
on earth, who came not to be served but to serve, they may be  
found wor-thy to reign with him in heaven. Who lives and reigns  
with you in the unity of the Ho-ly Spir-it, God, for ev-er and ev-er.

All:  
A - men.

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