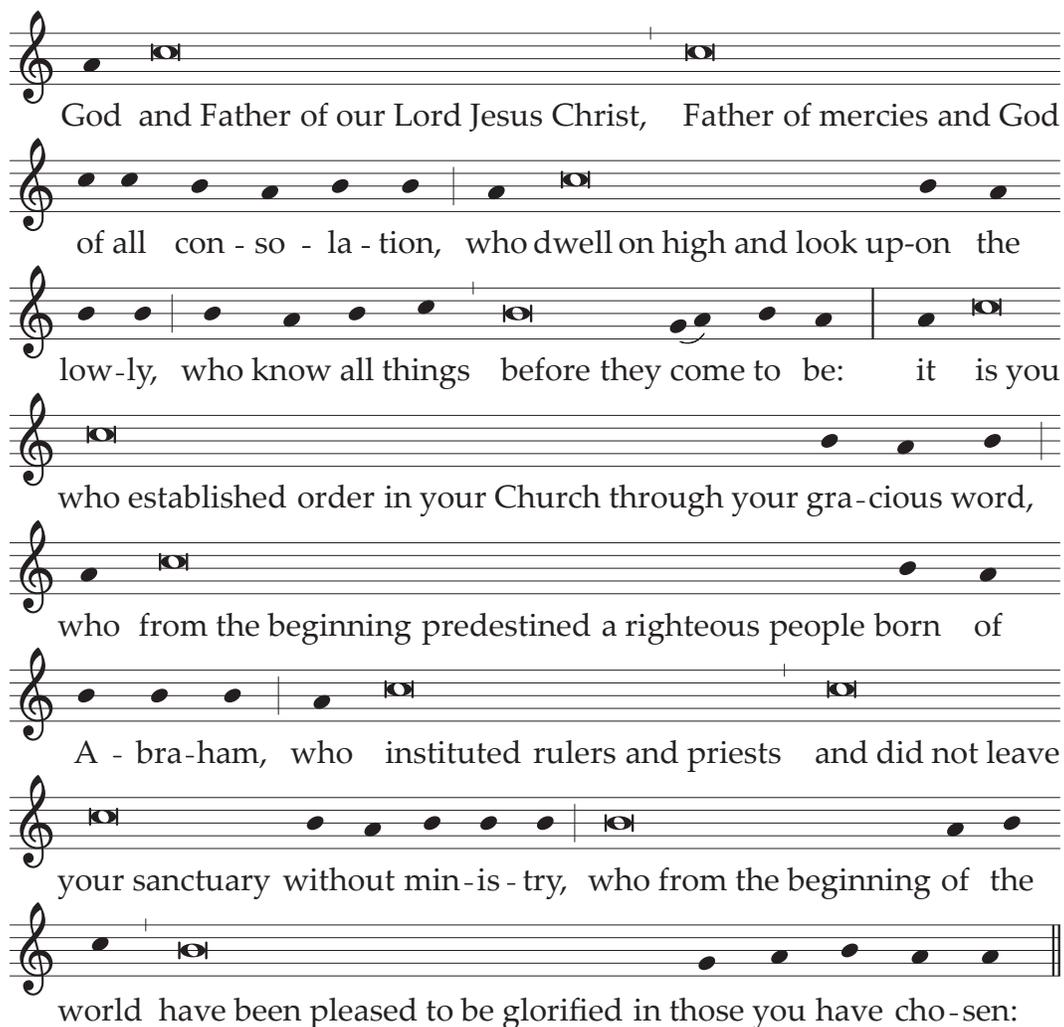
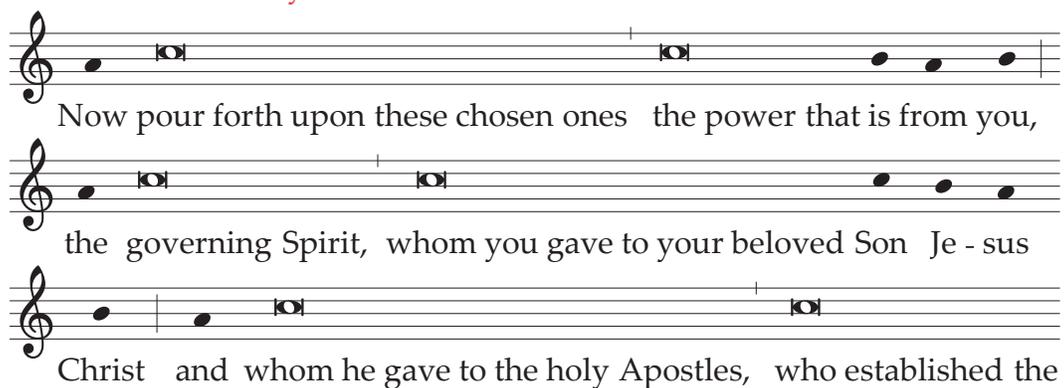


THE ORDINATION OF A BISHOP  
Prayer of Ordination of Several Bishops  
(Chapter I, no. 83)



God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Father of mercies and God  
of all con - so - la - tion, who dwell on high and look up-on the  
low-ly, who know all things before they come to be: it is you  
who established order in your Church through your gra-cious word,  
who from the beginning predestined a righteous people born of  
A - bra-ham, who instituted rulers and priests and did not leave  
your sanctuary without min-is - try, who from the beginning of the  
world have been pleased to be glorified in those you have cho-sen:

All the ordaining Bishops join in the following part of the Prayer, with hands joined, but in a low voice, so that the principal ordaining Bishop's voice is heard clearly:



Now pour forth upon these chosen ones the power that is from you,  
the governing Spirit, whom you gave to your beloved Son Je - sus  
Christ and whom he gave to the holy Apostles, who established the

Church in each place as your sanc - tu - ar - y, to the glory and  
 unfailing praise of your name.

The principal ordaining Bishop continues alone:

Grant, O Father, knower of all hearts, that these your servants whom  
 you have chosen for the Episcopate may nourish your ho - ly flock  
 and may without reproach exercise before you the High Priesthood,  
 serving you night and day; that they may unceasingly cause your  
 face to shine up - on us and offer the gifts of your ho - ly Church.  
 Grant that by the strength of the Spirit of the High Priesthood they  
 may have authority to forgive sins according to your com-mand;  
 that they may apportion offices according to your pre-cept and loos-  
 en eve-ry bond according to the authority you gave the A-postles;  
 may they be pleasing to you in meekness and puri-ty of heart,

of - fering a sweet fragrance to you through your Son Je - sus Christ,  
 through whom glory and power and honor are yours, with the Holy  
 Spirit in the ho - ly Church both now and for ev - er and ev - er.

All:  
 A - men.

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