

ORDER OF SERVICECOMMISSIONING OF CHAPLAINS

HYMN: (E.H. - 407) "Immortal, invisible, God only wise,"

Dearly beloved in the Lord, in the name of God and in the presence of this congregation, we propose now to commission the Rev. Phillip Newell, our beloved in Christ, to serve as Chaplain of Sydney Hospital and thus to give him by solemn prayer and blessing and authority of the Church for the exercise of his ministry in this Diocese. And forasmuch as the work of Chaplains and the proclamation of the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ is so grave and sacred a thing, we beseech you to join with us in devout and earnest prayer to Almighty God for His Blessing upon the whole ministry of Chaplains in the Diocese.

LET US PRAY

Almighty God, giver of all good gifts, Who of Thy Divine Providence hast appointed different orders in Thy Church, give Thy grace we humbly beseech Thee to Thy servant that he may evermore be ready to spread abroad Thy Gospel and use the authority given to them, not to destruction, but to salvation; not to hurt, but to help; replenish him with the truth of Thy doctrine and endue him with innocency of life that he may faithfully serve before Thee to the Glory of Thy Great Name and the benefit of Thy Holy Church through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(to be said by all)

O Lord, open Thou our lips

And our mouth shall shew forth Thy praise

O God, make speed to save us

O Lord, make haste to help us

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost

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

Praise ye the Lord

The Lord's Name be praised

PSALM 91

THE LESSON: The Lord's selection and commissioning of His disciples according to St. Mark, Chapter 3, 13/19 and Chapter 16, 15/20.

Commissioning of the Rev. Phillip Newell, B.Sc., B.Ed., Th.L., standing at the Communion Rail and the congregation kneeling:

Whereas God has ordained that we should be His witnesses both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and in Samaria and into the uttermost part of the earth, and whereas you have been duly called and have presented yourself to God for service as a Hospital Chaplain in this Diocese, on behalf of the Archbishop I do in the Name of God solemnly commission you for the discharge of your duties, and bid you in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ to give yourself with all diligence to this ministry. Go forth in the Name of God and as a servant of His Holy Church, and may the Lord bless your labour abundantly.

In token hereof I give into your hand your general license to minister in this Diocese and now I bid you to kneel that, together, we may seek God's guidance for your work.

Most Merciful Father, we beseech Thee to send Thy Heavenly Blessing upon Thy servant, that he may be clothed with righteousness, and that Thy Word proclaimed by Him and those who work with him may have such success that it may never be spoken in vain. Grant also that from the ministry of their word and sacraments the faithful may be enthused, the careless and indifferent may be aroused, the wicked may be turned and softened, the penitent restored, and all of one heart and mind within the fellowship of Thy Church, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, of whose only gift it cometh that Thy faithful people do unto Thee true and laudable service; look down, we beseech Thee, on this Thy servant who now has received authority for his work in Thy Church. Pour down upon him the abundance of Thy Grace; make him humble and modest in his ministrations; ready to obey those set over him in the Lord, diligent to prove and fashion his life according to Thy Blessed Word; grant that he may minister to the benefit of souls, and that he may lead many to a saving knowledge of Christ, to the edification of Thy Church and the Glory of Thy Holy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN: (E.H. - 437) "Love Divine all loves excelling"

THE CHARGE AND PRAYER

Almighty God, the Giver of all good gifts, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy; we humbly invoke Thy blessing upon this Thy servant now commissioned to assist in the work of Thy Church in this Diocese. Grant to him and to all of us here assembled a wholehearted dedication of Thy service, humility and faithfulness in the exercise of our several ministries, loyalty to those set over us in the Church, a true love of the souls for whom Christ died, a hearty desire to bring them to that knowledge of Thee which is Eternal Life, and in all things a humble submission of Thy blessed will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONCLUDING PRAYERS

Almighty God, Who has given Thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to be the Light of the World, let Thy Church, we beseech Thee, tell of Thy Salvation in Him unto all the ends of the earth. More especially we pray for our Home Mission Society, that through Thy blessing on its work those who are dead in trespasses and sins may be quickened and live, the weak may be strengthened and the fallen lifted up. Finally, we pray that by the Grace of Thy Holy Spirit, we may love and serve Thee and do Thy holy will constantly; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, Whose blessed Son Jesus Christ went about doing good, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of diseases among the people; continue, we beseech Thee, this His gracious work among us, especially in the Hospitals and Infirmarys here and in foreign lands; cheer, heal, and sanctify the sick; grant to the physicians, surgeons, and nurses wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience; and assist with Thy blessing all who are seeking to prevent suffering and to forward Thy purposes of love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

God of our life, there are days when the burdens we carry chafe our shoulders and weigh us down; when the road seems dreary and endless, the skies grey and threatening; when our lives have no music in them, and our hearts are lonely and our souls have lost their courage. Flood the path with light, we beseech Thee; turn our eyes to where the skies are full of promise; tune our hearts to brave music; give us the sense of comradeship with heroes and saints of every age; and so quicken our spirits that we may be able to encourage the souls of all who journey with us on the road of life, to Thy honour and glory. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to Whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.
