

1 *The Examination from the ordination of Bishop Bob*

2 *Saturday, March 10, 2007*

3 *The Cathedral of St. Andrew, Honolulu*

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

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7 My brother, the people have chosen you and have affirmed their trust in you by acclaiming your
8 election. A bishop in God's holy Church is called to be one with the apostles in proclaiming
9 Christ's resurrection and interpreting the Gospel, and to testify to Christ's sovereignty as Lord of
10 lords and Kings of kings.

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12 You are called to guard the faith, unity, and discipline of the Church; to celebrate and to provide
13 for the administration of the sacraments of the New Covenant; to ordain priests and deacons and
14 to join in ordaining bishops; and to be in all things a faithful pastor and wholesome example for
15 the entire flock of Christ.

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17 With your fellow bishops you will share in the leadership of the Church throughout the world.
18 Your heritage is the faith of patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and those of every
19 generation who have looked to God in hope. Your joy will be to follow him who came, not to be
20 served, but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.

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

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24 *Answer* I am so persuaded.

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

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

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

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

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35 *Answer* I will, for he is my help.

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

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40 *Answer* I will, in the power of the Spirit.

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

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47 *Answer* I will, in the name of Christ, the Shepherd and Bishop of our souls.
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49 *Bishop* Will you guard the faith, unity, and discipline of the Church?
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51 *Answer* I will, for the love of God.
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53 *Bishop* Will you share with your fellow bishops in the government of the whole
54 Church; will you sustain your fellow presbyters and take counsel with
55 them; will you guide and strengthen the deacons and all others who
56 minister in the Church?
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58 *Answer* I will, by the grace given me.
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60 *Bishop* Will you be merciful to all, show compassion to the poor and strangers,
61 and defend those who have no helper?
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63 *Answer* I will, for the sake of Christ Jesus.
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65 *All stand.*
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67 *The Presiding Bishop then says*
68 Robert, through these promises you have committed yourself to God, to serve his Church in the
69 office of bishop. We therefore call upon you, chosen to be a guardian of the Church's faith, to
70 lead us in confessing that faith.
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72 *Bishop-elect*
73 We believe in one God.
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75 *Then all say together*
76 We believe in one God,
77 the Father, the Almighty,
78 maker of heaven and earth,
79 of all that is, seen and unseen.
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81 We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
82 the only Son of God,
83 eternally begotten of the Father,
84 God from God, Light from Light,
85 true God from true God,
86 begotten, not made,
87 of one Being with the Father.
88 Through him all things were made.
89 For us and for our salvation
90 he came down from heaven:
91 by the power of the Holy Spirit
92 he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
93 and was made man.

94 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
95 he suffered death and was buried.
96 On the third day he rose again
97 in accordance with the Scriptures;
98 he ascended into heaven
99 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
100 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
101 and his kingdom will have no end.

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103 We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
104 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
105 With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
106 He has spoken through the Prophets.
107 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
108 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
109 We look for the resurrection of the dead,
110 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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112 The Consecration of the Bishop

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114 *The Veni Creator Spiritus is then sung with parts in Hawaiian, Latin and English. This prayer will also be offered*
115 *to God with hula and chant (oli). As it begins, all may be seated, except the bishop-elect, who kneels before the*
116 *Presiding Bishop. As the prayer continues in song and dance, there will be noted times for the clergy and then the*
117 *congregation to stand and join in the singing. Once the Veni Creator Spiritus is finished, the Presiding Bishop with*
118 *the other bishops standing to her right and left shall come forward to the ordinand.*

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120 *Veni Creator Spiritus (Sunnarborg setting) is sung in English, Latin and Hawaiian with pū, oli and hula.*

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

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124 *The Presiding Bishop then begins this Prayer of Consecration*

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

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133 *The Presiding Bishop and other Bishops now lay their hands upon the head of the bishop-elect, and say together*

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135 Therefore, Father, make Robert a bishop in your Church. Pour out upon him the power of your
136 princely Spirit, whom you bestowed upon your beloved Son Jesus Christ, with whom he
137 endowed the apostles, and by whom your Church is built up in every place, to the glory and
138 unceasing praise of your Name.

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140 *The Presiding Bishop continues*

141 To you, O Father, all hearts are open; fill, we pray, the heart of this your servant whom you have
142 chosen to be a bishop in your Church, with such love of you and of all the people, that he may

143 feed and tend the flock of Christ, and exercise without reproach the high priesthood to which you
144 have called him, serving before you day and night in the ministry of reconciliation, declaring
145 pardon in your Name, offering the holy gifts, and wisely overseeing the life and work of the
146 Church. In all things may he present before you the acceptable offering of a pure, and gentle, and
147 holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and
148 power and glory in the Church, now and for ever.

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150 *The People in a loud voice respond*

151 Amen.

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153 *The new bishop is now vested according to the order of bishops in a stole and chasuble.*

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155 *A Bible is presented by the Presiding Bishop with these words*

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