



THE SACRED SERVICE OF  
CONSECRATION AND AFFIRMATION



*Bishop = Elect*

ALLISON LIGHTNER

SUNDAY, THE THIRTIETH DAY OF MAY  
IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD, TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-ONE

VICTORY MINISTRIES OF CHRIST  
240 S. HILTON STREET, BALTIMORE, MD 21229



***The Sacred Service  
of  
Consecration  
for  
Bishop-Elect Allison Lightner***

Convening at  
Victory Ministries of Christ  
240 S. Hilton Street  
Baltimore, MD 21229

Sunday, the Thirtieth day of May  
In the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-One  
Four Thirty in the afternoon

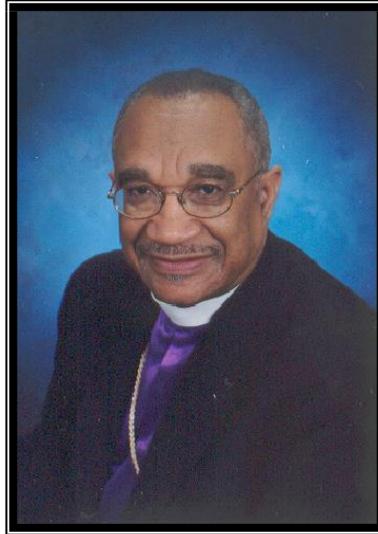
***His Grace,  
The Most Reverend Wilbert Lewis Baltimore  
Chief Consecrator***

***The Right Reverend Sterling V. Porter  
Co-Consecrator***

***The Right Reverend John D. Washington  
Officiant***

***The Most Reverend Wilbert L. Baltimore  
Kerygmatist***

*Biographical Sketch of*  
**The Most Reverend Bishop Wilbert Lewis Baltimore**



Born in Jefferson County, West Virginia to the late E. Eugene and Frances Baltimore, Bishop Wilbert L. Baltimore's ministerial gifts were exercised at an early age under the tutelage of his father, the late Bishop E. Eugene Baltimore, who was the Pastor of the Baltimore Temple Church in Ranson, West Virginia and also President and Senior Bishop of the King's Apostle Holiness Church of God, Incorporated. As he began to further seek the Lord concerning his ministry, God prepared him for a most unusual anointing. The Lord not only blessed him in a spiritual manner, but also in a way wherein he could communicate and relate to people on many levels.

Bishop Wilbert Baltimore was ordained as a licensed minister by the King's Apostle movement in 1965, where he held such positions as Minister of Music, Moderator of the Youth Conference and National Field Supervisor. In 1980, Dr. Baltimore was consecrated a Bishop in the movement. Over time, he was consecrated and served as Vice Bishop. In September of 1999, the Lord called Senior Bishop E. Eugene Baltimore to his eternal rest. Today, Chief Apostle Wilbert L. Baltimore stands as the Presidential and Apostolic Successor to his late Father.

In October of 1967, the Lord visited Apostle Wilbert Baltimore in a vision and showed him a field that needed harvesting – some of the crop was ripe and some was not. The Lord then equipped and directed him to move his family to Maryland. In March of the following year, the Holy Temple Church of God was established. Under Apostle Baltimore's guidance and leadership, the Holy Temple Church of God has now become the Holy Temple Cathedral (HTC); having moved from a little building in Jessup, MD with 4 members, to the "Church House" on (Anne) Arundel on the Bay in Annapolis, MD, to the "little church on the corner" at Kirby Lane and Dorsey Avenue, to building a church on 7.2 acres of property on Bestgate Road. On March 8, 2018, the Lord allowed HTC to purchase the former Sojourner-Douglass College campus at 135 Stepneys Lane in Edgewater, MD. The building consists of the Sanctuary

which seats 170 people, 6 classrooms which seats 25 people, a Computer Lab, a Children's Room, a Chemistry Room, a Conference Room, a Health Room, a Bookstore, a Library, 2 Kitchens, an Administrative Suite with 8 offices and the "EMBRACE," a beautiful memorial garden on the premises, erected in honor of civil rights activist Coretta Scott King. On this property, plans are currently underway to build a new edifice which will seat 650-700 members. This has been Chief Apostle Wilbert Baltimore's vision, to provide a multi-purpose complex that would be the General Headquarters to the King's Apostle Church World Ministries and that would serve the needs of the Holy Temple Cathedral and the surrounding communities.

Dr. Baltimore is an accomplished teacher, lecturer, minister, administrator, and musician, who in addition to his pastoral duties, was an elementary school Principal and Administrator in the Anne Arundel County School System. His academic accomplishments include a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Shepherd College; a Masters in Elementary Administration from the George Washington University; a Doctor of Divinity from the Trinity Hall College; a PhD in Religion from the North Carolina College of Theology; a Doctor of Biblical Studies from the North Carolina College of Theology; and appointment to "Who's Who," for the 2006-2009 National listing of the Heritage Registry. Chief Apostle Baltimore is the proud father of four daughters: Rochelle Eileen, Carol Antoinette, and the twins, Angela Louise, and the late Annette Lynn, and he is "Pop-Pop" to five grandsons: Kirk, Kameron, Marcus, Trent, and Traton.

*Biographical Sketch of*  
**Bishop Elect Allison Lightner**



A native Baltimorean, Bishop Elect Allison Fowlkes Lightner was raised in Baltimore County, Maryland. She was educated in the Baltimore County Public School system and is a graduate of Woodlawn High School. She preached her initial sermon on October 19, 2003. After which she was trained and nurtured by her former pastor and mother in ministry Rev. Dr. Frances “Toni” Draper.

Bishop Elect Lightner's ministerial roots are in the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church (AME Zion). She received two levels of ordination, deacon and elder, 2008 and 2009, respectively. In May 2008 she founded the New Light AME Zion Church.

After 5 years of service in the AME Zion Church, Bishop-Elect Lightner was ordained under the apostolic covering of Dr. Karen S. Bethea and the Set the Captives Free Pastoral Alliance on December 28, 2014. With this transition the beloved New Light AME Zion Church was transformed to Light of the World Outreach Center. Bishop Elect served as the Senior Pastor for 11 years.

January 2020 Bishop-Elect Lightner transitioned under the apostolic covering of Apostle Wilbert L. Baltimore, Chief Apostle of King's Apostle Church International, Incorporated. She was elected to the office of Bishop in October 2020.

In addition to serving as the apostolic leadership of Kingdom Lighthouse Assemblies (KLA) she is the Executive Director of Lighthouse Community Development Corporation. A Non-profit organization whose main focus is to be a hub in the community; and to assist with the needs of those who live in the community.

Bishop Elect holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biblical Studies and will complete her Master of Divinity in Pastoral Leadership in December 2021.

Bishop Elect Lightner is married to her devoted husband, Deacon John Lightner. Together they share six wonderful children.

## PREFACE TO THE ORDINAL

The Holy Scriptures and ancient Christian writers make it clear that from the apostle's time, there have been different ministries within the Church. In particular, since the time of the New Testament, three distinct orders of ordained ministers have been characteristic of Christ's Holy Catholic (Universal) Church. First, there is the Order of Bishops who carry on the apostolic work of leading, supervising and uniting the church. Secondly, associated with them are the presbyters, or ordained elders, in subsequent times generally known as priests. Together with the bishops, they take a part in the governance of the Church, in the carrying out of its missionary and pastoral work, and the preaching of the Word of God and administering His Holy Sacraments. Thirdly, deacons assist the bishops and elders in all of this work. It is also a special responsibility of deacons to minister in Christ's Name to the poor, the sick, the suffering, and the helpless.

The persons who are appointed and recognized by the Church as being called by God to the ordained ministry are admitted to these sacred orders by solemn prayer and the laying on of Episcopal hands. It has been, and is, the intention and purpose of this Church to maintain and continue these three orders; and for this purpose, these services of ordination and consecration are appointed. No persons are allowed to exercise the offices of bishop, elder, deacon, or wear insignia of this Church unless they are so ordained or have already received such ordination with the laying on of the hands by bishops who are themselves duly qualified to confer Holy Orders.

It is also recognized and affirmed that the threefold ministry is not the exclusive property of this portion of Christ's Universal Church, but it is a gift from God for the nurture of His people and the proclamation of His Gospel everywhere. Accordingly, the manner of ordaining in this Church is to be such as has been and is most generally recognized by Christian people as suitable for conferring the sacred orders of bishop, elder, and deacon.

**The Consecration of the Vestments  
And  
The Signing of the Credentials**

3:30 p.m.  
The Honorable  
Chief Apostle Wilbert Lewis Baltimore  
Presiding

*During this closed ceremony in the Episcopal chamber, the Bishop-Elect will be inducted into the College of Bishops, with bishops, presbyters, adjutants, and designated deacons in attendance. The first vestment is granted to the Ordinand for the episcopacy and the bishops present endorse all credentials. The seals of the Church, the Episcopacy are affixed to the documents during this solemn ceremony.*

Hymn

Opening Prayer

Scripture ..... Timothy 3:1-9

Affirmation

The Signing of Credentials

*Bishop's Credentials  
The Affirmation of the Sacred College of Bishops*

The Consecration of Vestments

*Cassock, Rochet, Cincture, Zucchetto, Chimere, Mitre, Tippet  
Cope, Crozier, Cross, Ring and Bible*

Prayer of Consecration..... Episcopal Appointment

The Robing of Vestment

Processional to the Sanctuary

# **\*The Order of Processions**

Officers of Kingdom Lighthouse Assemblies & Light of the World Outreach Center  
Elders of Kingdom Lighthouse Assemblies & Light of the World Outreach Center  
Diaconate of Kingdom Lighthouse Assemblies & Light of the World Outreach  
Center

## **\* THE EPISCOPAL PROCESSION**

**The Cross Bearer**

**The Chief Adjutant**

**Adjutants**

Visiting Bishops

**Adjutants**

Sacred College of Bishops

**Adjutants**

The Bishop-Elect

**Adjutants**

The Kerygmatisist

**Adjutants**

The Co-Consecrators

**Adjutants**

The Chief Consecrator

***\* Congregation Please Stand***

# The Order of Service

**PRELUDE** - *Medley of Melodies, Hymns & Spiritual Songs*

**THE ENTRANCE:** “*Holy, Holy, Holy*” – *All Standing*

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
Which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,  
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
Perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

*With Processions being ended, the congregation remains standing and sings The Hymn.*

**THE HYMN OF CELEBRATION**

***My Hope is Built on Nothing Less***

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name.

When darkness seems to hide His face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace.  
In every high and stormy gale,  
My anchor holds within the veil.

His oath, His covenant, His blood,  
Support me in the whelming flood.  
When all around my soul gives way,  
He then is all my Hope and Stay.

When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
Oh may I then in Him be found.  
Dressed in His righteousness alone,  
Faultless to stand before the throne.

*Refrain*

*On Christ the solid Rock I stand,  
All other ground is sinking sand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.*

*The people standing the Officiant says:*

**“Whoever would be great among you must be your servants, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as ransom for many.” Mark 10:43-45 RSV.**

*The Bishop appointed shall say:*

**To God, our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be glory in the church.**

**People:** From generation to generation forever. Amen.

*The Bishop then says:*

**Almighty and everlasting God by your Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: receive our prayers which we offer before you for all members of your “Holy Church that in their vocation and ministry they may truly serve you through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.**

*People:* **Amen.**

*The congregation may be seated.*

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC** (*Sister Susie McNeill*)

**"His Eye is On the Sparrow"**

*The Officiant says:* **Let us pray.**

**Eternal Father, through your Holy Spirit you have appointed many, bless your servant Allison now called to be a bishop. Maintain her in your truth, renew her in your holiness, and make her your ever faithful servant, through Jesus Christ Our Lord**

*People:* **Amen.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*The Officiant and people shall read together:*

**God, you gave your servants grace eloquently to proclaim your righteousness in the great congregation, and fearlessly to bear reproach for the honor of your Name. Mercifully grant to all bishops and pastors such excellence in preaching and faithfulness in ministering your word that your people may be partakers with them of the glory that shall be revealed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*People:*                   **Threefold Amen.**

## **MINISTRY OF MUSIC** *(REBIRTHING MINISTRIES VOICES OF INSPIRATION)*

### THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

### THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

***Elder Leslie Thurman (says): A Lesson from the Word of God written in the forty-second chapter of the Book of the Prophet Isaiah beginning at the first verse.***

“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.

He will not cry out, nor raise *His voice*,  
Nor cause His voice to be heard in the street.

A bruised reed He will not break,  
And smoking flax He will not quench;  
He will bring forth justice for truth.

He will not fail nor be discouraged,  
Till He has established justice in the earth;  
And the coastlands shall wait for His law.”

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:

“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,

To open blind eyes,  
To bring out prisoners from the prison,  
Those who sit in darkness from the prison house.

I *am* the LORD, that *is* My name;  
And My glory I will not give to another,  
Nor My praise to carved images.

Behold, the former things have come to pass,  
And new things I declare;  
Before they spring forth I tell you of them.”

*After the Lesson, the reader says:* **This is the Word of the LORD**

*People:* **Thanks be to God**

## **THE EPISTLE**

***Elder-Elect Cynthia Wright (says): A Reading from the fourth chapter of Paul's Second Epistle to the Corinthians beginning at verse one.***

Therefore, since we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we do not lose heart. But we have renounced the hidden things of shame, not walking in craftiness nor handling the word of God deceitfully, but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them. For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shown in our hearts to *give* the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. *We are* hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; *we are* perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed— always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So, then death is working in us, but life in you.

*After the Lesson, the reader says:* **This is the Word of the LORD.**

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

*Then all standing, **Bishop Travis M. Buckley** (says):*

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. But a hireling, *he who is* not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep. I am the good shepherd; and I know My *sheep and* am known by My own. As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock *and* one shepherd.

*After the Gospel, the Reader says: **This is the Gospel of Christ.***

*People: **Praise to Christ our Lord.***

## THE OFFERTORY

**HYMN OF PREPARATION** (*REBIRTHING MINISTRIES VOICES OF INSPIRATION*)

## THE KERYGMA

***The Most Reverend Wilbert L. Baltimore, D.D., Ph.D.***

Chief Apostle,  
Senior Bishop and General President  
King's Apostle Church International, Inc.  
Senior Pastor  
Holy Temple Church of God International, Inc.  
Annapolis, Maryland

## HYMN OF CONSECRATION

# **The Rite of Ordination and Consecration**

## **The Presentation**

*The bishops and people sit. Representatives of the church, both Elders and Lay persons, standing before the Chief Consecrator, present the Bishop-Elect saying:*

**Your Grace, Bishop of the Church of God, the officers, clergy, and people of the jurisdictions of Kingdom Lighthouse Assemblies and Light of the World Outreach Center trusting in the guidance of the Holy Spirit, have accepted Allison Lightner to be our Bishop. We therefore ask you to lay your hands upon her in the Name of Jesus Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit to consecrate her Bishop in the one, holy, ecumenical, and apostolic church.**

*Presiding Prelate directs:*

**Let the Authority of the Ordination be read.**

*The General Secretary of said organization shall read the letter of Mandate of Appointment.*

*When the reading of The Mandate is ended, the Chief Consecrator requires the following promise from the Bishop-Elect.*

## **The Declaration**

*The Presiding Bishop now requires the following promise from the Bishop-Elect.*

*The Bishop-Elect makes the following declaration:*

**In the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, I, Allison Lightner, chosen bishop of the Church solemnly declare that I do believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be the Word of God and to contain all things necessary to salvation; I do solemnly promise to conform to the doctrine, discipline and worship of the Church and I do pledge myself to render due obedience to the canons of this Church so help me God through Jesus Christ.**

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

*All Stand*

*The Presiding Bishop then says the following words and asks the response of the people.*

## **The Apostolic Response**

**Brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, you have heard testimony given that Allison Lightner has been duly and lawfully elected bishop of the Kingdom Lighthouse Assemblies, Incorporated to serve the Jurisdiction aforementioned. You have been assured of her suitability and that the Church has approved her for this sacred responsibility. Nevertheless, if any of you know any reason why we should not proceed, let this now be made known.**

*If no objection is made, the Presiding Prelate continues:*

**Is it your will that we ordain Allison Lightner?**

*The people respond in these words: That is our will.*

*Presiding Bishop says: Will you uphold Allison Lightner as Bishop?*

*The People respond in these words: We will.*

## **The Examination**

*All now sit, except the Bishop-Elect, who stands facing the bishops.*

*The Presiding Prelate addresses the Bishop-Elect.*

**My sister, Allison, a bishop is called to lead in serving and caring for the people of God and to work with them in the overseeing of the Church, promoting its mission, proclaiming Christ's death and resurrection, and working for justice and truth in the world.**

**As Bishop you will share with your fellow Bishops a special responsibility to maintain and further the unity of the Church, to uphold its discipline, and to guard its faith.**

**It will be your duty to watch over and pray for all those committed to your care, and to teach them, speaking in the Name of Jesus and interpreting His gospel; to govern the church after the example of the Apostles, to know your people and to be known by them; to celebrate and to provide for the administration of the Sacraments of the New Covenant to ordain elders and deacons, and to join in the ordaining of bishops; to guide those who serve with you and enable them to fulfill their ministry; and to be in all things a faithful pastor and wholesome example for the entire flock of Christ.**

*The Presiding Prelate then says:*

**In order that we may know your mind and purpose, and that you may be.**

**strengthened in your resolve to fulfill your ministry, you must answer the questions we now put to you.**

*The Presiding Prelate (Bishop):*

**Do you believe that God has called you to the Office of a Bishop in *His* Church?**

*Answer:*       **I do believe that God has called me.**

*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:*       **Do you accept the Holy Scriptures as uniquely revealing the work of God and containing all things necessary for eternal salvation through faith in Jesus Christ?**

*Answer:*       **I do accept them.**

*Bishop:*       **Will you teach and proclaim the Gospel of the Kingdom of God Inaugurated by Jesus and declare its meaning to the world?**

*Answer:*       **I will, by the help of God.**

*Bishop:*       **Will you devote yourself to prayer, to reading the Holy Scriptures, and to such studies as may deepen your faith and increase your love, reverence, and service to God?**

*Answer:*       **I will for the love of God.**

*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:*       **Will you accept the discipline of the Church and faithfully exercise authority within it?**

*Answer:*       **I will by the help of God.**

*Bishop:*       **Will you be faithful in ordaining and commissioning those whom you believe God has called, and will you constantly guide, support, and encourage them and all others who minister in the Church?**

*Answer:*       **By the help of God, I will.**

*Bishop:*       **Will you strive to fashion your own life and that of your family and household according to the way of Christ, so that you may be a wholesome example to all people?**

*Answer:*       **By the help of God, I will.**

*Bishop:*       **Will you promote unity, peace, justice, and love among all people and especially among those whom you serve?**

*Answer:*       **I will by the help of God.**

*Bishop:*       **As a chief elder 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 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 Jesus Christ.**

*The Presiding Prelate says:*

**Almighty God, who gives you the will to do all these things, grant you grace, and power to perform them, that He may complete the good work He has begun in you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*The Presiding Prelate then says:*

**The Scriptures tell us that our Savior 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 examples and offer our prayers to Almighty God before we ordain Allison for the work to which we trust the Holy Spirit has chosen her.**

## **The Consecration Ordination and Apostolic Affirmation**

*Bishop-Elect kneels before the Presiding Prelate. The other Bishops stand to the right and to the left of the Presiding Prelate. The Presiding Prelate stretches out his hand toward the Bishops and says:*

**We praise and glorify you, Almighty Father, because you have formed throughout the world a holy people for your own possession, a royal priesthood, a universal church.**

**We praise and glorify you because you have given us your only Son Jesus Christ to be the Apostle and High Priest of our faith, and the Shepherd of our souls.**

**We praise and glorify you that by His death He has overcome death, and that having ascended into heaven, He has given His gifts abundantly to your people, making some apostles: some prophets: some evangelists: some pastors and teachers: to equip them for the work of ministry and to build up His body.**

**And now we give you thanks that you have called this your servant, whom we consecrate in Your Name, to share this ministry entrusted to Your Church.**

*Now the Presiding Prelate and other Bishops lay their hands on the head of the Bishop-Elect, and the Presiding Prelate says:*

**Holy Spirit fill your servant Allison, whom we consecrate in the Name of Jesus to the office of a Bishop, and we affirm as an Apostle in the Church.**

*The Presiding Prelate then continues, with hands extended:*

**Almighty Father, fill this, your servant with the grace and power which you gave to your apostles; that she may lead those committed to her charge in proclaiming the gospel of salvation. Through her, increase your Church, renew this ministry, and unite its members in a holy fellowship of truth and love. Enable her as a true shepherd to feed and govern your flock; make her wise as a teacher, and steadfast as a guardian of the faith and sacraments. Guide and direct her in presiding at the worship of your people. Give her humility that she may use her authority to heal, not hurt; to build up, not to destroy. Deliver her from all evil, that as a ruler over your household and an ambassador for Christ, she may stand before you blameless, and finally, with all your servants, enter your eternal joy.**

**Accept our prayers, most merciful Father, through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom belongs glory and honor, worship, and praise, now and forever.**

*People: Threefold Amen.*

*The Presiding Prelate addresses the new Bishop:*

**Allison, receive authority for the office and work of a Bishop and the works or gifts of an Apostle in the church of God, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Remember to stir up the grace of God, which is within you, for God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.**

## **The Investiture of the Bishop**

*The People are seated, and the new Bishop arises from her knees.*

*The new Bishop is now vested according to the order of bishops. Earlier during the Induction/Investiture ceremony into the College of Bishops, the Episcopal appointments conferred were: **Cassock, Cincture, Rochet, Chimere, and Bishop's Scarf.***

*The final and following appointment will be received. Adjutants present vestments: The College of Bishops will adorn the new Bishop as she receives the Episcopal appointments with explanation: **Bible, Cross, Ring, Cope, Mitre, Crozier***

### **THE ANOINTING OF THE NEW BISHOP**

*The Presiding Prelate anoints the Head of the new Bishop saying:*

**May Christ the Great High Priest by the holy anointing pour on you the fullness of spiritual blessing.**

*The people will all say: **Amen.***

### **THE GIVING OF THE BIBLE**

*The appointed bishop brings the Bible, and the Presiding Prelate presents the Bible to the new Bishop, saying:*

**Receive the Holy Scriptures. Guard the faith of the Church, and feed by word and sacrament the flock of Christ committed to your care.**

### **BLESSING AND GIVING OF THE PECTORAL CROSS AND BISHOP'S RING**

*The appointed Bishop brings the Pectoral Cross and Bishop's Ring to the Presiding Prelate who says a prayer of blessing over them.*

*The Presiding Prelate places the Pectoral Cross on the new Bishop saying:*

**Receive this Cross, the sign of Salvation, and may you never be ashamed to confess the Faith of Christ Crucified, Risen, Ascended and Glorified.**

*The People will all say, **Amen.***

*The Presiding Prelate presents the new Bishop with a Bishop's Ring saying:*  
**Take this ring; be merciful in your exercise of authority and be faithful to the bride of Christ.**

*The people will all say,*                    **Amen.**

**THE BLESSING AND GIVING OF THE COPE, THE MITRE, AND STAFF**

*The appointed Bishop brings the Cope and Mitre to the Presiding Prelate. The Presiding Prelate blesses it and places it on the Head of the new Bishop saying:*

**Receive this Mitre as the reminder of Pentecostal Fire and the Sign of the Helmet of Salvation and may your thinking and work for the Church of God be inspired by the Holy Spirit.**

*The People will all say,*                    **Amen.**

*The Bishop appointed brings the Crozier to the Presiding Prelate. The Presiding Prelate blesses it and presents it to the new Bishop saying:*

**Receive this staff as a sign of your pastoral office; keep watch over the whole flock in which the Holy Spirit has appointed you to shepherd the Church of God. Encourage the faithful, restore the lost, build up the Body of Christ; that when the Chief Shepherd shall appear, you may receive the unfading crown of glory.**

**The Presentation of the Bishop-Apostle**

*The Presiding Prelate presents to the people the new Bishops saying:*

**I PRESENT ALLISON LIGHTNER, BISHOP OF THE KINGDOM LIGHTHOUSE ASSEMBLIES.**

**THE PEACE**

*The new Bishop then greets the church.*

**FANFARE**

*Sound of Trumpet*

*The Presiding Prelate and other Bishops greet the new Bishop. The new Bishop greets other members of the Clergy and their relatives. The people greet one another.*

## **The Holy Eucharist**

*The Celebration of the Holy Communion will now take place. Communion will be served to the new Bishop and the College of Bishops.*

*While the Lord's Table is prepared, the Choir will sing an appropriate selection.*

*When all is prepared, the Adjutants and Mothers will bring the Host to the altar and the Celebrant will receive them and place them appropriately on the altar for consecration and distribution.*

**Celebrant: The Lord be with you**

**All: And also, with you**

**Celebrant: Lift up your hearts**

**All: We lift them up to the Lord**

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

**All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give You thanks, Father Almighty, everlasting God:**

**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 promise to be with them always, 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.**

### **BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

**Celebrant: For, on the night that He was betrayed he took bread, and when He had given thanks to you, He broke it and gave it to his disciples and said Take this, and eat it:**

**“This is my Body which is given for you Do this for the remembrance of me.”**

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."

*Celebrant* We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

*All:* Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

### **AGNUS DEI**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*All:* As our Savior has taught us, so we pray:

Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

### **POST COMMUNION**

*The Appointed Bishop leads the people in the following:*

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 Allison may be to us  
godly examples in word and  
action in love and patience,  
and in holiness of life.

*The new Bishop blesses the people, first saying:* **Our help is in the Name of the Lord.**

*People:* **The maker of heaven and earth**

*Bishop:* **Blessed be the Name of Jesus.**

*People:* **From this time forth for evermore.**

*Bishop.* **Almighty God, who for the salvation of mankind gives His people many gifts and ministries to the advancement of His glory, stir up in you the gifts of *His* grace, sustain each one of you in your own ministry: Lord Jesus Christ and remain with you forever.**

*People:* **Amen.**

*Presiding Prelate* **Go forth into the world,**

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## The Act of Unification

*All Stand and Join in the Response*

*BISHOP:* *We unite with this people and this house, **Kingdom Lighthouse Assemblies** to the King's Apostle Church International, Inc., to the worship of the living and true God and to the service of Jesus Christ, Our Lord.*

*PEOPLE:* *That together we will be devoted to the preaching of the gospel of the grace of God, for the conversion of sinners, and to the education of Christians in a knowledge of spiritual truth, in all activities of Christian Life.*

*BISHOP:* *Together shall we lift the incense of prayer and praise to God and together shall the ordinances of the Lord's house be sacredly observed.*

*PEOPLE:* *Together shall the Word of God, which liveth and abideth forever, be sounded out for the salvation of the perishing, and shine as a perpetual light to guide God's pilgrims through the night of time to the land of everlasting light.*

*BISHOP:* *Together may we help the children in sin and sorrow find a refuge from despair and ruin, and Christians a harbor to which they can resort when the tempest is high and be safe.*

*PEOPLE:* *May no discordant note of strife ever be heard within this union; no unholy spirit of pride or worldliness find entrance.*

*BISHOP: And may God graciously accept this offering of unity in His Name — an offering made by grateful hearts and willing hands and bless every heart that shares in this unification.*

*PEOPLE: As we unite, may multitudes be born to God, so that when all these here today have gone to their eternal home, others will take up the service until Jesus comes and all His are gathered home.*

*BISHOP: We unite to the glory of God, our Father, by whose favor we have built this union; to the honor of Jesus the Christ, the Son of the living God and our Savior; to the praise of the Holy Spirit, sources of life and light.*

*PEOPLE: We unite this house.*

*BISHOP: For worship and prayer and song, for the ministry of the Word, for the observance of the Holy Ordinances.*

*PEOPLE: We unite this house.*

*BISHOP: To the sanctification of the family; to the training and nurturing of our children; to the inspiration of youth and the salvation of all.*

*PEOPLE: We unite this house.*

*BISHOP: To the help of the needy; to the promotion of brotherhood; to the extension of the kingdom of God throughout the whole wide world.*

*PEOPLE: We unite this house.*

### ***Prayer of Unification***

*And now, “establish Thou the work of Thy hands upon us,  
in this our hour of unification establishing Thou it.”  
And to Thy blessed Name, O God, whose we are, and whom we serve,  
be honor and glory everlasting, through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**AMEN**

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### **The Ecclesiastical Recessional**

*When the service has ended, the final acclamation will begin with the new Bishops exiting the door first, followed by the College of Bishops with the Presiding Bishop.*

*When the Presiding Bishop reaches the door, he then pronounces the Benediction on the People of Urbi ET Orbi (city and the world).*

### **The Benediction**

**“Grace, Mercy and Peace, from God our Father,  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ be with each of you. Amen.”**

### **The Postlude**

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