

Eternal Priest

Hymn for the ordination of a man to the priesthood in the presbyteral order

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Music: Jean Sibelius

1. E - ter - nal Priest, You have be - come the Tem - ple, En - tered the tent where
2. Now in - ter - cede, fill with Your Ho - ly Spi - rit, him whom you raise to
3. Con - form his heart to Yours, E - ter - nal Shep - herd, That he may lay his
4. Glo - ry to Christ, our Al - tar, Priest and Vic - tim, In Whose self - gift, His

1. God longs to meet man, And there you of - fer through Your flesh sur - ren - dered,
2. share the rank of priest, That by his mouth Your gos - pel may be spo - ken,
3. life down for the lost, May he par - take, O Christ, in Your own Head - ship,
4. Bride has been re - stored, Praise to the Spi - rit, gi - ven through His dy - ing,

1. Your ve - ry Self, as Sa - cri - fi - cial Lamb, And in Your hour, at
2. And from his hand Your flock may know Your peace, That he may wor - thi -
3. And feed your Bo - dy, count - ing not the cost, Con - fi - gure him to
4. In Whom she is one spi - rit with the Lord, So that the Fa - ther,

1. last em - brace, as Hus - band, Her, e - ver - loved in Your e - ter - nal plan.
2. ly ap - proach Your al - tar, Off - ring through You, the Eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
3. have Your heart, O Hus - band, Which for Your Bride was o - pened on the cross.
4. from Whom both are gi - ven, Be, in the Church, e - ter - nal - ly a - dored.