Lord and Teacher, you have called us to proclaim your saving Word. May its roots grow deep within us; through us may your voice be heard. One together with our Bishop, we profess our loyalty to the preaching of the Kingdom, to your priestly ministry.

Lord and Servant, you have sent us to be brothers in this call, sent to bear the weight and struggle for the victory of all. Make us worthy of this service in a bond of charity that together we may labor for the Church’s unity.

Lord and Shepherd, you have joined us to your unrelenting search for the lost, the hurt, the sinner, gath’ring them into your Church. Grant us mercy and compassion; heal us, Lord, that we may heal. Reconcile us to each other; seal us with the Spirit’s zeal.

Lord and High Priest, you have charged us to be faithful, holy priests and to offer at the altar your great sacrifice and feast. May this celebration draw us through the priesthood that we share ever closer to your Person, to your saving work and prayer.

Lord and Savior, go before us, for by You have we been sent: bearers of your Holy Gospel and your Holy Sacraments. In communion with the Bishops, faithful to your Great Command, may we find a fruitful harvest for the Church in every land.
Lord and Teacher You Have Called Us
Hymn for the Gathering of Priests and Presbyterates

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1. Lord and Teacher you have called us to prophesy;
2. Lord and Servant, you have sent us to be mighty;
3. Lord and Shepherd, you have joined us to your flock;
4. Lord and High Priest, you have charged us to be holy;
5. Lord and Savior, go before us, for by your claim your saving Word may its roots grow deep within us;
6. through us may your voice be heard. One together with our Bishop, we profess our loyalty to the preaching;
7. for the victory of all. Make us worthy of this service in a bond of charity that together;
8. draw us through the priesthood that we share ever closer;
9. Bish - ops, faith - ful to your Great Com - mand, may we find a
10. may we labor for the Church’s unity.
11. to each other; seal us with the Spirit’s zeal.
12. to your Person, to your saving work and prayer.
13. fruit - ful harvest for the Church in every land.

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