Hymn for Presbyteral Ordination

1. That first Paschal night, gathered in their fright, the disciples
   saw their Lord. “Peace to you!” he said; “See my hands that bled!”

2. Now, as Christ commands, his disciple stands, ready to re-
   ceive God’s grace—as the Spirit’s pow’r, present at this hour,

3. Called to preach and bless, aiding in distress, called to offer
   sacrifice, bringing to rebirth ev’ry child of earth,

   They rejoiced with one accord! “As the Father once sent me,
   Fills the lacks in ev’ry place.

   so I send you forth,” said he. “Take the Spirit’s grace! Go forth from this place,

   Bind-ing sins and set-ting free!”

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Melody: Anhel Božij / When the angel came (traditional)