**GS|THW Mana Wāhine Litany**

In 1933 the first Māori woman was Deaconed

**Thanks be to God**

Until 1963 a woman was not even permitted into the St John’s college refectory for an official meal.

**Lord have mercy**

In 1976 General Synod votes to admit women to the Priesthood.

**Thanks be to God**

Appeals are lodged right up to when the “Famous Five” are priested in 1977

**Lord have mercy**

In 1977 Reverends Jean Brookes, Heather Brunton, Wendy Cranston, Rosemary Russell and Cherie Baker are Priested.

**Thanks be to God**

Until 1977 women who wanted to do theological training were forced to go overseas or do a correspondence course from Australia.

**Lord have mercy**

In 1978 Reverend Puti Hopaea Murray, the first Māori woman is Priested.

**Thanks be to God**

In 1990 Dr Penny Jamieson was ordained Bishop of Dunedin – the first woman Diocesan Bishop in the World.

**Thanks be to God**

Members of the all-male Cathedral choir hiss when Bishop Penny Jamieson processes.

**Lord have mercy**

In 2004, the Rev Eleanor Mancini was ordained in Auckland, becoming the Diocese of Polynesia’s first female Pasifika priest.

**Thanks be to God**

In 2008 General Synod adopts Standing Resolution 05 to promote equal gender representation across decision making, liturgical leadership, and the leadership of official gatherings in the Church.

**Thanks be to God**

By 2018 only 14% of General Standing Committees, commissions, and tribunals have reached this goal.

**Lord have mercy**

In 2019 Waitohiariki Quayle is ordained Bishop of Upoko o Te Ika in Te Pīhopitanga o Aotearoa.

**Thanks be to God**

Women clergy experience bullying, intimidation, and sexual harassment from members of their church and fellow clergy. In a recent study, 80% of female clergy reported experiencing sexual harassment in the Church.

**Lord have mercy**

Over 800 women have been ordained in Aotearoa New Zealand and Polynesia.

**Thanks be to God**

Since the ordination of the first woman, our church has ordained over 40 men as bishops. Six women have been ordained bishops.

**Lord have mercy**

**Look kindly on our world, our God,**

**As we suffer and struggle with one another.**

**Look kindly on your Church,**

**Driven by the same necessity;**

**And may the light we have seen in Jesus**

**Illuminate and brighten all the world.**

**Amen**

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