

**ordain**

- [ɔ:'deɪn] *v*
- церк.** посвящать в духовный сан  
to be ordained priest - быть посвящённым в священники
  - предопределять; предписывать; предназначать  
ordained by fate - предопределённый судьбой
  - юр.** предписывать; отдавать распоряжение; постановлять, устанавливать в законодательном порядке  
what the laws ordain - то, что предписывают законы

**ordain** Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**or·dain** [ordain ordains ordained ordaining] *BrE* [ɔːdeɪn] *NAme* [ɔːrdeɪn]

- verb**
- ~ **sb (as sth)** | ~ **sb + noun** to make sb a priest, minister or ↑rabbi  
• He was ordained (as) a priest last year.  
**see also** ↑ordination
  - ~ **sth** | ~ **that...** (*formal*) (of God, the law or ↑fate) to order or command sth; to decide sth in advance  
• Fate had ordained that they would never meet again.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	ordain
	BrE /ɔ: 'deɪn/
	NAme /ɔ:r 'deɪn/
he / she / it	ordains
	BrE /ɔ: 'deɪnz/
	NAme /ɔ:r 'deɪnz/
past simple, past participle	ordained
	BrE /ɔ: 'deɪnd/
	NAme /ɔ:r 'deɪnd/
-ing form	ordaining
	BrE /ɔ: 'deɪnɪŋ/
	NAme /ɔ:r 'deɪnɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Middle English (also in the sense 'put in order'): from Anglo-Norman French *ordeiner*, from Latin *ordinare*, from *ordo*, *ordin-* 'row, series, rank'.

Example Bank:

- It was ordained that the property should be returned to the original owner.
- You should keep to the law as ordained by God.

**ordain** Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

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[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: ordener, from Latin *ordinare* 'to put in order', from *ordo*; ⇒ ↑order<sup>1</sup>]

- to officially make someone a priest or religious leader ⇒ **ordination**:  
Desmond Tutu was ordained in 1960.  
**ordain somebody (as) something**  
The church voted to allow women to be ordained as priests.
- formal** to order that something should happen  
**ordain that**  
The King ordained that deer should not be hunted without a royal licence.

**ordain** Freakuency Pack

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