



# Ordination of Priests

Saturday 28 June 2025

St Peter and St Paul's Church, Great Missenden





Welcome to this ordination service. Today we give thanks for those committing their lives in service of God as they are ordained priests in the Church of England.

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Please pray for all those being ordained priest this year and for the places where they serve.

These deacons will be ordained as priests in this service:

**Alison Drury**, to serve in the Benefice of Walton, Milton Keynes

*Alison is serving her curacy in the ecumenical Partnership of Walton in Milton Keynes and is enjoying contributing to the wide range of worship styles and events in four churches with their varied congregations. She is loving the blessing and opportunity to develop her ministry with the increasing number of young people coming to the churches.*

**Lydia Lee**, to serve in the Benefice of High Wycombe

*Lydia is a curate in the High Wycombe benefice, serving across three churches. Her areas of responsibility involve baptisms, all age services and young adults. She is passionate about enabling all ages to worship together, utilising her background as a primary school teacher.*

**Jo Wigley**, to serve in the Benefice of Buckingham

*Jo is the second of three generations of ordained ministers. She has trained while working full-time as Associate Minister for Pastoral Care at Buckingham Parish church and has continued as curate there. She has enjoyed her first year of curacy and continued to grow in her role. She has particularly enjoyed baptising and preaching and is looking forward to the huge privilege of presiding at the Lord's Supper.*

**Rob Perkins**, to serve in the Benefice of Great Chesham

*Having grown up in Portugal, Rob came to the UK to attend school, where he found his faith. He studied law at university and worked as a lawyer before feeling called to lay ministry. He lives in the town with his wife Emma and their three children, Teddy, Martha and Phoebe. Rob said: "Through the encouragement of friends to get more involved in church I did just that, although hesitantly at first. I was quite quickly convinced it was a good fit for me. "I am so grateful for the ministry opportunities I now have in Chesham, and for the privilege of serving such a loving church family."*

**Simon Eves**, to serve in the Benefice of Newbury St Nicolas and Speen St Mary

*Simon is husband to Suzie and father to three wonderfully lively children. When he finds a spare moment, he enjoys reading, sports and is beginning to turn his hand to woodworking. Having come to faith while at university Simon worked for 9 years at St Mary's Maidenhead (primarily as a youth minister) before training for ordination and is coming to the end of his first year of his curacy at St Nic's, Newbury (with St Mary's, Speen) which has been a joy to be welcomed into a loving church family. Particular highlights of the first year include starting up a church football group and chatting to the people of Newbury in the local coffee shops.*

**Tim Adams**, to serve in the Benefice of Burford with Fulbrook and Taynton, Asthall with Swinbrook and Widford.

*Tim is married to Kat, and they have two children - Josh and Livvy. Prior to ordination, he worked as an engineer and then as a trainee minister for St Mary's Church, Maidenhead. He loves watching sport - particularly the NFL.*





## ***The Declaration of Assent***

*(made by the candidates before the service)*

*The Declaration of Assent is made by deacons, priests and bishops of the Church of England when they are ordained and, on each occasion, when they take up a new appointment (Canon C 15).*

### **Preface**

The Church of England is part of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church, worshipping the one true God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It professes the faith uniquely revealed in the Holy Scriptures and set forth in the catholic creeds, which faith the Church is called upon to proclaim afresh in each generation. Led by the Holy Spirit, it has borne witness to Christian truth in its historic formularies, the Thirty-Nine Articles of Religion, *The Book of Common Prayer* and the Ordering of Bishops, Priests and Deacons. In the declaration you are about to make, will you affirm your loyalty to this inheritance of faith as your inspiration and guidance under God in bringing the grace and truth of Christ to this generation and making Him known to those in your care?

### **Declaration of Assent**

I, N, do so affirm, and accordingly declare my belief in the faith which is revealed in the Holy Scriptures and set forth in the catholic creeds and to which the historic formularies of the Church of England bear witness; and in public prayer and administration of the sacraments, I will use only the forms of service which are authorised or allowed by Canon.

## ***The Oaths***

*(made by the candidates before the service)*

### **The Oath of Allegiance**

I N, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King Charles III, his heirs and successors, according to law: So help me God.

### **The Oath of Canonical Obedience**

I N, do swear by almighty God that I will pay true and canonical obedience to the Lord Bishop of Oxford, and his successors and through his delegation to the Area Bishop of Buckingham in all things lawful and honest: So help me God.



# ***The Gathering***

## **Processional Hymn**

*The ordinands and ministers process in.*

**Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,  
to his feet thy tribute bring;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
who like me his praise should sing?  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
praise the everlasting King.**

**Praise him for his grace and favour  
to our fathers in distress;  
praise him still the same for ever,  
slow to chide, and swift to bless:  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
glorious in his faithfulness.**

**Father-like, he tends and spares us,  
well our feeble frame he knows;  
in his hands he gently bears us,  
rescues us from all our foes:  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
widely as his mercy flows.**

**Frail as summer's flower we flourish;  
blows the wind and it is gone;  
but, while mortals rise and perish,  
God endures unchanging on:  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
praise the high eternal One.**

**Angels, help us to adore him;  
ye behold him face to face;  
sun and moon, bow down before him,  
dwellers all in time and space:  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
praise with us the God of grace.**

Henry Francis Lyte (1793–1847)  
based on Psalm 103

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## The Greeting

*Bishop* Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
*All* **Blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Bishop* There is one body and one spirit.  
*All* **There is one hope to which we were called;**

*Bishop* one Lord, one faith, one baptism,  
*All* **one God and Father of all.**

*Bishop* Peace be with you  
*All* **and also with you.**

*The Bishop introduces the service.*

*Bishop* God calls his people to follow Christ, and forms us into a royal priesthood, a holy nation, to declare the wonderful deeds of him who has called us out of darkness into his marvellous light.

The Church is the Body of Christ, the people of God and the dwelling-place of the Holy Spirit. In baptism the whole Church is summoned to witness to God's love and to work for the coming of his kingdom.

To serve this royal priesthood, God has given particular ministries. Priests are ordained to lead God's people in the offering of praise and the proclamation of the gospel. They share with the Bishop in the oversight of the Church, delighting in its beauty and rejoicing in its well-being.

They are to set the example of the Good Shepherd always before them as the pattern of their calling. With the Bishop and their fellow presbyters, they are to sustain the community of the faithful by the ministry of word and sacrament, that we all may grow into the fullness of Christ and be a living sacrifice acceptable to God.



## Prayers of Penitence

- Bishop* As we stand together before God, and trusting in God's grace alone, let us join together in confessing our sins.
- All* **Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**
- Bishop* God, the Father of mercies, has reconciled the world to himself through the death and resurrection of his Son, Jesus Christ, not counting our trespasses against us, but sending his Holy Spirit to shed abroad his love among us. By the ministry of reconciliation entrusted by Christ to his Church receive his pardon and peace to stand before him in his strength alone, this day and evermore.
- All* **Amen.**

## The Presentation

*The Archdeacon presents those to be ordained and each ordinand stands.*

*Archdeacon* Bishop Dave, I present  
Alison, Lydia, Jo, Rob, Simon and Tim  
to serve in the benefice of NN  
to be ordained to the office of priest in the Church of God.

*When the ordinands have been presented, the Bishop asks these questions of the Training Incumbents, Initial Ministerial Education Team and Directors of Ordinands who are present, who all stand.*

- Bishop* Have those whose duty it is to know these deacons and examine them found them to be of godly life and sound learning?
- TIs etc.* **They have.**
- Bishop* Do they believe them to be duly called to serve God in this ministry?
- TIs etc.* **They do.**



*The Bishop turns to the ordinands and says*

*Bishop* Do you believe that God is calling you to this ministry?  
*Ordinands* **I do so believe.**

*Bishop* I invite the Archdeacon to confirm that the candidates have taken the necessary oaths and made the Declaration of Assent.

*Archdeacon* They have duly taken the oath of allegiance to the Sovereign and the oath of canonical obedience to the Bishop. They have affirmed and declared their belief in 'the faith which is revealed in the Holy Scriptures and set forth in the catholic creeds and to which the historic formularies of the Church of England bear witness'.

## **The Collect**

*Bishop* Let us pray.

*A time of silent prayer is kept.*

*Bishop* God our Father, Lord of all the world,  
through your Son you have called us  
into the fellowship of your universal Church:  
hear our prayer for your faithful people  
that in their vocation and ministry  
each may be an instrument of your love,  
and give to your servants now to be ordained  
the needful gifts of grace;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**





## ***The Liturgy of the Word***

### **Old Testament Reading** *Isaiah 61:1–3*

*Reader*      A reading from Isaiah

#### **The Good News of Deliverance**

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me  
because the Lord has anointed me;  
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,  
to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives  
and release to the prisoners,  
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour  
and the day of vengeance of our God,  
to comfort all who mourn,  
to provide for those who mourn in Zion—  
to give them a garland instead of ashes,  
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,  
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.  
They will be called oaks of righteousness,  
the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.

*Reader*      This is the word of the Lord.  
*All*            **Thanks be to God.**

### **New Testament Reading** 2 Corinthians 5.17–6.2

*Reader*      A Reading from 2 Corinthians

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the one who knew no sin to be sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.



As we work together with him, we entreat you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says,

“At an acceptable time I have listened to you,  
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.”

Look, now is the acceptable time; look, now is the day of salvation!

*Reader*      This is the word of the Lord.  
*All*            **Thanks be to God.**

### **Gradual Hymn**

**Speak, O Lord, as we come to you  
to receive the food of your holy word.  
Take your truth, plant it deep in us;  
shape and fashion us in your likeness,  
that the light of Christ might be seen today  
in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfil in us  
all your purposes, for your glory.**

**Teach us, Lord, full obedience,  
holy reverence, true humility.  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
in the radiance of your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see  
your majestic love and authority.  
Words of power that can never fail;  
let their truth prevail over unbelief.**

**Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;  
help us grasp the heights of your plans for us.  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time  
that will echo down through eternity.  
And by grace we'll stand on your promises,  
and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, till your Church is built  
and the earth is filled with your glory.**

Keith Getty / Stuart Townend

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## Gospel Acclamation

### Plainchant



## Gospel Reading

Luke 10: 25-37

Reader Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke  
All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

### Jesus the Good Shepherd

“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup> They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup> I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me, <sup>15</sup> just as the Father knows me, and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

Reader This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
All **Praise to you, O Christ.**





## Sermon

*The Venerable Guy Elsmore, Archdeacon of Buckingham*

### The Creed

*The Nicene Creed is said.*

**All**      **We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the  
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and  
glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.**

**Amen.**



# ***The Liturgy of Ordination***

## **The Declarations**

*The ordinands stand before the Bishop, who addresses the congregation.*

Priests are called to be servants and shepherds among the people to whom they are sent. With their Bishop and fellow ministers, they are to proclaim the word of the Lord and to watch for the signs of God's new creation. They are to be messengers, watchmen and stewards of the Lord; they are to teach and to admonish, to feed and provide for his family, to search for his children in the wilderness of this world's temptations, and to guide them through its confusions, that they may be saved through Christ for ever. Formed by the word, they are to call their hearers to repentance and to declare in Christ's name the absolution and forgiveness of their sins.

With all God's people, they are to tell the story of God's love. They are to baptize new disciples in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and to walk with them in the way of Christ, nurturing them in the faith. They are to unfold the Scriptures, to preach the word in season and out of season, and to declare the mighty acts of God. They are to preside at the Lord's table and lead his people in worship, offering with them a spiritual sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. They are to bless the people in God's name. They are to resist evil, support the weak, defend the poor, and intercede for all in need. They are to minister to the sick and prepare the dying for their death. Guided by the Spirit, they are to discern and foster the gifts of all God's people, that the whole Church may be built up in unity and faith.

*The Bishop addresses the ordinands directly.*

**Bishop** We trust that long ago you began to weigh and ponder all this, and that you are fully determined, by the grace of God, to devote yourself wholly to his service, so that as you daily follow the rule and teaching of our Lord and grow into his likeness, God may sanctify the lives of all with whom you have to do. And now, in order that we may know your mind and purpose, you must make the declarations we put to you.



- Bishop* Do you accept the Holy Scriptures as revealing all things necessary for eternal salvation through faith in Jesus Christ?
- Ordinands* **I do so accept them.**
- Bishop* Will you be diligent in prayer, in reading Holy Scripture, and in all studies that will deepen your faith and fit you to bear witness to the truth of the gospel?
- Ordinands* **By the help of God, I will.**
- Bishop* Will you lead Christ's people in proclaiming his glorious gospel, so that the good news of salvation may be heard in every place?
- Ordinands* **By the help of God, I will.**
- Bishop* Will you faithfully minister the doctrine and sacraments of Christ as the Church of England has received them, so that the people committed to your charge may be defended against error and flourish in the faith?
- Ordinands* **By the help of God, I will.**
- Bishop* Will you, knowing yourself to be reconciled to God in Christ, strive to be an instrument of God's peace in the Church and in the world?
- Ordinands* **By the help of God, I will.**
- Bishop* Will you endeavour to fashion your own life and that of your household according to the way of Christ, that you may be a pattern and example to Christ's people?
- Ordinands* **By the help of God, I will.**
- Bishop* Will you work with your fellow servants in the gospel for the sake of the kingdom of God?
- Ordinands* **By the help of God, I will.**
- Bishop* Will you accept and minister the discipline of this Church, and respect authority duly exercised within it?
- Ordinands* **By the help of God, I will.**
- Bishop* Will you then, in the strength of the Holy Spirit, continually stir up the gift of God that is in you, to make Christ known among all whom you serve?
- Ordinands* **By the help of God, I will.**





*The congregation stands.*

*The ordinands turn and face the people.*

*Bishop* Brothers and sisters, you have heard how great is the charge that these ordinands are ready to undertake, and you have heard their declarations. Is it now your will that they should be ordained?

*All* **It is.**

*Bishop* Will you continually pray for them?

*All* **We will.**

*Bishop* Will you uphold and encourage them in their ministry?

*All* **We will.**

*The ordinands turn back to face the Bishop, who continues addressing them.*

*Bishop* In the name of our Lord we bid you remember the greatness of the trust that is now to be committed to your charge. Remember always with thanksgiving that the treasure now to be entrusted to you is Christ's own flock, bought by the shedding of his blood on the cross. It is to him that you will render account for your stewardship of his people.

You cannot bear the weight of this calling in your own strength, but only by the grace and power of God. Pray therefore that your heart may daily be enlarged and your understanding of the Scriptures enlightened.

Pray earnestly for the gift of the Holy Spirit.

*The congregation and the ordinands kneel.*



## The Prayers

*A time of silent prayer is kept and then the Veni Creator is either said or sung in the form below as a prayer for those to be ordained. The first line will be sung by a cantor.*

**All**      **Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,  
and lighten with celestial fire;  
thou the anointing Spirit art,  
who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart;**

**Thy blessed unction from above  
is comfort, life, and fire of love;  
enable with perpetual light  
the dullness of our blinded sight.**

**Anoint and cheer our soiled face  
with the abundance of thy grace;  
keep far our foes, give peace at home;  
where thou art guide no ill can come.**

**Teach us to know the Father, Son,  
and thee, of both, to be but One;  
that through the ages all along  
this may be our endless song,**

**Praise to thy eternal merit,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

*WORDS: Veni Creator Spiritus, Latin 8th or 9th century  
trans. John Cosin (1594–1692)*

*Intercessions are led for the ordinands and for the ministry of the whole Church.*

**All**      In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ,  
let us pray to the Father.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

**All**      For the peace of the whole world,  
for the welfare of the Holy Church of God,  
and for the unity of all,  
let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**





For all the members of the Church  
in their vocation and ministry,  
that they may serve him in truth and love,  
let us pray to the Lord.  
*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

For our bishops, Steven, Gavin, Dave and Mary,  
and for all bishops, presbyters and deacons,  
that they may hunger for truth and thirst after righteousness,  
let us pray to the Lord.  
*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

For N & N, called to be priests in his Church,  
let us pray to the Lord.  
*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

For the mission of the Church,  
that in faithful witness we may proclaim the gospel of reconciliation  
to the ends of the earth,  
let us pray to the Lord.  
*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

For the unity of the Church,  
that we may be one in Christ, according to his will,  
let us pray to the Lord.  
*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who are lost and for those who have strayed,  
that they may return to the way of Christ.  
let us pray to the Lord.  
*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

For the sick and suffering,  
for the aged and infirm,  
for the lonely and neglected,  
and for all who remember and care for them,  
let us pray to the Lord.  
*All* **Lord, have mercy.**



For the poor and the hungry,  
for the homeless and the oppressed,  
for all prisoners and captives,  
and for our brothers and sisters  
who are persecuted for their faith,  
let us pray to the Lord.  
*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

For Charles our King,  
for the leaders of the nations,  
and for all in authority,  
let us pray to the Lord.  
*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

For ourselves,  
for grace to repent and amend our lives,  
that we may be pardoned  
and absolved from all our sins,  
let us pray to the Lord.  
*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

Remembering all who have gone before us in faith,  
and in communion with Frideswide, Birinus and all the saints,  
we commit ourselves, one another,  
and our whole life to Christ our God;  
*All* **to you, O Lord.**



## The Ordination Prayer

*The Bishop stands to pray, priests who will share in laying hands on the ordinands also stand, while others remain kneeling.*

**Bishop** We praise and glorify you, almighty Father,  
because in your infinite love  
you have formed throughout the world  
a holy people for your own possession,  
a royal priesthood, a universal Church.

We praise and glorify you  
because you have given us your only Son Jesus Christ,  
the image of your eternal and invisible glory,  
the firstborn of all creation and head of the Church.

We praise and glorify you that by his death he has overcome death;  
and that, having ascended into heaven,  
he has given his gifts abundantly,  
to equip your holy people for the work of ministry,  
for the building up of the body of Christ.

And now we give you thanks that you have called your servants,  
whom we ordain in your name,  
to share as priests in the ministry of the gospel of Christ,  
the Apostle and High Priest of our faith,  
and the Shepherd of our souls.

Therefore, Father, through Christ our Lord we pray:

*The Bishop and assisting priests lay their hands on the head of each ordinand.*

**Bishop** Send down the Holy Spirit on your servant, N,  
for the office and work of a priest in your Church.

*After hands have been laid on all the ordinands, the Bishop continues the ordination prayer.*

**Bishop** Through your Spirit, heavenly Father,  
give your servants grace and power  
to proclaim the gospel of your salvation  
and minister the sacraments of the new covenant.  
Renew them in holiness,  
and give them wisdom and discipline  
to work faithfully with those committed to their charge.



In union with their fellow servants in Christ, may they reconcile what is divided, heal what is wounded and restore what is lost.

May they declare your blessings to your people;  
may they proclaim Christ's victory over the powers of darkness, and absolve in Christ's name those who turn to him in faith;  
so shall a people made whole in Christ  
offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to you, our God and Father, to whom, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, belong glory and honour, worship and praise, now and for ever.

*All*        **Amen.**

## The Anointing

*The newly ordained priests, still kneeling, are anointed by the Bishop with the oil of chrism on the palms of their hands.*

*Bishop*        May God, who anointed the Christ with the Holy Spirit at his baptism, anoint and empower you to reconcile and bless his people.

## The Giving of the Bible

*The newly ordained priests stand and the Bishop gives the Bible to each one saying*

*Bishop*        N, receive this book

*After all have received their Bibles, the Bishop continues*

*Bishop*        as a sign of the authority which God has given you this day to preach the Gospel of Christ and to minister his Holy Sacraments.



## The Welcome

*The newly ordained priests turn to face the congregation. On behalf of the clergy of the diocese, one of the home clergy welcomes them, saying*

*Minister*      God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself,  
and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

*All*              **We welcome you as ambassadors for Christ:  
let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.**

*The congregation greet the newly ordained priests.*

*If the newly ordained priests are vested in stole, their Training Incumbents assist them in arranging the stole to signify their new office.*

*The newly ordained priests turn back to face the Bishop.*

## The Peace

*The congregation stands.*

*Bishop*        God has made us one in Christ.  
He has set his seal upon us,  
and as a pledge of what is to come  
has given us the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.

*Bishop*        The peace of the Lord be always with you  
*All*              **and also with you.**



# ***The Liturgy of the Eucharist***

## **Taking of the Bread and Wine**

### ***Offertory Hymn***

**Lord, you give the great commission:  
“Heal the sick and preach the word.”  
Lest the church neglect its mission,  
and the gospel go unheard,  
help us witness to your purpose  
with renewed integrity:  
With the Spirit’s gifts empow’r us  
for the work of ministry.**

**Lord, you call us to your service:  
“In my name, baptize and teach.”  
That the world may trust your promise,  
life abundant meant for each,  
give us all new fervour, draw us  
closer in community:  
With the Spirit’s gifts empow’r us  
for the work of ministry.**

**Lord, you make the common holy:  
“This my body, this my blood.”  
Let us all, for earth’s true glory,  
daily lift life heavenward,  
asking that the world around us  
share your children’s liberty:  
With the Spirit’s gifts empow’r us  
for the work of ministry.**

**Lord, you show us love’s true measure:  
“Father, what they do, forgive.”  
Yet we hoard as private treasure  
all that you so freely give.  
May your care and mercy lead us  
to a just society:  
With the Spirit’s gifts empow’r us  
for the work of ministry.**



**Lord, you bless with words assuring:  
“I am with you to the end.”  
Faith and hope and love restoring,  
may we serve as you intend  
and, amid the cares that claim us,  
hold in mind eternity:  
With the Spirit’s gifts empow’r us  
for the work of ministry.**

Words: Jeffrey W Rowthorn b.1934  
Tune: ‘Abbots Leigh’ Cyril Taylor 1907-1991

*The Bishop takes the bread and wine.*

*Bishop*      Pour upon the poverty of our love,  
                 and the weakness of our praise,  
                 the transforming fire of your presence.  
*All*            **Amen.**

## **Eucharistic Prayer**

*Bishop*      The Lord be with you.  
*All*            **And also with you.**

*Bishop*      Lift up your hearts.  
*All*            **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Bishop*      Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*All*            **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*Bishop*      It is indeed right and good,  
                 our duty and our salvation,  
                 always and everywhere to give you thanks and praise  
                 through your Son Jesus Christ, our great high priest.  
                 He was lifted up for us on the cross  
                 that he might reveal your glory and draw all people to himself.  
                 You exalted him to your right hand on high  
                 and through your Holy Spirit you sent upon your people  
                 a rich diversity of gifts.  
                 From this royal priestly people you raise up ministers  
                 to proclaim your word,  
                 to care for your people  
                 and to be the stewards of your holy mysteries.



You call them to serve the world your Son redeemed  
and build up his body the Church to be his bride.  
Therefore, with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and *saying*:

*All*      **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,  
God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*Bishop*      We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
that broken bread and wine outpoured  
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he praised you.  
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended, he took the cup of wine.  
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,  
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross.  
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection  
until he comes in glory.

*All*      Great is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died:  
Christ is risen:  
Christ will come again.**





*Bishop* Lord of all life,  
help us to work together for that day  
when your kingdom comes  
and justice and mercy  
will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,  
gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us with Frideswide, Birinus and all the saints  
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,  
for ever and ever.

*All* **Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

*Bishop* As our Saviour taught us, so we pray,

*All* **Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**

## Breaking of the Bread

*The Bishop breaks the consecrated bread.*

*Bishop* We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
*All* **Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**



## Giving of Communion

*The Bishop invites the people to communion.*

**Bishop** God's holy gifts  
for God's holy people.  
**All** **Jesus Christ is holy,**  
**Jesus Christ is Lord,**  
**to the glory of God the Father.**

*The Bishop and people receive communion.*

*If you normally receive communion in your own church, you are most welcome to receive it here. If you would like a gluten-free wafer, please ask the minister when you come forward. All others are most warmly invited to come forward to receive a blessing: please bring this order of service with you so that the ministers know that you want a blessing.*

### Communion Motets

Christ has no body now, but yours

Words: Based on St Theresa of Avila  
Music: David Ogden b. 1966

Walk humbly with your God  
Words & Music: Malcolm Archer b.1952

### Communion Hymn

**Your words are spirit and life, O Lord**  
**Richer than gold, stronger than death**  
**Your words are spirit and life, O Lord**  
**Life everlasting.**

**God's law is perfect, refreshing the soul**  
**Reviving the weary spirit**  
**God's rule can be trusted: bringing us wisdom**  
**Bringing God's wisdom to birth**

**Your words are spirit and life, O Lord**  
**Richer than gold, stronger than death**  
**Your words are spirit and life, O Lord**  
**Life everlasting.**



**Living by God's truth is holy and sure  
God's presence is everlasting  
God's truth is eternal, bringing us justice  
Bringing God's justice to earth**

**Your words are spirit and life, O Lord  
Richer than gold, stronger than death  
Your words are spirit and life, O Lord  
Life everlasting**

**God's word is precious, desired more than gold  
Worth more than we dare imagine  
And, sweeter than honey, this word will feed us  
Bringing fulfilment and joy**

**Your words are spirit and life, O Lord  
Richer than gold, stronger than death**

Words: Based on Psalm 19:8–11; Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957.

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## ***The Sending Out***

### **Prayer after Communion**

*Bishop* Let us pray

*A moment of silence is kept.*

*Bishop* Lord God, heavenly Father,  
grant to your Church today  
the faith of her apostles,  
the hope of her martyrs  
and the love of her Lord,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

*All* **Amen.**



## Blessing and Dismissal

*All stand.*

*Bishop* Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
*All* **who has made heaven and earth.**

*Bishop* Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
*All* **now and for ever. Amen.**

*Bishop* God who has called you is faithful.  
May the Father, whose glory fills the heavens,  
cleanse you by his holiness  
and send you to proclaim his word.  
*All* **Amen.**

*Bishop* May Christ, who has ascended to the heights,  
pour upon you the riches of his grace.  
*All* **Amen.**

*Bishop* May the Holy Spirit, the comforter,  
equip you and strengthen you in your ministry.  
*All* **Amen.**

*Bishop* And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you always.  
*All* **Amen.**

*Bishop* Go in the peace of Christ  
*All* **Thanks be to God.**

*The Bishop leads the newly ordained priests to the main door*

## Recessional Hymn

**All my hope on God is founded;  
he doth still my trust renew.  
Me through change and chance he guideth,  
only good and only true.  
God unknown,  
he alone  
calls my heart to be his own.**



**Pride of man and earthly glory,  
sword and crown betray his trust;  
what with care and toil he buildeth,  
tower and temple, fall to dust.  
But God's power,  
hour by hour,  
is my temple and my tower.**

**God's great goodness aye endureth,  
deep his wisdom, passing thought:  
splendour, light, and life attend him,  
beauty springeth out of naught.  
Evermore  
from his store  
new-born worlds rise and adore.**

**Daily doth th' Almighty giver  
bounteous gifts on us bestow;  
his desire our soul delighteth,  
pleasure leads us where we go.  
Love doth stand  
at his hand;  
joy doth wait on his command.**

**Still from man to God eternal  
sacrifice of praise be done,  
high above all praises praising  
for the gift of Christ his Son.  
Christ doth call  
one and all:  
ye who follow shall not fall.**

Robert Seymour Bridges (1844–1930)\*

based on *Meine Hoffnung stehet feste*,

by Joachim Neander (1650–1680)

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