



# Ordination of Priests

Sunday 25 June 2023

## **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 in all things lawful and honest: So help me God.

## Welcome

Welcome to the University Church of St Mary the Virgin, Oxford. We are delighted that you have joined us today. This Order of Service will guide you through the Ordination of Priests, which is led by the Rt Revd Dr Steven Croft, the Bishop of Oxford. We welcome in particular deacons to be ordained priest today from the Oxford Episcopal Area.

The Mass Setting is *Missa brevis* by Andrea Gabrieli (1532/3–1585), sung by the University Church Choir under the direction of Robert Howarth alongside instrumentalists from the University Church. The organ is played by James Andrews.

### Children at St Mary's

We are delighted to have children worshipping with us and you are welcome to breastfeed and bottle-feed in church. A selection of toys and books is available in the Newman Room (behind the glass brick wall) next to the baby-changing facilities.

### Information About St Mary's

Toilets, including a disabled toilet and baby change, are situated at the back of church behind the glass brick wall. Entry is on the right-hand side as you look at the glass brick wall, near to the font.

Invitations to sit, stand, kneel, etc. are suggestions; please worship in whatever posture is most comfortable for you.

Please switch off mobile phones and other electronic devices before the service. You are kindly requested to refrain from making any audio or visual recording of any part of this service. This service is live-streamed and the central nave area may be visible on camera. To avoid appearing on camera, please sit in the north aisle or on the balcony. For any questions or concerns relating to photography taking place today email [communications@oxford.anglican.org](mailto:communications@oxford.anglican.org)

Communion will be distributed at three stations; please follow the direction of the stewards. If you need communion to come to you in your seat, please let one of the stewards' team know. If you would like to receive a gluten-free wafer at communion, please go to the Bishop in the central nave station and ask for gluten-free communion.

An induction loop is available in the central area of the nave. Please turn your hearing aid to the 'T' setting.

A collection will be made for The Bishop of Oxford's Outreach Fund. Please see page 26 for information about the fund.

Large print copies are available. Please ask the stewards.

# **The Gathering**

*Music is played before the service as the congregation gathers.*

*Please stand to sing as the Choir, Candidates and Ministers enter.*

## **Processional Hymn**

**Praise to the Lord,  
the Almighty, the King of creation;  
O my soul, praise him,  
for he is thy health and salvation:  
Come ye who hear,  
Brothers and sisters draw near,  
Praise him in glad adoration.**

**Praise to the Lord,  
who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under his wings,  
yea, so gently sustaineth:  
Hast thou not seen  
All that is needful hath been  
Granted in what he ordaineth?**

**Praise to the Lord,  
who doth prosper thy work, and defend thee;  
Surely his goodness and mercy  
here daily attend thee;  
Ponder anew  
All the Almighty can do,  
He who with love doth befriend thee.**

**Praise to the Lord,  
who, when tempests their warfare are waging,  
Who, when the elements madly  
around thee are raging,  
Biddeth them cease,  
Turneth their fury to peace,  
Whirlwinds and waters assuaging.**

**Praise to the Lord!  
O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath  
come now with praises before him!  
Let the Amen  
Sound from his people again:  
Gladly for ay we adore him.**

Words: Joachim Neander (1650-1680), trans Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)  
Tune: LOBE DEN HERREN, 17<sup>th</sup> century German melody. NEH 440 (v.1-4,6)

## 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 welcomes the congregation and 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* Standing in the presence of 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.**

## **Gloria in excelsis**

*Sung by the Choir*

*Gloria in excelsis Deo et in terra pax  
hominibus bonae voluntatis.  
Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus  
te, glorificamus te,  
gratias agimus tibi propter  
magnam gloriam tuam, Domine Deus,  
Rex caelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens.  
Domine Fili unigenite, Iesu Christe,  
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris,  
qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis;  
qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe  
deprecationem ominee. Qui sedes ad  
dexteram Patris, miserere nobis.  
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus, tu solus  
Dominus, tu solus Altissimus, Iesu  
Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu in Gloria Dei  
Patris. Amen.*

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth. We  
praise you, we bless you, we worship  
you, we glorify you, we praise for  
your great glory, Lord God, heavenly  
King, almighty God and Father. Lord,  
the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the  
Father, you take away the sin of the  
world: have mercy on us; you take  
away the sin of the world, receive  
our prayer; you are seated at the  
right hand of the Father: have mercy  
upon us. For you alone are the Holy  
One, you alone are the Lord, you  
alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of  
the God the Father. Amen.

*Please be seated*

## **The Presentation**

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

*Archdeacon* Bishop Steven, I present these persons to be ordained to the  
office of priest in the Church of God:

Felicity Blair, to serve in the Benefice of Littlemore with Sandford-on-  
Thames,  
Liam Cartwright, to serve in the Benefice of Cowley,  
Emily Hockliffe Essex, to serve in the Benefice of Headington Quarry,  
Joshua Hordern, to serve in the Benefice of Cowley,

John Smallman, to serve in the Benefice of Oxford Saint Michael and Saint Martin and All Saints,  
Edward Yates, to serve in the Benefice of Shaw cum Donnington.

*When the candidates have been presented, the Bishop asks these questions of the Director of Ordinands and any involved with their training, 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?

*DDO* **They have.**

*Bishop* Do they believe them to be duly called to serve God in this ministry?

*DDO* **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.

*The Candidates remain standing as 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 Candidates are seated*

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

## **New Testament Reading**

*1 Peter 3.8-15 (NRSV)*

*Reader*      A reading from the first letter of Peter

Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart, and a humble mind. Do not repay evil for evil or abuse for abuse; but, on the contrary, repay with a blessing. It is for this that you were called—that you might inherit a blessing. For

‘Those who desire life

and desire to see good days,

let them keep their tongues from evil

and their lips from speaking deceit;

let them turn away from evil and do good;

let them seek peace and pursue it.

For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,

and his ears are open to their prayer.

But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.’

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you.

*Reader*      This is the word of the Lord.

*All*          **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

## **Gradual Song**

**Holy Spirit, living Breath of God,  
Breathe new life into my willing soul.  
Bring the presence of the risen Lord  
To renew my heart and make me whole.  
Cause Your word to come alive in me;  
Give me faith for what I cannot see,  
Give me passion for Your purity;  
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.**



**Holy Spirit come abide within,  
May Your joy be seen in all I do.  
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin,  
In each thought and deed and attitude:  
Kindness to the greatest and the least,  
Gentleness that sows the path of peace.  
Turn my strivings into works of grace;  
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.**

*Please turn to face the Gospel as the procession makes its way down the Nave*

**Holy Spirit from creation's birth,  
Giving life to all that God has made,  
Show Your power once again on earth,  
Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.  
May the fragrance of our pray'rs arise;  
Lead us on the road of sacrifice,  
That in unity the face of Christ  
May be clear for all the world to see.**

Words & Music Keith Getty and Stuart Townend. A&M 249

## **Gospel Acclamation**

*Deacon* Alleluia, Alleluia. My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord.  
I know them, and they follow me.

*All* **Alleluia.**

## **Gospel Reading**

*Mark 7.24-30 (NRSV)*

*Deacon* Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

*All* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.' So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

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

*Please sit*

## **Sermon**

*preached by The Reverend Canon Dr Tess Kuin Lawton*

*Please stand*

## **The Creed**

Bishop      Let us affirm together our faith in God.

**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 congregation are seated*

# 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 candidates 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 and the ordinands turn to 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 Prayers**

*The congregation and the ordinands kneel.  
A time of silent prayer is kept and then the Veni Creator is sung*

**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 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> century  
trans. John Cosin (1594–1692) NEH 138

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

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

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.  
*All* **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, Alan, Olivia, and Gavin,  
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 Felicity, Liam, Emily, Joshua, John and Edward,  
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 do not yet believe,  
that they may receive the light of the gospel,  
and for those whose faith has grown cold,  
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 the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
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, 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 candidate.*

*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 candidates, 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 candidates, still kneeling, hold their hands, palms up, towards the Bishop who anoints them with oil of chrism.*

**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, the area dean says,*

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

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

*The congregation greet the newly ordained priests with applause.*

*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.**

**Deacon**        Let us offer one another a sign of Christ's peace

*All may greet those around them with a sign of peace saying, 'Peace be with you.'*

*During the hymn the altar is laid and a cash collection is made in aid of the Bishop's Outreach Fund*

## Offertory Hymn

**Alleluia, sing to Jesus!**  
**his the sceptre, his the throne;**  
**Alleluia, his the triumph,**  
**his the victory alone:**  
**hark, the songs of peaceful Zion**  
**thunder like a mighty flood;**  
**Jesus, out of every nation,**  
**hath redeemed us by his blood.**

**Alleluia, not as orphans**  
**are we left in sorrow now;**  
**Alleluia, he is near us,**  
**faith believes, nor questions how:**  
**though the cloud from sight received him,**  
**when the forty days were o'er,**  
**shall our hearts forget his promise,**  
**I am with you evermore?**

**Alleluia, bread of angels,**  
**thou on earth our food, our stay;**  
**Alleluia, here the sinful**  
**flee to you from day to day:**  
**Intercessor, Friend of sinners,**  
**earth's Redeemer, plead for me,**  
**where the songs of all the sinless**  
**sweep across the crystal sea.**

**Alleluia, King eternal,**  
**thee the Lord of lords we own;**  
**Alleluia, born of Mary,**  
**earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:**  
**thou within the veil hast entered,**  
**robed in flesh, our great High Priest;**  
**thou on earth both Priest and Victim**  
**in the Eucharistic feast.**

Words: W Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)

Tune: HYFRYDOL, Melody by Richard Huw Pritchard (1811-1887) NEH 271

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

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

*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 singing:

*Sung by the Choir*

*Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus  
Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt caeli et terra  
gloria tua.  
Hosanna in excelsis.  
Benedictus qui venit  
in nomine Domini.  
Hosanna in excelsis.*

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.

*Deacon* Great is the mystery of faith:  
*All* **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 the Blessed Virgin Mary, 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.**

*Please be seated*

## **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.**

## **Agnus Dei**

*Sung by the Choir*

*During the Agnus Dei the Bishop and the newly ordained priests receive communion and are handed vessels to assist with the distribution.*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,  
dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of  
the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of  
the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of  
the world, grant us peace.

*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 go to the central nave station and ask the Bishop 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.*

*Please do not intinct (dip) the wafer in the chalice.*

*If you need to receive communion in your seat, please indicate this to the steward and they will be able to ensure a minister comes to you.*

## **Music During Communion**

Listen sweet dove unto my song,  
and spread thy golden wings in me;  
hatching my tender heart so long,  
till it get wing and flie away with thee.

Such glorious gifts thou didst bestow  
the earth did like a heav'n appeare,  
the starres were coming down to know  
if they might mend their wages  
and serve here.

The sunne which once did shine alone,  
hung down his head and wisht for night,  
when he beheld twelve sunnes for one  
going about the world and giving light.

Lord though we change thou art the same,  
the same sweet God of love and light:  
restore this day for thy great name,  
unto his ancient and miraculous right.

*Listen sweet dove - Grayston Ives (b. 1957)*

Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast,  
Body of Christ, be thou my saving guest,  
Blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide,  
wash me with water flowing from thy side.

Strength and protection may thy passion be,  
O blessed Jesu, hear and answer me;  
deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me,  
so shall I never, never part from thee.

Guard and defend me from the foe malign,  
in death's dread moments make me only thine:  
call me and bid me come to thee on high  
where I may praise thee with thy saints for ay.

Words: *Anima Christi sanctifica me*, 14<sup>th</sup> century, trans Anon.  
Tune: ANIMA CHRISTI, William Maher (1823-1877) arr. David Morgan

## ***The Sending Out***

## **Prayer after Communion**

*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.**

*Please stand*

## **Final 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: Jeffery W. Rowthorn (b.1934) A&M 499  
Tune: ABBOT'S LEIGH, Cyril Taylor (1907-1991) NEH 185

## Blessing and Dismissal

*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,  
cleans 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.**

*Deacon* Go in the peace of Christ

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

*The Bishop leads the newly ordained priests to the De Brome Chapel as the organ  
voluntary is played*

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Through the fund, the Bishop of Oxford is able to respond to a wide range of requests for help, in areas such as humanitarian need, Christian education, training and mission.

In 2022, the fund received gifts totalling £20,000 and made a total of £25,000 in donations. These donations have supported 15 projects, groups and charities. Within the diocese, grants were made amongst others to support the Young People's Taizé Retreat, The Discovering Prayer App, and The Winter Night Shelter. Nationally, grants were made to A Rocha, and the Anglican Centre in Rome, and guided by the diocesan Partnership in World Mission team, our support for projects overseas included Congo Church Association, Christian Aid, CMS, MANNA, Embrace the Middle East, Tearfund and USPG.

# Diocese of Oxford Priests 2023

Please pray for all those deacons being ordained priest across the diocese this Petertide. Pray too for their families and all who support them, for their parishes, training incumbents and all with whom they serve.

## Oxford Area

To be ordained by the Rt Revd Dr Steven Croft, Bishop of Oxford,  
on Sunday 25 June at 3pm at  
The University Church of St Mary the Virgin

**Felicity Blair** to serve in the Benefice of Littlemore with Sandford-on-Thames

**Liam Cartwright** to serve in the Benefice of Cowley

**Emily Hockliffe Essex** to serve in the Benefice of Headington Quarry

**Joshua Hordern** to serve in the Benefice of Cowley

**John Smallman** to serve in the Benefice of Saint Michael and Saint Martin  
and All Saints

**Edward Yates** to serve in the Benefice of St Mary, Shaw

# **Come, Holy Ghost, Our souls inspire**



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