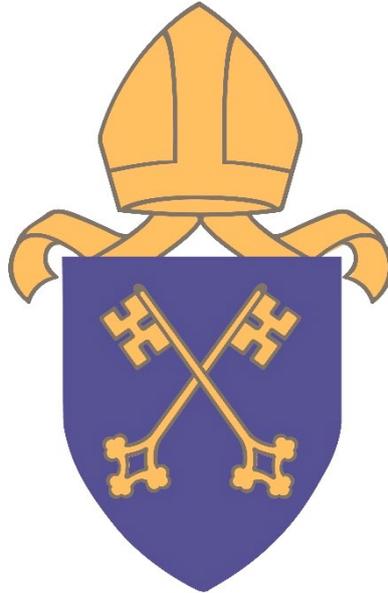


The Cathedral Church of St Peter and
The Holy and Indivisible Trinity
Gloucester



The Ordination of Deacons

Sunday 19 June 2022 at 10.15am

Episcopal Collections 2022



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Bible College in Dornakal

Our partner diocese in Dornakal is setting up a new Bible College to give theological training to an initial cohort of 20 Evangelists, and their spouses, which will enable them to be sent out to share the news of Jesus Christ across the Diocese. The Diocese of Dornakal is mostly rural so the training will be bespoke to those

being sent, with the episcopal collection supporting their studies and providing resources to strengthen the quality of education they receive.

International Partnership Bursaries for Theology

This year the Diocese of Gloucester will be offering two bursaries of £1500 to students of two of our partner Dioceses: Western Tanganyika in Tanzania and Dornakal in India. We look forward to enabling students, lay or ordained, to access higher educational studies that will enrich their own mission and ministry, and that of the Diocese they serve.



Do give generously if you can. If you gift aid the money you give to this collection, the amount raised will be increased by 25%. Thank you for your support.

The Candidates to be Ordained Deacon

Hannah Allen

*Bourton-on-the-Water with Clapton
and The Rissingtons*

Stephen Bullock

*Tetbury, Beverston, Long Newnton
and Shipton Moyne*

Catherine Coomber

Cam and Stinchcombe

Stefan Davies

*Cheltenham, St Mary with St Matthew
and St Luke*

Simon Fellows

Cheltenham, Holy Trinity

Stephen Saville

The Stroud Ministry Team

Gillian Traverse

Newnham with Awre and Blakeney

Kim Trinder

*Bisley, Chalford, France Lynch and Oakridge
and Bussage with Eastcombe*

Welcome to Gloucester Cathedral for today's Ordination

Welcome to this morning's ordination of eight deacons to serve in the Diocese of Gloucester. The candidates have spent the last four days in retreat together with the Retreat Conductor, the Venerable Karen Lund, Archdeacon of Manchester.

Karen has been Archdeacon of Manchester since 2017, but moved to the Diocese of Manchester in 2014 making the journey to the northwest from London and Chelmsford.

She has been part of a Christian community from the age of 10 years old and made her first public commitment aged 14 when she was confirmed. Ordained in 1994 at St Paul's Cathedral, Karen has served in poor urban contexts, rural and suburban ones. Her current role now includes City Centre ministry in Manchester. These diverse settings have brought joy as well as the inevitable challenges, shaping Karen's life as a disciple of Christ.

Karen's love of meditation and prayer in the contemplative/mystical tradition is a central part of her faith and spirituality.

Ordained for 28 years, Karen has held a number of roles including Prison Chaplain, Bishop's Adviser on Lay Discipleship, Interfaith ministry, CMEAC Diocesan Chair as well as sitting on a number of national church committees and involvement in trustee work including Benefact Trust [formerly All Churches Trust, the owners of Ecclesiastical Insurance].

Karen adopts an integrated approach to her life and faith, seeking wholeness of mind, body and spirit. In her free time she enjoys dancing, cycling, dog walking and has enjoyed a plant-based diet since her early 20's. She plays the flute and guitar and from time to time enjoys basket weaving.

Whilst on retreat the candidates shared in a time of preparation, prayer and reflection, and made the Declaration of Assent, printed below, swearing the Oath of Allegiance and the Oath of Canonical Obedience to the Bishop.

They come now to be ordained deacon by the laying on of the Bishop's hands and by the prayers of the whole congregation assembled to support them.

After the ordination they go to the parishes where they are to serve and begin their ministry as deacons.

Declaration of Assent

The Bishop says

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?

and each ordinand replies

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 Service

The Bishop of Gloucester will preside. The Deacon of the Rite is the Archdeacon of Cheltenham.

Our preacher today is the Venerable Karen Lund, Archdeacon of Manchester, who has been guiding the ordinands on their retreat.

The music is sung by the boys and Lay Clerks of the Cathedral Choir, and conducted by Jonathan Hope, Assistant Director of Music. Playing the organ is James Mitchell, Sub Organist at the Cathedral.

The setting of the Eucharist is by Franz Schubert, in G.

Holy Communion will be offered in both kinds (the bread and the wine), but you are very welcome to make your own decision as to whether to receive the bread alone or the bread and the wine. If you prefer not to drink from the chalice, then please make your way directly back to your seat after receiving the bread. Intinction (the practice of dipping your own bread into the wine of the chalice) has been prohibited.

We are sorry to have to ask you not to leave any valuables behind when you move to receive communion.

Please do not take photographs during the service. There will be an opportunity to take photographs of the candidates with the Bishop after the service. The use of any recording equipment during the service is not permitted.

Order of Service

¶ *The Gathering*

When the Choir and ordinands are in their places, all stand to sing the hymn.

**O worship the King
all-glorious above,
O gratefully sing
his power and his love:
our shield and defender,
the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendour
and girded with praise.**

**O tell of his might
O sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light,
whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath
the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is his path
on the wings of the storm.**

**The earth with its store
of wonders untold,
almighty, thy power
hath founded of old:
hath stablished it fast
by a changeless decree,
and round it hath cast,
like a mantle the sea.**

**Thy bountiful care
what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air,
it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills,
it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distils
in the dew and the rain.**

**Frail children of dust,
and feeble as frail,
in thee do we trust,
nor find thee to fail;
thy mercies how tender,
how firm to the end!
Our maker, defender,
redeemer, and friend.**

**O measureless might,
ineffable love,
while angels delight
to hymn thee above,
thy humble creation,
though feeble there lays,
with true adoration
shall sing to thy praise.**

*Words: Robert Grant (1779-1838)
based on Psalm 104*

The Greeting

The Bishop says

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All Blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

There is one body and one spirit.

All There is one hope to which we were called;

One Lord, one faith, one baptism.

All one God and Father of all.

Peace be with you

All and also with you.

The congregation sits and the Bishop introduces the service.

God calls his people to follow Christ, and forms us into a royal priesthood, a holy nation, to declare the wonderful deeds of the one 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 God's kingdom.

To serve this royal priesthood, God has given a variety of ministries. Deacons are ordained so that the people of God may be better equipped to make Christ known. Theirs is a life of visible self-giving. Christ is the pattern of their calling and their commission; as he washed the feet of his disciples, so they must wash the feet of others.

The Presentation

The Archdeacon reads the names of those to be ordained deacon and where they are to serve, first saying

Bishop Rachel, I present these persons
to be ordained to the office of deacon in the Church of God.

When the ordinands have been presented, the Bishop asks these questions, to which The Revd Ann Sargent, the Diocesan Director of Ordinands, responds

Have those whose duty it is to know these ordinands and examine them found them to be of godly life and sound learning?

They have.

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

They do.

The Bishop turns to the ordinands and says

Do you believe that God is calling you to this ministry?

The ordinands reply

I do so believe.

The Bishop says to The Archdeacon

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

The Archdeacon says

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

The Bishop invites us to pray in silence, and then says

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*

Reading
1 Peter 4.7-11

Read by Paul Coomber

⁷ The end of all things is near. Therefore be alert and of sober mind so that you may pray. ⁸ Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. ⁹ Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰ Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. ¹¹ If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

There is silence and stillness.

Gradual Hymn

If you are able, please stand to sing as the deacon carries the Book of the Gospels through the congregation, turning to face it as the deacon processes.

**Be still for the presence of the Lord
The Holy one is here
Come bow before him now
In reverence and fear
In Him no sin is found
We stand on Holy ground
Be still for the presence of the Lord
The Holy one is here.**

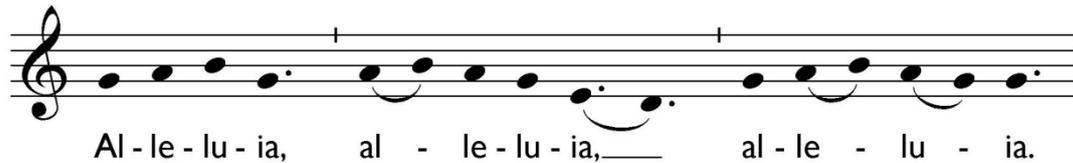
**Be still for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around
He burns with Holy fire
With splendour He is crowned
How awesome is the sight
Our radiant King of light
Be still for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around.**

**Be still for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place
He comes to cleanse and heal
To minister His grace
No work too hard for Him
In faith receive from Him
Be still for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place.**

*Words: David J. Evans
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Alleluia

The choir sing



The words that I have spoken to you are spirit
and they are life, says the Lord.

cf John 6.63



Gospel Reading

John 17.6-12

The deacon says

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.



⁶“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, ⁸ for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹ And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are

one. ¹² While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled.

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



All

Praise _____ to you, O Christ.

As the organist improvises, the Book of the Gospels is brought back to the Bishop.

Sermon

The Venerable Karen Lund

After the Sermon, the choir sing the motet

*If ye love me, keep my commandments.
And I will pray the Father,
and he shall give you another comforter,
that he may 'bide with you forever;
E'en the sp'rit of truth.*

Words: John 14:15-17

Music: Thomas Tallis (c.1505-1585)

¶ *The Liturgy of Ordination*

The Declarations

The ordinands stand before the Bishop, who addresses the congregation

Deacons are called to work with the Bishop and the priests with whom they serve as heralds of Christ's kingdom. They are to proclaim the Gospel in word and deed, as agents of God's purposes of love. They are to serve the community in which they are set, bringing to the Church the needs and hopes of all the people. They are to work with their fellow members in searching out the poor and weak, the sick and lonely and those who are oppressed and powerless, reaching into the forgotten corners of the world, that the love of God may be made visible.

Deacons share in the pastoral ministry of the Church and in leading God's people in worship. They preach the word and bring the needs of the world before the Church in intercession. They accompany those searching for faith and bring them to baptism. They assist in administering the sacraments; they distribute communion and minister to the sick and housebound.

Deacons are to seek nourishment from the Scriptures; they are to study them with God's people, that the whole Church may be equipped to live out the Gospel in the world. They are to be faithful in prayer, expectant and watchful for the signs of God's presence, as he reveals his kingdom among us.

The Bishop addresses the ordinands directly

We trust that you are fully determined, by the grace of God, to give yourself wholly to his service, so that you may draw his people into that new life which God has prepared for those who love him.

And now, in order that we may know your mind and purpose, you must make the declarations we put to you.

Do you accept the holy Scriptures as revealing all things necessary for eternal salvation through faith in Jesus Christ?

The ordinands reply

I do so accept them.

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?

By the help of God, I will.

Do you believe the doctrine of the Christian faith as the Church of England has received it, and in your ministry will you expound and teach it?

I believe it and will so do.

Will you strive to make the love of Christ known through word and example, and have a particular care for those in need?

By the help of God, I will.

Will you be a faithful servant in the household of God, after the example of Christ, who came not to be served but to serve?

By the help of God, I will.

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?

By the help of God, I will.

Will you work with your fellow servants in the Gospel for the sake of the kingdom of God?

By the help of God, I will.

Will you accept the discipline of this Church and give due respect to those in authority?

By the help of God, I will.

Will you then, in the strength of the Holy Spirit, continually stir up the gift of God that is in you, to grow in holiness and grace?

By the help of God, I will.

The ordinands turn to face the congregation. The congregation stands and the Bishop addresses them, saying

Sisters and brothers, 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?

Raising their hand high, all respond boldly

All It is!

Will you continually pray for them?

All We will!

Will you uphold and encourage them in their ministry?

All We will!

The congregation sits.

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

In the name of our Lord, we bid you remember the greatness of the trust in which you are now to share: the ministry of Christ himself, who for our sake took the form of a servant. Remember always with thanksgiving that the people among whom you will minister are made in God's image and likeness. In serving them you are serving Christ himself, before whom you will be called to account.

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.

The Bishop introduces a time of prayer with these words

Pray earnestly for the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The congregation remain seated or kneels, and the ordinands kneel.

The entire congregation prays in silence for a while for those to be ordained.

The Litany

The Litany is said, and the congregation join in the response below

In the power of the Spirit, and in union with you, Lord Christ Jesus,
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 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 Rachel our Bishop,
and Robert, Bishop of Tewkesbury,
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 Hannah, Stephen, Catherine, Stefan,
Simon, Steve, Gillian and Kim
called to be deacons 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 Elizabeth our Queen,
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.**

The Bishop says

Remembering all who have gone before us in faith,
and in communion with Mary, Peter, Benedict, Kyneburga,
and all the saints,
we commit ourselves, one another,
and our whole life to Christ our God;

All **Lord, have mercy.**

The Ordination Prayer

The ordinands continue to kneel before the Bishop.

The Bishop stretches out her hands towards the ordinands and says

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 sent your only Son Jesus Christ
to take the form of a slave;
he humbled himself for our sake,
and in obedience accepted death,
even death on a cross.

We praise and glorify you
because in every age you send your Spirit
to fill those whom you have chosen,
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 these your servants,
whom we ordain in your name,
to share as deacons in the ministry of the Gospel of Christ,
who came not to be served but to serve,
and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Therefore, Father, through Christ our Lord we pray:

Here the Bishop lays her hands on the head of each ordinand, saying
Send down the Holy Spirit upon your servant N
for the office and work of a deacon in your Church.

When the Bishop has laid hands on all of the ordinands, the prayer continues
Through your Spirit, heavenly Father,
give these your servants grace and power to fulfil their ministry.
Make them faithful to serve
and constant in advancing your Gospel in the world.
May they follow the example of Jesus Christ your Son,
who washed the feet of his disciples,
and set the needs of others before his own.

May their life be disciplined and holy,
their words declare your love
and their actions reveal your glory,
that your people may walk with them in the way of truth
and be made ready for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ;
to whom, with you and your Holy Spirit,
belong glory and honour, worship and praise, now and for ever.

All Amen! Amen! Amen!

The Giving of the Bible

The new deacons stand, and members of the congregations in which the deacons will minister come forward and present a New Testament to their newly ordained minister.

The Bishop of Tewkesbury says

All As you begin this new ministry,
receive this book,
as a sign of the authority given you this day
to speak God's word to all people.
Build them up in truth
and serve them in Christ's name.

The congregation stands.

The Welcome

The deacon says to the newly ordained deacons

We preach not ourselves but Christ Jesus as Lord
and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.

**All We welcome you as fellow servants in the Gospel:
may Christ dwell in your hearts through faith,
that you may be rooted and grounded in love.**

All greet the new deacons with applause.

The Peace

The Bishop introduces the Peace

We are all one in Christ Jesus.
We belong to him through faith,
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and also with you.

The deacon says

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Members of the congregation greet one another and exchange a sign of peace.

¶ *The Liturgy of the Eucharist*

Hymn

*During the hymn, those assisting in the administration of communion collect
their vessels and gather around the altar.*

**God is here! As we his people
meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of his Spirit
into open minds and hearts.**

**Here are symbols to remind us
of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font and pulpit;
here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching,
here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal,
God the Spirit comes to each.**

**Here our children find a welcome
in the Shepherd's flock and fold,
here as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant
seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living
to believe and to adore.**

**Lord of all, of Church and Kingdom,
in an age of change and doubt,
keep us faithful to the Gospel,
help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication,
all we have to give, receive.
We, who cannot live without you,
we adore you! We believe!**

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Tune: Blaenwern, William Rowlands (1860–1937)*

The Eucharistic Prayer

The congregation remains standing.

The Bishop says

The Lord be with you
All and also with you.

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

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

It is indeed right and good,
our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks and praise
through your servant, Jesus Christ our Lord.

At his baptism he was revealed as your beloved Son.
Coming among us as one who serves,
he taught us that the greatest in your kingdom
are those who make themselves least and the servants of all.

Although he was their teacher and their Lord,
he washed the feet of his disciples
and commanded us to do the same,
that we might reveal the power of your love,
made perfect in our human weakness.

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:

The choir sing

*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna in the highest.*

The Bishop continues

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.

The deacon says

Great is the mystery of faith.

**All Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

The Bishop continues

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 Mary, Peter, Benedict, Kyneburga
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

All As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray
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, saying

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 says

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 congregation kneels or sits.

All are welcome to receive communion or a blessing. Holy Communion will be offered in both kinds (the bread and the wine), but you are very welcome to make your own decision as to whether to receive the bread alone or the bread and the wine. If you prefer not to drink from the chalice, then please make your way directly back to your seat after receiving the bread. Intinction (the practice of dipping your own bread into the wine of the chalice) has been prohibited.

The distribution is at various points around the Cathedral. Please move as directed by the stewards. If you require a gluten-free wafer, please go to one of the communion stations at the front and indicate this to the priest.

As you approach the point of distribution, please use the sanitiser before receiving and remain standing. Members of all Christian churches are invited to receive Communion here but if you are not receiving Communion please come forward and bow your head as a sign to the Ministers that you wish to receive a blessing.

At the distribution, the minister says to each communicant

The body of Christ.
The blood of Christ.

*The communicant replies **Amen** each time and then receives.*

During the communion the choir sing the Agnus Dei

*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, Who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, grant us peace.*

Words: from Franz Schubert, Mass in G,

This is followed by the anthem “O light, born of light” by John Merrick

As the distribution draws to an end, remain seated to sing



**Take, O take me as I am;
summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart
and live in me.**

Words and music: John L Bell (b. 1949)

**Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.**

**We are pilgrims on a journey
and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.**

**I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.**

**I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.**

**When we sing to God in heaven
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.**

**Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.**

Words Richard Gillard (b 1953)
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Tune *Servant Song*, Richard Gillard

Prayer after Communion

When the Bishop says Let us pray, *all stand and the Bishop says*

Holy and blessed God,
you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son
and filled us with your Holy Spirit:
may we honour you,
not only with our lips
but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

All **We thank you, gracious Father,
for welcoming your children to feast in your kingdom;
by your love unite us
and with your Spirit send us,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The Dismissal

Hymn

**Hope of our calling: hope through courage won;
By those who dared to share all Christ had done.
Saints of today, Christ's banner now unfurled,
We bring his gospel to a waiting world.**

**Hope of our calling: hope with strength empowered,
Inspired by all that we have seen and heard;
This call is ours, for we are chosen too,
To live for God in all we say and do.**

**Hope of our calling: hope with grace outpoured,
From death's despair the gift of life restored;
Our call to serve, to wash each others' feet,
To bring Christ's healing touch to all we meet.**

**Hope of our calling: hope by faith made bold;
To sow God's righteousness throughout the world;
Bring peace from conflict, fruitfulness from weeds,
The kingdom's harvest from a mustard seed.**

**Hope of our calling: Spirit-filled, unbound,
Old joys remembered and new purpose found,
Our call refreshed by sacrament and word,
We go in peace to love and serve the Lord.**

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Tune: Woodlands, by Walter Greatorex (1877-1949)

The Blessing

The Bishop says

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

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

God who has called you is faithful.

All May the Father, whose glory fills the heavens,
cleanse you by his holiness
and send you to proclaim his word.
Amen.

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

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

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

The Dismissal

One of the new deacons, The Revd Steve Bullock, says

All Go in the light and peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

As the Finale from Widor's Sixth Symphony is played, the Bishop leads the newly ordained deacons through the Cathedral to the applause of the congregation.

You are most welcome to take this order of service away with you. Please continue to pray for all those who have been ordained today.



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