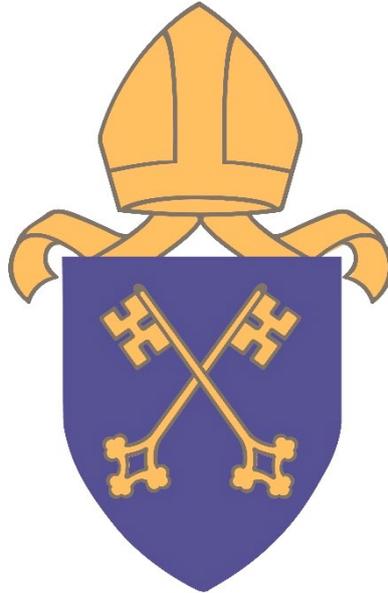


The Cathedral Church of St Peter and
The Holy and Indivisible Trinity
Gloucester



The Ordination of Priests

Saturday 18 June 2022 at 3.00pm

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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 Deacons to be Ordained Priest

Rachel Beere

Charlton Kings, Holy Apostles

Luke Falvey

Gloucester, St Catharine

Coral Francis

Minchinhampton with Box and Amberley

Gareth Griffith

South Cotswold Team Ministry

Helen McGeoch

Gloucester, Saint James and All Saints and Christ Church

Welcome to Gloucester Cathedral for today's Ordination

Welcome to this afternoon's ordination of five priests to serve in the Diocese of Gloucester. The candidates have spent the last four days on 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 to the priesthood by the laying on of the Bishop's hands, in which she is joined by as many of the college of priests in the Diocese as are able to be present, and by the prayers of the whole congregation assembled to support them.

After the ordination they return to the parishes where they have served as deacons and now, as priests, will, for the first time, preside at the celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, the Eucharist.

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 Gloucester.

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 choir of St Peter's church, Winchcombe, and conducted by their Director of Music, Shelley Everall Hoban. The organist is Andrew Horton, also from St. Peter's, Winchcombe.

The setting of the Eucharist is Schubert's Deutsche Messe, and the Agnus Dei is to the tune of Repton by Parry.

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 is in its place, we stand to sing the hymn as the Bishop leads those about to be ordained priest into the Cathedral from the West Doors.

Hymn

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation;
all 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
what the Almighty can do,
who with His love doth befriend thee.**

**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 aye we adore Him.**

*Words: Joachim Neander
Words tr. by Catherine Winkworth*

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 Bishop introduces the service, and the congregation sit.

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.

The Presentation

The ordinands are presented to the Bishop by their training incumbents

Bishop Rachel, I present N
to be ordained to the office of priest in the Church of God.

When all the ordinands have been presented, the Bishop asks these questions, to which The Revd Canon Ian Bussell, Head of Ministerial Development, 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

Ephesians 3.14-21

Read by Theo Culliford

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶ I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit ¹⁷ and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸ I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever 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 Psalm

If you are able, please stand to sing a version of Psalm 23 as the deacon carries the Book of the Gospels through the congregation, turning to face it as the deacon processes.

**The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
his goodness restores my soul.**

***And I will trust in you alone,
and I will trust in you alone,
for your endless mercy follows me,
your goodness will lead me home.***

**He guides my ways in righteousness,
and he anoints my head with oil,
and my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on his pure delights.**

And I will trust in you alone...

**And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
for you are with me, and your rod and staff
are all the comfort I need to know.**

*Words and music: Stuart Townend (b. 1963)
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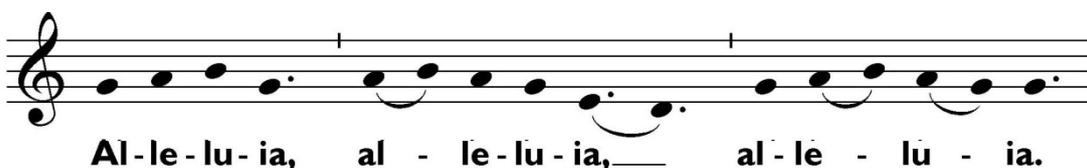
Alleluia

The choir sing



I chose you and appointed you, says the Lord,
that you should go and bear fruit that shall last.

cf John 15.16



Gospel Reading *Matthew 28.1-10*

The deacon says

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

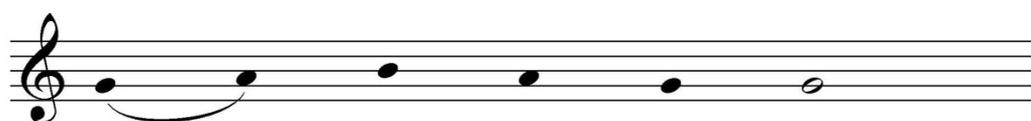


After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised

from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.”⁸ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples.⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him.¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



All

Praise _____ to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Venerable Karen Lund

Please sit for the sermon.

After the Sermon, the organist plays an improvisation whilst those to be ordained priest move into position for the liturgy of ordination.

¶ *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, sentinels 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 baptise 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

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.

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.

Will you lead Christ's people in proclaiming his glorious Gospel, so that the good news of salvation may be heard in every place?

By the help of God, I will.

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?

By the help of God, I will.

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?

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 and minister the discipline of this Church, and respect authority duly exercised within it?

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 make Christ known among all whom you serve?

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?

All respond boldly, raising one hand high

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 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.

The Bishop introduces a time of prayer with these words

Pray earnestly for the gift of the Holy Spirit.

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

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

Hymn to the Spirit

Whilst the clergy assisting in the laying on of hands move to their places, a cantor sings

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

All 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: John Cosin, based on Veni, Creator Spiritus
Tune: Veni Creator (Mechlin)*

The Litany

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

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 members of the Church in their vocation and ministry,
that they may serve God 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 Rachel, Luke, Coral, Gareth and Helen
called to be priests in God's 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 God's 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 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 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 these 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:

Here the ordinands come in turn to kneel in front of the Bishop at the centre of the dais. The Bishop and the priests lay their hands on the head of the ordinand, and the Bishop says

Send down the Holy Spirit upon your servant N
for the office and work of a priest 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 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! Amen! Amen!

Anointing

The Bishop anoints the hands of each newly ordained priest, saying

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

The congregation stands

The Welcome

The Interim Dean of Gloucester, as the senior priest of the Diocese, says to the newly ordained priests

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.**

All greet the newly ordained priests with applause.

The Peace

The Bishop introduces the Peace

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.

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.

All are invited to greet one another and exchange a sign of peace.

¶ *The Liturgy of the Eucharist*

Offertory Hymn

Those assisting in the administration of communion collect their vessels and gather around the altar.

**Will you come and follow me
If I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
And never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
Will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown
In you and you in me?**

**Will you leave yourself behind
If I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
And never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
Should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
In you and you in me?**

**Will you let the blinded see
If I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
And never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
And do such as this unseen,
And admit to what i mean
In you and you in me?**

**Will you love the 'you' you hide
If I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside**

**And never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
To reshape the world around,
Through my sight and touch and sound
In you and you in me?**

**Lord, your summons echoes true
When you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
And never be the same.
In your company I'll go
Where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
In you and you in me.**

*Words: Graham Maule, John L. Bell
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The Eucharistic Prayer

It is customary for the congregation to remain standing throughout the Eucharistic Prayer; however, please do sit if you need to. The Bishop says

All The Lord be with you
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 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:

The choir sing

*Holy, holy, holy, God of pow'r 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.*

The Bishop continues

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
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.

The deacon says

Great is the mystery of faith.

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

The Bishop continues

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of Mary, Peter, Benedict,
Kyneburga, and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All Amen.

There is silence and stillness.

The Lord's Prayer

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, 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 and the anthem, Blessed Be The God and Father by Samuel Sebastian Wesley.

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)

Prayer after Communion

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

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.

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*

The Giving of the Bible

Members of the congregations in which the ordinands serve come forward and present a Bible to their newly ordained priests.

The Bishop of Tewkesbury says

All My sisters and brothers in Christ,
receive this book,
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.

Hymn

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
naught be all else to me save that thou art;
thou my best thought in the day and the night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,
I ever with thee and thou with me Lord;
thou my great Father, and I thy true heir;
thou in me dwelling, and I in thy care.**

**Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight,
be thou my armour, and be thou my might,
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my strong tow'r,
raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.**

**Riches I need not, nor all the world's praise,
thou mine inheritance through all my days;
thou, and thou only, the first in my heart,
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art!**

**High King of heaven, when battle is done,
grant heaven's joy to me, O bright heav'n's sun;
Christ of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.**

*Words: Irish 8th Century, trans. Mary Byrne (1880-1931)
and Eleanor Hull (1860-1935)*

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

The deacon says

All Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

As the voluntary is played, the Bishop leads the newly ordained priests informally 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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