

Maundy Thursday

Renewal of Commitment to Baptismal Vows and Ministry

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Officiant & Preacher

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Welcome to this diocesan service in which we are invited to renew our baptismal and ordination vows. The hymns, included at the beginning and end of the service, are for you to read or sing at home as you wish.

Hymn

**O thou who camest from above,
the pure celestial fire to impart,
kindle a flame of sacred love
on the mean altar of my heart.**

**There let it for thy glory burn
with inextinguishable blaze,
and trembling to its source return
in humble prayer, and fervent praise.**

**Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
to work, and speak, and think for thee;
still let me guard the holy fire,
and still stir up thy gift in me.**

**Ready for all thy perfect will,
my acts of faith and love repeat,
till death thy endless mercies seal,
and make my sacrifice complete.**

Charles Wesley 1707-88

Greeting

Bishop In the name of the ✠ Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

Grace, mercy, and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All **and also with you.**

The Bishop may offer some words of welcome

Bishop Let us call to mind our sins.

Kyrie & Absolution

Bishop Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness
and cleanse me from my sin:

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Make me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me:

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Cast me not away from your presence
and take not your Holy Spirit from me:

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Bishop Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon us, ✠ pardon and deliver us from all our sins,
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,
and keep us in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Collect

Bishop Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, who anointed your Son Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit
and with power to bring to the world the blessings of your kingdom:
anoint your Church with the same Holy Spirit,
that we who share in his suffering and his victory
may bear witness to the gospel of salvation;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Psalm

Psalm 42, 1-7

- 1 As the deer longs for the water brooks, •
so longs my soul for you, O God.
- 2 My soul is athirst for God, even for the living God; •
when shall I come before the presence of God?
- 3 My tears have been my bread day and night, •
while all day long they say to me, 'Where is now your God?'
- 4 Now when I think on these things, I pour out my soul: •
how I went with the multitude
and led the procession to the house of God,
- 5 With the voice of praise and thanksgiving, •
among those who kept holy day.
- 6 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul, •
and why are you so disquieted within me?
- 7 O put your trust in God; •
for I will yet give him thanks,
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

Reading

Luke 4.16-21

When [Jesus] came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

Sermon

The Bishop of Bristol

Renewal of Commitment to Baptismal Vows

The Bishop says

Those who are baptized are called to worship and serve God.
Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

All **With the help of God, I will.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil,
and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

All **With the help of God, I will.**

Will you proclaim by word and example
the good news of God in Christ?

All **With the help of God, I will.**

Will you seek and serve Christ in all people,
loving your neighbour as yourself?

All **With the help of God, I will.**

Will you acknowledge Christ's authority over human society,
by prayer for the world and its leaders,
by defending the weak, and by seeking peace and justice?

All **With the help of God, I will.**

Eternal God, our beginning and our end,
preserve in your people the new life of baptism;
as Christ receives us on earth,
so may he guide us through the trials of this world
and enfold us in the joy of heaven,
where you live and reign,
one God for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

Renewal of Commitment to Ministry

The Bishop says

Bishop

My brothers and sisters, at his Last Supper, our Lord Jesus Christ gave his disciples a new commandment, that they should love one another, and he prayed that they might be one. He gave them an everlasting sign of his own love, in the sacrament of bread and wine. He consecrated himself to his Father's service, to be the high priest of the New Covenant. I invite you now to dedicate yourselves afresh to his service, as stewards of the mysteries of God and ministers of his grace.

Bishop I now address my words to Lay Ministers.

When you were commissioned, you undertook to be faithful in prayer and by word and example to minister to those for whom Christ died. Will you do all that is in your power to witness to God's love for his people?

Lay Ministers **By the help of God, I will.**

Bishop I now address my words to Deacons and Priests.

At your ordination as a deacon, you received the yoke of Christ, who came not to be served but to serve. Will you continue faithfully in this ministry, to build up God's people in his truth, and serve them in his name?

Deacons & Priests **By the help of God, I will.**

Bishop And to Priests.

At your ordination to the priesthood, you took authority to watch over and care for God's people, to absolve and bless them in his name, to proclaim the gospel of salvation, and to minister the sacraments of his New Covenant. Will you continue as faithful stewards of the mysteries of God, preaching the Gospel of Christ and ministering his holy sacraments?

Priests **By the help of God, I will.**

Bishop And for myself and Bishop Lee

At our ordination as bishops we received the gift of the Spirit, that we might lead the Church in mission, and send out ministers in Christ's name; that we might promote its unity, uphold its discipline, and guard its faith; and that we might teach and govern the people committed to our charge. The question which is now put to us is 'Will we continue faithfully in this ministry, watching over Christ's own flock, and building them up in the unity of the Spirit and the bond of peace?'

Bishops **By the help of God, I will.**

Bishop My brothers and sisters, pray for all who minister, that they may be constant in prayer and steadfast in faith, and serve your people with joy.

All **Lord, hear us.**

Pray for your deacons, that the Lord may pour upon them the riches of his grace. Pray that he who has called them to his service may make them worthy of his calling.

All **Lord, hear us.**

Pray for your priests. Ask the Lord to bless them with the fullness of his love, that they may be faithful ministers of his word and sacrament, and lead his people in the way of salvation.

All **Lord, hear us.**

Pray for your bishops, that despite our unworthiness we may be faithful to the great trust that has been handed to us. Pray that we may become more like our Good Shepherd and great High Priest, the teacher and servant of us all, and so become more and more a sign of Christ's loving presence among you.

All **Lord, hear us.**

Pray for the families of those who minister, for their homes, and for all with whom they share their lives.

All **Lord, hear us.**

May the Lord in his love keep us ever close to him, and may he bring us all to the fullness of eternal life.

All **Amen.**

Peace

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 the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.

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

Intercessions

Lord's Prayer

Jesus taught us to call God our Father,
and so with confidence let us pray:

All **Our Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Blessing

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.

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

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

All 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,
come down upon you
and remain with you always.
Amen.

This hymn is included for you to read or sing at home as you wish.

Hymn

Tune: Crucifer

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.*

**From north and south, from east and west they raise
in growing unison their songs of praise.**

Refrain

**O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee.**

Refrain

**Let every race and every language tell
of him who saves our souls from death and hell.**

Refrain

**From farthest regions let their homage bring,
and on his Cross adore their Saviour King.**

Refrain

**Set up thy throne, that earth's despair may cease
beneath the shadow of its healing peace.**

Refrain

**For thy blest Cross which doth for all atone
creation's praises rise before thy throne.**

Refrain

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