



EUCCHARIST

with the Ordination of Priests

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Bishop of Loughborough

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The Revd Vanessa Conant
Team Rector in the Walthamstow Team Ministry

Deacon

The Reverend Canon Emma Davies
Canon Precentor

3.00pm

Saturday 1 July 2023

St Mary's Church, Melton Mowbray

Please pray for all those being ordained throughout the Church at this time. Please also pray for the Colleges and Courses where candidates from our Diocese have been trained and for the parishes in which they will continue to serve.

Those being ordained priest in this Diocese today:



Mark Batchelor

My early life lesson was to realise that, in opening ourselves to God, life becomes so much fuller. Over the years my work and calling as a geography teacher pushed me to appreciate, not just the wonder of God's creation but also, through the job's pastoral side, the extent of the love God has for every one of us. It felt like I had to respond to the calling to ministry that accompanied this understanding, and my wife and family have supported me into this new phase of God's calling with great love and a lot of patience.



Matt Green

Mary, me and our two boys, Elijah and Zephaniah have all settled into Castle Donington really well. I have really enjoyed getting to know the church and community, and being able to serve in so many different ways has been a joy. I am looking forward to continuing to join in with what the Spirit is doing in this place, at this time, with these people.



David Lewis

I started attending church at the age of 8. My love for musical worship led to an internship at St Aldates Church and then a job at Holy Trinity Leicester as a musical director. After that I was a manager at DMU, then CLC Bookshop, then Sir Jonathan North (teacher training) College. I'm now a Church Planting Curate for St John the Baptist Church and I am really excited about launching a new community soon. I am married with four children. My main hobbies are playing guitar/singing, supporting Leicester Tigers, fantasy fiction, and hopefully more travelling again in the future.



Kat Marjoribanks

I have enjoyed my 'deacon year' more than I thought I ever could. It has been exciting, very varied, often challenging, but full of God's love and grace. I am drawn to Philippians 2.13: *for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfil his good purpose. Amen.*



Sharon Plant

My diaconate year has been an absolute joy! I have had lots of new experiences and learnt so much from so many. I'm really looking forward to joining in with whatever God has in store for us all in the coming years.



Phillippa Taylor

I am married to Jim and we live with our cats Toby and Bailey who are thoroughly spoiled! I am serving my curacy at the Church of the Martyrs and have loved getting involved with church life and settling into Leicester's West End over the past year. I feel very fortunate to be part of such a diverse community and am really excited to see how God is at work here.



Riffat Zamurad

I believe priesthood is a gift: no human being is able to make themselves a priest or a mediator for God. Hebrews 5.4 says: 'no one takes this honour upon himself, but only when called by God.' So here I am standing here responding to my call.

Safety Note

In case of emergency, please follow the direction of the Wardens to your nearest exit.

Additional Information



Please note that the use of all audio and visual equipment is not permitted during worship. Your cooperation is appreciated.

When prompted to stand, please only do so if you feel able and comfortable.

The music at this service is sung by the Senior Girls of Leicester Cathedral Choir, conducted by Dr Christopher Ouvry-Johns. The Mass setting is Messe des Pêcheurs de Villerville by Gabriel Fauré (1845–1924). The organist is David Cowen, the Cathedral's Organist.

Introduction

Ordination is not just a special moment for the individual concerned but also for their family, friends and indeed the whole church. So, we are very pleased to welcome you today for this deeply significant service, recognizing that you represent others too who aren't able to be here.

God's call comes to us in many different ways. Each person being ordained has their own story to tell about how God called them and how their response led to this moment. Some of you will have accompanied them on this journey of exploring God's call. Some of you may even sense within this service "the faintest echo of a whisper of the voice of the God" calling you. If so, please don't be afraid to speak to someone about this. Most of us start off thinking "God would never call me" but the truth is that God calls every one of us – some to ordination, some to lay ministry in the church, some to the ministry of healing, teaching, administration or service in the wider world. The important thing is not to ignore God's call because it truly is the path to fulfillment and purpose in life.

So we invite you to pray with us for those being ordained, and to commit yourself to go on praying for them and supporting them in their ministry. There are many challenges in today's world and we need ordained priests and deacons to both remind us that God is present and active in the world and also help us make sense of it all.

I would like to extend my personal thanks to Revd Vanessa Conant, Team Rector in the Walthamstow Team Ministry, who has led the ordination retreat this week which I know has been an inspiring experience for all those being ordained. I have also spent time with each of the ordinands during this week at Launde including the very moving experience of washing their feet, as we all seek to follow the example of our Lord and Saviour.

Thank you for being a part of today's service.

Bishop Saju

THE DECLARATION OF ASSENT AND OATHS

Before the service the candidates will have made the Declaration of Assent and taken the Oaths of Allegiance and of Canonical Obedience.

The Declaration of Assent

Preface (spoken by the Bishop):

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?

Candidate: 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 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 Bishop of Leicester and his successors, in all things lawful and honest: So help me God.

GATHERING

The Organist plays as the congregation gathers.

15 minutes before the service begins, The Revd Dr Mary Barr, Acting Team Rector & Team Vicar in the Melton Mowbray Team Parish, will give a welcome to the Church and make some announcements. There will be a short music rehearsal.

10 minutes before the service begins, the Ordinands, their Training Incumbents, and their supporting priests enter the church and take their seats.

All stand as the Bishops and other ministers enter in procession during the first hymn.

All sing

**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 empower 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 empower 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 empower 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 empower 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 empower us
for the work of ministry.**

ABBOT'S LEIGH (AM499)
Cyril Taylor (1907–1991)

Jeffrey W. Rowthorn (b.1934)

All remain standing. The Rt Revd Saju Muthalaly, Bishop of Loughborough, leads

The Greeting

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

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

one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
one God and Father of all.

Peace be with you
and also with you.

All sit for

The Introduction

The Bishop welcomes the Congregation and 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 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.

All remain seated for

The Presentation

The Archdeacons stand, and The Venerable Claire Wood, Archdeacon of Loughborough presents those to be ordained priest to the Bishop.

Bishop Saju, we present to be ordained to the office of priest in the Church of God, N.

When the Ordinands have been presented, the Bishop asks these questions, to which their Training Incumbents respond together:

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?

Ordinands I do so believe.

The Bishop continues

I invite The Venerable Richard Worsfold, Archdeacon of Leicester to confirm that the Ordinands 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'.

All stand. The Bishop leads

The Collect

Let us pray for Mark, Matt, David, Kat, Sharon, Phillippa, and Riffat,
for all who are being ordained in the Diocese today,
and for the ministry of the whole people of God.

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.

Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

All sit for

The First Reading

Psalm 139

Read by Ian Neale, Churchwarden at St Mary's, Melton

A reading of Psalm 139.

○ LORD, you have searched me and known me.
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.
You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.
Even before a word is on my tongue, ○ LORD, you know it completely.
You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.
Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?
If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.
If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.
If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and the light around me become night,"
even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.
For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.
My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the
days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.
How weighty to me are your thoughts, ○ God! How vast is the sum of them!
I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—
I am still with you.
○ that you would kill the wicked, ○ God,
and that the bloodthirsty would depart from me—
those who speak of you maliciously, and lift themselves up against you for evil!
Do I not hate those who hate you, ○ LORD?
And do I not loathe those who rise up against you?

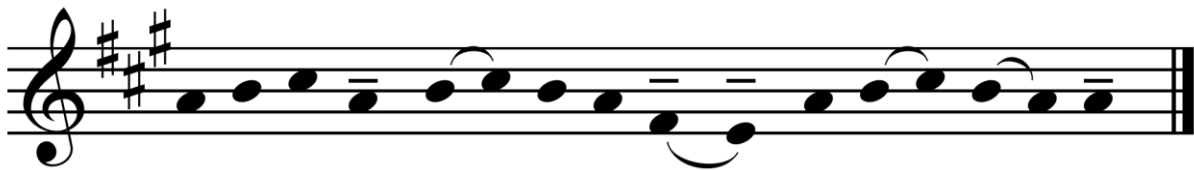
I hate them with perfect hatred; I count them my enemies.
Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts.
See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Hear the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

All stand and turn to face the reader of the Gospel

The Gospel Acclamation

which is first sung by the Choir, then by the Congregation.



Al-le-lu-ia, Al - le-lu-ia, Al-le - lu - ia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.
You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Deacon reads

The Gospel Reading

Luke 15.11–32

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

Then Jesus said, ‘There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, “Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.” So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that

country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate.

'Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound." Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, "Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!" Then the father said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found." '

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

All sit for

The Sermon

The Revd Vanessa Conant, Team Rector in the Walthamstow Team Ministry

THE LITURGY OF ORDINATION

All remain seated for

The Declarations

The Ordinands stand and the Bishop of Loughborough addresses the Congregation

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

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

The Bishop addresses the Ordinands directly

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.

All stand.

The Bishop addresses the whole people of God

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?

It is.

Will you continually pray for them?

We will.

Will you uphold and encourage them in their ministry?

We will.

The Bishop continues, addressing the Ordinands

In the name of our Lord we bid you remember the greatness of the trust that is now to be committed to your charge.

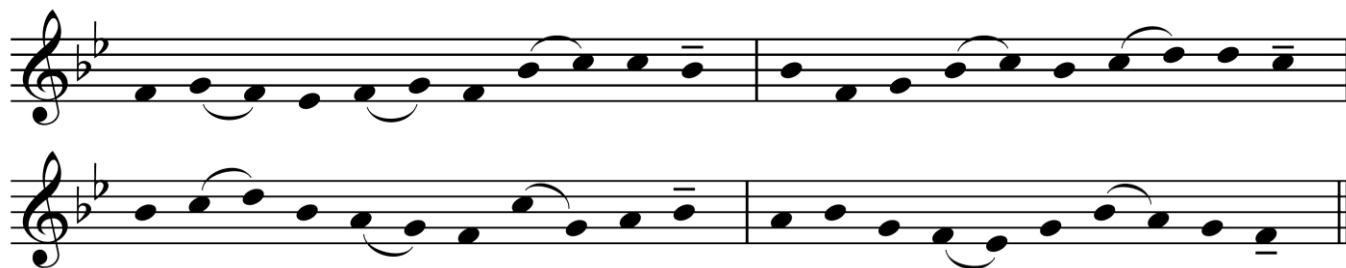
Remember always with thanksgiving that the treasure now to be entrusted to you is Christ's own flock, bought by the shedding of his blood on the cross. It is to him that you will render account for your stewardship of his people.

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.

All sit or kneel.

The Prayers of the People

Silence is kept. The Deacon leads the Congregation in singing:



Deacon

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 soilèd 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____ e - ter - nal me - rit,

Fa - ther, Son___ and Ho - ly Spi - rit. A - men.

VENI CREATOR (AM241)
Mode viii

John Cosin (1594–1672)
based on Veni, Creator Spiritus

All remain seated. The Bishop introduces

The Litany

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ,
let us pray to the Father.

The Revd Canon Emma Davies, Canon Precentor, leads the prayers for the Ordinands and for the ministry of the whole Church.

After each petition:

The musical notation consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). It contains four measures of music: a half note G4, a half note A4, a half note B4, and a whole note C5. The lyrics 'Lord have mer - cy.' are written below the notes. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. It contains four measures of music: a half note G2, a half note A2, a half note B2, and a whole note C3. The lyrics 'Lord have mer - cy.' are written above the notes.

Let us pray to the Lord:

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

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

For all bishops, priests and deacons,
that they may hunger for truth and thirst after righteousness,
let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For Mark, Matt, David, Kat, Sharon, Phillippa, Riffat;
and for all those called to be priests in his Church,
let us pray to the Lord.
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.
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.
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.
Lord, have mercy.

For the sick and the 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.
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.
Lord, have mercy.

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

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

To you, O Lord.

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three staves. The top staff is a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The middle staff is a vocal line with lyrics: 'To you, O Lord.' The bottom staff is a bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The music is a simple, hymn-like setting.

...to Christ, our God:

The Bishop concludes the Litany with the following Collect:

Lord, you are merciful and forgive our sins.
You hear those who pray in the name of your Son.
Grant that what we have asked in faith
we may obtain according to your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

All remain seated for

The Ordination Prayer

The Bishop of Loughborough stretches out his 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:

Each Ordinand comes to the Bishop in turn. The Bishop lays his hands on the head of each Ordinand, saying

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

The supporting priests lay hands on the head of each Ordinand in turn.

The Bishop anoints the hands of each Ordinand as a sign that they may be empowered by God to reconcile and bless his people.

The Bishop continues the Prayer

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.
Amen.

The Giving of the Bible

The Bishop gives a Bible to each of the newly ordained priests, saying

N, receive this book.

This is a sign of the authority given you this day
to preach the gospel of Christ
and to minister his holy sacraments.

The Training Incumbents adjust the stoles of the newly-ordained priests so they are worn over both shoulders.

All stand for

The Welcome

The Revd Canon Karen Rooms, representing the priests of the Diocese, says to the new priests:

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

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

Please greet the new priests with applause!

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

All remain standing. 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 the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.

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

Deacon Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All remain standing to sing

During this hymn the altar is prepared and gifts of money are collected and offered to God. If you pay tax in the UK, please use the Gift Aid envelopes. Please place your donation inside the envelope and ensure that your details are completed in full. All donations will aid the mission and ministry of this Church of St Mary in Melton Mowbray. Thank you!

**I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin,
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?
*Here I am, Lord. Is it I Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.***

**I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have born my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.**

**I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?
*Here I am, Lord...***

**I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide,
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?
*Here I am, Lord...***

HERE I AM, LORD (AM494)
Daniel L. Schutte (b.1947)

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All remain standing. The Bishop leads

The Prayer over the Gifts

Heavenly Father,
as we set before you these gifts of bread and wine,
bless also the gift of our hearts and minds
as we offer our lives in your service;
for Jesus Christ's sake.
Amen.

All remain standing. The Bishop leads

The Eucharistic Prayer (E)

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
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:

Sanctus

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.

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

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

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 [*N 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.
Amen.

Silence is kept.

All remain standing to say

The Lord's Prayer

Being made one by the power of the Spirit,
let us pray with confidence and in the language closest to our heart
as our Saviour has taught us

**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,
forever and ever.
Amen.**

**Notre Père...
Baba wa...
我們在天上的父...
Nna Anyi...
Ojce Nasz...
Vater unser...
Ein Tad...
Wo tye...
Baba mu...
...أبانا
Padre nuestro...
Πάτερ ἡμῶν...
Отче наш...
Pater noster...**

All remain standing for

The Breaking of the Bread

The Bishop breaks the consecrated bread, saying

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

The Bishop leads

The Invitation to Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

All sit. We share the wine as well as the bread at Communion. If you normally receive Communion in your church you are welcome to receive here. Please do not dip the wafer in the wine. You are most welcome to receive only the bread if you do not wish to drink from the common cup.

Please go to the Communion station as directed by the stewards. If you would prefer a blessing, simply keep your head bowed. If you need to receive Communion in your seat please ask a steward and this will be arranged. **Gluten-free wafers** are available near the Bishop's station.

During the distribution of Communion, the Choir sings

Agnus Dei

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.	O Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
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Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.	O Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

The Anthem O salutaris hostia

O salutaris hostia quae caeli pandis ostium, bella premunt hostilia: da robur, fer auxilium. Amen.	O saving victim who opens the gate of heaven, hostile wars press on us: give strength, bring aid. Amen.
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André Messager (1853–1929)

*From Verbum Supernum Prodiens
St Thomas Aquinas (1225–1274)*

All remain seated. The Bishop leads

The Prayer after Communion

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.
Amen.

**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 SENDING OUT

All stand to sing

**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,
will 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 other's 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 the kingdom's seeds.**

**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.**

WOODLANDS (AM394)
Walter Greatorax (1877–1949)

Ally Barrett (b.1975)

All remain standing. The Bishop leads

The Blessing and Dismissal

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

Blessed be the name of the Lord
both now and forever.

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

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

The Holy Spirit, the Comforter,
equip you and strengthen you in your ministry.
Amen.

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

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

All remain standing as the Bishop leads the new priests from the Church and out into the world, followed by the other ministers and Training Incumbents in procession.

During the Procession the Organist plays the following Voluntary

Carillon-Sortie

Henri Mulet (1878–1967)

Light refreshments will be available for all after the service.

Exploring Your Vocation?

If you've been moved to consider how God might be calling you as a result of this service or through your relationship with one of those being ordained today you might want to look at:

www.leicester.anglican.org/vocations

For further resources, see the Diocese of Leicester website and search for "vocation" or contact claire.stapleton@leicestercofe.org

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