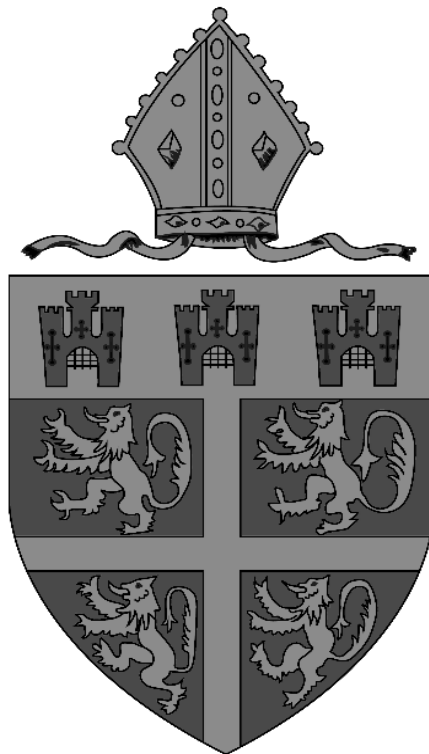


The Ordination of Priests

President: The Right Reverend Christine Hardman
Bishop of Newcastle

Preacher: Canon Dr David Kennedy



Saturday 3rd July, 2021 at 11am



A warm welcome to St George's, Jesmond.

A large print copy of this service sheet is available.
Please ask one of our welcome team at the door.

We hope you enjoy this moving and important service as we come to support and pray for those to be ordained Priest today.

We are most grateful to the Rev'd Canon Brian Hurst and the people of St George's, for making us so welcome today.

The Cathedral Wardens and other welcomers are stationed by the entrance and will be happy to assist during your time with us today.

Please feel free to sit or kneel if standing is difficult for you.

*The Choir is conducted by Ian Roberts,
Director of Music at Newcastle Cathedral.*

*The organ is played by Kris Thomsett,
Assistant Director of Music.*

*Mass setting: Mass for Three Voices Antonio Lotti (1667 – 1740)
 sung by the Cathedral's Lay Clerks & Choral Scholars*

Worshipping safely together:

Face masks – unless you have a medical exemption, please keep your mask on the whole time you are in the building. (The only exception is for those leading our worship when they are speaking, and the choir when they are singing.)

Seating – you may only sit where a service sheet has been placed. If you are here with member(s) of your own household or “bubble”, you may move a service sheet in order to sit together, as long as you sit in the seat furthest from your nearest neighbour to keep a 2m distance.

Once you have chosen your seat, please do not change, as that place will then have to be sanitised before anyone else can sit there.

Receiving Holy Communion – Holy Communion will be distributed (in one kind only) at your seat. Please remain seated until it is brought to you. You may wish to stand to receive, but please keep your mask on until you have been given the Communion Wafer, which will be dropped into your cupped hands so there is no skin contact. You may remove the mask to put the wafer in your mouth, but then please replace it immediately.

At the end of the service – please remain seated until the end of the organ voluntary, and then leave, keeping your distance from others, as directed by the Wardens.

Introduction to the Ordination 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 a variety of 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.

Please pray God's blessing on all those to be ordained Priest at this time, for their training Incumbents and for the parishes where they are serving their title:

Yvette Daniel	serving in the benefice of Newcastle, St Francis
Oliver Dempsey	serving in the benefices of Cowgate and Newbiggin Hall
Rosemary Harrison	serving in the benefice of Ponteland
Samuel Lohead	serving in the benefice of Corbridge with Halton & Newton Hall
Kim Wears	serving in the benefice of Willington
Alan White	serving in the benefice of Newcastle, St Gabriel

The Declaration of Assent

The candidates to be ordained this morning have already made the Declaration of Assent and the necessary Oaths required of Deacons, Priests and Bishops of the Church of England when they are ordained and on each occasion when they take up a new appointment (Canon C15.) The text of these is printed below.

Preface

The Church of England is part of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church, worshipping the one true God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It professes the faith uniquely revealed in the Holy Scriptures and set forth in the catholic creeds, which faith the Church is called upon to proclaim afresh in each generation. Led by the Holy Spirit, it has borne witness to Christian truth in its historic formularies, the Thirty-nine Articles of Religion, *The Book of Common Prayer* and the Ordering of Bishops, Priests and Deacons. In the declaration you are about to make, will you affirm your loyalty to this inheritance of faith as your inspiration and guidance under God in bringing the grace and truth of Christ to this generation and making Him known to those in your care?

Declaration of Assent

I, *N*, do so affirm, and accordingly declare my belief in the faith which is revealed in the Holy Scriptures and set forth in the catholic creeds and to which the historic formularies of the Church of England bear witness; and in public prayer and administration of the sacraments, I will use only the forms of service which are authorized or allowed by Canon.

The Oath of Allegiance

I, *N*, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, her heirs and successors, according to law.
So help me God.

The Oath of Canonical Obedience

I, *N*, do swear by Almighty God that I will pay true and canonical obedience to the Lord Bishop of Newcastle and her successors in all things lawful and honest. So help me God.

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Prelude and Fugue in G BWV 550

J.S Bach | 1685-1750

The Gathering and Presentation

Please stand as the choir (only) sings:

The Processional Hymn

Thy hand, O God, has guided
thy flock, from age to age;
the wondrous tale is written,
full clear, on every page;
our forebears owned thy goodness,
and we their deeds record;
and both of this bear witness:
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Thy heralds brought glad tidings
to greatest, as to least;
they bade all rise, and hasten
to share the great King's feast;
and this was all their teaching,
in every deed and word,
to all alike proclaiming
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Through many a day of darkness,
through many a scene of strife,
the faithful few fought bravely
to guard the nation's life.
Their gospel of redemption,
sin pardoned, souls restored,
was all in this enfolded,
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

And we, shall we be faithless?
Shall hearts fail, hands hang down?
Shall we evade the conflict,
and cast away our crown?
Not so: in God's deep counsels
some better thing is stored;
we will maintain, unflinching,
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Thy mercy will not fail us,
nor leave thy work undone;
with thy right hand to help us,
the victory shall be won;
and then, in earth and heaven,
thy name shall be adored,
and this shall be our anthem,
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Words: Edward Plumptre 1821-1891

*Tune: Thornbury NEH 485
Music: Basil Harwood 1859-1949*

The Greeting

Please remain standing as the Bishop greets the people, saying:

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 Presentation

Please sit.

The Ordinands are presented to the Bishop by the Acting Archdeacon of Northumberland, Canon Rachel Wood.

Reverend Mother in God, I present *N* to be ordained to the office of priest in the Church of God; *he/she* is to serve *in N*.

When the Ordinands have been presented, the Bishop asks these questions, to which the Archdeacon 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 asks the Ordinands:

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

I do so believe.

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 Bishop introduces a period of silent prayer saying:

Let us pray for those to be ordained Priest:
for Rosemary, Yvette and Kim
for Alan, Oliver and Sam,
and for the ministry of the whole people of God.

The Collect

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 Ordinands return to their seats.



The Liturgy of the Word

The First Lesson

read by the Rev'd Canon Brian Hurst

A reading from the book, Numbers. (6:22-27)

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites:

You shall say to them,

The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

The Second Lesson

read by the Rev'd Canon Rachel Wood

A reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians (11:23-26)

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

We remain seated to listen and pray, as the choir sings:

The Gradual

*Oculi omnium in te sperant Domine:
et tu das escam illorum
in tempore opportuno.
Gloria tibi Domine. Amen.*

The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord:
and thou givest them their meat
in due season.

Glory be to thee, O Lord. Amen.

Words: Psalm 145.15

Music: Andrew Parnell (b.1954)

*Please **stand** and turn to face the Book of Gospels, as the choir (only) sings:*

The Gospel Acclamation



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

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cf John 15.16

The Gospel Reading

read by the Very Reverend Geoff Miller, Dean of Newcastle

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark
(10:35-45)

All Glory to you, O Lord.

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.' And he said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' And they said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.'

But Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?' They replied, 'We are able.'

Then Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.'

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all.

For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

The preacher may begin with a prayer. Then, please sit.

The sermon may be followed by a few moments of silence for reflection.

Please stand to say:

The Creed

**All We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,**

**of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary, and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The congregation sits, as the Ordinands make their way to the Chancel steps.

The Liturgy of Ordination

The Declarations

Those to be ordained stand before the Bishop, who addresses the congregation, saying:

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 women, 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, saying:

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 all.

Rosemary, Yvette and Kim

Alan, Oliver and Sam:

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

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, as the Bishop addresses the gathering, saying:

Brothers and sisters, you have heard how great is the charge that these ordinands are ready to undertake, and you have heard their declarations.

Is it now your will that they should be ordained?

All It is.

Will you continually pray for them?

All We will.

Will you uphold and encourage them in their ministry?

All We will.

The Ordinands turn to face the Bishop once more, and she addresses them, saying:

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

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

You cannot bear the weight of this calling in your own strength, but only by the grace and power of God. Pray therefore that your heart may daily be enlarged and your understanding of the Scriptures enlightened.

Pray earnestly for the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The Ordinands return to their seats.

A time of silent prayer is kept.

Please remain seated or kneel as the choir (only) sings:

Veni Creator

Cantor Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,

Choir and lighten with celestial fire;
thou the anointing Spirit art,
who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart:

Thy blessed unction from above
is comfort, life, and fire of love;
enable with perpetual light
the dullness of our blinded sight:

Anoint and cheer our soiled face
with the abundance of thy grace:
keep far our foes, give peace at home;
where thou art guide no ill can come.

Teach us to know the Father, Son,
and thee, of Both, to be but One;
that through the ages all along
this may be our endless song.

Praise to thy eternal merit.
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Words: John Cosin 1594-1672
after Veni Creator Spiritus*

*Tune: Veni Creator (Mechlin) NEH 138
Music: plainsong*

The Litany

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 Father.

All Lord, have mercy.

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

All Lord, have mercy.

For Christine and Mark, our Bishops,
and for all bishops, priests and deacons,
that they may hunger for truth and thirst after righteousness,
let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For Rosemary, Yvette and Kim
Alan, Oliver and Sam,
called to be priests in his Church,
let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For the mission of the Church,
that in faithful witness
we may proclaim the gospel of reconciliation
to the ends of the earth,
let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For the unity of the Church,
that we may be one in Christ, according to his will,
let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For those who do not yet believe,
that they may receive the light of the gospel,
and for those whose faith has grown cold,
let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For the sick and suffering, for the aged and infirm,
for the lonely and neglected,
and for all who remember and care for them,
let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the hungry,
for the homeless and the oppressed,
for all prisoners and captives,
and for our brothers and sisters who are persecuted for their faith,
let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For 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.

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

All to you, O Lord. Amen.

The Ordinands stand and come forward to take their places in front of the Chancel steps, and the Bishop says:

The Ordination Prayer

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 forward one by one for the laying on of hands.

[During the current restrictions, only two priests are permitted to join the Bishop to lay hands on each candidate. – their Training Incumbent, and a priest who has been involved in their vocational formation – in this case, the Rev'd Dr Jennifer Cooper.]

The Ordinands kneel, one by one, before the Bishop, who lays hands on them and says:

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

In turn, the Training Incumbent and Director of IME 2 each lay their hands on the Ordinands' heads saying

Lord, send down your Spirit.

When hands have been laid on all of the candidates, 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.

The Presentation of Bibles and adjustment of Stoles

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

Receive this book,
as a sign of the authority given you this day
to preach the gospel of Christ
and to minister his holy sacraments.

The newly ordained adjust their white stoles from the diagonal position of a Deacon to that of a Priest.

The Anointing

The Bishop then anoints the palms of the hands of each new Priest, with the words:

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

All Amen.

The Welcome

The Priests turn to face the congregation, and the Dean says:

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.**

The congregation greets the new Priests with applause.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Please stand

The Peace

The Bishop introduces the Peace, saying:

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 newly ordained Priests return to their seats. Please remain standing.



Preparation of the Altar

During which, the choir sings

The Offertory Motet

*Exultate justi in Domino:
rectos decet collaudatio.
Confitemini Domino in cythara:
in psalterio decem chordarum
psallite illi.
Cantate ei canticum novum:
bene psallite ei in vociferatione.*

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous:
for it is good for the just to sing praises.
Praise the Lord with the lyre:
on the ten-stringed harp
sing his praise.
Sing for him a new song:
play skilfully, with shouts of praise.

Psalm 33: 1–3

Lodovico Grossi da Viadana (c 1560–1627)

The Eucharistic Prayer

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 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 sings

Sanctus & Benedictus

*Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus
Dominus Deus Sabaoth,
Pleni sunt caeli et terra
Gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.*

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

*Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.*

Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The Bishop continues the prayer saying:

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.

**All 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 the Blessed Virgin Mary, St George 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 congregation is invited to kneel or sit, the sanctuary party remaining standing.

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.**

The Invitation to Communion

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 President (only) consumes bread and wine as the Choir sings:

Agnus Dei

*Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis;*

O Lamb of God,
who takes away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

*Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis;*

O Lamb of God,
who takes away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

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

O Lamb of God,
who takes away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.

During the current restrictions, when we cannot share a common cup, only the bread will be offered. Please cup your hands so that it can be dropped into them, without skin contact.

*Please **remain in your seat**, and keep your mask on, except when placing the wafer in your mouth.*

If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please bow your head and keep your hands at your sides.

Gluten free wafers are available. Please ask if you require one.

During Communion the Choir will sing.

*O sacrum convivium
in quo Christus sumitur,
recolitur memoria
passionis ejus,
mens impletur gratia,
et futurae gloriae
nobis pignus datur.*

Thomas Tallis (c 1505–85)

O sacred banquet
in which Christ is received,
the memory of
his Passion is renewed,
the mind filled with grace,
and a pledge of future glory
is given to us.

Magnificat Antiphon, Corpus Christi

*O salutaris Hostia,
quae caeli pandis ostium,
bella premunt
hostilia;
da robur, fer auxilium.*

Kris Thomsett (b.1991))

O Sacrifice of salvation,
opening the gate of heaven,
the assaults of our enemies
press upon us;
give aid, bring help.

St Thomas Aquinas (c 1225–74)

Silence is kept.

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.

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.**

Please stand

The Sending Out

The Bishop says:

God who has called you is faithful.
May the Father, whose glory fills the heavens,
cleanse you by his holiness and send you to proclaim his word.

All Amen.

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

All Amen.

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

All Amen.

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

All Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

The Choir (only) sings:

The Hymn

Nothing less than love has saved us -
not our wisdom, art or skill.
Christ, amidst our mess and madness,
died and rose and, living still,
sends us, treasured, fed and cherished
empty hearts to find and fill.

Nothing less than faith sustains us -
living water, pilgrims' bread.
Christ, the friend who never leaves us,
walks the unknown path we tread,
sends us, brave or trembling, onward
to the work that lies ahead.

Nothing less than justice calls us -
not what we may stand to gain.
Christ, beside the poor and voiceless,
pleads for peace, denounces pain,
sends us out to make a difference,
growing heaven's earthly reign.

Nothing less than Holy Spirit
gives our mission energy.
Christ, among the slow and fearful,
breathes the truth that sets us free,
sends us out to bless, forgive and
be the change we long to see.

Nothing less than all we are and
all we have and dream and do
you transform by grace, and make us
holy, humble, hopeful, true.
Threefold God of power and beauty,
start with us your world made new.

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*Music: Westminster Abbey
adapted from an anthem
by Henry Purcell (c.1659– 1695)*

Please **remain standing** until the Procession has left the building.

You are requested to remain in your seat until the end of the Voluntary, and then await the Wardens' invitation before leaving your seat, so that we can maintain social distancing on the way out of the building.

The newly-ordained Priests will greet their friends outside – but please do remember to maintain social distance as you celebrate!

Once you are outside, please move away from the church door swiftly so that others are not prevented from leaving in a safely distanced manner. Please do not remove your face masks until you have left the building.

Organ Voluntary

Nun Danket Alle Gott

Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)



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