



Ordination of Priests

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Welcome

We are delighted to welcome you to St Mary Magdalen, Oxford and to this Ordination of Priests. Today we give thanks for the vocation of those to be ordained and pray for their ongoing ministries here in the Diocese of Oxford. May we also consider what God is calling us to in the months and years to come.

All who are baptised are welcome to receive Communion, and everyone is welcome to receive a blessing. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please come to any of the communion points and just keep your head bowed and hands by your side.

A retiring collection will be made for the Bishop of Oxford's Outreach Fund. Through this fund, the Bishop is able to respond to a wide range of requests for help, particularly in the areas of humanitarian need, Christian education, training, and mission. Further details are at the back of this order of service booklet.

*Fr Peter Groves
Vicar*



Those to be ordained priest:

Esther Brazil

Benefice of Oxford St Mary Magdalen

Esther trained for ordained ministry at Ripon College Cuddesdon before beginning her curacy at St Mary Magdalen's. She has taken great joy in this first diaconal year, particularly in building relationships and learning to inhabit the liturgy. She lives in Headington with her two small children, Bea and Teddy.

Luke Norman

Benefice of Headington St Andrew

Luke grew up in Derbyshire and Kenya and served in Nottinghamshire Constabulary for 16 years. He and his family love travelling and are very pleased to have a German Shepherd puppy in their pack again. Luke was formed for the priesthood on a long and winding road that has also taken in St Stephen's House, Ripon College Cuddesdon and re-joining the police in Oxford, just to be sure.

Matthew Salisbury

Benefice of Oxford St Barnabas and St Paul with St Thomas the Martyr

Matthew is Assistant Curate at St Barnabas and St Thomas, combining this role with teaching in the University of Oxford and service as National Liturgical Adviser to the Church of England. He asks for your prayers for Jennifer his wife, Fr Christopher Woods his training incumbent, and for the people of Jericho and St Thomas Quarter.

Joanna Tarassenko

Benefice of Oxford St Clement

Joanna was baptised, confirmed and married in St Aldates church, where her Christian faith first flourished. Studying Theology over many years now has both challenged and deepened her faith - she happily completed her PhD in Christian Doctrine earlier this year. For the past year she has enjoyed serving as a deacon at St Clement's Church and she looks forward to continuing to grow in this role henceforth as priest. Married to Luke, they have one daughter, Bianca.





The Declaration of Assent

The Declaration of Assent is made by deacons, priests and bishops of the Church of England when they are ordained and on each occasion when they take up a new appointment.

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 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 authorised or allowed by Canon.





THE GATHERING AND PRESENTATION

The congregation stands.

HYMN

All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice,
Him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,
Come ye before him, and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed,
Without our aid he did us make;
We are his folk, he doth us feed,
And for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise,
Approach with joy his courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless his name always,
For it is seemly so to do.

For why? the Lord our God is good:
His mercy is for ever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom heaven and earth adore,
From men and from the Angel-host
Be praise and glory evermore. Amen.

Tune: Old Hundredth
Psalm 100, Genevan Psalter 1551
Words: William Kethe d 1594





THE GREETING

The bishop greets the people.

Bishop Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
All **Blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Bishop There is one body and one spirit.
All **There is one hope to which we are called;**

Bishop one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
All **one God and Father of all.**

Bishop Peace be with you,
All **and also with you.**

The bishop introduces the service.

Bishop 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.





PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

The bishop invites the people to confession.

Bishop Trusting in God’s grace alone, let us join together in confessing our sins.

The congregation sits.

All **Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

Bishop God, the Father of mercies, has reconciled the world to himself through the death and resurrection of his Son, Jesus Christ, not counting our trespasses against us, but sending his Holy Spirit to shed abroad his love among us. By the ministry of reconciliation entrusted by Christ to his Church, receive his pardon and peace to stand before him in his strength alone, this day and evermore.

All **Amen.**

THE PRESENTATION

The archdeacon presents those to be ordained.

The ordinands stand when their names are called.

Archdeacon Reverend Father in God, I present these persons to be ordained to the office of priest in the Church of God:

Esther Brazil	Benefice of Oxford St Mary Magdalen
Luke Norman	Benefice of Headington St Andrew
Matthew Salisbury	Benefice of Oxford St Barnabas and St Paul with St Thomas the Martyr
Joanna Tarassenko	Benefice of Oxford St Clement





The bishop asks these questions of the director of ordinands,

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

DDO They have.

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

DDO They do.

The bishop turns to the ordinands and says,

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

Ordinands I do so believe.

Bishop I invite the archdeacon 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.'

THE COLLECT

The bishop introduces a period of silent prayer with the following bidding,

Bishop Let us pray for Esther, Luke, Matthew and Joanna, 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.

All **Amen.**





THE GLORIA

The congregation stands to sing the Gloria.

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to His people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
Almighty God and Father,
we worship You, we give You thanks,
we praise You for Your glory.**

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to His people on earth.**

**Lord Jesus Christ,
only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to His people on earth.**

**For You alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of the Father.**

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to His people on earth. Amen.**

The congregation sits.

*Trinity Mass
David Thorne*





THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Isaiah 61:1-3

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the broken-hearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners;
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
to provide for those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

1 Peter 2:1-5

Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice, and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**





The congregation stands and turns to face the Gospel as it is processed.

O King enthroned on high, thou comforter divine:
Blest Spirit of all truth, be nigh and make us thine. **Alleluia.**
Thou art the source of life, thou art our treasure store:
Give us thy peace and end our strife for evermore. **Alleluia.**
Descend, O Holy Dove, abide with us we pray:
and in the fullness of thy love cleanse us we pray. **Alleluia.**

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

Luke 4: 16-21

Deacon When he 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.’

Deacon This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All **Praise to you, O Christ.**





THE SERMON

*The Revd Canon Felicity Scroggie
Rector of Kidlington with Hampton Poyle and Bishop's Advisor in Women's Ministry*

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 LITURGY OF ORDINATION

THE DECLARATIONS

The ordinands stand before the bishop, who addresses the congregation.

Bishop 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 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.

Bishop 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.

The congregation stands and the ordinands turn to face them.

Bishop 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.**

Bishop Will you continually pray for them?

All **We will.**

Bishop Will you uphold and encourage them in their ministry?

All **We will.**

The ordinands turn back to face the bishop, who continues, addressing them.

Bishop 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 congregation sits or kneels, and the ordinands kneel.

Silence is kept, then 'Veni Creator' is sung as we remain seated or kneeling.

Cantor Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
 And lighten with celestial fire;
 Thou the anointing Spirit art,
 Who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.

All Thy blessèd 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 eternal merit,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

*John Cosin 1594-1675
based on Veni Creator Spiritus*





THE PRAYERS

The area dean for Oxford leads the prayers.

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

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Area Dean 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.**

Area Dean 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.**

Area Dean For Steven, our bishop,
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.**

Area Dean 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 Esther, Luke, Matthew and Joanna,
called to be priests in his Church,
let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Area Dean 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.**





Area Dean 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.**

Area Dean 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.**

Area Dean 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.**

Area Dean 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.**

Area Dean 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.**

Area Dean Remembering all 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.

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**





THE ORDINATION PRAYER

The bishop stands to pray while the ordinands remain kneeling.

Bishop 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.

All **Lord, send your Holy Spirit.**

Bishop 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.

All **Lord, send your Holy Spirit.**

Bishop 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.

All **Lord, send your Holy Spirit.**

Bishop 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.

All **Lord, send your Holy Spirit.**

Bishop Therefore, Father, through Christ our Lord we pray:

*Those priests taking part in the laying on of hands gather around the bishop.
The bishop and priests lay their hands on the head of each ordinand.*

Bishop Send down the Holy Spirit on your servant,
Esther, Luke, Matthew and Joanna,
for the office and work of a priest in your Church.

*When the bishop has laid hands on each of the ordinands, clergy return to their seats,
and the prayer continues.*





Bishop 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 bishop anoints the palms of the hands of each newly ordained priest.

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

The newly ordained priests stand for vesting in a stole or scarf.

THE GIVING OF THE BIBLE

The bishop gives the Bible to each of the newly ordained priests.

Bishop 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.





THE WELCOME

The area dean says to the newly ordained priests,

Area Dean 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 greet the newly ordained priests with applause.

The newly ordained priests turn back to face the Bishop.

THE PEACE

The congregation stands.

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 us the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.

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

Deacon Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may greet those around them with a suitable sign of peace and say, "Peace be with you."

The congregation sits.





HYMN

Just as I am, without one plea
But that thy blood was shed for me,
And that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings within, and fears without,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind,
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea all I need, in thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve:
Because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am (thy love unknown
Has broken every barrier down),
Now to be thine, yea thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, of that free love
The breadth, length, depth and height to prove,
Here for a season then above,
O Lamb of God, I come.

*Tune: Saffron Walden
Arthur Henry Brown 1830-1926*





THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

The Bishop takes the bread and wine.

Bishop Pour upon the poverty of our love
and the weakness of our praise,
the transforming fire of your presence.
All **Amen.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Bishop The Lord be with you.
All **And also with you.**

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

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

Bishop 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:

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts,
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory:
Glory be to Thee, O Lord most high. Amen.**

**Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord;
Hosanna in the Highest.**

Communion service in C major: John Ireland

Bishop

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
All*

Great is the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**





Bishop

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 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 sits or kneels.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Bishop

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 BREAD

Bishop 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.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

GIVING OF COMMUNION

The bishop invites the people to Communion.

Bishop 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 ministers begin the distribution of Holy Communion.

If you would like to receive Communion today, you are most welcome to do so.

If you do not wish to receive Communion, you are warmly invited to come forward for a prayer of blessing. Please bow your head with hands at your side to indicate that you do not wish to receive Communion.

The sidespeople will direct you to the nearest of the distribution points. If you would like Communion to be brought to your seat, please just tell the welcoming stewards before or during the service.

If you require a gluten-free wafer, please go to the Bishop of Oxford's Communion point and request it.





The Choir sings the communion motet.

Sancte Deus

Sancte Deus, sancte fortis, sancte et immortalis, miserere nobis.
Nunc, Christe, te petimus, miserere quaesumus.
Qui venisti redimere perditos, noli damnare redemptos;
quia per crucem tuam redemisti mundum. Amen.

Holy God, Holy and Strong, Holy and Immortal, have mercy upon us.
Now, O Christ, we pray thee, have mercy we beg thee.
Thou who comest to redeem the lost, condemn not those whom thou hast
redeemed,
for by thy cross thou hast redeemed the world. Amen.

Thomas Tallis (c.1505-1585)

COMMUNION HYMN

Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast,
Body of Christ, be thou my saving guest,
Blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide,
Wash me with water flowing from thy side.

Strength and protection may thy passion be,
O blessèd Jesu, hear and answer me;
Deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me,
So shall I never, never part from thee.

Guard and defend me from the foe malign,
In death's dread moments make me only thine;
Call me and bid me come to thee on high
Where I may praise thee with thy saints for ay.

Tune: Anima Christi
Words: Latin, 14th century
Tr Anonymus





PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Silence is kept

Bishop 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 SENDING OUT

The congregation stands for the blessing and dismissal.

Bishop 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.**

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

All **Amen.**

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

All **Amen.**

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

All **Amen.**

Deacon Go in the light and peace of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**





HYMN

1. Jerusalem the golden,
With milk and honey blest,
Beneath thy contemplation
Sink heart and voice opprest.
I know not, O I know not,
What social joys are there,
What radiancy of glory,
What light beyond compare.

2. They stand, those halls of Sion,
Conjubilant with song,
And bright with many an angel,
And all the martyr throng;
The prince is ever in them,
The daylight is serene,
The pastures of the blessed
Are decked in glorious sheen.

3. There is the throne of David,
And there, from care released,
The song of them that triumph,
The shout of them that feast;
And they who, with their Leader,
Have conquered in the fight,
For ever and for ever
Are clad in robes of white.

4. O sweet and blessed country,
Shall I ever see thy face?
O sweet and blessed country,
Shall I ever win thy grace?
Exult, O dust and ashes!
The Lord shall be thy part:
His only, his for ever,
Thou shalt be, and thou art!

Tune: Ewing

Words: vv 1-3 Bernard of Cluny 12th century

Tr. J. M. Neale 1818-66

v 4 Hymns Ancient and Modern 1861

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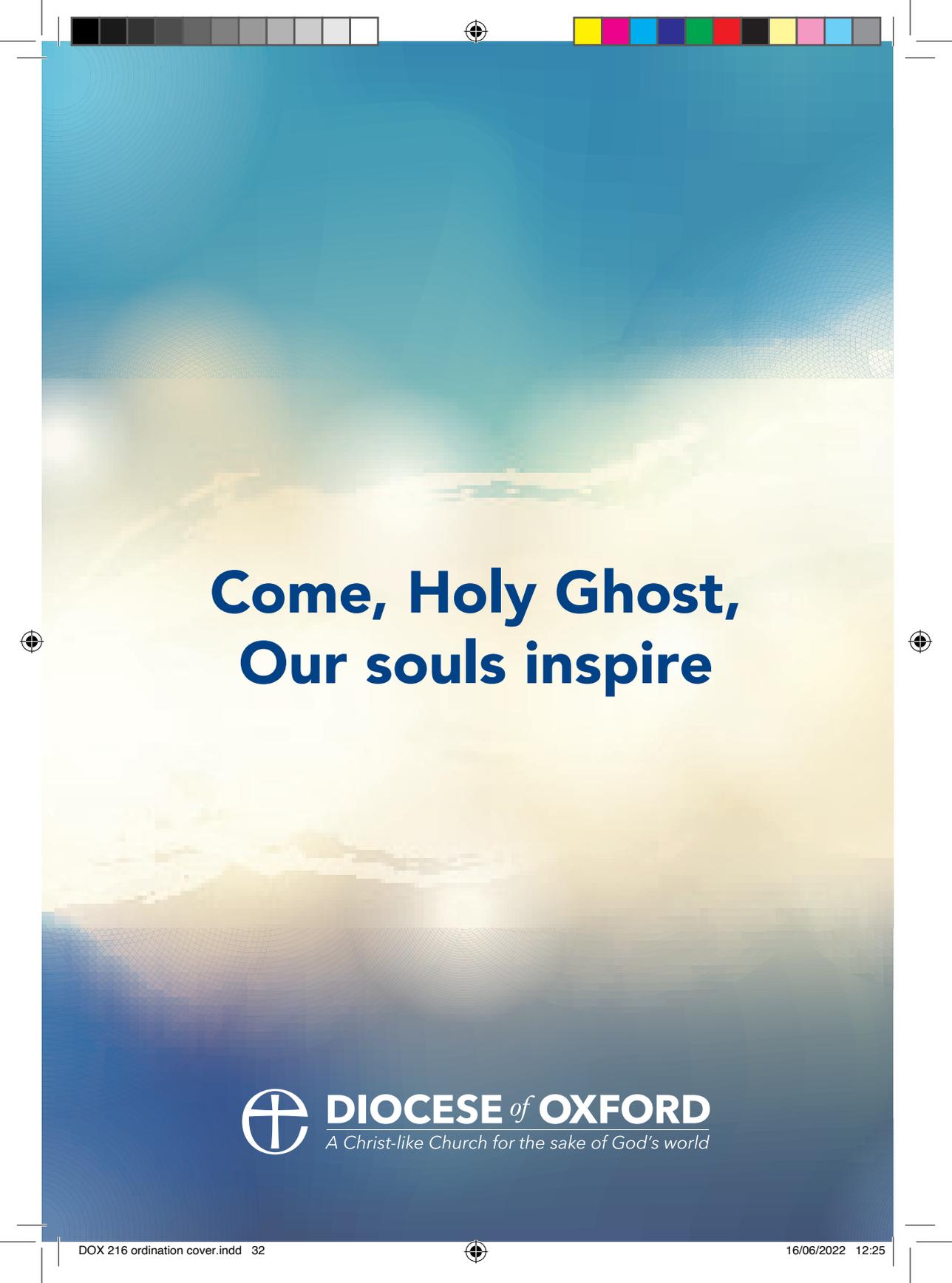
God calls everyone into ever deeper relationships; with God and with each other – and into some kind of service so that the world reflects the goodness of God.

If you sense the call of God, you can explore how to deepen your faith. You may want to talk to your parish priest, or find some suggestions for your next step here: oxford.anglican.org/everyday-faith

*As Jesus was walking
along, he saw a man called
Matthew sitting at the tax
booth; and he said to him,
'Follow me.' And he got up
and followed him.*

Matthew 9:9





Come, Holy Ghost, Our souls inspire



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