



Ordination of Deacons

1 July 2023

A very warm welcome to Christ Church and to this very special service, as those whom God has called to serve him as deacons in this diocese are ordained. Later, the Bishop will explain that deacons are called to 'proclaim the gospel in word and deed, as agents of God's purposes of love': a particular fulfilment of the calling given to all God's people. As we celebrate those who become deacons today, please pray for them; for their families and supporters, for their parishes and those they serve; but also for all God's people as we seek to be God's light and love in the world.

If you normally receive Communion in your own church, and if you have been baptised, you are welcome to receive today. Otherwise, you are warmly invited to receive a blessing. Please follow the stewards' instructions. If you need a gluten-free wafer, please come to the dedicated station in front of the High Altar at the east end of the Cathedral.

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At the entry of the Bishop's procession, the Congregation stands.

Processional Hymn

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

**Come, let us follow where our Captain trod,
our King victorious, Christ the Son of God:**

**Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
the hosts of God in conquering ranks combine:**

**Each new-born soldier of the Crucified
bears on his brow the seal of him who died:**

**This is the sign which Satan's legions fear
and angels veil their faces to revere:**

**Saved by the cross whereon their Lord was slain,
earth's fallen children their lost home regain:**

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

**O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw us unto thee:**

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

**From farthest regions let them homage bring,
and on his cross adore their Saviour King:**

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

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

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

WORDS: G W Kitchin (1827–1912) and M R Newbolt (1874–1956)

MUSIC: Crucifer, S H Nicholson (1875–1947)

Common Praise 499

The Greeting

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

Bishop There is one body and one spirit.
All **There is one hope to which we were 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 Congregation sits. 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 a variety of ministries. Deacons are ordained so that the people of God may be better equipped to make Christ known. Theirs is a life of visible self-giving. Christ is the pattern of their calling and their commission; as he washed the feet of his disciples, so they must wash the feet of others.

Prayers of Penitence

Deacon God calls all people to obedience and faith.
As we prepare to celebrate his love in Word and Sacrament,
let us remember our failings, confess our sins,
and pray for strength to amend our lives.

We remain seated or kneel.

All **Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.**

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

All **Amen.**

The Presentation

The Archdeacon presents those to be ordained, saying:

Bishop Steven, I present these persons to be ordained to the office of deacon in the Church of God.

The Archdeacon then reads the name of each person, with the place where they are to serve. Each ordinand stands as their name is read.

When the ordinands have been presented, the Bishop asks these questions of the Director of Ordinands and those involved with the ordinands' training, who all stand to respond.

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

DDOs **They have.**

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

DDOs **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 Registrar to confirm that the ordinands have taken the necessary oaths and made the Declaration of Assent.

Registrar 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'.

Gloria in Excelsis

The Congregation stands as the Choir sings the Gloria, in Latin or English.

Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Et in terra pax
hominibus bonæ voluntatis.
Laudamus te, benedicimus te,
adoramus te, glorificamus te.
Gratias agimus tibi
propter magnam gloriam tuam,
Domine Deus, Rex cœlestis,
Deus Pater omnipotens.

Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe,
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei,
Filius Patris,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.
Qui tollis peccata mundi,
suscipe deprecationem nostram.
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,
miserere nobis.

Quoniam tu solus Sanctus;
tu solus Dominus;
tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe,
cum Sancto Spiritu
in gloria Dei Patris.
Amen.

*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.*

*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*

*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 God the Father.
Amen.*

The Collect

Bishop As we stand, let us pray for those to be ordained this day,
and for the whole people of God.

Silence is kept.

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.**

Please sit down.

Old Testament Reading
1 Samuel 3.1–10 (NRSV)
read by a Licensed Lay Minister

Reader A reading from the Book of Samuel.

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, ‘Samuel! Samuel!’^a and he said, ‘Here I am!’ and ran to Eli, and said, ‘Here I am, for you called me.’ But he said, ‘I did not call; lie down again.’ So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, ‘Samuel!’ Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, ‘Here I am, for you called me.’ But he said, ‘I did not call, my son; lie down again.’ Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, ‘Here I am, for you called me.’ Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, ‘Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, “Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.”’ So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, ‘Samuel! Samuel!’ And Samuel said, ‘Speak, for your servant is listening.’

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand to sing the worship song.

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 borne 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 ...

WORDS: Dan Schutte (b. 1957)

MUSIC: Here I am, Lord, Dan Schutte (b. 1957)

Common Praise 470

Please sit.

New Testament Reading

Romans 12.1–13 (NRSV)

read by one of the assistant DDOs for the Oxford diocese

Reader A reading from the Letter to the Romans.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The Congregation stands as the Choir sings the Alleluia, heralding the Gospel.

Cantor The words that I have spoken to you are spirit
and they are life, says the Lord.

Gospel Reading
John 13.12–17 (NRSV)
read by the Deacon

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

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, ‘Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

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

The Sermon

Please sit down when you are invited to.

10am *The Venerable David Tyler,*
Archdeacon of Dorchester

2pm *The Revd Canon Liz Jackson,*
Associate Archdeacon in the Berkshire Area

After the sermon, we stand to sing.

Worship Song

You call me out upon the waters
The great unknown where feet may fail
And there I find You in the mystery
In oceans deep my faith will stand

And I will call upon Your Name
And keep my eyes above the waves
When oceans rise
My soul will rest in Your embrace
For I am Yours and You are mine

Your grace abounds in deepest waters
Your sovereign hand will be my guide
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me
You've never failed and You won't start now

So I will call upon Your Name
And keep my eyes above the waves
When oceans rise
My soul will rest in Your embrace
For I am Yours and You are mine, oh
And You are mine, oh

Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders
Let me walk upon the waters
Wherever You would call me
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander
And my faith will be made stronger
In the presence of my Saviour

I will call upon Your Name
Keep my eyes above the waves
My soul will rest in Your embrace
I am Yours and You are mine

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The congregation sits.

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 Do you believe the doctrine of the Christian faith as the Church of England has received it, and in your ministry, will you expound and teach it?

Ordinands **I believe it and will so do.**

Bishop Will you strive to make the love of Christ known through word and example, and have a particular care for those in need?

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

Bishop Will you be a faithful servant in the household of God, after the example of Christ, who came not to be served but to serve?

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 the discipline of this Church and give due respect to those in authority?

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 grow in holiness and grace?

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

The Congregation stands. The ordinands turn and face the people.

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 in which you are now to share: the ministry of Christ himself, who for our sake took the form of a servant.

Remember always with thanksgiving that the people among whom you will minister are made in God's image and likeness. In serving them you are serving Christ himself, before whom you will be called to account.

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 and the ordinands kneel. Silence is kept.

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.**

WORDS: *8th century Latin, trans. John Cosin (1594–1692)*

MUSIC: *Plainsong, Mode viii*

The Prayers

Prayers of intercession for the ordinands and for the ministry of the whole Church are led by a member of the DDO team who has been involved in their journey to this point.

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

All **Lord, have mercy.**

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

All **Lord, have mercy.**

For all 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 our bishops, Steven, Alan, Olivia and Gavin
and for all bishops, presbyters and deacons,
that they may hunger for truth
and thirst after righteousness,
let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

For *N* and *N*, called to be deacons 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 Charles our King,
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 Frideswide, Birinus
and all the saints,
we commit ourselves, one another,
and our whole life to Christ our God;
to you, O Lord.

All

The Ordination Prayer

The Bishop stands to pray, while others 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.

We praise and glorify you
because you sent your only Son Jesus Christ
to take the form of a slave;
he humbled himself for our sake,
and in obedience accepted death,
even death on a cross.

We praise and glorify you
because in every age you send your Spirit
to fill those whom you have chosen,
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 deacons in the ministry of the gospel of Christ,
who came not to be served but to serve,
and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Therefore, Father, through Christ our Lord we pray:

Here the Bishop lays his hands on the head of each ordinand, saying:

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

When the Bishop has laid hands on all the ordinands, the prayer continues:

Bishop Through your Spirit, heavenly Father,
give these your servants
grace and power to fulfil their ministry.
Make them faithful to serve
and constant in advancing your gospel in the world.
May they follow the example of Jesus Christ your Son,
who washed the feet of his disciples,
and set the needs of others before his own.

May their life be disciplined and holy,
their words declare your love
and their actions reveal your glory,
that your people may walk with them in the way of truth
and be made ready for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ;
to whom, with you and your Holy Spirit,
belong glory and honour, worship and praise,
now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Giving of the New Testament

The Congregation sits, and the newly ordained deacons stand.

The Bishop gives the New Testament to each of them, saying:

Bishop Receive this book,
as a sign of the authority given you this day
to speak God's word to his people.
Build them up in his truth
and serve them in his name.

The Welcome

On behalf of the clergy of the Diocese, a member of the Cathedral Chapter welcomes the newly ordained deacons:

Canon We preach not ourselves but Christ Jesus as Lord
and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.

All **We welcome you as fellow servants in the gospel:
may Christ dwell in your hearts through faith,
that you may be rooted and grounded in love.**

*The training incumbents of the newly ordained deacons help them to
vest in a stole or scarf, symbol of their new ministry.*

The Peace

The Congregation stands.

Bishop We are all one in Christ Jesus.

All **We belong to him through faith,
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.**

Bishop The peace of the Lord be always with you

All **and also with you.**

Deacon Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*Please offer one another a sign of peace as you are comfortable, with
the words 'peace be with you,' 'the peace of the Lord,' or similar.*

*During the hymn which follows, a collection is taken for the Bishop's
Outreach Fund. Please use the Gift Aid envelopes if you are eligible.
Donations can also be made online via this webpage,
oxford.anglican.org/outreach-fund*

Offertory Hymn

Thou art the Christ, O Lord,
the Son of God most high:
for ever be adored
that name in earth and sky,
in which, though mortal strength may fail,
the saints of God at last prevail.

O surely he was blest
with blessedness unpriced,
who, taught of God, confessed
the Godhead in the Christ;
for of thy church, Lord, thou didst own
thy saint a true foundation-stone.

Thrice fallen, thrice restored,
the bitter lesson learnt,
that heart for thee, O Lord,
with triple ardour burnt.
The cross he took he laid not down
until he grasped the martyr's crown.

O bright triumphant faith,
O courage void of fears,
O love most strong in death,
O penitential tears!
By these, Lord, keep us lest we fall,
and make us go where thou shalt call.

WORDS: Charles Wesley (1707–1788)

*MUSIC: Love Unknown, John Ireland (1879–1962)
Common Praise 236, tune ii*

Taking of the Bread and Wine

Please stand if you are able. The Bishop takes the bread and wine and says:

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

All **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer

Bishop 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.**

Bishop It is indeed right and good,
our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks and praise
through your servant, Jesus Christ our Lord.
At his baptism he was revealed as your beloved Son.
Coming among us as one who serves,
he taught us that the greatest in your kingdom
are those who make themselves least
and the servants of all.

Although he was their teacher and their Lord,
he washed the feet of his disciples
and commanded us to do the same,
that we might reveal the power of your love,
made perfect in our human weakness.

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 the Sanctus and Benedictus.

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus	<i>Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,</i>
Dominus Deus Sabaoth:	<i>heaven and earth are full of thy glory:</i>
pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.	<i>Glory be to thee,</i>
Hosanna in excelsis.	<i>O Lord most High.</i>

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

Hosanna in the highest.

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 Great is the mystery of faith:

All **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 the Blessed Virgin Mary, Peter, Paul,
Frideswide, Birinus, 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 kneels or sits.

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 the Bread

The Bishop breaks the consecrated bread, saying:

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.**

Giving of Communion

The Bishop invites the people to receive 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 and People receive Communion, with the newly-ordained deacons receiving Communion first. If you normally receive Communion in your own church, or if you have been confirmed, you are most welcome to receive here – please follow the directions of the stewards to the appropriate station. If you would rather receive a blessing, you are very warmly invited to come forward in the same way; please bring this order of service with you so that the ministers know that you want a blessing.

If you need a gluten-free wafer, please ask the stewards to direct you to the High Altar at the front of the Cathedral.

If you wish Communion to be brought to you, please speak to a steward.

As the distribution of Communion begins, the Choir sings the Agnus Dei.

Agnus Dei

Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

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

*O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.*

During Communion, the choir will also sing an Anthem, and other hymns and worship songs will be sung. Please join in if you like, and sit, stand or kneel as you wish.

Worship Songs

**Are you thirsty
Are you empty
Come and drink these Living Waters
Time unbroken
Peace unspoken
Rest beside these Living Waters
Christ is calling
Find refreshing
At the cross of Living Waters
Lay your life down
On Thee, all come
Rise up in these Living Waters**

**There's a river that flows
With mercy and love
Bringing joy to the city of our God
There our hope is secure
Do not fear anymore
Praise the Lord of Living Waters
Spirit moving**

**Mercy washing
Healing in these living waters
Lead your children to the shore line
Life is in these Living Waters**

**There's a river that flows
With mercy and love
Bringing joy to the city of our God
There our hope is secure
Do not fear anymore
Praise the Lord of Living Waters**

**Are you thirsty
Are you empty
Come and drink these Living Waters
Love, forgiveness
Vast and boundless
Christ, He is our Living Water**

**There's a river that flows
With mercy and love
Bringing joy to the city of our God
There our hope is secure
Do not fear anymore
Praise the Lord of Living Waters**

*Words and music: Edmond Martin Cash, Kristyn Getty
Living Waters lyrics © Capitol Cmg Paragon*

**My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
And I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus name**

**When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil**

***Christ alone, cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Savior's love
Through the storm
He is Lord, Lord of all***

**His oath, His covenant, His blood
Support me in the 'whelming flood
When all around my soul gives way
He then is all my hope and stay
He then is all my hope and stay**

Christ alone, cornerstone...

**When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh, may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless, stand before the throne.**

*Words and Music: Jonas Myrin, Reuben Timothy Morgan, Eric Oskar Liljero.
Cornerstone lyrics © Little Shop Of Morgansongs, Hillsong Music Publishing UK,
Hillsong Music Publishing Australia, Hillsong Mp Songs*

Communion Hymn

**Draw nigh and take the body of the Lord,
and drink the holy blood for you outpoured.**

**Saved by that body and that holy blood,
with souls refreshed, we render thanks to God.**

**Salvation's giver, Christ, the only Son,
by his dear cross and blood the victory won.**

**Offered was he for greatest and for least,
himself the victim, and himself the priest.**

**Approach ye then with faithful hearts sincere,
and take the pledges of salvation here.**

*Words: Bangor Antiphoner (c. 690),
tr. J.M. Neale (1818-1866)
Music: Song 46, Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)
Common Praise 296*

Prayer after Communion

Bishop Let us pray

A moment of silence is kept.

Bishop Holy and blessed God,
you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son
and filled us with your Holy Spirit:
may we honour you, not only with our lips
but in lives dedicated to the service
of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Please stand if you are able.

Blessing

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.**

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.**

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

The Bishop leads the newly ordained deacons to the west door of the Cathedral. Please feel free to applaud them if you would like! Other clergy leave in procession.

**Lord Jesus Christ,
you have come to us,
you are one with us,
Mary's Son;
cleansing our souls from all their sin,
pouring your love and goodness in;
Jesus, our love for you we sing,
living Lord.**

**Lord Jesus Christ,
now and every day,
teach us how to pray,
Son of God.
You have commanded us to do
this in remembrance, Lord, of you:
into our lives your power breaks through,
living Lord.**

**Lord Jesus Christ,
you have come to us,
born as one of us,
Mary's Son.
Led out to die on Calvary,
risen from death to set us free,
living Lord Jesus, help us see,
you are Lord.**

**Lord Jesus Christ,
I would come to you,
live my life for you,
Son of God.
All your commands I know are true,
your many gifts will make me new,
into my life your power breaks through,
living Lord.**

*WORDS AND MUSIC: Patrick Appleford (b. 1924)
Arr. John Birch (b. 1929)
Common Worship 505*

Choral Music during the Service

10am ordination service

sung by the Cathedral Choir

Little Organ Mass

Josef Haydn (1732–1809)

Cantique de Jean Racine

Gabriel Fauré (1845–1924)

2pm ordination service

sung by the Cathedral Singers of Christ Church

Communion Service in G major

Francis Jackson (1917–2022)

Listen, sweet dove

Grayston Ives (b. 1948)

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**Please pray for those to be ordained, their families,
and the parishes in which they will serve**

From the Archdeaconry of Dorchester

10am Ordination Service

Sarah Cotterill, to serve in the Benefice of Banbury St. Mary

James Elward, to serve in the Benefice of Witney

Mark Rhodes-Smith, to serve in The Churn Benefice

From the Archdeaconry of Oxford

10am Ordination Service

Samuel Durley, to serve in the Benefice of Headington St. Mary's Barton

Naomi Gardom, to serve in the Benefice of Oxford

St. Mary the Virgin with St. Cross with St. Peter-in-the-East

David Gimson, to serve in the Benefice of Cowley St. John

Siân Gronlie, to serve in the Benefice of Oxford St. Giles

and St. Philip and St. James with St. Margaret

Robert Rogers, to serve in the Benefice of Oxford

St. Matthew with St. Luke

Lucie Spiers, to serve in the Benefice of Oxford St. Mary Magdalen

The Presiding Bishop at this service is the Bishop of Oxford, the Rt Revd Dr Steven Croft.

The Preacher is the Venerable David Tyler, Archdeacon of Dorchester.

Music is sung by the Cathedral Choir, under the direction of Professor Steven Grahl, Organist of Christ Church. Music is also provided by Mia Messervy (vocals), Chris Nurse (violin), and Myles Casservy (keyboards).

The Organist for the service is Richard Moore.

From the Archdeaconry of Buckinghamshire

2pm Ordination Service

Michelle Fotherby, to serve in the Benefice of

Chalfont St. Giles, Seer Green and Jordan

Jane Grimette, to serve in the Benefice of Newton Longville,

Mursley, Swanbourne, Little Horwood and Drayton Parslow

Craig Lerner, to serve in the Benefice of Gerrards Cross and Fulmer

Kayleigh Lucas, to serve in the Benefice of Prestwood and Great Hampden

Sydney Quartey, to serve in the Benefice of Stoke Poges

Gillian Taylor, to serve in the Benefice of Flackwell Heath

Andrew Walmsley, to serve in the Benefice of Risborough

From the Archdeaconry of Berkshire

2pm Ordination Service

Christopher Hall, to serve at the Benefice of Reading Greyfriars

Rachel Jeremiah, to serve at the Benefice of Pangbourne

with Tidmarsh and Sulham

Amy Sykes, to serve at the Benefice of Tilehurst St Michael

Adam Wingrove, to serve at the Benefice of Dedworth

The Presiding Bishop at this service is the Bishop of Oxford, the Rt Revd Dr Steven Croft.

The Preacher is the Revd Canon Liz Jackson, Associate Archdeacon of Berkshire.

Music is sung by the Cathedral Singers, under the direction of Hilary Punnett. Music is also provided by Mia Messervy (vocals), Chris Nurse (violin), and Myles Casservy (keyboards).

The Organist for the service is Simon Hogan.

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 (Canon C 15). Today's candidates swore their oaths and made their declarations in the Cloister with the presiding bishop and registrar before the service.

When the new deacons are welcomed into their parishes, these declarations are often read out at a principal service.

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, *A B*, 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.



God has transformed lives across the centuries. The life of the Saxon princess and healer, Frideswide, is celebrated in a shrine in this cathedral. In 2023 we are still celebrating the ways God blesses individuals and the wider world through their lives, transformed by the love of Jesus. Read some of the latest life stories here:

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