



# Ordination of Priests

Saturday 22 June 2024

St Mary's Church, Amersham



Welcome to this ordination service. Today we give thanks for those committing their lives in service of God as they are ordained priests in the Church of England.

Please pray for all those being ordained priest this year and for the places where they serve.

These deacons will be ordained as priests in this service:

**Michelle Fotherby**, to serve in the Benefice of Amersham

**Jane Grimmette**, to serve in the Benefice of Newton Longville, Mursley, Swanbourne, Little Horwood and Drayton Parslow

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

**Sydney Quartey**, to serve in the Benefice of Stoke Poges

**Gill Taylor**, to serve in the Parish of Flackwell Heath

**Andrew Walmsley**, to serve in the Benefice of Risborough

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## **The Declaration of Assent**

*(made by the candidates before the service)*

*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).*

### **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 authorised or allowed by Canon.

## **The Oaths**

*(made by the candidates before the service)*

### **The Oath of Allegiance**

I, N, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King Charles III, his heirs and successors, according to law: So help me God.

### **The Oath of Canonical Obedience**

I, N, do swear by almighty God that I will pay true and canonical obedience to the Lord Bishop of Oxford, and his successors [*and through his delegation to the Area Bishop of Buckingham*] in all things lawful and honest: So help me God.



## The Gathering

The following Organ music will be played before the service:

*Passacaglia and Fugue in C Minor BWV 582 (Bach)*

*Psalm Prelude Set I, No. 1 (Howells)*

### Processional Hymn

O LORD my God, when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the works thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
thy power throughout the universe displayed;  
*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,  
how great thou art, how great thou art!*  
*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,  
how great thou art, how great thou art!*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,  
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;  
*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,  
how great thou art, how great thou art!*  
*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,  
how great thou art, how great thou art!*

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
sent him to die – I scarce can take it in:  
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
he bled and died to take away my sin;  
*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,  
how great thou art, how great thou art!*  
*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,  
how great thou art, how great thou art!*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
and take me home – what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then shall I bow in humble adoration,  
and there proclaim, my God, how great though art!  
*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,  
how great thou art, how great thou art!*  
*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,  
how great thou art, how great thou art!*



## 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 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

*Bishop* As we stand together before God, and trusting in God's grace alone, let us join together in confessing our sins.

**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 and each ordinand stands.*

*Archdeacon* Bishop Gavin, I present NN  
to serve in the benefice of NN  
to be ordained to the office of priest in the Church of God.

*When the ordinands have been presented, the Bishop asks these questions of the Training Incumbents, Initial Ministerial Education Team and Directors of Ordinands who are present, who all stand.*

*Bishop* Have those whose duty it is to know these deacons and examine them found them to be of godly life and sound learning?  
*TIs etc.* **They have.**

*Bishop* Do they believe them to be duly called to serve God in this ministry?  
*TIs etc.* **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

*Bishop* Let us pray.

*A time of silent prayer is kept.*

*Bishop* 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 Liturgy of the Word

### Old Testament Reading

*Jeremiah 1.4–10*

*Reader* A reading from Jeremiah

### Jeremiah’s Call and Commission

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying,

‘Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.’

Then I said, ‘Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.’ But the Lord said to me,





‘Do not say, “I am only a boy”; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord.’

Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me,

‘Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.’

*Reader* This is the word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

### **New Testament Reading**

*James 1.19–25*

*Reader* A reading from James

### **Hearing and Doing the Word**

You must understand this, my beloved brothers and sisters: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger, for human anger does not produce God’s righteousness. Therefore, rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act – they will be blessed in their doing.

*Reader* This is the word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**





## **Gradual Hymn**

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. 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 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. 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.*



*Gospel acclamation sung by the choir and then repeated by the congregation.*

*Allegro*

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

## Gospel Reading

*Luke 10.25–37*

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

### The Parable of the Good Samaritan

An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbour as yourself.” And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbour?” Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

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

## Sermon

*The Revd Canon Rosie Harper  
 Chaplain to the Bishop of Buckingham*





# The Liturgy of Ordination

## The Declarations

*The ordinands stand before the Bishop, who addresses the congregation.*

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

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

*The Bishop addresses the ordinands directly.*

**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.*

*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 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 sit as the ordinands kneel.*



## The Prayers

*A time of silent prayer is kept and then the Veni Creator is sung in the form below as a prayer for those to be ordained.*

Choir      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: Veni Creator Spiritus, Latin 8th or 9th century  
trans. John Cosin (1594–1692)*

*Intercessions are led by one of the Directors of the Ordinands for the ordinands and for the ministry of the whole Church.*

*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, 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 Michelle, Jane, Kayleigh, Sydney, Gill and Andrew, 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 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.**

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;  
*All* **to you, O Lord.**





## The Ordination Prayer

*The Bishop stands to pray, priests who will share in laying hands on the ordinands also stand, 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 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 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:

*The Bishop and assisting priests lay their hands on the head of each ordinand.*

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

*After hands have been laid on all the ordinands, the Bishop continues the ordination prayer.*

*Bishop* Through your Spirit, heavenly Father,  
give 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 newly ordained priests, still kneeling, hold their hands, palms up, towards the Bishop who anoints them with oil of chrism.*

*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 Giving of the Bible**

*The newly ordained priests stand and the Bishop gives the Bible to each one saying*

*Bishop*        N, receive this book

*After all have received their Bibles, the Bishop continues*

*Bishop*        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 newly ordained priests turn to face the congregation. On behalf of the clergy of the diocese, one of the home clergy welcomes them, saying*

*Minister*      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.*

*If the newly ordained priests are vested in stole, their Training Incumbents assist them in arranging the stole to signify their new office.*

*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.

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

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



# ***The Liturgy of the Eucharist***

## **Taking of the Bread and Wine**

GOD is here! As we his people  
meet to offer praise and prayer,  
may we find in fuller measure  
what it is in Christ we share.  
Here, as in the world around us,  
all our varied skills and arts  
wait the coming of his Spirit  
into open minds and hearts.

Here are symbols to remind us  
of our lifelong need of grace;  
here are table, font and pulpit;  
here the cross has central place.  
Here in honesty of preaching,  
here in silence, as in speech,  
here in newness and renewal,  
God the Spirit comes to each.

Here our children find a welcome  
in the Shepherd's flock and fold,  
here as bread and wine are taken,  
Christ sustains us as of old.  
Here the servants of the Servant  
seek in worship to explore  
what it means in daily living  
to believe and to adore.

Lord of all, of Church and Kingdom,  
in an age of change and doubt,  
keep us faithful to the gospel,  
help us work your purpose out.  
Here, in this day's dedication,  
all we have to give, receive:  
we, who cannot live without you,  
we adore you! We believe.



*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.**

## **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*:



All

*Organ*

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
 hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na,  
 Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

*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 Frideswide, Birinus and all the saints  
to feast at your table in heaven.

*All* Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,  
for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**



## 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.*

*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 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 Bishop and people receive communion.*

*If you normally receive communion in your own church, you are most welcome to receive it here. If you would like a gluten-free wafer, please ask the minister when you come forward. All others are most warmly invited to come forward to receive a blessing: please bring this order of service with you so that the ministers know that you want a blessing.*





*Anthem: Come Down O Love Divine (Harris)*

## Prayer after Communion

*Bishop* Let us pray

*A moment of 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.**

## The Sending Out

## Blessing and Dismissal

*All stand.*

*Bishop* Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
*All* **who has made heaven and earth.**

*Bishop* Blessed be the name of the Lord,

*All* **now and for ever. Amen.**

*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.**





*Bishop*      Go in the peace of Christ  
*All*            **Thanks be to God.**

*The Bishop leads the newly ordained priests to the main door during the recessional hymn*

### **Recessional Hymn**

Go in grace and make disciples,  
baptize in God's holy name;  
tell of death and resurrection,  
Easter's victory now proclaim.  
Christ's commission sends us forth  
to the nations of the earth.  
Go in grace and make disciples,  
midwives for the world's rebirth.

Go and follow Christ's example,  
not to vanquish, but to heal;  
mend the wounds of sin's divisions,  
servant love to all reveal.  
Roles and ranks shall be reversed,  
justice flow for all who thirst.  
Go and follow Christ's example,  
Forge a world of last made first.

Go in Pentecostal spirit,  
many tongues and many gifts;  
feed the hearts of hungry people,  
spread the gospel that uplifts.  
As disciples, teach and learn,  
till the day of Christ's return.  
Go in Pentecostal spirit,  
let God's flame of witness burn.

*Organ Voluntary:*

*Allegro Risoluto (Symphonie III), Vierne*



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**Come, Holy Ghost,  
Our souls inspire**



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