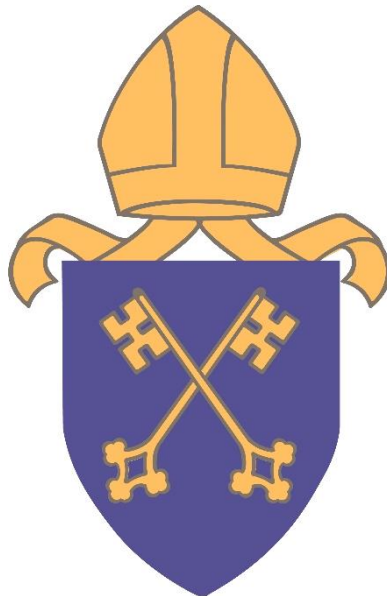


The Cathedral Church of St Peter and
The Holy and Indivisible Trinity
Gloucester



The Ordination of Priests

Saturday 26th June 2021 at 3.00pm

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Welcome to Gloucester Cathedral for today's Ordination

Welcome to this afternoon's ordination of sixteen priests to serve in the Diocese of Gloucester. The candidates have spent the last four days in retreat together with the Retreat Conductor, the Revd Canon Aidan Platten.

Aidan is Canon Precentor at Norwich Cathedral and is married to Esther and they have three daughters. Ordained in 2003, Aidan served his title at St Mary's Woodbridge in Suffolk and then moved to be Chaplain to the Bishop of Gloucester for until 2010 when he moved to be Vicar of St Mark's Hamilton Terrace in London. Aidan has been Precentor of Norwich Cathedral since 2017 and has oversight of the cathedral's liturgy, music and worship and is also the Chapter's safeguarding lead.

Away from the cathedral, Aidan is a member of the executive board of the Association of English Cathedrals, serves on the Fabric Advisory Committee for St Edmundsbury Cathedral and chairs the board of Imagine Norfolk Together, part of the Church Urban Fund's Together Network.

Away from church life, Aidan and the family are keen sailors and sail on the North Norfolk coast and Aidan unwinds by getting his hands dirty restoring classic cars.

Declarations and Oaths

Before the service today the candidates made the Declaration of Assent, printed on the next page, and swore the Oath of Allegiance and the Oath of Canonical Obedience to the Bishop of Gloucester. During the retreat the candidates shared in a time of preparation, prayer and reflection. This included a Liturgy of Penitence, Healing and Reconciliation, the washing of the candidates' feet by the Bishop, and the Bishop's Ordination Charge.

They come now to be ordained to the priesthood by the laying on of the Bishop's hands by the prayers of the whole congregation assembled to support them.

After the ordination they return to the parishes where they have served as deacons and now, as priests, will, for the first time, preside at the celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, the Eucharist.

Declaration of Assent

The Bishop says

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?

and each ordinand replies

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.

Oath of Allegiance

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

Oath of Canonical Obedience

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

Today's Service

The Bishop of Gloucester will preside. The deacon of the rite is the Archdeacon of Cheltenham.

Our preacher this morning is the Revd Canon Aidan Platten, Canon Precentor of Norwich Cathedral, who has guided the ordinands on their retreat.

The music is sung by the Cathedral Youth Choir and Cathedral Middle Choir, conducted by Jonathan Hope, Asst Director of Music. The organist is Organ Scholar, Mary Pan.

We are sorry to have to ask you not to leave any valuables behind when you move to receive communion.

Please do not take photographs during the service. There will be an opportunity to take photographs of the candidates with the Bishop after the service. The use of any recording equipment during the service is not permitted.

Order of Service

¶ *The Gathering*

When the Choir is in its place, we stand as the Bishop leads those about to be ordained as priests into the Cathedral from the West Doors.

Hymn

O praise ye the Lord! praise Him in the height;
Rejoice in His Word, ye angels of light;
Ye heavens, adore Him by whom ye were made,
And worship before Him in brightness arrayed.

O praise ye the Lord! Praise Him upon earth,
In tuneful accord, ye sons of new birth;
Praise Him who hath brought you His grace from above,
Praise Him who hath taught you to sing of His love.

O praise ye the Lord! All things that give sound;
Each jubilant chord re-echo around;
Loud organs, His glory forth tell in deep tone,
And sweet harp, the story of what He hath done.

O praise ye the Lord! Thanksgiving and song
To Him be outpoured all ages along!
For love in creation, for Heaven restored,
For grace of salvation, O praise ye the Lord!

*Words: Henry W Baker (1821-1877)
Based on Psalm 150*

The Greeting

The Bishop says

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All **Blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

There is one body and one spirit.

All **There is one hope to which we were called;**

One Lord, one faith, one baptism.

All **one God and Father of all.**

Peace be with you

All **and also with you.**

The Bishop introduces the service, and the congregation sit.

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.

The Presentation

Each ordinand is presented to Bishop Rachel by their training incumbent

Bishop Rachel, I present N
to be ordained to the office of priest in the Church of God.

When all the ordinands have been presented, the Bishop asks these questions, to which the Revd Ian Bussell, Head of Ministerial Development, responds

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

They have.

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

They do.

The Bishop turns to the ordinands and says

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

The ordinands reply

I do so believe.

The Bishop says to the Revd Ian Bussell

I invite the Diocesan Director of Ordinands to confirm that the ordinands have taken the necessary oaths and made the Declaration of Assent.

The Revd Ian Bussell says

They have duly taken the oath of allegiance to the Sovereign and the oath of canonical obedience to the Bishop. They have affirmed and declared their belief in 'the faith which is revealed in the Holy Scriptures and set forth in the catholic creeds and to which the historic formularies of the Church of England bear witness'.

The Collect

The Bishop invites us to pray in silence, and then says

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*

Reading
Isaiah 52:7-10

Read by Lily Hutchinson

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,
who brings good news,
who announces salvation,
who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.'
Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,
together they sing for joy;
for in plain sight they see
the return of the Lord to Zion.
Break forth together into singing,
you ruins of Jerusalem;
for the Lord has comforted his people,
he has redeemed Jerusalem.

The Lord has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations;
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

There is silence and stillness.

Gospel Reading *John 20:1-23*

The congregation stand for the Gospel reading and the deacon says

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All Glory to you O lord

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." ' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

As the organist improvises, the Book of the Gospels is brought back to the Bishop, and all reassume their places.

Please sit for the sermon.

Sermon

*The Revd Canon Aidan Platten
Canon Precentor at Norwich Cathedral*

After the Sermon, the choir sing a motet: I will Worship (Dyson)

¶ 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 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

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.

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

The ordinands reply

I do so accept them.

Will you be diligent in prayer, in reading Holy Scripture, and in all studies that will deepen your faith and fit you to bear witness to the truth of the Gospel?

By the help of God, I will.

Will you lead Christ's people in proclaiming his glorious Gospel, so that the good news of salvation may be heard in every place?

By the help of God, I will.

Will you faithfully minister the doctrine and sacraments of Christ as the Church of England has received them, so that the people committed to your charge may be defended against error and flourish in the faith?

By the help of God, I will.

Will you, knowing yourself to be reconciled to God in Christ, strive to be an instrument of God's peace in the Church and in the world?
By the help of God, I will.

Will you endeavour to fashion your own life and that of your household according to the way of Christ, that you may be a pattern and example to Christ's people?
By the help of God, I will.

Will you work with your fellow servants in the Gospel for the sake of the kingdom of God?
By the help of God, I will.

Will you accept and minister the discipline of this Church, and respect authority duly exercised within it?
By the help of God, I will.

Will you then, in the strength of the Holy Spirit, continually stir up the gift of God that is in you, to make Christ known among all whom you serve?
By the help of God, I will.

The ordinands turn to face the congregation. The Bishop addresses the congregation, saying

Brothers and sisters, you have heard how great is the charge that these ordinands are ready to undertake, and you have heard their declarations. Is it now your will that they should be ordained?

All respond boldly, raising one hand high

All **It is!**

Will you continually pray for them?

All **We will!**

Will you uphold and encourage them in their ministry?

All **We will!**

The ordinands turn to face the Bishop, who continues addressing them

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.

The Bishop introduces a time of prayer with these words

Pray earnestly for the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The entire congregation prays in silence for a while for those to be ordained.

Hymn to the Spirit

A cantor sings

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
and lighten with celestial fire;
thou the anointing Spirit art,
who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.

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

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

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

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

*Words: John Cosin (1594-1672),
based on Veni, Creator Spiritus
Tune: Veni Creator (Mechlin)*

The Litany

The Litany is said, and the congregation join in the response below

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

All Lord, have mercy.

For Rachel our Bishop,
and Robert, Bishop of Tewkesbury,
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 Brian, Nicki, Eddie, Catherine, Bea, Sarah, Jaqueline, Helen,
Duncan, Jane, Joseph, Jay, Jade, Pauline and Rebecca
called to be priests in God's 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 God's 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 Elizabeth our Queen,
for the leaders of the nations,
and for all in authority,
let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

For ourselves;
for grace to repent and amend our lives,
that we may be pardoned and absolved from all our sins,
let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

The Bishop says

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

All **Lord, have mercy.**

The Ordination Prayer

The Bishop stretches out her hands towards the ordinands and says

We praise and glorify you, almighty Father,
because in your infinite love you have formed throughout the world
a holy people for your own possession,
a royal priesthood,
a universal Church.

We praise and glorify you
because you have given us your only Son Jesus Christ,
the image of your eternal and invisible glory,
the firstborn of all creation and head of the Church.

We praise and glorify you that by his death he has overcome death;
and that having ascended into heaven,
he has given his gifts abundantly,
to equip your holy people for the work of ministry,
for the building up of the body of Christ.

And now we give you thanks
that you have called these your servants,
whom we ordain in your name,
to share as priests in the ministry of the Gospel of Christ,
the Apostle and High Priest of our faith,
and the Shepherd of our souls.

Therefore, Father, through Christ our Lord we pray:

Here the ordinands come in turn to kneel in front of the Bishop at the centre of the dais and the Bishop says

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

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

Through your Spirit, heavenly Father,
give these your servants grace and power
to proclaim the Gospel of your salvation
and minister the sacraments of the new covenant.
Renew them in holiness,
and give them wisdom and discipline
to work faithfully with those committed to their charge.

In union with their fellow servants in Christ,
may they reconcile what is divided,
heal what is wounded
and restore what is lost.

May they declare your blessings to your people;
may they proclaim Christ's victory over the powers of darkness,
and absolve in Christ's name those who turn to him in faith;
so shall a people made whole in Christ
offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to you,
our God and Father,
to whom, with the Son and the Holy Spirit,
belong glory and honour, worship and praise, now and for ever.

All **Amen! Amen! Amen!**

Anointing

The Bishop anoints the hands of each newly ordained priest, saying

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

The congregation stands

The Welcome

The Dean of Gloucester, as the senior priest of the diocese, says to the newly ordained priests

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.**

All greet the newly ordained priests with applause.

The Peace

The Bishop introduces the Peace

God has made us one in Christ.
He has set his seal upon us,
and as a pledge of what is to come
has given us the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.

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

The deacon says

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All are invited to greet one another and exchange a sign of peace.

¶ *The Liturgy of the Eucharist*

Hymn

Those assisting in the administration of communion collect their vessels and gather around the altar.

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown? Will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Lord your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In Your company I'll go where Your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Words: John L. Bell & Graham Maule

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Bishop says

The Lord be with you
All **and also with you.**

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

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

It is indeed right and good,
our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks and praise
through your Son Jesus Christ, our great high priest.

He was lifted up for us on the cross
that he might reveal your glory and draw all people to himself.
You exalted him to your right hand on high
and through your Holy Spirit you sent upon your people
a rich diversity of gifts.
From this royal priestly people you raise up ministers
to proclaim your word,
to care for your people
and to be the stewards of your holy mysteries.
You call them to serve the world your Son redeemed
and build up his body the Church to be his bride.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing:

The choir sing the Sanctus from Macmillan: 'St Anne Mass'.

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.*

The Bishop continues

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
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.

The deacon says

Great is the mystery of faith.

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

The Bishop continues

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of Mary, Peter, Benedict,
Kyneburga, and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

There is silence and stillness.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

The Bishop breaks the consecrated bread, saying

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

All **Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Giving of Communion

The Bishop says

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 body and blood of Christ.

All **Amen.**

All are welcome to receive communion or a blessing. Those distributing the communion will do so wearing a face covering, and without further words.

The President and people receive communion. Please await directions from the stewards before leaving your seat and stay distanced from others as you move to the front.

Members of all Christian churches are invited to receive Communion here but if you are not receiving Communion please come forward and bow your head as a sign that you wish to receive a blessing.

If you need a gluten-free wafer, please indicate this to the priest.

*During the communion the choir sing the *Angus Dei* and the *Litany to the Holy Spirit* (Peter Hurford)*

Prayer after Communion

When the Bishop says Let us pray, all stand and the Bishop says

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.**

Hymn

*As the choir sings, The Bishop of Tewkesbury presents a Bible to the
newly ordained priests*

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his Word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name, the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his Word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and forevermore!

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (1961)
Tune: Woodlands (Greatorex)
Luke 1. 46-55

¶ *The Dismissal*

The Giving of the Bible

The Bishop of Tewkesbury says

All My sisters and brothers in Christ,
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 Blessing

The Bishop says

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

Blessed be the name of the Lord
All **now and for ever. Amen.**

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.**

The Dismissal

The deacon says

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

As Theme and final variation from Chorale Variations on 'Veni Creator Spiritus' (Maurice Duruflé) is played, the Bishop leads the newly ordained priests informally through the Cathedral to the applause of the congregation.

Please take this order of service away with you and continue to pray for all those who have been ordained today.

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