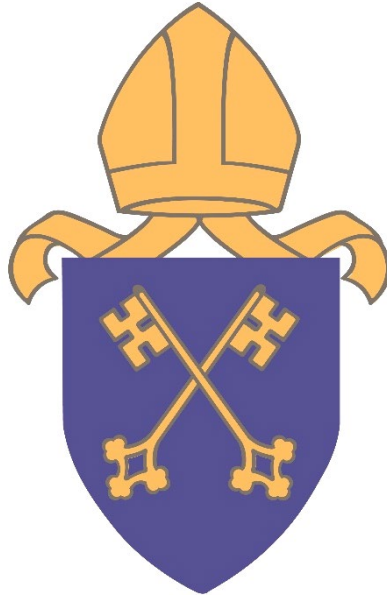


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# The Ordination of Deacons

Sunday 25 June 2023 at 10.15 am

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# **The Candidates to be Ordained Deacon**

## **Lucy Barbour**

*Bishops Cleeve and Woolstone with Gotherington and Oxenton*

## **Molly Boot**

*Redmarley D'Abitot, Bromesberrow, Pauntley, Upleadon, Oxenhall, Dymock, Donnington, Kempley and Preston*

## **Tracey Clements**

*Minchinhampton with Box and Amberley*

## **Caroline Dunnett**

*Redmarley D'Abitot, Bromesberrow, Pauntley, Upleadon, Oxenhall, Dymock, Donnington, Kempley and Preston*

## **Mark Dunning**

*Newent and Gorsley with Clifford's Mesne*

## **Catherine Milsom**

*St. Barnabas, Gloucester*

## **Simon Philips**

*Holy Trinity, Tewkesbury*

## **Catie Watson**

*South Cotswolds Team Ministry (Training in The Five Villages: Kempsford with Whelford, Castle Eaton and The Meyseys)*

# **Welcome to Gloucester Cathedral for today's Ordination**

Welcome to this morning's ordination of eight deacons to serve in the Diocese of Gloucester. The candidates have spent the last four days on retreat together with the Retreat Conductor, The Revd Canon Dr Sandra Millar.

Sandra is currently the Director of Mission and Ministry for Gloucester Diocese. She grew up in a Warwickshire village where her parents ran a village shop. Although she didn't attend church as a child, she did go to a Church of England school and fondly remembers reading the hymn book after dark. At the age of 13, she went on a Christian holiday and became actively involved in a Christian youth group.

After completing her first degree in English Literature and Law at The University of Wales, Cardiff, Sandra pursued a career in retail marketing for several years. Later, she pursued a Master's degree and then a PhD in faith development and adult learning. Sandra also worked for a large mission organisation, training children and youth workers in various locations, including Fiji, Ukraine, Jordan, Malta, and New Zealand. She still enjoys travelling.

Sandra was ordained in 2000 at St. Alban's Cathedral, where she was a member of the congregation, and served as a Curate in Chipping Barnet. Following her curacy, Sandra became the vicar in Berinsfield, Oxford Diocese, and held a part-time staff position at Ripon College, Cuddesdon. In 2007, she joined Gloucester Diocese as the Adviser for work with children and families. In 2013, Sandra was appointed to a national post in the Church of England as Head of Life Events, where she encouraged the church to engage with individuals at key moments in their lives, such as christenings, weddings, and funerals.

Last year, she returned to work in the Diocese as Director of Mission and Ministry and also serves as a residentiary canon at the cathedral. Sandra has authored books on all-age worship, children and communion, and life events.

For 16 years, Sandra has resided in the city of Gloucester and has developed a deep affection for it. When she isn't working, she enjoys reading, staying updated with contemporary culture, including watching television, and exploring tea shops (or any other kind of shop). She has an extensive collection of earrings but has never owned a hoodie! Sandra finds great joy in making people smile, and above all in helping people discover they are loved by God and have a place with God's people.

Whilst on retreat the candidates shared in a time of preparation, prayer and reflection, and made the Declaration of Assent, printed below, swearing the Oath of Allegiance and the Oath of Canonical Obedience to the Bishop.

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

After the ordination they go to the parishes where they are to serve and begin their ministry as deacons.

## **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.

## **The Service**

The Bishop of Gloucester will preside. The Deacon of the Rite is the Archdeacon of Gloucester.

Our preacher today is The Revd Canon Dr Sandra Millar, who has been guiding the ordinands on their retreat.

The Service will be sung by the Girl Choristers and Lay Clerks of the Cathedral Choir, conducted by Adrian Partington, Director of Music. Playing the organ is Jonathan Hope, Assistant Director of Music at the Cathedral.

The setting of the Eucharist is by C.V. Stanford in the keys of C and F.

Holy Communion will be offered in both kinds (the bread and the wine), but you are very welcome to make your own decision as to whether to receive the bread alone or the bread and the wine. If you prefer not to drink from the chalice, then please make your way directly back to your seat after receiving the bread. Intinction (the practice of dipping your own bread into the wine of the chalice) has been prohibited.

**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 Bishops after the service. The use of any recording equipment during the service is not permitted.**

# Order of Service

## ¶ *The Gathering*

*When the Choir and ordinands are in their places, all stand to sing the hymn.*

**All my hope on God is founded;  
he doth still my trust renew.  
Me through change and chance he guideth,  
only good and only true.  
God unknown, he alone  
calls my heart to be his own.**

**Human pride and earthly glory,  
sword and crown betray his trust;  
what with care and toil he buildeth,  
tower and temple, fall to dust.  
But God's power, hour by hour,  
is my temple and my tower.**

**God's great goodness aye endureth,  
deep his wisdom, passing thought:  
splendour, light, and life attend him,  
beauty springeth out of naught.  
Evermore, from his store  
new-born worlds rise and adore.**

**Still from earth to God eternal  
sacrifice of praise be done,  
high above all praises praising  
for the gift of Christ his Son.  
Christ doth call, one and all:  
ye who follow shall not fall.**

*Words: Joachim Neander, 1680 Alt., Tr Fred Pratt Green, 1986.*

*Tune: Michael by Herbert Howells*



## 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 the one 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 God's 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.

## The Presentation

*The Archdeacon reads the names of those to be ordained deacon and where they are to serve, first saying*

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

*When the ordinands have been presented, the Bishop asks these questions, to which The Revd Ann Sargent, the Diocesan Director of Ordinands, 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 Archdeacon*

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

*The Archdeacon says*

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

## The 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**

*2 Corinthians 4: 1- 12*

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful, underhanded ways; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing clearly the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus's sake. For it is the God who said, "Light will shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way but not crushed, perplexed but not driven to despair, persecuted but not forsaken, struck down but not destroyed, always carrying around in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For we who are living are always being handed over to death for Jesus's sake, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us but life in you.

*At the end the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*There is silence and stillness.*

## Gradual Hymn

*If you are able, please stand to sing as the deacon carries the Book of the Gospels through the congregation, turning to face it as the deacon processes.*

**Be still for the presence of the Lord  
The Holy one is here  
Come bow before him now  
In reverence and fear  
In Him no sin is found  
We stand on Holy ground  
Be still for the presence of the Lord  
The Holy one is here.**

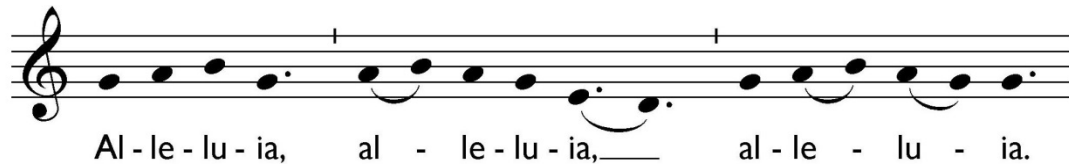
**Be still for the glory of the Lord  
Is shining all around  
He burns with Holy fire  
With splendour He is crowned  
How awesome is the sight  
Our radiant King of light  
Be still for the glory of the Lord  
Is shining all around.**

**Be still for the power of the Lord  
Is moving in this place  
He comes to cleanse and heal  
To minister His grace  
No work too hard for Him  
In faith receive from Him  
Be still for the power of the Lord  
Is moving in this place.**

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## Alleluia

*The choir sing*



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

*cf John 6.63*

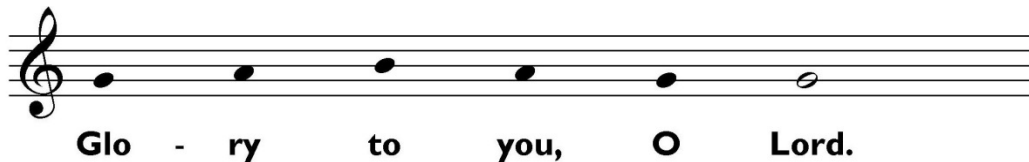


## Gospel Reading

*Mark 10:35-45*

*The deacon says*

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



James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” And they said to him, “Appoint us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink or be baptised with the baptism that I am baptised with?” They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptised you will be baptised, but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to appoint, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognise as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; instead, whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life a ransom for many.”

*At the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



*All*

Praise \_\_\_\_\_ to you, O Christ.

*As the organist improvises, the Book of the Gospels is brought back to the Bishop.*

## **Sermon**

The Reverend Canon Dr Sandra Millar

*Please sit for the sermon.*

*After the Sermon, the choir sing the motet*

*If ye love me, keep my commandments.  
And I will pray the Father,  
and he shall give you another comforter,  
that he may 'bide with you forever;  
E'en the sp'rit of truth.*

*Words: John 14:15-17*

*Music: Thomas Tallis (c.1505-1585)*

## ¶ *The Liturgy of Ordination*

### **The Declarations**

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

Deacons are called to work with the Bishop and the priests with whom they serve as heralds of Christ's kingdom. They are to proclaim the Gospel in word and deed, as agents of God's purposes of love. They are to serve the community in which they are set, bringing to the Church the needs and hopes of all the people. They are to work with their fellow members in searching out the poor and weak, the sick and lonely and those who are oppressed and powerless, reaching into the forgotten corners of the world, that the love of God may be made visible.

Deacons share in the pastoral ministry of the Church and in leading God's people in worship. They preach the word and bring the needs of the world before the Church in intercession. They accompany those searching for faith and bring them to baptism. They assist in administering the sacraments; they distribute communion and minister to the sick and housebound.

Deacons are to seek nourishment from the Scriptures; they are to study them with God's people, that the whole Church may be equipped to live out the Gospel in the world. They are to be faithful in prayer, expectant and watchful for the signs of God's presence, as he reveals his kingdom among us.



*The Bishop addresses the ordinands directly*

We trust that you are fully determined, by the grace of God, to give yourself wholly to his service, so that you may draw his people into that new life which God has prepared for those who love him.

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.**

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?

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

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

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

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?

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

**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 grow in holiness and grace?

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

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

Sisters and brothers, 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?

*Raising their hand high, all respond boldly*

**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 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.

*The Bishop introduces a time of prayer with these words*

Pray earnestly for the gift of the Holy Spirit.

*The congregation remain seated or kneels, and the ordinands kneel.  
The entire congregation prays in silence for a while for those to be ordained.*

## The Litany

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

**Bp** 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 him 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 Lucy, Molly, Tracey, Caroline, Mark, Catherine, Simon and Catie  
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.**

*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 ordinands continue to kneel before the Bishop.*

*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 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 her hands on the head of each ordinand, saying*

Send down the Holy Spirit upon your servant N  
for the office and work of a deacon 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 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! Amen! Amen!**

## The Giving of the Bible

*The new deacons stand, and members of the congregations in which the deacons will minister come forward and present a New Testament to their newly ordained minister.*

*The Bishop of Tewkesbury says*

As you begin this new ministry,  
**All receive this book,**  
**as a sign of the authority given you this day**  
**to speak God's word to all people.**  
**Build them up in truth**  
**and serve them in Christ's name.**

*The congregation stands.*

## The Welcome

*The deacon says to the newly ordained deacons*

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.**

*All greet the new deacons with applause.*

## The Peace

*The congregation stand as Bishop introduces the Peace*

We are all one in Christ Jesus.  
We belong to him through faith,  
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you

**All 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

*During the hymn, those assisting in the administration of communion collect their vessels and gather around the altar.*

**There's a wideness in God's mercy  
like the wideness of the sea;  
there's a kindness in his justice  
which is more than liberty.**

**There is plentiful redemption  
in the blood that has been shed;  
there is joy for all the members  
in the sorrows of the head.**

**There is grace enough for thousands  
of new worlds as great as this;  
there is room for fresh creations  
in that upper home of bliss.**

**For the love of God is broader  
than the measures of man's mind;  
and the heart of the eternal  
is most wonderfully kind.**

**But we make his love too narrow  
by false limits of our own;  
and we magnify his strictness  
with a zeal he will not own.**

**If our love were but more simple  
we should take him at his word;  
and our lives would be illumined  
by the presence of our Lord.**

*Fredrick William Faber (1814 -1863)*



## The Eucharistic Prayer

*Although it is customary to stand during the Eucharistic Prayer, feel free to assume the posture that is most comfortable for you. The Bishop says*

*The Bishop says*

*All* The Lord be with you  
**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 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 sing*

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

*The Bishop continues*

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.

*The deacon says*

Great is the mystery of faith.

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

*The Bishop continues*

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 Mary, Peter, Benedict, Kyneburga  
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 Lord's Prayer**

*All* As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray  
**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 congregation kneels or sits.*

*All are welcome to receive communion or a blessing. Holy Communion will be offered in both kinds (the bread and the wine), but you are very welcome to make your own decision as to whether to receive the bread alone or the bread and the wine. If you prefer not to drink from the chalice, then please make your way directly back to your seat after receiving the bread. Intinction (the practice of dipping your own bread into the wine of the chalice) has been prohibited.*

*The distribution is at various points around the Cathedral. Please move as directed by the stewards. If you require a gluten-free wafer, please go to one of the communion stations at the front and indicate this to the Bishop.*

*Hand sanitiser is available should you wish to use it.*

*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 to the Ministers that you wish to receive a blessing.*

*At the distribution, the minister says to each communicant*

The body of Christ.  
The blood of Christ.

*The communicant replies **Amen** each time and then receives.*

*During the communion the choir sing the 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.*

*Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of  
the world, have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of  
the world, have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of  
the world, grant us peace.*

*This is followed by the anthem Anima Christi, text early 14th century, attributed to Pope John XXII (1244-1334); music by Mark Blatchly.*

*Anima Christi, sanctifica me.*

*Corpus Christi, salva me.*

*Sanguis Christi, inebria me.*

*Aqua lateris Christi, lava me.*

*Passio Christi, conforta me.*

*O bone Jesu, exaudi me.*

*Intra tua vulnera absconde me.*

*Ne permittas me separari a te.*

*Ab hoste maligno defende me.*

*In hora mortis meae voca me.*

*Et iube me venire ad te,*

*Ut cum Sanctis tuis laudem te,*

*In saecula saeculorum.*

*Amen*

*Soul of Christ, sanctify me.*

*Body of Christ, save me.*

*Blood of Christ, inebriate me.*

*Water from the side of Christ, wash me.*

*Passion of Christ, strengthen me.*

*O good Jesus, hear me.*

*Within your wounds, hide me.*

*Let me never be separated from you.*

*From the malignant enemy, defend me.*

*In the hour of my death, call me,*

*And bid me come to you,*

*That with your saints I may praise you*

*Forever and ever.*

*Amen.*

## Prayer after Communion

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

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.**

*All* **We thank you, gracious Father,  
for welcoming your children to feast in your kingdom;  
by your love unite us  
and with your Spirit send us,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## *The Dismissal*

## Hymn

Lord, you give the great commission:  
'Heal the sick and preach the word.'  
Lest the Church neglect its mission  
and the Gospel go unheard,  
help us witness to your purpose  
with renewed integrity;  
with the Spirit's gifts empower us  
for the work of ministry.

Lord, you call us to your service:  
'In my name baptize and teach.'  
That the world may trust your promise,  
life abundant meant for each,  
give us all new fervour, draw us  
closer in community;

**with the Spirit's gifts empower us  
for the work of ministry.**

**Lord, you make the common holy:  
'This my body, this my blood.'  
Let your priests, for earth's true glory,  
daily lift life heavenward,  
asking that the world around us  
share your children's liberty;  
with the Spirit's gifts empower us  
for the work of ministry.**

**Lord, you show us love's true measure:  
'Father, what they do, forgive.'  
Yet we hoard as private treasure  
all that you so freely give.  
May your care and mercy lead us  
to a just society;  
with the Spirit's gifts empower us  
for the work of ministry.**

**Lord, you bless with words assuring:  
'I am with you to the end.'  
Faith and hope and love restoring,  
may we serve as you intend,  
and, amid the cares that claim us,  
hold in mind eternity;  
with the Spirit's gifts empower us  
for the work of ministry.**

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## The Blessing

*The Bishop says*

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

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

God who has called you is faithful.

*All* May the Father, whose glory fills the heavens,  
cleanse you by his holiness  
and send you to proclaim his word.  
**Amen.**

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

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

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

## The Dismissal

*One of the new deacons says*

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



*As the voluntary is played, the Bishop leads the newly ordained deacons through the Cathedral to the applause of the congregation.*

*You are most welcome to take this order of service away with you. Please continue to pray for all those who have been ordained today.*



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