

THE CATHEDRAL AND METROPOLITICAL CHURCH OF CHRIST, CANTERBURY

Chrism Eucharist

with Renewal of Commitment to Ministry and Blessing of Oils



President: The Archbishop of Canterbury *Preacher:* The Bishop of Dover

> Maundy Thursday 28th March 2024 11.00am Nave

The setting of the Service is Dom Gregory Murray (1905-92), New People's Mass

All who are familiar with the music are encouraged to sing out!

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Welcome to Canterbury Cathedral for this Service

When Peter acknowledged Jesus as 'the Christ' (Mark 8.29), he was recognizing him as the 'Anointed One' of God: *Christos* in Greek, *Messiah* in Hebrew. The title that had once belonged to the anointed kings of Israel is now conferred on Jesus, who was anointed by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at his baptism in the river Jordan (cf Acts 10.38). As Jesus received baptism at John's hands, his true identity was revealed:

Manifest at Jordan's stream, prophet, priest and king supreme. (Christopher Wordsworth)

Our own baptism is the sacramental sign of our union with Christ, and of God's gift to us of his Holy Spirit, to make us God's children by adoption and grace, and to equip us for the share that all Christians have in Christ's own ministry. The New Testament speaks of this gift of the Holy Spirit as an anointing

(1 John 2.20-27; 2 Corinthians 1.21-22). From an early date, it became customary to trace the sign of the cross in oil on the heads of candidates for baptism, and to anoint them again after baptism with the perfumed oil of chrism – a sign of incorporation into the prophetic, priestly and royal life of Jesus Christ. At the same time, the Letter of James urges its recipients to

anoint the sick with oil (James 5.15), as a sign of the healing and forgiveness that are also given through the Holy Spirit (cf Mark 6.13). These are the biblical roots of the ancient custom of using oils in the life of the Church, and of the three particular oils – of catechumens, of the sick, and of chrism – that are prepared in the Chrism Eucharist. In the course of Christian history, they have come to be used in many ways – especially, as in the Old Testament, for the setting apart of people and things for a special place in the life of the Church, for bishops and priests at their ordination, for kings and queens at their crowning, and for churches and altars at their consecration.

There is a more recent custom, introduced first into the Roman Catholic Church by Pope Paul VI in the middle of the twentieth century, that the Chrism Eucharist is also an occasion for the renewal of commitment to ministry. As the priests gathered around their bishop on Maundy Thursday, to receive the oils to take back to their parishes, he suggested that they should renew their commitment to serve Christ. This is appropriate on this day, when we remember that Christ consecrated himself to his Father's service and expressed his obedient self-gift in the institution of the Eucharist and in the agony of Gethsemane, and prayed for the unity of his disciples. It is now a widespread Anglican practice for deacons, Readers and authorized lay ministers to be associated with the bishop and priests in the renewal of commitment to ministry.

(Common Worship: Times and Seasons, p278)

After the service, the oils will be dispensed in the Chapter House.

Please would those who are collecting oils do so immediately following the service, and before 1.30pm. Collection of oils after this time, or later in the year, can be arranged by contacting the Vesturer in advance.

Clergy and Readers robe in the Chapter House where they are joined by the Archbishop, the Bishop and the Dean and Chapter and all process to the Nave

The Gathering

Stand as the procession of the Readers and Clergy of the Diocese enters the Nave to organ music

Order of Procession

Readers of the Diocese

Deacons of the Diocese

Priests of the Diocese

Cross and Lights The Community of St Anselm The Choir of Minor Canons

> Virger The Archdeacons

Virger The Dean and Members of Chapter

> Virger Deacon Bishop of Dover Archbishop of Canterbury Chaplain



Here in this place, new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away; see, in this space, our fears and our dreamings, brought here to you in the light of this day. Gather us in, the lost and forsaken, gather us in, the blind and the lame: call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.

²We are the young - our lives are a mystery; we are the old - who yearn for your face; we have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race. Gather us in, the rich and the haughty, gather us in, the proud and the strong. give us a heart so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.

³Here we will take the wine and the water, here we will take the bread of new birth: here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth. Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is you: nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

⁴Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light-years away, but here in this place the new light is shining; now is the kingdom, and now is the day. Gather us in, and hold us forever, gather us in, and make us your own' gather us in, all peoples together – fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Words: Marty Haugen (b. 1950)

Tune: GATHER US IN

AM 363

The Archbishop says

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Jesus Christ has made us a kingdom of priests to serve his God and Father. **Glory and kingship be his for ever and ever.**

Peace be with you. And also with you.

The Archbishop welcomes the people

Prayers of Penitence

The Deacon says

Come, let us return to the Lord and say

All say

Lord our God, in our sin we have avoided your call. Our love for you is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. Have mercy on us; deliver us from judgement; bind up our wounds and revive us; in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Archbishop says

The Lord enrich you with his grace, and nourish you with his blessing; the Lord defend you in trouble and keep you from all evil; the Lord accept your prayers, and absolve you from your offences, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis



The Collect

The Archbishop says

Let us pray.

Silence is kept

Heavenly Father, who anointed your Son Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit and with power to bring to the world the blessings of your kingdom: anoint your Church with the same Holy Spirit, that we who share in his suffering and his victory may bear witness to the gospel of salvation; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Sit

The Liturgy of the Word

The Epistle

2 Corinthians 3.17-4.12

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. 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 things that one hides; we refuse to practise 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 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' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light 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 Jesus 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 in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God. Stand as the choir sings the chorus once then we join in Praise to you, O Christ, our_ Sa-viour, Word of the Fa- ther, cal-ling us to life: Son of God who leads us to free-dom: glo - ry to you, Lord Je-sus Christ!

Praise to you, O Christ, our Saviour, Word of the Father, calling us to life: Son of God who leads us to freedom: glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

You are the Word who calls us to be servants; you are the Word whose only law is love; you are the Word-made-flesh who lives among us: glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Praise to you, O Christ, our Saviour, Word of the Father, calling us to life: Son of God who leads us to freedom: glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

The Gospel Luke 22.24-30

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke **Glory to you, O Lord.**

A dispute also arose among the disciples as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But Jesus said to them, 'The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

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

Sit

Sermon The Bishop of Dover

The Renewal of Commitment to Ministry

All clergy and readers stand

The Archbishop says

My brothers and sisters, at his Last Supper, our Lord Jesus Christ gave his disciples a new commandment, that they should love one another, and he prayed that they might be one. He gave them an everlasting sign of his own love, in the sacrament of bread and wine. He consecrated himself to his Father's service, to be the high priest of the New Covenant. I invite you now to dedicate yourselves afresh to his service, as stewards of the mysteries of God and ministers of his grace.

The Archbishop addresses the lay ministers

When you were commissioned, you undertook to be faithful in prayer and by word and example to minister to those for whom Christ died. Will you do all that is in your power to witness to God's love for his people?

Lay ministers

By the help of God, I will.

The Archbishop addresses the deacons, priests, and bishops

At your ordination as a deacon, you received the yoke of Christ, who came not to be served but to serve. Will you continue faithfully in this ministry, to build up God's people in his truth and serve them in his name?

Deacons, priests, and bishops **By the help of God, I will.**

The Archbishop addresses the priests and bishops

At your ordination to the priesthood, you took authority to watch over and care for God's people, to absolve and bless them in his name, to proclaim the gospel of salvation, and to minister the sacraments of his New Covenant. Will you continue as faithful stewards of the mysteries of God, preaching the gospel of Christ and ministering his holy sacraments?

Priests and bishops

By the help of God, I will.

A lay person addresses the bishops

At your ordination as bishops you received the gift of the Spirit, that you might lead the Church in mission, and send out ministers in Christ's name; that you might promote its unity, uphold its discipline, and guard its faith; and that you might teach and govern the people committed to your charge. Will you continue faithfully in this ministry, watching over Christ's own flock, and building them up in the unity of the Spirit and the bond of peace?

Bishops

By the help of God, I will.

The lay person addresses all the ministers

May the God of peace sanctify you wholly; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful, and he will accomplish it.

All ministers respond

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

The people stand, and the Bishop of Dover addresses them:

My brothers and sisters, pray for all who minister, that they may be constant in prayer and steadfast in faith, and serve your people with joy.

Lord, hear us.

Pray for your deacons, that the Lord may pour upon them the riches of his grace. Pray that he who has called them to his service may make them worthy of his calling.

Lord, hear us.

Pray for your priests. Ask the Lord to bless them with the fullness of his love, that they may be faithful ministers of his word and sacrament, and lead his people in the way of salvation.

Lord, hear us.

Pray for your bishops, that despite our unworthiness we may be faithful to the great trust that has been handed to us. Pray that we may become more like our Good Shepherd and great High Priest, the teacher and servant of us all, and so become more and more a sign of Christ's loving presence among you.

Lord, hear us.

Pray for the families of those who minister, for their homes, and for all with whom they share their lives.

Lord, hear us.

May the Lord in his love keep us ever close to him, and may he bring us all to the fullness of eternal life.

Amen.

Prayer over the Oils

Remain seated

The Archbishop says

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing.

The oils are brought forward as all sing



Blest by the sun, the olive tree Brought clusters of fair fruit to birth, Whose ripeness now we bring with prayer, Lord Christ, redeemer of the earth. ²Eternal King, look down and bless The oil your servants offer here, And may it be a lively sign Which all the powers of darkness fear.

A minister says

The oil for the anointing of the sick and dying.

The Archbishop says

Blessed are you, sovereign God, gentle and merciful, creator of heaven and earth. Your Word brought light out of darkness, and daily your Spirit renews the face of the earth. Your anointed Son brought healing to those in weakness and distress. He broke the power of evil and set us free from sin and death that we might praise your name for ever. By the power of your Spirit may your blessing rest on those who are anointed with this oil in your name; may they be made whole in body, mind and spirit, restored in your image, renewed in your love, and serve you as sons and daughters in your kingdom. **Blessed be God for ever.**

The hymn continues

³From those washed in the sacred font Let Satan's influence depart, And when this oil the brow shall seal Transforming grace invade the heart.

The oil of baptism is brought forward

The oil for the sick

is brought forward

A minister says

The oil for the signing with the cross at baptism.

The Archbishop says

Blessed are you, sovereign God, the protector of all who believe in you. Your anointed Son overcame the powers of evil when he was lifted high upon the cross. By the power of your Spirit may your blessing rest on those who are anointed with this oil in your name; as they come to the waters of baptism, may it be for them a sign of your defence in their fight against sin, the world and the devil, and bring them to share in Christ's victory. **Blessed be God for ever.**

The hymn continues

⁴Our wounded nature thus be healed By your anointing grace, O Lord; In men and women so renewed Shall God's own image be restored.

The oil of chrism is brought forward A minister says

The oil of chrism.

The Archbishop says

Blessed are you, sovereign God and eternal Father, upholding by your grace all who hear your call. Under your Old Covenant priests and kings were anointed to serve you and in the fullness of time you anointed your Son by the Holy Spirit to be the Christ, the Saviour and Servant of all. By the power of your Spirit may your blessing rest on those who are anointed with this chrism in your name; let it be for them a sign of joy and gladness as they share in the royal priesthood of the New Covenant and make known the kingdom of Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit we lift our voices of thanks and praise. **Blessed be God, our strength and our salvation, now and for ever. Amen.**

The hymn continues

⁵Lord Christ, the Father's only Son, Who took our flesh in Mary's womb, Give light to your anointed ones, And break the power of death's dark tomb. ⁶So may this joyous paschal feast, The time when saving grace is given, Fill every Christian soul with praise, And raise our minds from earth to heaven.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Please stand

The Archbishop says

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 the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.

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.

Members of the congregation greet one another.

Remain standing to sing **The Offertory Hymn** during which the table is prepared and the gifts of the people are gathered and presented.



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?

²Will 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? ³Will 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?

⁴Will 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?

⁵Lord, 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 Bell (b. 1949) and Graham Maule (b. 1958) Tune: KELVINGROVE AM 510

The Eucharistic Prayer

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

Lift up your hearts We lift them to the Lord.

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

It is indeed right and good always and everywhere to give you thanks Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. By the outpouring of your Holy Spirit you anointed him to be the servant of all and ordained that he should enter into your kingdom through suffering.

And now he stands by us and pours out for our healing the oil of consolation and the wine of renewed hope. In your wisdom and love you anoint your holy people to be a royal priesthood, to share in Christ's suffering and to reveal his glory to the world.

Therefore earth unites with heaven to sing a new song of praise; we too join with angels and archangels as they proclaim your glory without end.

All sing



We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son. On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me. So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection

until he comes in glory.

Deacon: Praise to you, Lord Jesus: Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life: Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Lord of all life,

help us to work together for that day

when your kingdom comes

and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,

gather us in your loving arms

and bring us with all the saints

to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,

for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As we join our prayers with the Church Universal, so we say, each in our own language, the prayer that Jesus taught us.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,	Notre Père
your kingdom come,	Vater Unser
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.	Onze Vader
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins	Padre Nuestro
as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation	Ojcze Nasz
but deliver us from evil.	Baba Yetu
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours	E to matou Matua
now and for ever. Amen.	Ein Tad



Breaking of the Bread

The Archbishop breaks the consecrated bread, saying

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

Sit as the Archbishop and other ministers begin

The Distribution of Communion

Please come up for Communion as directed by the stewards. All who are regular communicants in their own tradition are welcome to receive the sacrament. If you are not a communicant, you are welcome to come forward at this point in the service to receive a blessing, keeping your hands to your sides. Please ask the priest if you **need a gluten-free host.**

We request that **you do not intinct (dip) your host in the wine** but either take a sip from the cup or remain with your head bowed. This is for the reasons of good hygiene.

If you wish to receive communion in your seat, please tell a steward.

We keep a **prayerful silence** during Communion to allow others to prepare to receive the sacrament or pray afterwards.

After receiving Communion, if you wish to have prayer for healing with anointing, please go to stations in either the Martyrdom, the South-West Transept or one of the two stations at the West End of the Nave. Stewards will direct you if needed.

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From heaven you came, helpless babe, entered our world, your glory veiled; not to be served but to serve, and give your life that we might live.

This is our God, the Servant King, he calls us now to follow him, to bring our lives as a daily offering of worship to the Servant King.

²There in the garden of tears my heavy load he chose to bear; his heart with sorrow was torn, 'Yet not my will but yours', he said

³Come, see his hands and his feet, the scars that speak of sacrifice, hands that flung stars into space to cruel nails surrendered.

⁴So let us learn how to serve and in our lives enthrone him; each other's needs to prefer, for it is Christ we're serving.

Words and music: Graham Kendrick (b 1950) Tune: THE SERVANT KING AM 489

Prayer after Communion

The Archbishop says

Let us pray.

Stand to pray in silence, before the Archbishop says

Good Shepherd, you have welcomed us at your table and have anointed us with the oil of gladness: may your goodness and mercy follow us all the days of our life, that we may dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. **Amen.**

All then say

You have opened to us the Scriptures, O Christ, and you have made yourself known in the breaking of the bread. Abide with us, we pray, that, blessed by your royal presence, we may walk with you all the days of our life, and at its end behold you in the glory of the eternal Trinity, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

The Dismissal

Stand to sing



Lord, thy Church on Earth is seeking thy renewal from above; teach us all the art of speaking with the accent of thy love. We would heed thy great commission; "Go ye into every place; preach, baptize, fulfil my mission, serve with love and share my grace."

²Freedom give to those in bondage, lift the burdens caused by sin; give new hope, new strength and courage, grant release from fears within. Light for darkness, joy for sorrow; love for hatred, peace for strife: these and countless blessings follow as the Spirit gives new life.

³In the streets of every city where the bruised and lonely dwell, let us show the Saviour's pity, let us of His mercy tell. to all lands and peoples bringing all the richness of thy word till the world, thy praises singing, hails thee Christ, Redeemer, Lord.

Words: Hugh Sherlock (1905-98)	<i>Tune:</i> LUX EOI	AM 498
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The Archbishop says

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

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

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

The Son, who has ascended to the heights, pour upon you the riches of his grace. **Amen.**

The Holy Spirit, the Comforter, equip you and strengthen you in your ministry. **Amen.**

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

Deacon Go in the peace of Christ. Thanks be to God.

The procession returns to St Andrew's Chapel

The Clergy and Readers procession returns to the Chapter House

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