



THE CATHEDRAL AND METROPOLITICAL CHURCH OF CHRIST, CANTERBURY

# Chrism Eucharist

with Renewal of Commitment to Ministry  
and Blessing of Oils



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

Maundy Thursday  
2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026  
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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who will be pleased to assist you.

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# Welcome to Canterbury Cathedral for this Eucharist

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 Head Virger in advance.***

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

Order of Processions

Virger

Readers of the Diocese

Deacons of the Diocese

Priests of the Diocese

Cross and Lights

The Minor Canons

Virger

The Archdeacons

Virger

The Chapter

The Bishop of Dover

Virger

Deacon

The Dean

The Archbishop

Chaplain

# The Gathering

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

*As the Cathedral procession enters the Nave, all sing*



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

<sup>3</sup>Here our children find a welcome  
in the Shepherd's flock and fold,  
here, as bread and wine are taken,  
Christ sustains us as of old.  
Here the servants of the Servant  
seek in worship to explore  
what it means in daily living  
to believe and to adore.

<sup>2</sup>Here are symbols to remind us  
of our lifelong need of grace;  
here are table, font and pulpit;  
here the cross has central place.  
Here in honesty of preaching,  
here in silence, as in speech,  
here, in newness and renewal,  
God the Spirit comes to each.

<sup>4</sup>Lord of all, of Church and Kingdom,  
in an age of change and doubt,  
keep us faithful to the gospel,  
help us work your purpose out.  
Here, in this day's dedication,  
all we have to give, receive:  
we, who cannot live without you,  
we adore you! We believe!

*Words:* Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)

*Tune:* BLAERNWERN

AM 445

*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.**



## 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 Old Testament Reading

*1 Samuel 3.1-10*

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

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

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand to sing*



**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 7.36-50*

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.**

One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, 'If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him - that she is a sinner.' Jesus spoke up and said to him, 'Simon, I have something to say to you.' 'Teacher,' he replied. 'Speak.' 'A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When they could not pay, he cancelled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?' Simon answered, 'I suppose the one for whom he cancelled the greater debt.' And Jesus said to him, 'You have judged rightly.' Then turning towards the woman, he said to Simon, 'Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little.' Then he said to her, 'Your sins are forgiven.' But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, 'Who is this who even forgives sins?' And he said to the woman, 'Your faith has saved you; go in peace.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ**

*Sit*

## **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 Archbishop 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*



Words: From an early Latin hymn  
Tr. Richard Rutt (1925-2017)

Tune: GONFALON ROYAL

NEH 512

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.

<sup>2</sup>Eternal 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.

*The oil for the sick  
is brought forward*

*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*

<sup>3</sup>From 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*

*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*

<sup>4</sup>Our 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*

<sup>5</sup>Lord 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.

<sup>6</sup>So 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 as we remain  
standing to sing **The Offertory Hymn** during which the  
table is prepared and the gifts of the people are gathered and  
presented. If you would prefer to give electronically, please  
use the QR code*





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?

<sup>2</sup>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?

<sup>3</sup>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?

<sup>4</sup>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?

<sup>5</sup>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 Bell (b. 1949) and Graham Maule (b. 1958) Tune: KELVINGROVE AM 510

*The Archbishop says*

## **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*

Intro

All

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

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,  
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.**

*Notre Père...*

*Vater Unser...*

*Onze Vader...*

*Padre Nuestro...*

*Ojczy Nasz...*

*Baba Yetu...*

*E to matou Matua...*

*Ein Tad...*

*Πάτερ ἡμῶν*

Remain standing to sing

Intro

All

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world,

1.2. have mercy on us. 3. grant us peace.

## 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 baptised Christians who receive communion in their own church are encouraged to receive today. If you are accompanied by children who do not yet receive, please bring them with you to receive a blessing. They must not be left on their own.*

*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 let a steward know this.*

*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 OR anointing, please go to stations at the West End of the Nave. Stewards will direct you if needed.*

*During Communion, the congregation is invited to join in singing, remaining seated*



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.*

<sup>2</sup>There 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

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

<sup>4</sup>So 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."

<sup>2</sup>Freedom 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.

<sup>3</sup>In 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)

Tune: LUX EOI

AM 498

*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.**

*The Deacon says*

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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