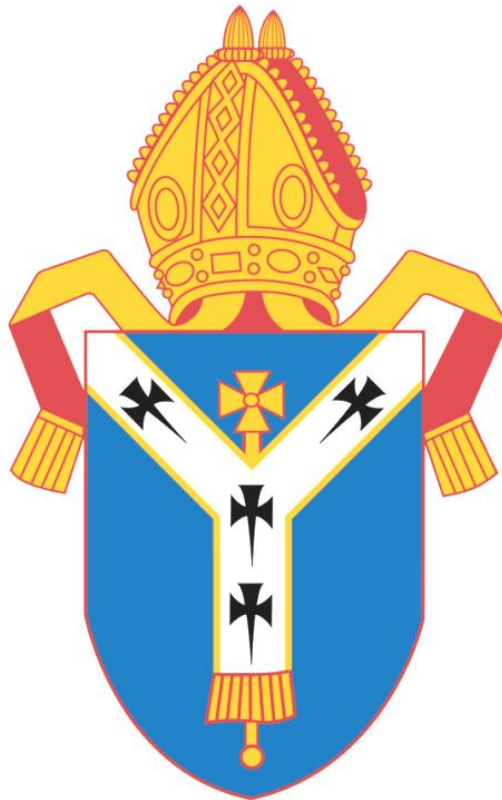




THE CATHEDRAL AND METROPOLITICAL CHURCH OF CHRIST, CANTERBURY

# Ordination of Deacons



Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2026

10.30am

Nave

# Welcome to Canterbury Cathedral for this Service

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## **The Ordination of Deacons**

The ministry of the Church is the ministry of Christ, its chief shepherd and high priest. The ordained ministry is Christ's gift to his Church, and in their life and ministry, bishops, priests and deacons are called to speak in Christ's name and build up the Church of which he is the head. In this way the whole body of the Church is ordered in faithful response to the Lord's summons to share his work.

The ministry of deacons is focussed in being heralds of the kingdom and in bringing before the servant Church the needs of the world.

*from 'Introduction by the House of Bishops' to  
Common Worship: Ordination Services (2007)*

*Before this service, the Ordinands have taken the Oath of Allegiance to His Majesty The King and the Oath of Canonical Obedience to the Archbishop of Canterbury, and made the following Declaration of Assent:*

### **Preface**

The Church of England is part of the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church, worshipping the one true God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. It professes the faith uniquely revealed in the Holy Scriptures and set forth in the catholic creeds, which faith the Church is called upon to proclaim afresh in each generation. Led by the Holy Spirit, it has borne witness to Christian truth in its historic formularies, the Thirty-nine Articles of Religion, *The Book of Common Prayer* and the Ordering of Bishops, Priests and Deacons. In the declaration you are about to make, will you affirm your loyalty to this inheritance of faith as your inspiration and guidance under God in bringing the grace and truth of Christ to this generation and making Him known to those in your care?

### **Declaration of Assent**

I, *N*, do so affirm, and accordingly declare my belief in the faith which is revealed in the Holy Scriptures and set forth in the catholic creeds and to which the historic formularies of the Church of England bear witness; and in public prayer and administration of the sacraments, I will use only the forms of service which are authorized or allowed by Canon.

# The Ordinands

## **Pray for all those to be ordained deacon today:**

James Archer, *Deal, St George*

Sandra Ellis, *Romney Marsh Benefice*

Alan Gostelow, *Tenterden, Rother, and Oxney*

Richard Heywood, *Maidstone, St Faith*

Julie Hopkins, *Whitstable Team Ministry*

Aleksey Kolesnikov, *Kingsdown, Creekside and High Downs Benefice*

Anne Loat, *Saxon Shoreline Benefice*

Steve Manion, *Upper Deal and Great Mongeham*

Kat Ogden, *Cranbrook*

Peter Roberts, *The Castle Churches Benefice*

Kharin Setright, *Tenterden, Rother, and Oxney*

Rob Sparkes, *Walmer and Cornilo*

Elizabeth Walsh, *Faversham*

## **Pray also for those to be ordained priest in the Cathedral this afternoon:**

James Barber, *Birchington with Acol and Minnis Bay*

Eddie Bijl, *Whitstable Team Ministry*

Ripeka Bijl, *Whitstable Team Ministry*

Margaret Bowers, *River*

Lesley Brookes, *Shepherds Lees*

Stephen Brown, *Cheriton with Newington*

Benjamin de Garis, *Margate, Holy Trinity*

Timothy Gosden, *Folkestone, St John the Baptist*

Penny Lowe, *Romney Marsh*

David Mulcock, *Margate, St Paul Cliftonville*

Henry Setright, *Tenterden, Rother, and Oxney*

Graham Snellin, *Dover Town*

Angela Swindley, *Canterbury, All Saints*

Anne Talbert, *Canonry Benefice*

Nicholas Tomaszewski, *Upper Deal and Great Mongeham*

Philip Trainer, *Maidstone, St Luke*

John Wakeman, *Upper Deal and Great Mongeham*

Tracy Williams, *Bapchild, St Laurence*

Sally Willins, *The Wantsum Group*

Anderson Yan, *Hythe*

# ORDER OF SERVICE

*Please remain seated when, shortly before the service begins, a procession enters the Cathedral via the West Door in the following order:*

*A virger  
Supporting Clergy  
Area Deans and Lay Chairs*

*During the opening hymn, all stand as the main procession enters the Cathedral via the West Door in the following order:*

*Crossbearer and Taperers  
Assistant Diocesan Director of Ordinands  
Training Representatives  
The Diocesan Registrar and the Director of Mission and Ministry  
Training Incumbents*

*A virger  
The Archdeacons  
The Chapter*

*A virger  
The Diocesan Director of Ordinands  
The Preacher  
The Deacons*

*The Deacon of the Liturgy  
The Dean  
The Bishop of Dover  
The Chaplain*

*A welcome and explanation of the service is offered*

# The Gathering and Presentation

As the main procession enters stand to sing



At the name of Jesus  
every knee shall bow,  
every tongue confess him  
King of glory now:  
'tis the Father's pleasure  
we should call him Lord,  
who from the beginning  
was the mighty Word.

<sup>2</sup>At his voice creation  
sprang at once to sight,  
all the angel faces,  
all the hosts of light,  
thrones and dominations,  
stars upon their way,  
all the heavenly orders,  
in their great array.

<sup>3</sup>Humbled for a season,  
to receive a name  
from the lips of sinners  
unto whom he came,  
faithfully he bore it  
spotless to the last,  
brought it back victorious  
when from death he passed:

<sup>7</sup>Surely, this Lord Jesus  
shall return again,  
with his Father's glory,  
with his angel train;  
for all wreaths of empire  
meet upon his brow,  
and our hearts confess him  
King of glory now.

<sup>4</sup>Bore it up triumphant  
with its human light,  
through all ranks of creatures,  
to the central height,  
to the throne of Godhead,  
to the Father's breast;  
filled it with the glory  
of that perfect rest.

<sup>5</sup>Name him, Christians, name him,  
with love strong as death,  
but with awe and wonder  
and with bated breath:  
he is God the Saviour,  
he is Christ the Lord,  
ever to be worshipped,  
trusted, and adored.

<sup>6</sup>In your hearts enthrone him;  
there let him subdue  
all that is not holy,  
all that is not true:  
crown him as your Captain  
in temptation's hour;  
let his will enfold you  
in its light and power.

*The Bishop greets the people*

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

There is one body and one spirit.

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

one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

**one God and Father of all.**

Peace be with you.

**And also with you.**

*The Bishop introduces the service*

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 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.

## **Prayers of Penitence**

*The Deacon of the Liturgy says*

As we gather before God, and trusting in his grace alone, let us join with these ordinands in confessing our sins.

*All kneel or sit to say*

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*The Bishop says*

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in life eternal, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Remain seated for*

## **The Presentation**

*The Archdeacons present the Ordinands who stand in their places within the body of the congregation*

Reverend Mother in God, I present ... to be ordained to the office of deacon in the Church of God; *he/she* is to serve in the parish of ... .

*When all the Ordinands have been presented, they turn and move to seats in the Compass Rose, where they face the Bishop*

*The Bishop asks these questions, to which 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?

*DDO*                    They have.

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

*DDO*                    They do.

*The Bishop turns to the Ordinands and says*

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

*Ordinands*            **I do so believe.**

*The Bishop continues*

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

*The Diocesan Registrar says*

They have duly taken the oath of allegiance to the Sovereign and the oath of canonical obedience to the Archbishop. 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 says*

Let us pray for those to be ordained today  
and for the ministry of the whole people of God.

*Silence is kept*

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.

**Amen.**

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

### **The Old Testament Reading**

*Jeremiah 1.4-10*

*Read by Dr Neville Emslie, Director of Mission and Ministry, Honorary Canon*

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying,  
'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I  
consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.'  
Then I said, 'Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a  
boy.' But the Lord said to me,  
'Do not say, "I am only a boy"; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and  
you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am  
with you to deliver you,  
says the Lord.'

Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to  
me,  
'Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over  
nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to  
overthrow, to build and to plant.'

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand as the Deacon says the Alleluia and we respond*

Alleluia, alleluia.

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

Blessed apostles sing praise; prophets and martyrs give glory:

'For your majesty praise the Spirit, praise the Son!'

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

## **The Gospel**            *Mark 10.35-45*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord**

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, 'Grant 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 baptized with the baptism that I am baptized 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 baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, 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 recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but 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.'

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

*The Organist plays a Gospel fanfare*

*Once the Sermon has been introduced please sit*

**Sermon**            The Reverend Sister Judith Blackburn SSM,  
Leader of the community at St Saviour's Priory, Hackney,  
Ordination Retreat Leader

*Following the Sermon please remain seated for a short time of silence*

# The Liturgy of Ordination

*The congregation remains seated*

## The Declarations

*The Ordinands turn to face 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, 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?

*Ordinands* **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?

*Ordinands* **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?

*Ordinands* **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?

*Ordinands* **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?

*Ordinands* **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?

*Ordinands* **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?

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

Will you accept the discipline of this Church and give due respect to those in authority?

*Ordinands* **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?

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

*The congregation stands and the Ordinands turn to face them*

*The Bishop addresses the congregation*

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

*All* **It is.**

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*

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.

Pray earnestly for the gift of the Holy Spirit.

*All kneel or sit, and silence is kept*

## **The Litany**

*Cantor*    In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ,  
let us pray to the Father.

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.



*Let us pray to the Lord.      Lord, have mercy.*

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

**Lord, have mercy.**

For Sarah, our Archbishop, Bishop Rose, and for all bishops, presbyters  
and deacons, that they may hunger for truth and thirst after  
righteousness,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those called to be deacons in the Church,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**



*The Ordinands stand and the Bishop stands to pray*

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 on your servant ...  
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.

**Amen.**

## **The Giving of the New Testament and Vesting of the Deacons**

*The Bishop gives the New Testament to each of the newly ordained deacons*

*When all have received the New Testament, the Bishop says*

Receive this book, as a sign of the authority given you this day to speak God's word to his people.

Build them up in his truth and serve them in his name.

*The Training Incumbents then vest the newly ordained*

## **The Welcome**

*When the vesting is completed, the Deacon of the Liturgy says to the newly ordained Deacons*

We preach not ourselves but Christ Jesus as Lord and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.

**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.**

*Stand*

## **The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

### **The Peace**

*The Bishop says*

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.  
**And also with you.**

*The Deacon of the Liturgy 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 a collection is received for the Ordination Candidates Training Fund.*



The church's one foundation  
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
she is his new creation  
by water and the word:  
from heaven he came and sought her  
to be his holy Bride;  
with his own blood he bought her,  
and for her life he died.

<sup>3</sup>Though with a scornful wonder  
folk see her sore oppressed,  
by schisms rent asunder,  
by heresies distrest,  
yet saints their watch are keeping,  
their cry goes up, 'How long?'  
And soon the night of weeping  
shall be the morn of song.

<sup>2</sup>Elect from every nation,  
yet one o'er all the earth,  
her charter of salvation  
one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
one holy name she blesses,  
partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses  
with every grace endued.

<sup>4</sup>Mid toil and tribulation,  
and tumult of her war,  
she waits the consummation  
of peace for evermore;  
till with the vision glorious  
her longing eyes are blest,  
and the great church victorious  
shall be the church at rest.

<sup>5</sup>Yet she on earth hath union  
with God the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion  
with those whose rest is won:  
O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we,  
like them, the meek and lowly,  
on high may dwell with thee.

*Words:* Samuel Stone (1839-1900)

*Tune:* AURELIA

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## 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,  
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 saying

*We say*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,  
Hosanna in the highest**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,  
Hosanna in the highest**

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* Great is the mystery of faith:

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

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**

*The Bishop says*

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...*

*Ojcie Nasz...*

*Baba Yetu...*

*E to matou Matua...*

*Ein Tad...*

*Πάτερ ἡμῶν*

*Remain standing for*

## **Breaking of the Bread**

*The Bishop breaks the consecrated bread, saying*

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

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

## **Agnus Dei**

*We say*

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.**

*The Bishop says*

Come to this table, not because you must but because you may,  
not because you are strong, but because you are weak.  
Come, not because any goodness of your own gives you a right to come,  
but because you need mercy and help.  
Come, because you love the Lord a little and would like to love him  
more.  
Come, because he loved you and gave himself for you.  
Come and meet the risen Christ, for we are his Body.

*Sit as the Bishop 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 inform a steward.*

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

*During Communion, we remain seated to sing*



Take my life, and let it be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in endless praise.

<sup>2</sup>Take my hands, and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love;  
take my feet, and let them be  
swift and beautiful for thee.

<sup>3</sup>Take my voice, and let me sing  
always, only, for my King;  
take my lips, and let them be  
filled with messages from thee.

<sup>4</sup>Take my silver and my gold;  
not a mite would I withhold;  
take my intellect, and use  
every power as thou shalt choose.

<sup>5</sup>Take my will, and make it thine:  
it shall be no longer mine;  
take my heart: it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne.

<sup>6</sup>Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure-store.  
take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee.

*Words:* Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-79)

*Tune:* NOTTINGHAM

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## **Prayer after Communion**

*Stand as the Bishop says*

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept*

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. **Amen.**

# The Sending Out

*Remain standing to sing*



We have a gospel to proclaim,  
good news for all throughout the earth;  
the gospel of a Saviour's name:  
we sing his glory, tell his worth.

<sup>4</sup>Tell of that glorious Easter morn:  
empty the tomb, for he was free.  
He broke the power of death and hell  
that we might share his victory.

<sup>2</sup>Tell of his birth at Bethlehem  
not in a royal house or hall  
but in a stable dark and dim,  
the Word made flesh, a light for all.

<sup>5</sup>Tell of his reign at God's right hand,  
by all creation glorified.  
He sends his Spirit on his church  
to live for him, the Lamb who died.

<sup>3</sup>Tell of his death at Calvary,  
hated by those he came to save,  
in lonely suffering on the cross;  
for all he loved his life he gave.

<sup>6</sup>Now we rejoice to name him King:  
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.  
This gospel-message we proclaim:  
we sing his glory, tell his worth.

*Words:* Edward Joseph Burns (b 1938)

*Tune:* FULDA

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## Blessing and Dismissal

*The Bishop 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 forever. 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. **Amen.**

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

May 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 of the Liturgy says*

Go in the light and peace of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Organ Voluntary**

*All remain standing as the procession leaves in the following order*

*(Applause is appropriate at this point)*

*Crossbearer and Taperers*

*A virger*

*The Bishop*

*Newly Ordained Deacons*

*Deacon of the Liturgy*

*The Dean*

*Diocesan Director of Ordinands*

*Training Incumbents*

*The Deacons*

*The Preacher*

*The Archdeacons*

*The Chaplain*

*The other clergy and laity are then virged to their robing places as follows*

*To St Andrew's Chapel*

*A virger*

*Training Representatives*

*The Diocesan Registrar and the Director of Mission and Ministry*

*Assistant Diocesan Director of Ordinands*

*A virger*

*The Chapter*

*To the Chapter House*

*A virger*

*Supporting Clergy*

*Area Deans and Lay Chairs*