



THE CATHEDRAL AND METROPOLITICAL CHURCH OF CHRIST, CANTERBURY

Chrism Eucharist

with Renewal of Commitment to Ministry
and Blessing of Oils



President and Preacher The Bishop of Dover

Maundy Thursday
17th April 2025
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 Bishop and the Dean and Chapter and all process to the Nave

Order of Processions

Readers of the Diocese

Deacons of the Diocese

Priests of the Diocese

Cross and Lights

The Minor Canons

Virger

The Archdeacons

Virger

The Chapter

Virger

Deacon

The Dean

Bishop of Dover

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



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.

The Bishop 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 Bishop 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 Bishop 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

All sing

The musical score is written for a Priest and All. It begins with a 2/4 time signature. The Priest's part is marked with a red 'P' and the word 'Priest' in red. The All's part is marked with a red 'A' and the word 'All' in red. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Priest
Glo-ry to God in the high - est.

All
Glo-ry to God in the high - est,
and peace for his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, hea-ven-ly King,
al - migh-ty God and Fa - ther, we wor-ship you, we give you
thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ,
on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us;
you are sea-ted at the right hand of the Fa - ther, re - ceive
our prayer. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -
- lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus
Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther.
A - men.

The Collect

The Bishop 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

James 5.13-16a

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.

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 4.16-21*

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.

When Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,

because he has anointed me

to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives

and recovery of sight to the blind,

to let the oppressed go free,

to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.’

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them,

‘Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.’

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 Bishop 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 Bishop 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 Bishop 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 Bishop 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 Bishop 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

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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.

*The oil for the sick
is brought forward*

A minister says

The oil for the anointing of the sick and dying.

The Bishop 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*

A minister says

The oil for the signing with the cross at baptism.

The Bishop 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 Bishop 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 Bishop 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,
 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...

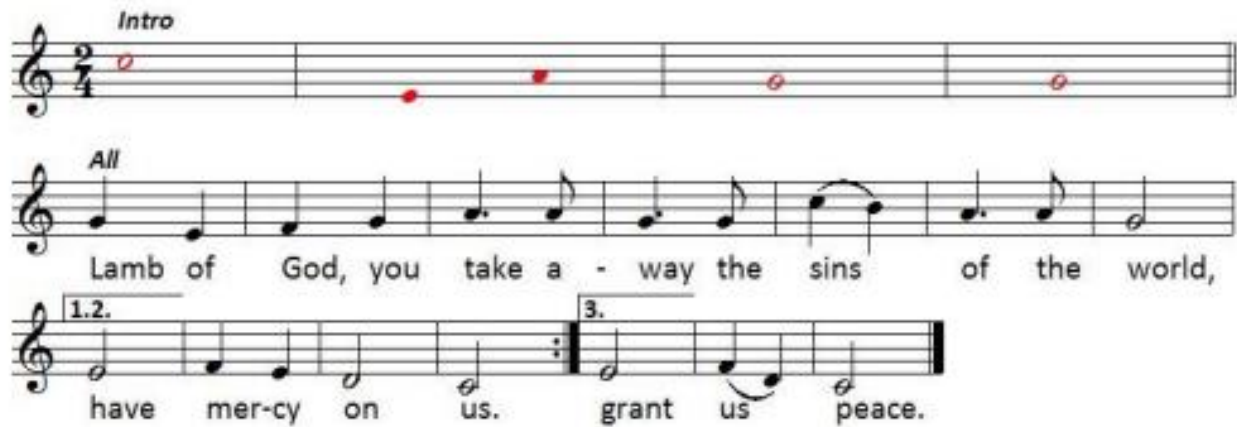
Ojcze Nasz...

Baba Yetu...

E to matou Matua...

Ein Tad...

Remain standing to sing



Breaking of the Bread

The Bishop 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 Bishop and other ministers begin

*After receiving Communion, if you wish to have prayer for healing with
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.*

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 Bishop says

Let us pray.

Stand to pray in silence, before the Bishop 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)

Tune: LUX EOI

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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 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