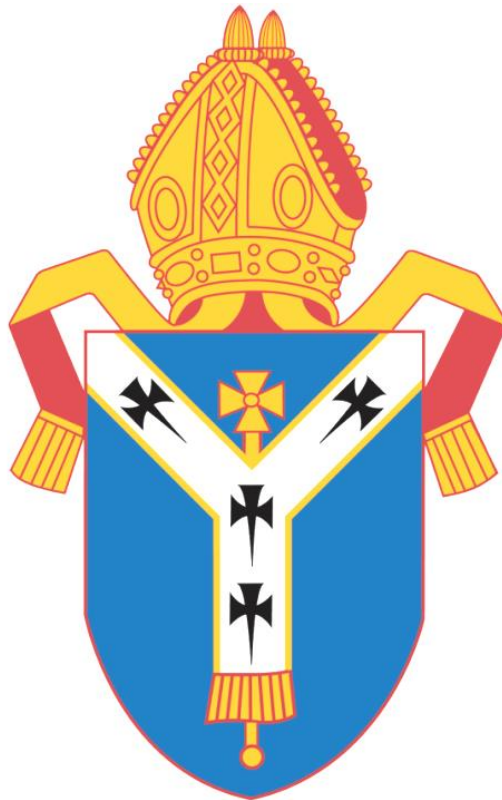




THE CATHEDRAL AND METROPOLITICAL CHURCH OF CHRIST, CANTERBURY

Ordination of Deacons



Saturday 28th June 2025

10.30am

Nave

Welcome to Canterbury Cathedral for this Service

Please ask the priest if you require a gluten-free communion wafer

Livestreaming

This service will be livestreamed and you may be seen on camera, although we will not deliberately take any close-ups of the congregation.

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who will be pleased to assist you.



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Large print orders of service are available from the stewards and virgers. Please ask.

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 Barber, *Birchington with Acol and Minnis Bay*

Margaret Bowers, *River*

Lesley Brookes, *Shepherds Lees*

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*

Anne Talbert, *Canonry Benefice*

Nicholas Tomaszewski, *Deal, St Leonard with St Richard, and Sholden
with Great Mongeham, St Martin*

Philip Trainer, *Maidstone, St Luke*

John Wakeman, *Deal, St Leonard with St Richard, and Sholden
with Great Mongeham, St Martin*

Tracy Williams, *Bapchild, St Laurence*

Sally Willins, *The Wantsum Group*

Anderson Yan, *Hythe*

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

Hilary Baldwin, *Eastry and Woodnesborough*

Jayne Edinboro, *Whitstable*

Norman Gilliland, *Walmer and Cornilo*

Paul Henderson, *Walmer and Cornilo*

Steven Horne, *Ashford Town*

Bethany Keenan, *Ramsgate, St Luke; Ramsgate, St George*

William Mills, *The Trinity Benefice*

Sally Pickersgill, *Hackington, St Stephen*

Daniel Ralph, *The United Wye Benefice*

Clarissa Read, *Barham Downs with Adisham and Aylesham*

Malcolm Sawyer, *Walmer and Cornilo*

Maria Stuttaford, *Denswood*

Victoria Young, *Marden, St Michael and All Angels*

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
Training Representatives
The Diocesan Secretary and The Director of Mission and Ministry
Training Incumbents*

*A virger
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*

*The Archdeacon of Ashford
The Ordinands*

A welcome and explanation of the service is offered

The Gathering and Presentation

As the main procession enters stand to sing



All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia, alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam:
*O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

²Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
O praise him, alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice:
ye lights of evening, find a voice:

³Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia, alleluia!
Thou fire, so masterful and bright,
that givest us both warmth and light:

⁴Dear mother earth, who day by day
unfoldest blessings on our way,
O praise him, alleluia!
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,
let them his glory also show:

⁵All ye that are of tender heart,
forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye, alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
praise God, and on him cast your care:

⁶And thou, most kind and gentle death,
waiting to hush our latest breath,
O praise him, alleluia!
Thou leadest home the child of God,
and Christ our Lord the way has trod:

⁷Let all things their creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness;
O praise him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One:
*O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Words: William Henry Draper 1855-1933) Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN AM 532
based on St Francis of Assisi (1182-1226)

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 Archdeacon presents the Ordinands

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 the Ordinands have been presented they turn to 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 Director of Ordinands to confirm that the Ordinands have taken the necessary oaths and made the Declaration of Assent.

The Diocesan Director of Ordinands 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

1 Samuel 3.1-10

Read by Nigel Collins, Warden of Readers

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 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

Matthew 25.31-46

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, O Lord

'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

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 Jeremy Blunden

Rector of Beckenham

Honorary Canon of Rochester Cathedral

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 mer-cy.

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 Rose, Bishop of Dover, 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.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness we may proclaim
the gospel of reconciliation to the ends of the earth,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the unity of the Church, that we may be one in Christ,
according to his will,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who do not yet believe, that they may receive the light of the
gospel, and for those whose faith has grown cold,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the sick and suffering, for the aged and infirm, for the lonely and
neglected, and for all who remember and care for them,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the hungry, for the homeless and the oppressed,
for all prisoners and captives, and for our brothers and sisters
who are persecuted for their faith,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Charles our King, for the leaders of the nations,
and for all in authority,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For ourselves, for grace to repent and amend our lives,
that we may be pardoned and absolved from all our sins,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Remembering all who have gone before us in faith,
and in communion with all the saints,
we commit ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ our God;
To you, O Lord.



and our whole life to Christ our God; To you, O Lord.

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 Bishop introduces Ripeka and Eddie Bijl, who are Deacons now to serve in the Whitstable Team Ministry, and then the Deacon of the Liturgy says to them and to the newly ordained Deacons

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

All **We welcome you as fellow servants in the gospel:
may Christ dwell in your hearts through faith
that you may be rooted and grounded in love.**

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.

²Elect 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.

³Though with a scornful wonder
men 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.

⁴Mid 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.

⁵Yet 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...

Ojcze Nasz...

Baba Yetu...

E to matou Matua...

Ein Tad...

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 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 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.

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

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

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

⁵Take 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.

⁶Take 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

AM 787

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



Hope of our calling: hope through courage won;
By those who dared to share all Christ had done.
Saints of today, Christ's banner now unfurled,
We bring his gospel to a waiting world.

²Hope of our calling: hope with strength empowered,
Inspired by all that we have seen and heard;
This call is ours, for we are chosen too,
To live for God in all we say and do.

³Hope of our calling: hope with grace outpoured,
From death's despair the gift of life restored;
Our call to serve, to wash each others' feet,
To bring Christ's healing touch to all we meet.

⁴Hope of our calling: hope by faith made bold;
To sow God's righteousness throughout the world;
Bring peace from conflict, fruitfulness from weeds,
The kingdom's harvest from a mustard seed.

⁵Hope of our calling: Spirit-filled, unbound,
Old joys remembered and new purpose found,
Our call refreshed by sacrament and word,
We go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Words: Ally Barrett (b. 1975)

Tune: WOODLANDS

AM 493, Tune 394

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 Archdeacon of Ashford

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 Secretary

Assistant Diocesan Directors of Ordinands

A virger

The Chapter

To the Chapter House

A virger

Supporting Clergy

Area Deans and Lay Chairs