



The Ordination of Deacons

Sunday
4th July 2021
at
10.00am

WELCOME

We welcome you to this celebration of the Holy Eucharist and Ordination of Deacons. This cathedral is the seat of the Bishop, Mother Church of the Diocese of Chester and the core of a Christian community which has worshipped here and worked together for over 1100 years.

THE DECLARATION OF ASSENT

This Declaration of Assent is made by deacons, priests and Bishops of the Church of England when they are ordained and on each occasion when they take up a new appointment.

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

WELCOME

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, *A B*, 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.

MUSIC SETTING

The mass setting sung by the choir is by Harold Darke.

THOSE TO BE ORDAINED DEACON

Peter Bennett

Crewe, All Saints and St Paul with St Peter
with St Andrew with St John the Baptist

Jim Britcliffe

Alsager, St Mary Magdalene

Anna Cerval-Pena

Sutton, St James, Wincle, St Michael,
Wildboardclough, St Saviour
& Bosley, St Mary the Virgin

Jill Elston

Lymm, St Mary the Virgin

Jonny Frost

Hurdsfield, Holy Trinity

Dan Harris

Heswall, St Peter

Chris Jones

Plas Newton, St Michael

Ricky Montgomery

Great Sutton, St John the Evangelist

Jennie Prince

Wilmslow, St Bartholomew

Holly Torr

Oxton, St Saviour

Katie Wade

Gee Cross, Holy Trinity

REFLECTIONS

This past year of ministry I have seen the grace and power of God most clearly in ...

... my fellow Ordinands and teaching staff through the support and Pastoral care afforded one another particularly in prayer and healing in difficult times and situations.

Ricky

... His supernatural provision for our community. In sending the Church out of the buildings to serve alongside the community in unity and love.'

Katie

... the people of my new home parishes who have so warmly welcomed and encouraged me on my journey.

Jim

... the way our church has lived it's calling instinctively by pulling together, caring for others, the parish, each other and adapting well with changing worship.

Anna

... how He has steered my family through the covid 19 crisis, allowing us precious time to be with each other despite pressures of lockdown.

Holly

... the ever-present encouragement, love and guidance of family, friends, colleagues, and mentors.

Dan

REFLECTIONS

... the outreach of the church, the inventive spirit-led new worship, answered prayer, and the loving care of the parish, family and friends.

Jill

... how He has gone before me into my Curacy. God has very clearly paved the way, guiding our family into His future for our lives.

Jonny

... the provision of supportive friendships, conducted entirely over zoom and phone calls, some with people I barely knew before lockdown.

Jennie

... the compassionate and loving response of countless individuals to the death, misery, and isolation of the previous year.

Peter

the everyday, opening doors to new challenges, being part of a learning worshipping community has allowed me to grow in ways I couldn't have imagined.

Chris

If you would like to explore your own vocation/calling to serve Christ please speak with your parish incumbent, or be in touch with Canon Sarah Fenby, Director of Vocations, who will be pleased to speak with you: ddv@chester.anglican.org

THE GATHERING AND PRESENTATION

*All stand as the procession enters and the
choir sing*

- 1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven
who like me his praise should sing!
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the everlasting King!
- 2 Praise him for his grace and favour
to our forebears in distress;
praise him still the same as ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless:
Praise him! Praise him!
Glorious in his faithfulness!

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- 3 Father-like he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes:
Praise him! Praise him!
Widely yet his mercy flows!
- 4 Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space:
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace!

Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847) PRAISE MY SOUL
John Goss (1800-80)

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THE GREETING

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.

All sit

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The Bishop introduces the service and then continues

Brothers and sisters, we have come together in the presence of almighty God for the ordination of those called to serve as deacons in his Church; many join us in prayer and worship over the weekend, in the parishes and on line, to celebrate the ministries of those who are to be ordained and support them as they will continue to live and proclaim the Gospel in the communities where they serve.

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.

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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.

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PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

The Bishop introduces the invitation to confession to which all then respond

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

**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.**

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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.

The ordinands stand

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Each ordinand is presented by The Ven Dr Mike Gilbertson, Archdeacon of Chester or The Ven Ian Bishop, Archdeacon of Macclesfield

Reverend Father in God,
I present these persons
to be ordained to the office of deacon
in the Church of God.

*As the names are read,
each ordinand comes forward;*

*When the ordinands have been presented, the
Bishop asks these questions, to which Canon
Sarah Fenby, Diocesan Director of Vocations
responds:*

Have those whose duty it is to know these
ordinands and examine them found them
to be of godly life and sound learning?

They have.

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

They do.

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The Bishop turns to the ordinands and asks this question, to which they respond

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

I do so believe.

The Bishop continues

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

The Registrar of the Diocese, Lisa Moncur, responds

Those who are required to do so have duly made the oath of allegiance to the Sovereign. They have all made an oath or a solemn affirmation of canonical obedience to the Bishop. 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 ordinands sit

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THE COLLECT

*The Bishop introduces a period of silent prayer
and then says*

Let us pray for these candidates,
and for the ministry of the whole people of
God.

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 NEW TESTAMENT

A reading from the letter of Paul to the
Ephesians. 1. 15-23

*read by Revd Dr Oliver Igwe,
All Saints and St Paul with St Peter, St Andrew
with St John the Baptist, Crewe*

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his

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right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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PSALM 86. 1-6

Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will
walk in your truth.

Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me,
for I am poor and in misery.
Preserve my soul, for I am faithful;
save your servant, for I put my trust in you.

Be merciful to me, O Lord, for you are my
God;
I call upon you all the day long.
Gladden the soul of your servant,
for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

For you, Lord, are good and forgiving,
abounding in steadfast love to all who call
upon you.
Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer
and listen to the voice of my supplication.

Geoff Nobes

At the end of the psalm all stand

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

*read by Revd Michelle Goodrich,
Alsager, St Mary Magdalene*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke. 10. 1-11

Glory to you, O Lord.

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the

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labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you." But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, "Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near."

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

All sit after the preacher has led a prayer

SERMON

The Revd Joanna Seabourne

At the end of the sermon, a short silence is kept; all then stand

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Bishop says

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ
the Son of God.

**Though he was divine, he did not
cling to equality with God,
but made himself nothing.
Taking the form of a slave,
he was born in human likeness.
He humbled himself
and was obedient to death,
even the death of the cross.**

**Therefore
God has raised him on high,
and given him the name
above every name:
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
and every voice proclaim
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

cf Philippians 2.6-11

*The training incumbents and guests sit;
the ordinands remain standing*

THE LITURGY OF ORDINATION

THE DECLARATIONS

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.

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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.

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The Bishop continues

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?

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?

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?

I believe it and will so do.

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Will you strive to make the love of Christ known through word and example, and have a particular care for those in need?

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?

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?

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?

By the help of God, I will.

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

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?

By the help of God, I will.

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The ordinands turn to face their guests

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?

It is.

Will you continually pray for them?

We will.

Will you uphold and encourage them in
their ministry?

We will.

The ordinands turn back to face the Bishop

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The Bishop 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.

*The ordinands sit; silence is kept; the
Cathedral choir then sings*

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- 1 Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One is here;
Come bow before Him now
with reverence and fear.
In Him no sin is found,
we stand on holy ground;
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One is here.
- 2 Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire,
with splendour He is crowned.
How awesome is the sight,
our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around.
- 3 Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place;
He comes to cleanse and heal,
to minister His grace.
No work too hard for Him,
in faith receive from Him;
Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.

David J Evans (born 1957)

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THE LITANY

The Director of Vocations leads the litany

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

Lord, have mercy.

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.

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 Mark, our bishop, and for all bishops,
priests and deacons,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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For the mission of the Church,
that in faithful witness we may proclaim
the gospel of reconciliation,
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 are lost and for those
who have strayed,
that they may return to the way of Christ,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who suffer and for all those
who care for the sick and dying
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 those who are
persecuted for their faith,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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For Elizabeth our Queen, 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

the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints,

we commit ourselves, one another,

and our whole life to Christ our God;

to you, O Lord.

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THE ORDINATION PRAYER

The Bishop continues

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.

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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.

*The Bishop lays his hands on the head of each
ordinand, saying*

Send down the Holy Spirit
on your servant *N.*
for the office and work of a deacon
in your Church.

*Each deacon puts on either a stole signifying
the order of their diaconal ministry or a scarf*

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*The newly ordained deacons return to sit; the
Bishop 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.

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THE GIVING OF THE BIBLE

The newly ordained deacons stand; they are given a copy of the New Testament and their licence He then 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 WELCOME

The training incumbents and guests stand and the newly ordained deacons turn to face them

Mike Gilbertson, Archdeacon of Chester, says

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.**

Applause is given!

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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.

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Remain standing as the Bishop says

As the grain once scattered in the fields
and the grapes once dispersed
on the hillside
are now reunited on this table
in bread and wine,
so, Lord, may your whole Church
soon be gathered together
from the corners of the earth
into your kingdom. **Amen.**

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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 Jesus
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,

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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 singing:

The choir sings

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.
Blessed is he that cometh
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

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The Bishop continues

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example
and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine may be to us
his body and his blood;

who, in the same night
that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples,
saying:

Take, eat; this is my body
which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:

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.

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Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection
and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ
your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit,
inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you
in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour
and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

All sit

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LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray.

**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.**

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BREAKING OF BREAD

The Bishop says

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.**

GIVING OF COMMUNION

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

AGNUS DEI

The Choir sings

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins
of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins
of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins
of the world, grant us thy peace.

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DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Stewards will invite guests to either receive the Sacrament or a Blessing; please follow directions. Those coming forward are asked to return to their seats by the Side Aisles

COMMUNION MUSIC

Almighty God, who by thy Son Jesus Christ
didst give to thine Apostle Saint Peter
many excellent gifts, and commandedst him
earnestly to feed thy flock;
make, we beseech thee,
all bishops and pastors diligently
to preach thy holy Word,
and the people obediently
to follow the same,
that they may receive the crown
of everlasting glory. Amen.

*Collect for St Peter the Apostle
Orlando Gibbons (1583–1625)*

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

COMMUNION MUSIC

- 1 Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant, too.
- 2 We are pilgrims on a journey,
and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.
- 3 I will hold the Christlight for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.
- 4 I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh, I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.
- 5 When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

6 Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant, too.

Richard Gillard (born 1953)

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THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

After a silence, the Bishop says

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.

**We thank you, gracious Father,
for welcoming your children
to feast in your kingdom;
by your love unite us
and with your Spirit send us,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

THE SENDING OUT

THE BLESSING

The Bishop says

God who has called you is faithful.

May the Father,
whose glory fills the heavens,
cleans 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.

Ian Bishop, Archdeacon of Macclesfield, says

Go in the light and peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

THE SENDING OUT

- 1 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
hold me with thy powerful hand:
bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore.
- 2 Open now the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fiery, cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield.
- 3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises
I will ever give to thee.

William Williams (1717-91) CWM RHONDDA
Peter Williams (1727-96) John Hughes (1873-1932)

THE SENDING OUT

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