



BLACKBURN CATHEDRAL

The Ordination of Deacons
and Service of Welcome
into the Church of England

Saturday 28 June 2025

10.30am



The Right Reverend Philip North
The Bishop of Blackburn



Welcome

This is a very special day and the culmination of many years of prayer and preparation. Christians believe that God calls every single one of us and equips us for our own unique tasks in his world. One of these roles is as an ordained deacon. For this we gather as God's family and we ask for God's Holy Spirit – the Spirit of Jesus – to fill them for this task. 'Come Holy Spirit' is a very ancient prayer indeed. Please feel free to join in with as much or as little of the service as you wish (all the instructions you need are in this booklet). Our hope and prayer is that you will sense the presence of God's Spirit in this time, confident that you have your own unique calling, no matter your age or story.

Children

Children are most welcome at this service. Please do not shush them or feel any embarrassment if they are noisy or wriggly. Jesus said they are the most important people in the Kingdom of God. We are conscious it is a long service (90 minutes or so), so there is a 25-30 minute slot early in the service, where children aged 5-11 are welcome to go to supervised groups in the conference suite, if parental permission is given. (See further instructions in the order of service).

Communion

This celebrates the last meal that Jesus had with his disciples; we believe it is a foretaste of the heavenly banquet. Throughout the ages, people have often found that they meet Jesus in a special way in this time. You are very welcome to receive Holy Communion if you wish to do so. Please follow the guidance of the stewards during the distribution of communion. If you wish to receive a blessing instead of the bread and wine, please indicate this to the priest distributing the wafers, either with words or by holding your service booklet in your hands. Gluten free wafers are available at every communion point. If you prefer to receive the bread but not the wine, please feel free to do so.

Toilets

An accessible toilet is available at Cathedral level in the South Porch to the left of the main doors when looking towards them. Please ask the stewards for assistance. Other toilets are in the Cathedral Crypt, accessed by the lift and stairs in the Temple Gallery which is off the South Transept. Please follow the signs or ask a Virger or Steward for directions.

Loop system

The Cathedral has a loop induction system which can be used for both speech and music. Please use the appropriate setting on your hearing aid.

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Taken from Common Worship Ordination Services

*The service is live streamed
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Welcome to today's service

The President is
The Right Revd Philip North
Bishop of Blackburn

The Preacher is
The Revd Philip Barnes

The Deacon is
The Revd Rachel Fielding

The Subdeacon is
Nigel Scales

The service is sung by
The Cathedral Choir

Organist
John Hosking
Organist in Residence

Directed by
John Robinson
Director of Music

The setting for the service is
Gloria in excelsis from A Blackburn Mass by James Davy;
Holy Communion Service in C & F by C.V. Stanford (1852-1924)

Those to be ordained Deacon

Mr Anthony Howarth



I sensed a calling to ministry in my late teens. I initially studied music but then went on to study Theology at the Assemblies of God Bible College. After my seminary training I accepted a post working with a Church in Colne in Lancashire. After eleven years at the church I moved on to working for a charity helping people battling with addiction issues. Whilst working for the charity I accepted the Pastorate of a church in Barrowford. Both myself and my church are beginning a journey as we join the Anglican church where I will serve as Deacon. I am married to Diane and have three teenage children. In my spare time I play the drums in a band and train in martial arts. I also love reading and going to the cinema.

Mrs Amanda Hughes

I am 63 years old and a Mum, Grandma, Mor Mor, (Danish for Grandma), Mother-In-Law, Friend, retired Nurse, Dog Boarder, (Greyhounds, Whippets and Lurchers) and soon to be Curate of St Michaels Church in Hoole Preston. I come from Brighton, lived in Romania for 10 years, and have lived all over the UK. I was the wife of a Priest for 30 years before he died 6 years ago. So, I wear a lot of hats, overarching all of those roles is my role as a Disciple of Christ – a work in progress!



Mr John Lisle



Raised in Boston, I was steeped in faith and sensed God's call to ordination during an internship at St. Aldates, Oxford. After studying at University in Liverpool, I worked in anti-slavery before serving in Students and Youth ministry at St. James in the City. I am married to Tiria and we have a one-year-old son, Reuben. During training, I helped plant a microchurch network in Warrington. I am passionate about reaching the unchurched and pursuing God's justice, I long to see people follow Jesus with their whole lives. I am thrilled to serve my curacy at St. Luke's, Blackburn.



Mrs Sara Marriott

After initially starting out as an environmental chemist, I have spent the last 15 years as a teaching assistant at a local secondary school. This position allows me to engage in interfaith conversations with students and staff alike. Married to Adam, I embrace my East Lancastrian roots with pride and have a passion for hospitality, birding, and boxing. My calling to ordination is driven by a heartfelt desire to inspire others to discern their gifts and to love being in love with God. I am excited to be serving my curacy at Immanuel, Feniscowles

and St Francis, Fenisccliffe.

Mr Jonathan Peatman

Born in Coventry, I moved to the North west as a child, and consider the North West as home! After completing internships at Trendlewood Church and with NISCU, I went on to work for 4 years at St Thomas' in Lancaster and manage the ecumenical Lancaster and Morecambe CAP debt centre. Most recently, I have served at Blackpool Church St Johns throughout my ordination training. I married Amy in 2015 and we have 2 children - Ava, 5 and Noah, 3. The family are excited to move to Christ Church, Wesham where I take up the role of assistant curate.



Mr Matthew Lockwood



My wife, Hannah, and I lead Beacon Church in Blackpool. We have Ezra (2) and another little one due this August. Originally from Suffolk, I became a Christian aged 13. Soon after, I sensed a call to youth ministry, studying at Ridley Hall, then spending a decade as a Youth Worker in Reigate and Blackheath. In Summer 2021, Hannah and I moved to Blackpool to be Eden Team Leaders at Beacon. There I felt a call to ordained ministry, specifically in underserved neighbourhoods. My heart is for those on the margins to hear and know the hope of Jesus.

Those to be welcomed into the Church of England from other denominations

Revd Jesse Adesina



Originally from Nigeria, I hold a degree in Microbiology and worked as a laboratory analyst at OLAM Agri for four years. I earned a Bachelor's degree in Theology from Bishop Crowther College of Theology in Okene, Nigeria, and was ordained deacon on July 18, 2020, and priested on July 3, 2021, in Kwara Diocese Church of Nigeria. I moved to Preston, UK, with my family—Oluwatosin (wife) and Eric (son)—in 2022. I obtained permission to officiate and have served as a youth worker at St. Stephen's Church and part-time assistant curate at the Parish of Risen Lord. I am passionate about music worship and discipleship.

Revd Joseph Harvey

After training as a primary school teacher and beginning work in my hometown of Portsmouth, my wife Sarah and I felt called to serve in the Middle East. We moved first to Jordan, and then to Egypt where we served the Anglican Diocese in a number of roles most recently leading a church in the Nile Delta. We have four small children, are passionate about cross-cultural living and building community. I am excited about being welcomed into the Church of England during the ordination service and joining in God's mission in Blackburn as I begin my curacy.



The Declarations

The following Declaration and Oaths have been made by the candidates prior to today's service

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 authorised or allowed by Canon.

Oath of Allegiance

I, N, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty, King Charles III, his Heirs and Successors, according to Law;

So help me God.

Oath of Canonical Obedience

I, N, do swear by almighty God that I will pay true and canonical obedience to the Bishop of Blackburn and Successors in all things lawful and honest;

So help me God.

Procession

Crucifer

Choir

Virger

Visiting Clergy

Training Incumbents

College of Canons

Virger

Start of Ministry Officers

Preacher

Residentiary Canons

Archdeacon

The Dean

Bishops of Lancaster and Burnley

Virger

Subdeacon

Deacon

Bishop of Blackburn

Bishop's Chaplain

The Gathering and Presentation

*Please remain seated as the choir moves to the west end of the Cathedral before the Dean's welcome.
Please stand to sing.*

Processional

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Praise to the Lord, the almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:
come ye who hear, brothers and sisters draw near,
praise him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth:
hast thou not seen all that is needful hath been
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work, and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
ponder anew all the almighty can do,
he who with love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who dost nourish thy life and restore thee,
fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee,
then to thy need, he like a mother doth speed,
spreading the wings of grace o'er thee

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again:
gladly for ay we adore him.

German, Joachim Neander (1650-80) tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-78) and others

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.

The Introduction

The Bishop invites the congregation to sit and 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.

The Presentation

*The candidass are led into the cathedral by the Director of Ministry while an organ fanfare plays.
The Archdeacon then presents them to the Bishop*

Bishop Philip, I present the following to be ordained to the office of
deacon in the church of God:

Amanda Hughes,
to serve in the parish of Hoole St Michael

Anthony Howarth,
to serve in the benefice of Colne, St Bartholomew and Holy Trinity

John Lisle,
to serve in the parish of St Luke Blackburn

Jonathan Peatman,
to serve in the parish of Christ Church Wesham

Matthew Lockwood,
to serve in the parish of Blackpool Christ Church with All Saints

Sara Marriott,
to serve in the parish of Immanuel Feniscowles and St Francis Feniscliffe

Bishop Philip, I also present the following whose Holy Orders are to
be received that they may be licensed as a priest in the Church of
England.

Revd Jesse Adesina,
to serve in the parish of Longridge St Lawrence with St Paul

Revd Joseph Harvey,
to serve in the parish of Blackburn Christ Church

*When the ordinands have been presented, the Bishop asks these questions, to which the Director of
Ministry responds*

DoM 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.

DoM Do they believe them to be duly called to serve God in this ministry?
They do.

The Bishop turns to the ordinands and those to be welcomed into the Church of England and says
Do you believe that God is calling you to this ministry?
I do so believe.

The Bishop says

I invite the Archdeacon to confirm that the ordinands and those to be welcomed into the Church of England have taken the necessary oaths and made the Declaration of Assent.

The Archdeacon says

They have duly taken the oath of allegiance to the Sovereign and the oath 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'.

Bishop Jill and Bishop Joe invite any children who wish to join the supervised children's work in the conference suite to join them at the front. We ask parents to accompany them and sign them in before leaving them for about 20 minutes. They will return after the sermon in time to see the ordination.

The Gloria

Please stand as the choir sings the opening of the Gloria. Please join in with the refrain.



Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Amen.

The Collect

The Bishop 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.**

Please sit

The Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament reading

Isaiah 49.1-6

Read by Mr Ramsay Lunn

A reading from the Book of Isaiah

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away!
The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he
named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he
hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said
to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.' But I said, 'I have
laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my
cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God.' And now
the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob
back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the
sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength—he says;

'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm
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The choir sings

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills :
from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh even from the Lord :
who hath made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved :
and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.

Behold, he that keepeth Israel :
shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord himself is thy keeper :
the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;

So that the sun shall not burn thee by day :
neither the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil :
yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in :
from this time forth for evermore.

New Testament Reading

Philippians 2.5-11

Read by Mr Stephen Whittaker, Diocesan Secretary

A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

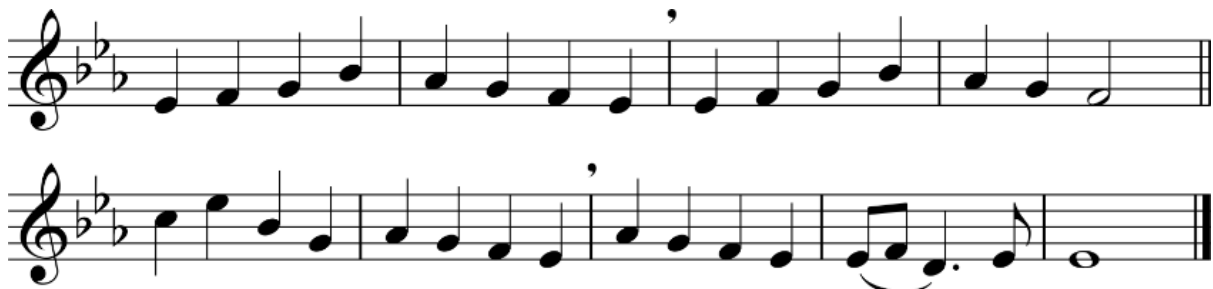
This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Hymn

SERVANT SONG



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| 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 Christ-light 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. | 6 | Sister, brother 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 (b. 1953)

Remain standing and turn to face the Gospel procession

The deacon says

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus continued: “There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ So he divided his property between them. “Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. “When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.’ So he got up and went to his father. “But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. “The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ “But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate. “Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. ‘Your brother has come,’ he replied, ‘and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.’ “The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. But he answered his father, ‘Look! All these years I’ve been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!’ ““My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’”

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

Sermon

The Revd Philip Barnes

There is a period of silence after the sermon for reflection

Music plays as the candidates step forward and stand before the bishop

We welcome the children as they return for the liturgy of ordination

The Liturgy of Ordination

The Declarations

The candidates stand before 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 candidates

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?

Candidates 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?

Candidates 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?

Candidates 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?

Candidates 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?

Candidates 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?

Candidates 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?

Candidates By the help of God, I will.

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

Candidates 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?

Candidates By the help of God, I will.

The congregation stands and the candidates turn and face them. The Bishop continues

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 candidates turn back to face the Bishop, who continues addressing them

In the name of our Lord, we bid you remember the greatness of the trust that is now to be committed to your charge. Remember always with thanksgiving that the treasure now to be entrusted to you is Christ's own flock, bought by the shedding of his blood on the cross. It is to him that you will render account for your stewardship of his people.

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 candidates and congregation kneel (if you are able) and silence is kept.

The Bishop intones the first line and then everyone sings the Veni Creator



*Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
and lighten with celestial fire;
thou the anointing Spirit art,
who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.
Thy blessèd unction from above
is comfort, life, and fire of love;
enable with perpetual light
the dullness of our blinded sight.*

*Anoint and cheer our soilèd face
with the abundance of thy grace:
keep far our foes, give peace at home;
where thou art guide no ill can come.
Teach us to know the Father, Son,
and thee, of both, to be but one;
that through the ages all along
this may be our endless song:*



*Praise to thy eternal merit,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.*

John Cosin (1594-1672) based upon Veni, creator Spiritus

The Litany

The Litany is sung by the cantor – please join in with the response



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

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 Philip, Jill and Joe our bishops,
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 Mandy, John, Sara, Jono, Matt, Tony, Jesse, and Joe
called to serve in his 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 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 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.

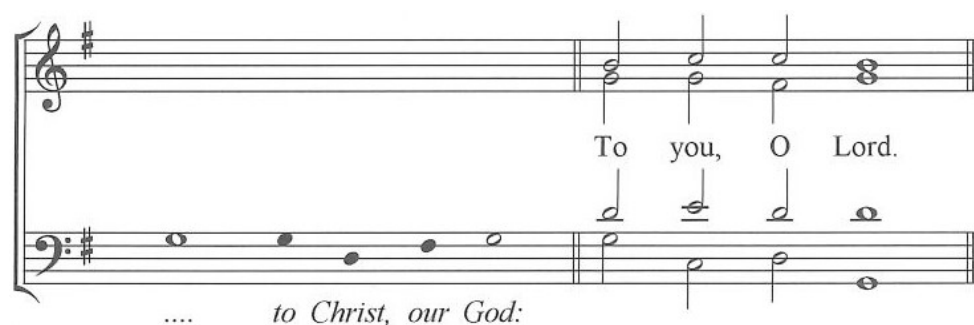
Lord, have mercy.

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 St Mary, St Paul, and all the saints,
we commit ourselves, one another,
and our whole life to Christ our God;

to you, O Lord.



The Ordination Prayer

The congregation sits. The candidates continue to kneel before the Bishop, who 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.

Therefore, Father, through Christ our Lord we pray:

Here the Bishop lays 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.

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.

Reception into the Priestly Ministry of the Church of England

The Bishop addresses those being welcomed into the Church of England, who stand

Jesse and Joseph, today we are glad to mark the beginning of your formal ministry as a priest in the Church of England. The Church of England recognises and affirms the ordination which you received in the Anglican province of Kwara and the Anglican Province of Alexandria. As your ministry now continues in the Church of England, I ask you to reaffirm your fidelity to this church and to recommit yourself to your ordination vows.

Do you acknowledge the Church of England as part of the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church?

I do.

Do you accept the teaching, discipline and authority of the Church of England?

I do.

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?

By the help of God, I will.

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 a faithful steward of the mysteries of God, preaching the gospel of Christ and ministering his holy sacraments?

By the help of God, I will.

Those being welcomed into the Church of England kneel

The Bishop prays

Heavenly Father,
whose love is ever new and who calls us daily afresh:
we give thanks for the ministry
to which you have called your servants Jesse and Joe.
May they be a sign of your presence in our world;
channels of the Holy Spirit;
and agents of Christ's love.
And so bless them in this ministry,
in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

All candidates stand

The Giving of the Bible

The Bishop presents a Bible to the candidates 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 newly ordained deacons put on their stoles, worn across the left shoulder, assisted by The Dean and Archdeacon

Please stand

The Welcome

The Dean says to the newly-ordained deacons and those welcomed into the Church of England

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.**

*Please greet the newly-ordained deacons and those welcomed into the Church of England with
applause as they return to their seats*

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.

The Deacon says

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We offer one another a sign of peace with a handshake

Preparation of the Table

The table is prepared

*Please remain standing to sing the hymn during which a collection is taken in support of the Bishop's
charitable causes*

Offertory Hymn

Guiting Power



Christ triumphant, ever reigning,
Saviour, Master, King,
Lord of heav'n, our lives sustaining,
hear us as we sing:
*Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, th'eternal name.*

Word incarnate, truth revealing,
Son of Man on earth!
Pow'r and majesty concealing
by your humble birth:

Suff'ring servant, scorned, ill-treated,
victim crucified!
Death is through the cross defeated,
sinners justified:

Priestly King, enthroned for ever
high in heav'n above!
Sin and death and hell shall never
stifle hymns of love:

So, our hearts and voices raising
through the ages long,
ceaselessly upon you gazing,
this shall be our song:

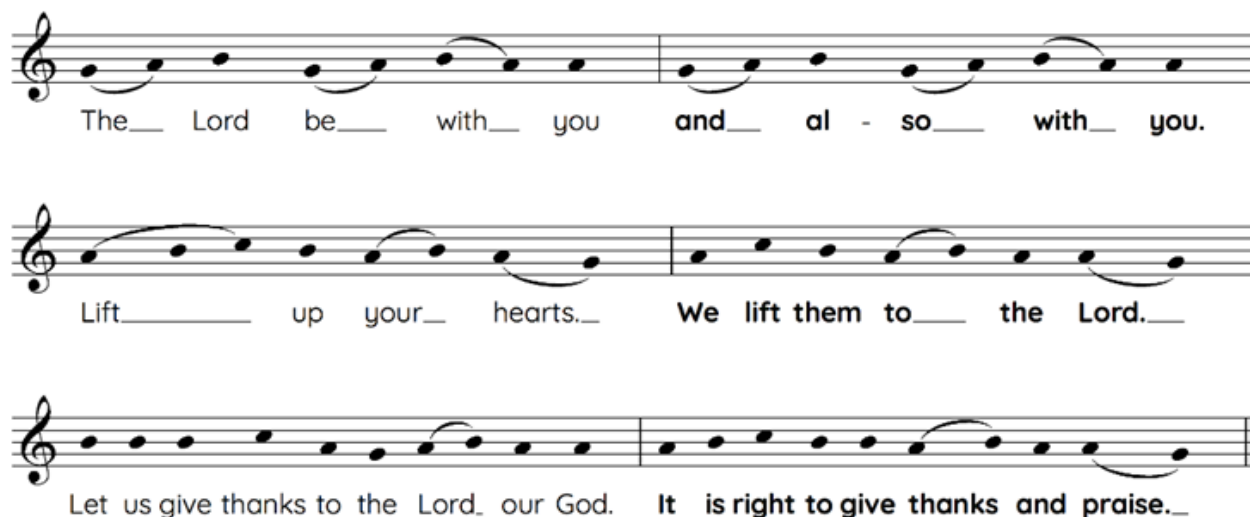
Michael Seward (1932-2015)

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Taking of the Bread and Wine

Wise and gracious God,
you spread a table before us;
nourish your people with the word of life
and the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer



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 servant 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 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. Amen.*

*Blessed is he that cometh 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.

The Deacon says

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 Mary, Paul, and 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

Joining our prayers with those of the Church Universal, so we say, each in our own language, the prayer our Saviour taught us,

Notre père, qui es aux cieux ...	Missierna, li inti fis-smewwiet...
Vater unser im Himmel ...	Padre nosso, que estais nos céus...
Padre nostro che sei nei cieli ...	Ojczcie nasz, któryś jest w niebie...
Otče náš, jenž jsi na nebesích ...	ي السَّمَاءَاتِ،
Tève Mūsū, kuris esi danguje! ...	Ein Tad, yr hwn wyt yn y nefoedd...
Tatal nostru care esti in ceruri ...	

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The 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.**

If you are able, please remain standing while 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.

The Giving of Communion

The Bishop says

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

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

Please sit

Please remain in your seats until invited by the Stewards to go forward for communion

After receiving the bread, if you wish to receive wine please move to the next minister before returning to your place

Gluten free bread is available at all distribution points

If you do not wish to receive communion, please come and ask the first minister for a prayer of blessing

The minister distributing bread will say

The body of Christ.
Amen.

The minister distributing wine will say

The blood of Christ.
Amen.

Songs during Communion

The choir sings

Listen sweet dove unto my song,
and spread thy golden wings in me;
hatching my tender heart so long,
till it get wing and fly away with thee.

Such glorious gifts thou didst bestow
that th'earth did like a heav'n appear,
the starres were coming down to
know
if they might mend their wages and
serve here.

George Herbert (1593-1633)

Music by Katherine Burk (b. 1990)

The sunne which once did shine alone,
hung down his head and wisht for night;
when he beheld twelve sunnes for one,
going about the world and giving light.

Lord, though we change,
thou art the same,
the same sweet God of Love and Light:
restore this day for thy great Name,
unto his ancient and miraculous light.

Ave verum Corpus,
natum de Maria Virgine,
vere passum, immolatum
in cruce pro homine;

cujus latus perforatum
fluxit aqua et sanguine;
esto nobis praegustatum
mortis in examine.

O Jesu dulcis, O Jesu pie,
O Jesus Fili Mariae;

Text 14th century

Music by Colin Mawby (1936-2009)

Hail true body
born of the Virgin Mary:
you truly suffered and were
sacrificed on the cross for humanity;

from your pierced side
flowed water and blood;
be to us our chosen food
at the hour of our death.

O sweet Jesus, O holy Jesus,
O Jesus Son of Mary;

We remain seated to sing reflectively



How deep the Father's love for us,
how vast beyond all measure,
that he should give his only Son
to make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss –
the Father turns his face away,
as wounds which mar the chosen One
bring many souls to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,
my sin upon his shoulders;
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there
until it was accomplished;
his dying breath has brought me life –
I know that 'it is finished'.

I will not boast in anything,
no gifts, no power, no wisdom;
but I will boast in Jesus Christ,
his death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward?
I cannot give an answer;
but this I know with all my heart –
his wounds have paid my ransom.

Stuart Townend (b.1963)

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray

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.

Diocesan Vision Prayer

**Heavenly Father,
we embrace your call for us to make disciples,
to be witnesses,
to grow leaders,
and to inspire children and young people.
Give us eyes to see your vision,
ears to hear the prompting of your Spirit
and courage to follow
in the footsteps of your Son,
our Lord and Saviour
Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

During the hymn the Archdeacon presents the newly-ordained deacons and those received into the Church of England with their Ordination and license papers



Go forth and tell! O church of God, awake!
God's saving news to all the nations take;
proclaim Christ Jesus, saviour, Lord, and king,
that all the world his worthy praise may sing.

Go forth and tell! God's love embraces all;
he will in grace respond to all who call:
how shall they call if they have never heard
the gracious invitation of his word?

Go forth and tell! The doors are open wide:
share God's good gifts - let no one be denied;
live out your life as Christ your Lord shall choose,
your ransomed powers for his sole glory use.

Go forth and tell! O church of God, arise!
go in the strength which Christ your Lord supplies;
go till all nations his great name adore
and serve him, Lord and king, for evermore.

James Seddon (1915–1983)

The Sending Out

The Bishop says

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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.

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 says

Go in the light and peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

The Organ Voluntary

Marche Pontificale (Symphonie no. 1) Ch. M. Widor (1844 – 1937)

Please remain standing as the procession leaves and then follow the direction of the stewards

Recession

Virger

Bishop of Blackburn

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