



## BLACKBURN CATHEDRAL

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

*Saturday 27 June 2026  
10.30am*



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN LANCASHIRE

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.

*The service is live streamed  
Please do not use mobile phones or recording devices*

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*from Common Worship Ordination Services*

## *Welcome to today's service*

The President is  
**The Right Revd Philip North**  
*Bishop of Blackburn*

The Preacher is  
**The Revd Jeni McQuaid**

The Deacon is  
**The Revd Mandy Hughes**

The Subdeacon is  
**Ayodele Adabayo**

The service is sung by  
**The Cathedral Choir**

**John Robinson**  
*Director of Music*

**Ed Jones**  
*Organist*

The setting for the service is  
*A Blackburn Mass by James Davy  
and  
Ireland in C*

# The Candidates

## James Atkinson



James has worked for the ambulance service as a paramedic for over 25 years.

After an unexpected encounter with the Holy Spirit in 2019 he felt called to the Priesthood. He undertook his theological training at St Hild's College of the Resurrection in Mirfield. James is married to Helen, and they have a daughter, Laura.

## Alistair Barry

Alistair was born in West Sussex, schooled in a village near to Southampton and studied Mathematics at Exeter University before returning to the same village.

In 2011 he came to faith after meeting with God at a New Wine summer festival. In 2016 he married Elodie and moved to Burpham in Guildford. Together they have a daughter, Ophelia, (six) and a son, Gabriel (one).

Although the call to ordained ministry started young it was in Burpham, shortly after the first Covid lockdown, that Alistair felt that he could no longer ignore the call and started investigating his vocation with the church. In 2024 the family moved to Cambridge for ordination training and are now looking forward to moving to Garstang.



## Megan Ramsden



Megan was born and brought up in Salford and came to faith at the age of three following a school visit from a vicar.

At the time Megan's family didn't attend church but after weeks of asking her dad he eventually took her. From a young age Megan felt God's call on her life and so as she grew up she explored her faith and trusted in his plans for her life.

## John Harding

Originally from a small Yorkshire mining town, John has lived most of his adult life in Liverpool. For 15 years, he balanced a career in secondary education with his ministry work. Before pursuing ordination in the Church of England, John was the Senior Pastor of Frontline Church Liverpool, where he focused on developing leaders and planting missional communities. His ministry has taken him across the globe, serving in places such as Israel, Congo, and Bulgaria. John is married to Kirsten, a teacher, and they have two grown-up sons, Soren and Reuben. A dedicated LFC fan, John loves heading to the pub with his family and their two rescue greyhounds. He is thrilled to begin this new chapter serving his parish.



## Paul Howard



Originally from Bury, Paul moved to Chorley in 2013 and has worked in the NHS for many years. In 2021, Paul became an Authorised Lay Minister (ALM) which opened his heart to explore what ordained ministry might bring. Paul is married to Alex and has three children: Amy aged 24, Olivia aged 20 and Matthew aged 10. Paul is looking forward to serving his curacy at Euxton Parish

Church; learning from the wisdom of the congregation, walking alongside the people of the parish in times of joy and challenge and exploring how the church can share Christ's hope in fresh and faithful ways.

## Lorraine Innerdale

Originally from Blackpool, Lorraine has lived in Leyland for over 30 years. She has worked as a lifeguard, civil servant, support worker, counsellor, and now is a prison chaplain. Her home church is St Ambrose in Leyland, and she has been an LLM for almost nine years. Lorraine is married to Chris, and they have two children, Daniel 27 and Lauren 25. Lorraine will continue to serve in St Ambrose, and HMP Preston and at a Deaf Church in Preston. Lorraine is looking forward to the opportunities that lay ahead and continuing to serve ALL the people in her parish. To both who already know the Lord, and those who are not aware of His love for them as yet.



## Theo Irvine



Theo is originally from Bournemouth and Dorset. He studied music at King's College London, before working as a ministry apprentice at Christ Church Westbourne and, more recently, at Hampshire County Council in payroll and finance.

The key moment in his life was discovering 'the righteousness of God' that we receive through faith in Christ (Romans 3:22) and it was not too

long after that he began to explore ordination.

Over the last three years he has been training for ordained ministry at Wycliffe Hall and he is really looking forward to serving his curacy at All Saints Preston.

## Nathan Kellner

After growing up on the Wirral, Nathan spent most of his 20s in Cambridge where he met his wife Sarah and began to sense God's call to ordination. Nathan worked in operations for a charity before moving to Bristol for ordination training.

Nathan has a particular passion for preaching and teaching the Bible, and for growing whole-life disciples of Jesus. Nathan and Sarah share a heart for worship and to see people meet Jesus personally.

Nathan's curacy will be at Preston Minster where he's excited to serve, join with what God is doing in that wonderful church and city and to explore where the Lord may be leading him and Sarah toward future church planting.



## Sarah Maxfield-Phillips



Sarah was raised in Malvern, as part of a strong church community. She sang in the church choir and was a member of the Girl's Brigade. Sarah was also involved nationally in representing young people across the Church of England, including in General Synod. She read a Masters in Geography at Bangor University, becoming involved in the cathedral community there.

She later returned to Malvern to serve as a Ministries Lead in a local parish. After a summer placement in Blackburn Diocese (her mum's home diocese) whilst studying at Ripon College Cuddesdon, Sarah felt called to serve the people and communities of Lancashire.

She is excited to have been given the opportunity to serve God in the Parish of Broughton.

## Chris Metcalfe

Born in North London, Chris has made Chorley his home for 24 years. Seeds for his calling to ministry were sown in his 20s and flourished in 2020.

Current service in Christian education as Executive Head; CEO of a diocesan trust and Chair of Governors of a diocesan high school enables Chris to witness amazing opportunities for Jesus to be shared with our children and young people.

Chris is joyfully married to Deborah and has three adult children: Hannah, Abigail and Peter.

His life enriching experiences include helping on sheep farms, stacking shelves in Boots the Chemist as well as playing the bagpipes! Chris is serving his curacy in the Benefice of Heapey St Barnabas and Withnell St Paul's.



## Joy Rushton



Having grown up in Preston, Joy moved back to the city in 2020 just before the first lockdown. For 38 years, she lived in the Greater London area. She worked as a primary school teacher in Hillingdon and Harrow. For the past six years, she has been the Being Witnesses Manager for Blackburn Diocese and had the joy of seeing the growth of new worshipping communities.

Joy is single and shares her home with her brother, Stephen. Her parents and sisters all live in the North West. Joy is looking forward to serving her parish and estates in Ribbleton, Preston.

## Heesoo Warner

Heesoo was born in Seoul, South Korea. She used to teach English and write children's books on English learning before moving to Essex and then to Colne.

She is married to Mike, and they have a son, Daniel, aged 17. Heesoo taught ESOL, maths, and Korean for 20 years at colleges



and universities in the UK and served as a casual interpreter.

Spending years in an educational setting, she is interested in learning and teaching. Heesoo is looking forward to starting her new role in the Parish of Barrowford and Newchurch in Pendle.

## Sarah Woolford



After growing up in Brighton and studying at the University of Newcastle, Sarah trained as an accountant, specialising in public sector financial management, which led to a 35 year-long career in the NHS and Education. She is married to Pete and they have two sons, Sam and Teddy.

After living in London, the North East, Sussex and Suffolk, they have been settled in Preston for many

years and cannot imagine living anywhere else now. Sarah's call to ordination as a self-supporting minister is driven by a strong sense of service and a desire to help people know God better. She is delighted to be serving her curacy at her home parish of Preston St Stephen.

## The Revd Mark Yates



Fr Mark, a lifelong Anglican, was born in Preston and resided in Higher Walton where he began his lay reader ministry in 1997 while pursuing his career as a carpenter.

In 2007, he relocated with his family to Perth, Australia, and continued working in the building industry, serving as a construction, facilities and asset manager for a statewide organisation. He

commenced training for the priesthood in 2013.

After completing his Bachelor of Theology at the Melbourne College of Divinity, Fr Mark was ordained into the diaconate at St George's Cathedral on 2 May 2015.

He subsequently served curacies across both parish and educational settings until returning to our Diocese in November 2025.

## The Revd Testimony Samuel

I am originally from Nigeria, where I spent most of my early life. I first trained in accounting before pursuing theological formation. I was ordained in the Church of Nigeria (Ijesa North Diocese) by Bishop Isaac Oluyamo in 2022 and priested in 2023.

I married my wife, Oyeyemi, in April 2023, and later that year we relocated to the United Kingdom. Since moving, I have worked as a support worker with The Priory Group and also with the NHS.

I received PTO in the Diocese of Blackburn and have served at Emmanuel Church Preston, continuing my ministry there. I am looking forward to this next stage of my ministry as I am welcomed into the Church of England.



# 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*

*Diocesan Director of Ministry*

*Candidates*

*Preacher*

*Diocesan Secretary*

*Residentiary Canons*

*Archdeacons of Lancaster and Blackburn*

*The Interim Dean*

*Bishops of Lancaster and Burnley*

*Virger*

*Subdeacon*

*Deacon*

*Bishop of Blackburn*

*Bishop's Chaplain*

# The Gathering and Presentation

*Please stand to sing.*

## **Processional**

CHORUS ANGELORUM 439 II



Praise to the Holiest in the height,  
And in the depth be praise,  
In all his words most wonderful,  
Most sure in all his ways.

O loving wisdom of our God!  
When all was sin and shame,  
A second Adam to the fight  
And to the rescue came.

O wisest love! that flesh and blood,  
Which did in Adam fail,  
Should strive afresh against their foe,  
Should strive and should prevail;

And that a higher gift than grace  
Should flesh and blood refine,  
God's presence and his very self,  
And essence all-divine.

O generous love! that he who smote,  
In Man for man the foe,  
The double agony in Man  
For man should undergo;

And in the garden secretly,  
And on the cross on high,  
Should teach his brethren, and inspire  
To suffer and to die.

Praise to the Holiest in the height,  
And in the depth be praise,  
In all his words most wonderful,  
Most sure in all his ways.  
*John Henry Newman (1801-90)*

## 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 Archdeacons present the candidates to the Bishop*

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

*James Atkinson*

to serve in the Benefice of Foulridge, Laneshawbridge and Trawden

*Alistair Barry*

to serve in the parish of Garstang St Thomas

*John Harding*

to serve in the parish of Leyland St John

*Paul Howard*

to serve in the parish of Euxton

*Lorraine Innerdale*

to serve in the parish of Leyland St Ambrose

*Theodore Irvine*

to serve in the parish of Preston All Saints

*Nathan Kellner*

to serve in the Preston Minster benefice of St John, St Matthew, and St James

*Sarah Ann Maxfield-Phillips*

to serve in the parish of Broughton St John

*Christopher Metcalfe*

to serve in the benefice of Heapey St Barnabas and Withnell St Paul

*Megan Ramsden*

to serve in the parish of Fleetwood St Nicholas

*Joy Rushton*

to serve in the benefice of Ribbleton

*Heesoo Warner*

to serve in the benefice of Barrowford St Thomas and Newchurch-in-Pendle St Mary

*Sarah Woolford*

to serve in the parish of Preston St Stephen

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

*The Revd Mark Yates,*

to serve in the parish of Chorley St Lawrence

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.

*The Revd Testimony Samuel,*

to serve in the parish of Preston Emmanuel

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

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

*DoM They have.*

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

*DoM 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 Archdeacons 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 Archdeacons say*

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 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.

*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.**

*Please sit*

## The Liturgy of the Word

### The Old Testament Reading

*Read by Louise Hicks*

*Isaiah 6.1-8*

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory.’

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: ‘Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes

have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

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*The choir sings*

Behold how good and joyful a thing it is : brethren to dwell together in unity!  
It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down unto the beard :  
even unto Aaron's beard, and went down to the skirts of his clothing.  
Like as the dew of Hermon : which fell upon the hill of Sion.  
For there the Lord promised his blessing : and life for evermore.

## New Testament Reading

*Read by Mihaela Mladin*

*Ephesians 3.14-21*

For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



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

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

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

## **Sermon**

The Revd Jeni McQuaid

*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?

*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.*

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.*

*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*

after v 4  
A - men.

*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 Spiritu*

# 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 James, Alistair, Megan, John, Paul, Lorraine, Theo, Nathan,  
Sarah, Chris, Joy, Heesoo, Sarah, Mark and Testimony,  
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.**

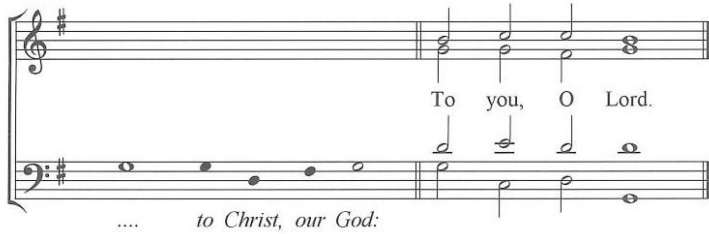
For Charles our King,  
for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**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;



## The Ordination Prayer

*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 Ministry of the Church of England**

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

Mark and Testimony, today we are glad to mark the beginning of your formal ministry as a deacon and priest in the Church of England. The Church of England recognises and affirms the ordination which you received in the Anglican Church of Australia and the Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion). 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.*

*Addressing Mark, the bishop says*

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.*

*Addressing Testimony, the bishop says*

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 Mark and Testimony.  
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 Interim Dean and Archdeacon*

*Please stand*

## The Welcome

*The Interim 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*

## 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 or other greeting*



## 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 Harvest  
Appeal*

## Offertory Hymn

SAGINA



And can it be that I should gain  
an int'rest in the Saviour's blood?  
Died he for me, who caused his pain?  
For me, who him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be  
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

'Tis myst'ry all! Th'Immortal dies:  
who can explore his strange design?  
In vain the first-born seraph tries  
to sound the depths of love divine?  
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,  
let angel minds inquire no more.

He left his Father's throne above  
so free, so infinite his grace;  
emptied himself of all but love,  
and bled for Adam's helpless race;  
'tis mercy all, immense and free;  
for, O my God, it found out me.

Long my imprisoned spirit lay  
fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray,  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
my chains fell off, my heart was free;  
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.

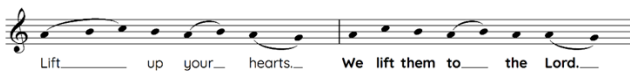
No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in him, is mine!  
Alive in him, my living Head,  
and clothed in righteousness divine,  
bold I approach the eternal throne,  
and claim the crown, through Christ my own.  
*Charles Wesley (1707-88)*

## Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

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,

**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 communion will say*

The body/blood of Christ.

**Amen.**

## Music during Communion

*The choir sings*

Ave verum corpus,  
natum de Maria Virgine,  
vere passum, immolatum  
in cruce pro homine,  
cuius latus perforatum  
fluxit aqua et sanguine:  
esto nobis praegustatum  
in mortis examine.  
O lesu dulcis, O lesu pie,  
O lesu, fili Mariae.  
Miserere mei. Amen.  
*Colin Mawby (1936-2019)*

Hail, true Body,  
born of the Virgin Mary  
who truly suffered, sacrificed  
on the cross for humanity  
from whose pierced side  
flowed water and blood  
be for us a foretaste  
in the test of death.  
O sweet Jesus, O merciful Jesus  
O Jesus, Son of Mary  
have mercy on me. Amen.

*We all sing*



An upper room did our Lord prepare  
for those he loved until the end:  
and his disciples still gather there,  
to celebrate their risen friend.

A lasting gift Jesus gave his own:  
to share his bread, his loving cup.  
whatever burdens may bow us down,  
he by his cross shall lift us up.

And after supper he washed their feet  
for service, too, is sacrament.  
In him our joy shall be made complete –  
sent out to serve, as he was sent.

No end there is! We depart in peace,  
he loves beyond our uttermost:  
in ev'ry room in our Father's house  
he will be there, as Lord and host.  
*Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)*

BEHOLD THE LAMB

1. Be hold the Lamb who bears our sins a - way, slain for us:  
and we re - mem - ber the pro - mise made, that all who  
come in faith find for - give - ness at the cross. So we share in this  
bread of life, and we drink of his sa - cri - fice, as a sign of our  
bonds of peace a - round the table of the King.

The body of our Saviour, Jesus Christ,  
torn for you: eat and remember  
the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life,  
paid the price to make us one.  
So we share in this Bread of Life,  
and we drink of his sacrifice,  
as a sign of our bonds of love  
around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,  
shed for you: drink and remember  
he drained death's cup that all may enter in  
to receive the life of God.  
So we share in this Bread of Life,  
and we drink of his sacrifice,  
as a sign of our bonds of grace  
around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise  
to respond and to remember  
our call to follow in the steps of Christ  
as his body here on earth.  
As we share in his suffering,  
we proclaim: Christ will come again!  
And we'll join in the feast of heaven  
around the table of the King.

*Keith Getty (b. 1974), Kristyn Getty (b. 1980) and Stuart Townend (b. 1963)*

## **Prayer after Communion**

*Please stand with the bishop*

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.**

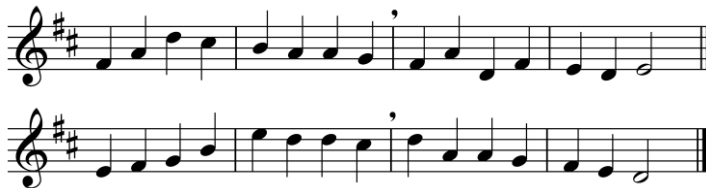
## **Diocesan Centenary Prayer**

**Heavenly Father,  
in our Centenary year  
we rededicate ourselves and our Diocese to you.  
Send the Holy Spirit to give us  
confidence in our witness,  
generosity in our service,  
and love for our neighbours,  
that your Church may be renewed  
and many come home to you,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

*During the hymn the Archdeacon presents the newly-ordained deacons and those received into the Church of England with their Letters of Orders and licence papers*

## Hymn

ALL FOR JESUS 272



All for Jesus! all for Jesus!  
This our song shall ever be;  
For we have no hope, nor Saviour  
If we have not hope in thee.

All for Jesus! thou wilt give us  
Strength to serve thee, hour by hour:  
None can move us from thy presence  
While we trust thy love and power.

All for Jesus! at thine altar  
Thou dost give us sweet content;  
There, dear Saviour, we receive thee  
In thy holy sacrament.

All for Jesus! thou hast loved us,  
All for Jesus! thou hast died,  
All for Jesus! thou art with us,  
All for Jesus, glorified!

All for Jesus! All for Jesus!  
This the Church's song shall be,  
Till at last the flock is gathered  
One in love, and one in thee.

*John Stainer (1840-1901)*

## 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

*Sinfonia from Cantata 29 (BWV 29)*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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

# Recession

*Virger*

*Bishop of Blackburn*

*Bishops of Lancaster and Burnley*

*Newly Ordained Deacons and those welcomed into the Church of England*

*Bishop's Chaplain*

*Crucifer*

*Subdeacon*

*Deacon*

*Preacher*

*Virger*

*Start of Ministry Officers*

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