

# Admission, Licensing and Triennial Re-licensing of Licensed Lay Ministers

*Saturday 11 September 2021*

*6.00pm*



The Right Reverend Julian Henderson  
*The Bishop of Blackburn*





Welcome to this celebration of the ministry of Licensed Lay Ministers (LLMs). This an opportunity to join together to welcome those being licensed for the first time, to relicense those LLMs who are continuing in their ministry and to give thanks to God for the ministry of those who are retiring following years of faithful service.

As a Diocese we recognise that most of those who minister in local parish churches are lay people. Large numbers of people exercise all kinds of informal ministries every day in churches across the diocese, but some people are called by God, and then equipped and formed by his Church as authorised, licensed or commissioned lay ministers.

In this service we are licensing and relicensing LLMs to work in parishes across the diocese and giving thanks for the ministries of those LLMs who are retiring. LLMs are called by God to do three main things. The first is that they are to teach the Christian faith. This may be in Sunday morning services but could easily be in a mid-week setting such as a youth group, confirmation classes, baptism preparation, collective worship in schools or many other settings.

The second thing LLMs are called to do is to lead in church and society. Again, this could be a Sunday morning act of worship but it could also be in a host of other settings including as a school governor, running a food bank or leading the children's ministry in their parish.

The third thing LLMs are called to do is to enable mission. They are called to personally share the good news of Jesus Christ in words and deeds, and to enable others to do the same. That might be by running enquirer's courses, leading community action projects, facilitating evangelistic events – there are as many options as there are LLMs!

Above all, in all they say and do, LLMs are called to be people of prayer who live out a life-shaping faith in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour. As we prepare to welcome, license and re-license them, we invite you to take these moments before the service to pray for them.

*To be admitted and licensed:*

Joan Doerich

*Transferring from another diocese:*

Jo Smallwood



# *Welcome to today's service*

The President is  
**The Right Revd Julian Henderson**  
*Bishop of Blackburn*

The Preacher is  
**The Right Reverend Philip North**  
*Bishop of Burnley*

The candidates are presented by  
**Sue Champness**  
*Assistant Director of Studies*

*Before the service, the congregation is  
welcomed by The Dean,  
The Very Revd Peter Howell-Jones*

## **Order of Procession**

The Candidates  
The Diocesan Licensed Lay Ministers  
The Candidates Parish Priests  
Diocesan Clergy  
Assistant Director of Studies  
Assistant Wardens of Lay Ministry  
Warden of Lay Ministry  
The Director of Vocations  
The Cathedral Clergy  
The Archdeacons  
The Bishop of Burnley & The Bishop of Lancaster  
The Bishop of Blackburn  
The Bishop's Chaplain

## The Declarations

*Prior to the service those being licensed for the first time or transferring from another diocese made the following declarations:*

### **The 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 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 I will use only the forms of service which are authorised or allowed by canon.

### **Oaths of Canonical Obedience**

I, *N*, will give due obedience to the Bishop of Blackburn and his successors in all things lawful and honest.

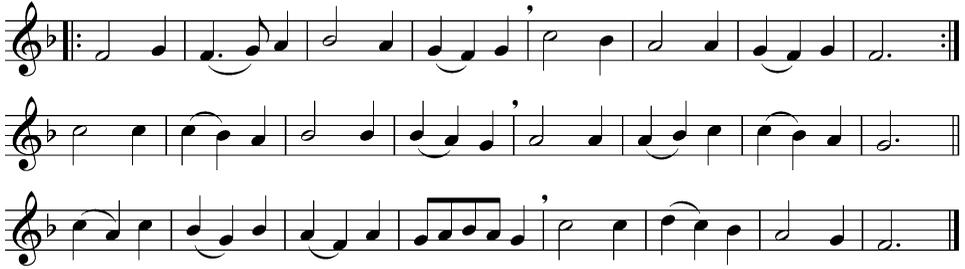
I, *N*, about to be licensed to exercise the Office of Licensed Lay Minister in the Diocese of Blackburn, do hereby promise to endeavour, as far as in me lies, to promote peace and unity, and to conduct myself as becomes a worker for Christ, for the good of his Church, and for the spiritual welfare of all people. I will give due obedience to the minister in whose cure I may serve, in all things lawful and honest.

# The Gathering

*Please stand to sing*

## Processional

HYFYDOL



Alleluia, sing to Jesus,  
his the sceptre, his the throne;  
alleluia, his the triumph,  
his the victory alone:  
hark, the songs of peaceful Sion  
thunder like a mighty flood:  
Jesus out of every nation  
hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia, not as orphans  
are we left in sorrow now;  
alleluia, he is near us,  
faith believes, nor questions how:  
though the cloud from sight received him,  
when the forty days were o'er,  
shall our hearts forget his promise,  
"I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia, bread of angels,  
thou on earth our food, our stay;  
alleluia, here the sinful  
flee to thee from day to day:  
intercessor, friend of sinners,  
earth's redeemer, plead for me,  
where the songs of all the sinless  
sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia, King eternal,  
thee the Lord of lords we own;  
alleluia, born of Mary,  
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:  
thou within the veil hast entered,  
robed in flesh, our great high priest;  
thou on earth both priest and victim  
in the Eucharistic feast.

*W Chatterton Dix (1837-98)*

*Please sit down.*

## **The Preparation**

*The Bishop of Blackburn introduces the service, and then says*

The Lord is my light and my salvation.  
The Lord is the strength of my life.

The light and peace of Jesus Christ be with you  
**and also with you**

Blessed are you, Lord God, creator of day and night:  
to you be praise and glory for ever.

As darkness falls you renew your promise  
to reveal among us the light of your presence.

By the light of Christ, your living Word,  
dispel the darkness of our hearts

that we may walk as children of light  
and sing your praise throughout the world.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

**Blessed be God for ever.**

That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful, let us pray  
with one heart and mind.

*Silence is kept.*

As our evening prayer rises before you, O God,  
so may your mercy come down upon us  
to cleanse our hearts  
and set us free to sing your praise,  
now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Please sit down*

# The Presentation

*The Bishop says*

My brothers and sisters, God has gathered us into the fellowship of the universal Church. As members together of his body, Christ calls us to minister in his name and, according to our gifts, to be instruments of his love in the world. Within this ministry, Licensed Lay Ministers are called to serve the Church of God and to work together with clergy and other ministers. They are to teach the faith passed onto us so that all the people of God may grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. They are to lead in church and society so that the kingdom of God may be revealed among us. They are to enable mission so that the body of Christ may bear faithful witness to the saving power of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. As they teach, lead and enable mission, they are to encourage the ministries of others so that all God's people may use all God's gifts to his praise and glory. In all things they are to be committed to public worship, diligent in prayer and study of the scriptures so that they may remain reliant on the Holy Spirit who brings life to the people of God.

*The Assisitant Director of Studies presents Joan to the Bishop*

Bishop Julian, I present to you Joan Doerich, of the Parish of Longton St Andrew to be admitted to the Office of Licensed Lay Minister.

*The Bishop says to the Assistant Director of Studies*

Is Joan of good Christian character, well versed in the Holy Scriptures and in the doctrines of our faith?

*She is.*

Has Joan been sufficiently prepared for the duties of this office?

*She has.*

*The Warden of Lay Ministry presents Jo Smallwood to the Bishop, as she comes to stand before him, saying*

Bishop Julian, I present to you Jo Smallwood as a Licensed Lay Minister to be licensed for ministry in this Diocese

*The Bishop reads the Preface to the Declaration of Assent and then says*

I invite the Archdeacon to confirm that the candidates has taken the necessary oaths and made the Declaration of Assent.

*The Archdeacon replies*

They have duly taken the oath of canonical obedience to the Bishop and to the minister in whose cure they may serve. They have affirmed and declared their belief in 'the faith which is revealed in the Holy Scriptures and set forth in the catholic creeds and to which the historic formularies of the Church of England bear witness'.

## **The Collect**

*The Bishop says*

Let us pray for 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 licensed  
the needful gifts of grace;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

*The candidates return to their seats and all remain seated for the Psalm*

# The Word of God

*Please remain seated for the psalm*

## Psalm

29

*The refrain is sung first by the Cantor and then repeated at once by everyone, and sung again after each verse.*



The Lord will bless his peo - ple. The  
Lord will bless his peo - ple with peace.

Give to the Lord, you children of God,  
give to the Lord glory and praise,  
give to the Lord the glory due his name,  
adore the Lord in holy attire.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters,  
the Lord, over vast waters.  
The voice of the Lord is mighty;  
the voice of the Lord is majestic.

The God of glory thunders,  
and in his temple all say, "Glory!"  
The Lord is enthroned above the water flood;  
the Lord is enthroned as king for ever.

*Timothy Smith*

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## Old Testament reading

Read by Kenneth Lee, LLM, St Barnabas Darwen

(Isaiah 35)

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,  
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;  
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,  
and rejoice with joy and singing.  
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,  
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.  
They shall see the glory of the LORD,  
the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands,  
and make firm the feeble knees.  
Say to those who are of a fearful heart,  
'Be strong, do not fear!  
Here is your God.  
He will come with vengeance,  
with terrible recompense.  
He will come and save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;  
then the lame shall leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.  
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;  
the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water;  
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,  
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there,  
and it shall be called the Holy Way;  
the unclean shall not travel on it,  
but it shall be for God's people;  
no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray.  
No lion shall be there,

nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;  
they shall not be found there,  
but the redeemed shall walk there.  
And the ransomed of the LORD shall return,  
and come to Zion with singing;  
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;  
they shall obtain joy and gladness,  
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

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

*Please stand to sing*

## Hymn

LORD OF THE YEARS



Here as we gather, greeting the day's gladness,  
We call to mind the love that sets us free:  
faithfully sharing all our joy and gladness,  
God's love revealed how love is meant to be.

So may love shape and shine through all our living,  
temper our actions, fill and warm our speech,  
make us in all things patient and forgiving –  
kindness and caring always in our reach.

In all decisions may love guide our choices,  
show us the way to peace instead of strife,  
help us to silence, grudging voices,  
lead us to live a generous open life.

Then through the years may love grow ever brighter,  
nurture and keep us, always guide us home,  
heighten each joy, makes our burden lighter –  
wellspring of grace, where hope and strength are know.

*Pat Bennett*

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*Please sit down*

# New Testament Reading

*Read by Ruth Haldane, Warden of Lay Ministry*

(Acts 3.1-16)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, at three o'clock in the afternoon. And a man lame from birth was being carried in. People would lay him daily at the gate of the temple called the Beautiful Gate so that he could ask for alms from those entering the temple. When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked them for alms. Peter looked intently at him, as did John, and said, 'Look at us.' And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. But Peter said, 'I have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, stand up and walk.' And he took him by the right hand and raised him up; and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. Jumping up, he stood and began to walk, and he entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. All the people saw him walking and praising God, and they recognized him as the one who used to sit and ask for alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

While he clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's Portico, utterly astonished. When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

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

*Please stand to sing*

# The Magnificat

WOODLANDS



Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord:  
unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;  
tender to me the promise of his word;  
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name:  
make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;  
his holy name, the Lord, the Mighty One

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might:  
powers and dominions lay their glory by;  
proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,  
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word:  
firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord  
to children's children and for evermore.

*Timothy Dudley-Smith b 1926*

*based on St Luke 1.46-55 in the New English Bible*

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*Please sit down*

## The Sermon

*The Right Reverend Philip North*

*Please stand for*

# Hymn

SAGINA



And can it be that I should gain  
an interest 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 mystery all : the 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 enquire 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 quickening 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 (1707-1788)*

## **The Licensing and Relicensing**

*Those being licensed for the first time or transferring into this diocese stand before the Bishop.*

*All other LLMs who are being relicensed or renewing their permission to officiate remain standing where they are and the congregation are invited to be seated.*

## **The Declarations**

*The Bishop says*

Licensed Lay Ministers are called to teach the faith, to lead in church and society and to enable mission.

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.

*All those seeking to be licensed or relicensed respond as indicated:*

Do you believe that God has called you to this ministry?

*I do so believe.*

Will you be diligent in praying daily?

*By the grace of God, I will.*

Will you continue to study the Scriptures, to deepen your knowledge of the Christian faith and to grow as a disciple of Christ?

*By the grace of God, I will.*

Will you teach the faith to all those entrusted to your care so that they too may grow as disciples of Christ?

*By the grace of God, I will.*

Will you give obedience to those who are set in authority over you, and will you work willingly and collaboratively with all who are your fellow-workers in the gospel?

*By the grace of God, I will.*

Will you offer humble leadership in church and society, so that the kingdom of God may be revealed among us?

*By the grace of God, I will.*

Will you share the good news of Jesus Christ in word and deed without fear or favour?

*By the grace of God, I will.*

Will you seek to enable the people of God to engage in the mission of God so that all may bear faithful witness to the saving power of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ?

*By the grace of God, I will.*

Will you promote peace and unity and to conduct yourself as becomes a worker for Christ, for the good of his Church and for the spiritual welfare of all people?

*By the grace of God, I will.*

You can not do this in your own strength but only by the grace and power of Almighty God. Therefore, will you daily seek the strength and guidance of the Holy Spirit that you may remain faithful to Christ in all things?

*By the grace of God, I will.*

*The Bishop addresses the congregation:*

Brothers and sisters, will you uphold and encourage those offering to serve as licensed lay ministers in their ministry?

**We will.**

Will you continue to pray for them?

**We will.**

*All may be seated except those to be licensed for the first time or those transferring from another diocese who remain standing before the Bishop.*

## Initial Licensing of new Licensed Lay Ministers

*The bishop invites the clergy and any ministry team representatives of the Candidate's parish to stand and asks:*

Will you work closely with your new Licensed Lay Minister and encourage her to use her gifts and develop her ministry?

**We will.**

Will you commend her to the people among whom she will minister?

**We will.**

*Joan Doerich stands or kneels before the bishop, who admits her to the office of LLM by the giving her a copy of the Scriptures, saying*

Joan, I admit you as a Licensed Lay Minister in the Church, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

*The Warden of Lay Ministry places an LLM's scarf on our new LLM.*

*The new LLM is blessed by the Bishop.*

May the Lord give you wisdom, courage,  
strength and love to do his will;  
and the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
rest upon you, and on your work done in his name,  
now and always.

**Amen.**

*The Bishop hands the newly admitted LLM her Certificates of Admission to the Office of LLM and licence, saying*

Receive authority to exercise the office of a Licensed Lay Minister in this diocese. May the Lord be with you in all your work and ministry from this day onwards.

**Amen.**

## The Licensing of Licensed Lay Minister Transferring to the Diocese

*Jo Smallwood stands or kneels before the bishop, who licenses her for ministry in this diocese with these words*

Receive authority to exercise the office of a Licensed Lay Minister in this diocese.

May the Lord be with you in all your work and ministry from this day onwards.

**Amen.**

*When all have received their licences the bishop says to the newly licensed LLMs*

We welcome you as ministers of God's word.

**May the word of Christ dwell in you richly.**

*The newly licensed LLMs are greeted by their parish priest and then they return to their seats.*

## The Renewal of Continuing Licensed Lay Ministers

*The Bishop asks all LLMs renewing their licences and permission to officiate to stand. He says*

By the grace of God, you have ministered among us and so we thank God for all that is good in your work in his name.

You have come today seeking to be relicensed for another three years. You have heard the weight of the ministry that you are called to exercise as teachers of the faith, leaders in church and society and as enablers of mission, and you have made the necessary declarations before all who are gathered here today. Is it still your will that you be relicensed?

*It is.*

Then let us pray for you, for you can not do this in your own strength but only by the power of the Holy Spirit.

*Silent prayer is offered*

Almighty God,  
who has given you the will to undertake these things,  
give you also the strength to perform them,  
that he may complete that work that he has begun in you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

*The LLM's affirm*

*God our Father, we offer our lives to do your work in your Church and in the world. Pour out the Holy Spirit upon us that we may teach faithfully, lead humbly and enable all your people to bear witness to the saving power of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.*

*The Bishop asks all LLMs renewing their licences and permission to officiate to be seated, and then invites those retiring to become LLM Emeritus to stand.*

## **Thanksgiving for Retiring LLMs**

By the grace of God, you have ministered among us and now you seek to lay down your licence and to live out your faith in other ways.

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, let us give thanks for many years of faithful service.

*Silent prayer is offered*

Heavenly Father, we give you thanks for the privilege of being called by you to work with you in your Church. We thank you for calling those now retiring and for all that has been good and godly in their lives and ministries. As they now lay down their responsibilities as Licensed Lay Ministers, may you give them your peace and call others to take their place in your mission to your world, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*Everyone sits down.*

## The Commissioning of the Wardens

*The Warden and Assistant Wardens are presented by the Director of Vocations and come forward to stand before the Bishop as their name is read out.*

Bishop, I present:

Ruth Haldane, Warden of Lay Ministry

and

Melonie Clarke, Pam Daunton, Greg Doughty, Peter Dyer and Peter Williams, Assistant Wardens of Lay Ministry

I seek your blessing upon them in their life and ministry among us.

*The Bishop responds*

My brothers and sisters, in the name of Christ our Lord, we thank you for your faithful ministry as Warden and Assistant Wardens of Lay Ministry in our diocese. I invite all of us to pray for you that you may be diligent in prayer and faithful to Christ in all things at all times.

*Silent prayer is offered*

Almighty Father, we give you thanks for our Warden and Assistant Wardens of Lay Ministry. By your grace give them the gifts they need to encourage new vocations and to support existing ministries so that we may make disciples, be witnesses, grow leaders and inspire children and young people, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*The Warden and Assistant Wardens return to their seats and all stand to sing*

# The Hymn

WOLVERCOTE



○ Jesus I have promised  
to serve thee to the end;  
be thou for ever near me,  
my Master and my Friend:  
I shall not fear the battle  
if thou art by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway  
if thou wilt be my guide.

○ let me feel thee near me:  
the world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle,  
the tempting sounds I hear;  
my foes are ever near me,  
around me and within;  
but Jesus draw thou nearer,  
and shield my soul from sin.

○ let me hear thee speaking  
in accents clear and still,  
above the storms of passion,  
the murmurs of self-will;  
○ speak to reassure me,  
to hasten or control;  
○ speak and make me listen,  
thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised  
to all who follow thee,  
that where thou art in glory  
there shall thy servants be;  
and, Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end:  
O give me grace to follow,  
my Master and my Friend.

O let me see thy foot-marks  
and in them plant mine own;  
my hope to follow duly  
is in thy strength alone;  
O guide me call me draw me,  
uphold me to the end;  
and then in heaven receive me,  
my Saviour and my Friend.

*John E. Bode (1816-74)*

*Please sit or kneel for the prayers.*

## **The Prayers**

*The prayers of Intercession are led by the Bishop of Lancaster*

*This response is used:*

Father, Your Kingdom come:  
**Your will be done.**

*Ending with*

## **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 the 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.**

# The Lord's Prayer:

As our Saviour taught us so we pray:

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**

*Please stand for*

## The Hymn

SLANE



Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,  
be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;  
be thou my best thought in the day and the night,  
both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,  
be thou ever with me, and I with thee Lord;  
be thou my great Father, thy child let me be,  
be thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.



Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;  
be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might;  
be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower:  
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor earth's empty praise:  
be thou mine inheritance now and always;  
be thou and thou only the first in my heart;  
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright sun,  
O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won;  
Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

Rob tu mo bhoile, a Comdi cride,  
*Irish, c 8th century tr Mary Byrne (1880-1931)*  
*versified, Eleanor Hull (1860-1935)*

*Please remain standing for the blessing*

## The Blessing and Dismissal

*The Bishop says*

God who has called you is faithful.  
May the Father, whose glory fills the heavens,  
cleanse you by his holiness and send you to proclaim his word.

**Amen.**

May Christ, who has ascended to the heights,  
pour upon you the riches of his grace.

**Amen.**

May the Holy Spirit, the Comforter  
equip you and strengthen you in your ministry.

**Amen.**

and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be with you and remain with you, always.

**Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*Please remain standing as the procession departs*

## The Organ Voluntary

Symphony I, Final

*Louis Vierne (1870 – 1937)*

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The Bishop of Blackburn  
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to those whose lives have been affected by  
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