

Diocesan Chrism Eucharist

with the

Renewal of Commitment to Ministry

and

Blessing of Oils

Thursday, 28 March 2024 11.00am

Welcome to this morning's service

The President and Preacher is

The Right Reverend Philip North

The Bishop of Blackburn

The Deacon is Nikki Mann

The Deacons of the Oils are Stuart Longworth, Matt Gaze, Rachel Frost

The Organist is **John Hosking** Organist In Residence

Cathedra Voices are conducted by John Robinson Director of Music

The Setting is
The Gloria from A Blackburn Mass by James Davy
Stanford in C and F

Before the service, the congregation is welcomed by

The Dean

The Very Reverend Peter Howell-Jones

Order of procession:
LLMs
Licensed clergy
Archdeacons
Assistant Bishops
Cathedral clergy
Deacon
Bishop Jill
Bishop Philip
Bishop's Chaplain

The Gathering

Please stand as the ministers enter

Processional

THORNBURY 485



Thy hand, O God, has guided thy flock, from age to age; the wondrous tale is written, full clear, on every page; Our forebears owned thy goodness, and we their deeds record; and both of this bear witness: one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Thy heralds brought glad tidings to greatest, as to least; they bade them rise, and hasten to share the great King's feast; and this was all their teaching, in every deed and word, to all alike proclaiming one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Through many a day of darkness, through many a scene of strife, the faithful few fought bravely, to guard the nation's life.
Their gospel of redemption,

sin pardoned, man restored, was all in this enfolded: one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

And we, shall we be faithless? Shall hearts fail, hands hang down? Shall we evade the conflict, and cast away our crown? Not so: in God's deep counsels some better thing is stored; we will maintain, unflinching, one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Thy mercy will not fail us, nor leave thy work undone; with thy right hand to help us, the vict'ry shall be won; and then, by all creation thy name shall be adored, and this shall be their anthem: one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Edward Hayes Plumptre (1821-1891)

Greeting

Bishop Philip says

Jesus Christ has made us a kingdom of priests to serve his God and Father.

Glory and kingship be his for ever and ever.

Grace mercy and peace be with you and also with you.

Bishop Philip introduces the service and then invites us to confess our sins

Act of Penitence

There is a period of silence

Come, let us return to the Lord and say:

Lord our God, in our sin we have avoided your call. Our love for you is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. Have mercy on us; deliver us from judgement; bind up our wounds and revive us; in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lord enrich you with his grace, and nourish you with his blessing; the Lord defend you in trouble and keep you from all evil; the Lord accept your prayers, and absolve you from your offences, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen.

The Gloria

The choir sings the refrain first which is then repeated at once by everyone and sung again after each section as indicated



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, For 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. from A Blackburn Mass, James Davy

The Collect

Heavenly Father, you anointed your Son Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit and with power to bring to us the blessings of your kingdom. Anoint your Church with the same Holy Spirit, that we who share in his sufferings and victory may bear witness to the gospel of our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Please sit down

The Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Reading

Read by Mrs Jacqueline Stamper

A reading from the first book of Samuel.

(1 Samuel 16.1-13a)

The LORD said to Samuel, 'How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to lesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.' Samuel said, 'How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.' And the Lord said, 'Take a heifer with you, and say, "I have come to sacrifice to the Lord" Invite lesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.' Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, 'Do you come peaceably?' He said, 'Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.' And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord.' But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.' Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, 'Neither has the Lord chosen this one.' Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, 'Neither has the Lord chosen this one.' Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen any of these.' Samuel said to Jesse, 'Are all your sons here?' And he said, 'There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.' And Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.' He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, 'Rise and anoint him: for this is the one.' Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

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

Psalm 89.21-28

I have found David my servant; with my holy oil have I anointed him. My hand shall hold him fast, and my arm shall strengthen him. The enemy shall not be able to do him violence; the son of wickedness shall not hurt him. I will smite down his foes before his face. and plague them that hate him. My truth also and my mercy shall be with him; and in my Name shall his horn be exalted. I will set his dominion also in the sea, and his right hand in the floods. He shall call me, Thou art my Father, my God, and my strong salvation. And I will make him my firstborn, higher than the kings of the earth.

New Testament Reading

Read by Mrs Janet Thomas

(2 Corinthians 3.17 - 4.12)

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim lesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for lesus' sake, so that the life of lesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

Servant Song



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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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. © 1977 Scripture in Song.

The Gospel

The deacon says (Luke 22.24-30)

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

A dispute also arose among the disciples as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But Jesus said to them, 'The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. 'You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

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

Sermon

The Bishop of Blackburn

There is a period of silence after the sermon for reflection

The Renewal of Commitment to Ministry

Bishop Philip invites the congregation to stand

Bishop Philip says

My brothers and sisters, at his Last Supper, our Lord Jesus Christ gave his disciples a new commandment, that they should love one another, and he prayed that they might be one. He gave them an everlasting sign of his own love, in the sacrament of his body and blood. He consecrated himself to his Father's service, to be the high priest of the New Covenant.

Through our baptism into Christ we are all members of his priestly people; we have a gospel to proclaim, gifts to exercise and a part to play in the body of Christ.

I invite you all now to dedicate yourselves afresh as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Will you serve and witness to the Lord with faith, humility and joy?

By the help of God, I will.

Lay members of the congregation sit down

Bishop Philip addresses the priests and deacons

My brothers and sisters, fellow priests and deacons, I invite you now to dedicate yourselves afresh to his service, as stewards of the mysteries of God and ministers of his grace.

At your ordination you accepted the yoke of Christ for love of the Lord and his Church. Are you resolved to unite yourself more closely to Christ and to become more like him, joyfully sacrificing your own pleasures and ambitions to bring his peace and love to your brothers and sisters?

Priests and deacons

By the help of God, I will.

With the example of the Lord who washed his disciples' feet, will you be faithful in serving the needs of others and diligent in caring for those in need and trouble, in strengthening the faithful and in searching out the indifferent and the lost?

Priests and deacons

By the help of God, I will.

Will you fashion your life according to the pattern of Christ, that you may be a true pastor, by word and example, to the people among whom you serve?

Priests and deacons

By the help of God, I will.

Will you work in partnership with all whom the Lord has given you, and encourage all the baptized to grow as the royal priesthood of the new covenant?

Priests and deacons

By the help of God, I will.

Will you be a faithful minister of the mysteries of God by leading the worship of his people with devotion and care and by teaching the Christian faith with conviction and joy?

Priests and deacons

By the help of God, I will.

Will you continue in the way of Christ, the head and shepherd of the Church of God, whose grace is sufficient to meet your need?

Priests and deacons

By the help of God, I will.

The priests and deacons sit down

Lola Hewitt and Libby Nightingale from St Wilfrid's School address the bishops

Bishops, will you be faithful to the promise you made at your consecration to uphold the truth of the gospel?

Bishops By the help of God, I will.

Will you promote unity, peace and love among all Christian people, especially in this diocese, and be diligent in prayer and the reading of the holy Scriptures?

Bishops By the help of God, I will.

Will you strive to become more like our High Priest and Good Shepherd, the Teacher and Servant of all, and so to be an authentic sign of Christ's loving presence among us?

Bishops By the help of God, I will.

The congregation stands

Bishop Philip addresses the congregation

My brothers and sisters, pray for your bishops, priests and deacons. Ask the Lord to bless us with the fullness of his love, that we may be faithful servants of Christ, our great High Priest, serving the Church with gifts that encourage and equip the people of God, and make Christ known in our generation.

Lord Jesus Christ, hear us and answer our prayer.

Almighty God,

who has given us the will to undertake all these things, give us also the strength to perform them, that he may complete that work which he has begun in us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Hymn

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O thou who camest from above, the pure celestial fire to impart, kindle a flame of sacred love on the mean altar of my heart!

There let it for thy glory burn with inextinguishable blaze, and trembling to its source return in humble prayer, and fervent praise.

Jesus, confirm my heart's desire to work, and speak, and think for thee; still let me guard the holy fire, and still stir up thy gift in me.

Ready for all thy perfect will, my acts of faith and love repeat, till death thy endless mercies seal, and make the sacrifice complete. Charles Wesley (1707-88)

Prayer over the Oils

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing.

The Deacon of the Oil presents the oil with these words

The oil for the anointing of the sick and dying.

Bishop Philip prays

Blessed are you, sovereign God, gentle and merciful, creator of heaven and earth.

Your Word brought light out of darkness, and daily your Spirit renews the face of the earth.

Your anointed Son brought healing to those in weakness and distress.

He broke the power of evil and set us free from sin and death that we might praise your name for ever.

By the power of your Spirit may your blessing rest on those who are anointed with this oil in your name; may they be made whole in body, mind and spirit, restored in your image, renewed in your love, and serve you as sons and daughters in your kingdom.

Amen.

The Deacon of the Oil presents the oil with these words

The oil for the signing with the cross at baptism.

Bishop Philip prays

Blessed are you, Sovereign God, the protector of all who believe in you. Your anointed Son overcame the powers of evil when he was lifted high upon the cross. By the power of your Spirit may your blessing rest on those who are anointed with this oil in your name; as they come to the waters of baptism may it be for them a sign of your defence in their fight against sin, the world and the devil, and bring them to share in Christ's victory. **Amen.**

The Deacon of the Oil presents the oil with these words

The oil of chrism.

Bishop Philip prays

Blessed are you, Sovereign God and Eternal Father, upholding by your grace all who hear your call. Under your Old Covenant priests and kings were anointed to serve you and in the fullness of time you anointed your Son by the Holy Spirit to be the Christ, the Saviour and Servant of all. By the power of your Spirit may your blessing rest on those who are anointed with this chrism in your name; let it be for them a sign of joy and gladness as they share in the royal priesthood of the New Covenant and make known the kingdom of Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit we lift our voices of thanks and praise: Blessed be God, our strength and our salvation, now and for ever. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

God has made us one in Christ. He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come, has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.

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.

When offering a greeting please respect those who may wish to keep their distance and not pass the peace physically

Preparation of the Table

The Canon Precentor prepares the table

Offertory hymn

Nottingham



Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.

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

Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King; take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee. Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold; take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine: it shall be no longer mine; take my heart - it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure-store; take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

Frances R Havergal (1836-1879)

Taking of the Bread and Wine

Pour upon the poverty of our love and the weakness of our praise the transforming fire of your presence. **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer



It is indeed right and good always and everywhere to give you thanks Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. By the outpouring of your Holy Spirit you anointed him to be the servant of all and ordained that he should enter into your kingdom through suffering. And now he stands by us and pours out for our healing the oil of consolation and the wine of renewed hope. In your wisdom and love you anoint your holy people to be a royal priesthood, to share in Christ's suffering and to reveal his glory to the world.

Therefore earth unites with heaven to sing a new song of praise; we too join with angels and archangels as they proclaim your glory without end.

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.

The president prays

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

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life:

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

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

As we join our prayers with those of the Church Universal, so we pray, each in our own language, as 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 ... Ojcze nasz, któryś jest w niebie... Otče náš, jenž jsi na nebesích ... تو السَّمَاوَاتِ، Tève Mūsų, 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 President breaks the consecrated bread, saying

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

Communion is available in both kinds, and the minister distributing bread will say The body of Christ. **Amen.**

After receiving the bread, if you wish to receive wine please move to the station near the central aisle, and return to your place by the central aisle of the Nave The minister distributing wine will say

The blood of Christ. Amen.

If you do not wish to receive communion wine, please walk past that second distribution point, and return to your place by the central aisle of the Nave

Anthems

The choir sings

O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heavenly frame, a light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb.

Return, O holy Dove! return, sweet messenger of rest! I hate the sins that made thee mourn.

and drove thee from my breast.

So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame; so purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

William Cowper (1731–1800) Music by Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

Ave verum corpus natum, de Maria Virgine; vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine; cujus latus perforatum unda fluxit et sanguine. Esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine.

Hail true body born of the Virgin Mary: you truly suffered and were sacrificed on the cross for humanity; blood flowed from your pierced side. be to us our chosen food at the hour of our death.

Music by Saint-Säens (1835-1921)

Jesus, the very thought of Thee With sweetness fills my breast; But sweeter far Thy face to see, And in Thy presence rest.

Music by Bairstow (1874-1946)

Communion hymn

David J Evans

We remain seated to sing



Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here; come, bow before him now, with reverence and fear. In him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground. Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around; he burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned. How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light! Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place. He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace. No work too hard for him, in faith receive from him; be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

Text David Evans (b. 1957)

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Silence

Prayer after Communion

Good Shepherd, you have welcomed us at your table and have anointed us with the oil of gladness may your goodness and mercy follow us all the days of our life that we may dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Amen.

Heavenly Father,
we embrace your call for us to make disciples,
to be witnesses, to grow leaders
and 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.

Please stand to sing

Final Hymn

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.

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The Dismissal

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.

The Father, whose glory fills the heavens, cleanse you by his holiness and send you to proclaim his word. **Amen.**

The Son, who has ascended to the heights, pour upon you the riches of his grace.

Amen.

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 among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

The deacon says

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. In the name of Christ. Amen.

The bishops lead the clergy down the nave and out through the west door. The procession continues to the crypt where Bishop Philip will address the clergy.

If you have booked for lunch this is available in the crypt. If you have not booked but would like to stay for lunch, please speak to the Revd Sam Cheesman, Bishop's Chaplain, who will try to accommodate you.

Organ Voluntary

Oils are available after the service at the west end of the north aisle adjacent to the Virger's office.

They are in sealed bottles, so no container is required.

More oil will be available at the Cathedral later in the year if more supplies are required.

The following ministries will be offered:

- Prayer ministry and / or laying on of hands
 SOUTH TRANSEPT
- anointing with oil NORTH TRANSEPT, SANCTUARY SIDE
- Reconciliation of a penitent JESUS CHAPEL AND ST MARTIN CHAPEL (sometimes referred to as confession)

A note of explanation from Common Worship

Healing, reconciliation and restoration are integral to the good news of Jesus Christ. For this reason prayer for individuals, focused through laying on of hands or anointing with oil, has a proper place within the public prayer of the Church. God's gracious activity of healing is to be seen both as part of the proclaiming of the good news and as an outworking of the presence of the Spirit in the life of the Church.

The reconciliation of a penitent, even when celebrated privately, remains a corporate action of the Church, because sin affects the unity of the body; through the absolution the penitent is restored to full fellowship in Christ.

For all these ministries the liturgical provision in Common Worship (Pastoral Services and Rites on the Way) is used.

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