

Diocese of Lincoln



The Ordination of Deacons



Sunday 30 June 2024
10.30am

Welcome to Lincoln Cathedral

This service, and the other sung services during the week, are available online and we welcome all those both near and far joining our worship as it is live streamed at: <https://www.facebook.com/Lincoln.Cathedral>

Welcome to Lincoln Cathedral for this service of ordination of deacons. We are delighted you are here to pray for the ordinands and their families, and to support them as they are ordained to their ministry in the Church of God. If you need any help or directions about the service, the facilities or anything else, please ask one of the stewards who are wearing a blue sash. They will be pleased to help you.

Children are all welcome and we hope that they will enjoy being part of the service with you. If, at any point, they need some 'time out', please ask a steward who will direct you to a place where children can relax and let off steam.

Mobile Phones, Filming and Photography Please ensure that your mobile telephone is switched off, and please do not use cameras or recording devices during the service. There will be lots of opportunity for photographs of the bishop with the newly-ordained and their families after the service.

Please join in where you can. Much of the service involves listening prayerfully, but words in **bold type** are to be said by all.

Holy Communion Please trust the stewards to guide you to the most appropriate communion station at the right time. If you normally receive holy communion in your own church you are warmly invited to do so here today. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please bring this service paper with you as an indication to the minister.

Those who wish to receive communion in both kinds are reminded that intinction (dipping an individual host into the wine) is not permitted in order to prevent contamination for those who are gluten intolerant. Also, please assist those administering the chalice by gently guiding the chalice to your lips and tilting it sufficiently.

If you require a gluten-free wafer, please tell one of the stewards. They will guide you to the appropriate communion station.

This order of service is available in larger print.
Please ask a steward if you would like a copy.

The Ordinands

Angela White
Waddington

Anna Mayo
Stamford St George with St Paul

Please pray for the candidates, those responsible for their training and formation and the parishes in which they will serve.

The Declaration of Assent

The Declaration of Assent is made by deacons, priests and bishops of the Church of England when they are ordained and on each occasion when they take up a new appointment (Canon C15).

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.

Before the service begins, the congregation is welcomed by a member of the cathedral chapter. The welcome concludes with an invitation to join in the prayer below.

All **O God, you make your angels winds
and your ministers flames of fire:
hear our prayers for those
to receive today the sacred gift of orders,
that as stewards of your mysteries
they may gather out of your kingdom
everything that prevents its growth,
and may kindle in the hearts of us all
that fire your Son came to send on earth;
who is alive and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God now and for ever. Amen.**

We keep silence together until the service begins.

The orders of procession:

At 10 20am the procession of diocesan and visiting clergy will process from the north transept to their places.

At 10 30am the main procession enters the cathedral through the Great West Door in the following order:

Bedel

Choir

Following the choir, the ordinands are escorted from the Morning Chapel to their places at the front of the nave by the Warden of the College of St Hugh, Diocesan Director of Ordinands and IME2 Officer

Verger

Training incumbents

Verger

Cross and lights

Members of the College of Canons

Archdeacons

Suffragan and Assistant Bishops

Missioner

Interim Dean

Verger

Gospeller

The Bishop of Grimsby

Registrar - Bishop's Chaplain

The order of procession at the end of the service:

The Bishop leads the newly ordained deacons, followed by their training incumbents, the archdeacons and the Interim Dean, out through the Great West Door. The main procession follows, in the following order:

Bedel

Choir

Verger

Diocesan and visiting clergy

Verger

Cross and lights

Members of the College of Canons

Residentiary Canons

The Gathering and Presentation

Please stand to join in the processional hymn, which is introduced with an organ fanfare:

**Lord, you give the great commission:
'Heal the sick and preach the word.'
Lest the Church neglect its mission,
and the gospel go unheard,
help us witness to your purpose
with renewed integrity;
*with the Spirit's gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.***

**Lord, you call us to your service:
'In my name baptise and teach.'
That the world may trust your promise,
life abundant meant for each,
give us all new fervour, draw us
closer to community;
*with the Spirit's gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.***

**Lord, you make the common holy:
'This my body, this my blood.'
Let us all, for earth's true glory,
daily lift life heavenward,
asking that the world around us
share your children's liberty;
*with the Spirit's gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.***

**Lord, you show us love's true measure;
'Father, what they do, forgive.'
Yet we hoard as private treasure
all that you so freely give.
May your care and mercy lead us
to a just society;
*with the Spirit's gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.***

**Lord, you bless with words assuring:
'I am with you to the end.'
Faith and hope and love restoring,
may we serve as you intend,
and, amid the cares that claim us,
hold in mind eternity;
*with the Spirit's gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.***

*Words: Jeffery Rowthorn
Tune: Cyril V. Taylor*

The Greeting

Bishop Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
All **Blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Bishop There is one body and one spirit.
All **There is one hope to which we were called;**

Bishop One Lord, one faith, one baptism,
All **one God and Father of all.**

Bishop Peace be with you
All **and also with you.**

The bishop 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.

Sit

The Presentation

Each ordinand is presented by an archdeacon.

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

The archdeacon reads the names of the candidates and the parish(es) in which they are to serve.

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

DDO They have.

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

Archdeacon They do.

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

Ordinands I do so believe.

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

Registrar 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'.

Stand

The Collect

The bishop introduces a period of silent prayer, saying

Let us pray for those to be ordained,
and for the ministry of the whole people of God.

All remain standing as silence is kept.

Bishop 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.

All **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Sit

First Reading

JEREMIAH 1.4-10

At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 113, *sung by the choir*

Laudate, pueri

PRAISE the Lord, ye servants : O praise the Name of the Lord.

Blessed be the Name of the Lord : from this time forth for evermore.

The Lord's Name is praised : from the rising up of the sun unto the going down of the same.

The Lord is high above all heathen : and his glory above the heavens.

Who is like unto the Lord our God, that hath his dwelling so high : and yet humbleth himself to behold the things that are in heaven and earth?

He taketh up the simple out of the dust : and lifteth the poor out of the mire;

That he may set him with the princes : even with the princes of his people.

He maketh the barren woman to keep house : and to be a joyful mother of children.

Second Reading

PHILIPPIANS 2.5-11

At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Choir Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Choir 'The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life,' says the Lord.

All **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

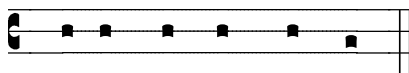
The Gospel

JOHN 13.1-17

Gospeller The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

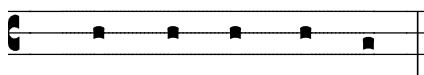
Gospeller Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.



All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the end of the Gospel the reader says

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The organist plays to honour the reading of the gospel.

Sit

Sermon

Stand

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

All

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Liturgy of Ordination

Sit

The Declarations

Those to be ordained deacon stand before the bishop. The bishop 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 ordinands directly.

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?

Ordinands I do so accept them.

Bishop 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?

Ordinands By the help of God, I will.

Bishop 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?

Ordinands I believe it and will so do.

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

Ordinands By the help of God, I will.

Bishop 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?

Ordinands By the help of God, I will.

Bishop 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?

Ordinands By the help of God, I will.

Bishop Will you work with your fellow servants in the gospel for the sake of the kingdom of God?

Ordinands By the help of God, I will.

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

Ordinands By the help of God, I will.

Bishop 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?

Ordinands By the help of God, I will.

The congregation stands and the ordinands turn to face them.

Bishop 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?

All **It is.**

Bishop Will you continually pray for them?

All **We will.**

Bishop Will you uphold and encourage them in their ministry?

All **We will.**

The ordinands 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 in which you are now to share: the ministry of Christ himself, who for our sake took the form of a servant. Remember always with thanksgiving that the people among whom you will minister are made in God's image and likeness. In serving them you are serving Christ himself, before whom you will be called to account.

You cannot bear the weight of your 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 congregation sits. The ordinands kneel and silence is kept.

Veni Creator

Bishop Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
All and lighten with celestial fire;
 thou the anointing Spirit art,
 who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.

Thy blessed 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.

Words: John Cosin (1594-1672)

Tune: Veni Creator (Mechlin)

The Litany

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

All



Precentor 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.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Precentor 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.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Precentor For Stephen our bishop,
and for all bishops, presbyters and deacons,
that they may hunger for truth
and thirst after righteousness,
let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Precentor For Angela and Anna
called to be deacons in his Church,
let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Precentor 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.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Precentor For the unity of the Church,
that we may be one in Christ, according to his will,
let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Precentor For those who do not yet believe,
that they may receive the light of the gospel,
and for those whose faith has grown cold,
let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Precentor 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.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Precentor 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.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

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

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Precentor 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.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Precentor Remembering all who have gone before us in faith,
and in communion with Mary, with Hugh and all the
saints, we commit ourselves, one another,
and our whole life to Christ our God;

All

Musical notation for the phrase "to you, O Lord." The notation is in 2/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The melody is simple and homophonic, with the bass line providing a steady accompaniment.

The Ordination Prayer

Those to be ordained deacon 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,
who came not to be served but to serve,
and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Therefore, Father, through Christ our Lord we pray:

Here each candidate in turn kneels before the bishop, who lays his hands on the head of each ordinand, saying

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

When the bishop has laid hands on all 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.

All **Amen.**

The choir sing the anthem, 'O be joyful in the Lord' by Benjamin Britten:

*O BE joyful in the Lord, all ye lands : serve the Lord with
gladness, and come before his presence with a song.*

*Be ye sure that the Lord he is God : it is he that hath made
us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep
of his pasture.*

*O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his
courts with praise : be thankful unto him, and speak good of his
Name.*

*For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting : and his
truth endureth from generation to generation.*

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world
without end. Amen.*

*During the anthem, the newly ordained deacons training ministers place a stole
deacon-wise over the newly ordained deacon's left shoulder.*

The Welcome

The gospeller says to the newly ordained deacons

We preach not ourselves but Christ Jesus as Lord
and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.

All **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.**

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Stand

The Peace

Bishop We are all one in Christ Jesus.

All **We belong to him through faith,
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.**

Bishop The peace of the Lord be always with you

All **and also with you.**

Bishop Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Please remain standing to sing the Offertory Hymn during which the altar will be prepared:

**THERE's a wideness in God's mercy
Like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in his justice
Which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
Are more felt than up in heaven;
There is no place where earth's failings
Have such kindly judgement given.**

**For the love of God is broader
Than the measure of man's mind;
And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind.
But we make his love too narrow
By false limits of our own;
And we magnify his strictness
With a zeal he will not own.**

**There is plentiful redemption
In the blood that has been shed;
There is joy for all the members
In the sorrows of the Head.
There is grace enough for thousands
Of new worlds as great as this;
There is room for fresh creations
In that upper home of bliss.**

**If our love were but more simple,
We should take him at his word;
And our lives would be all gladness
In the joy of Christ our Lord.**

*Words: F. W. Faber
Music: Maurice Bevan*

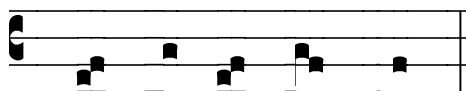
PRAYER AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Let us pray.

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

All **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer



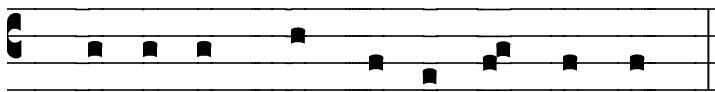
Bishop The Lord be with you.

All **and al - so with you.**

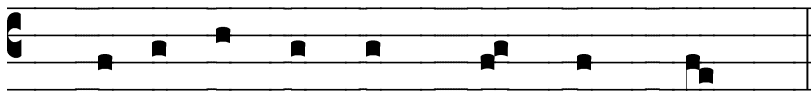


Bishop Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**



Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Bishop 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 servants of all.
Although he was their teacher and their Lord
he washed the feet of his disciples
and commanded us to do the same,
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 the **Sanctus and Benedictus***

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus,

Dominus Deus Sabaoth.

Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.

Hosanna in excelsis.

Benedictus qui venit

in nomine Domini.

Hosanna in excelsis.

Holy, holy, holy,

Lord God of hosts.

heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he that cometh

in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

-Setting: Missa brevis Kodály

Bishop

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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

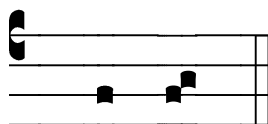


Christ has died. Christ is ris-en. Christ will come a-gain.

Bishop 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,
especially those deacons set apart
for your service this day;
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with Mary the Virgin,
Hugh of Lincoln 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.



All

A - men.

Sit

The Lord's Prayer

Bishop Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour taught us
All **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.**

Breaking of the Bread

Bishop We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
All **Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Giving of Communion

Bishop God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.
All **Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

President If you are worshipping with us online, you are invited to make your spiritual communion, praying that by God's grace, united with all the baptised and with Christ who gave his life for us, you may be filled with his indwelling presence.

Act of Spiritual Reception to say at home:

O loving God, in union with Christian people throughout the world and across the centuries gathered to make Eucharist, hearing your holy Word and receiving the Precious Body and Blood of your dear Son, I offer you praise and thanksgiving. Even though I am exiled from tasting the Bread of Heaven and drinking the Cup of Life I pray that you will unite me with all the baptised and with your Son who gave his life for us. Come Lord Jesus, dwell in me and send your Holy Spirit that I may be filled with your presence. Amen.

*The choir sings the **Agnus Dei** as the newly-ordained receive holy communion.*

<i>Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.</i>	O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.
<i>Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.</i>	O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.
<i>Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.</i>	O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: grant us thy peace.

-Setting: Missa brevis Kodály

All who usually receive holy communion in their own church are warmly invited to do so today. Please follow the directions of the stewards. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please carry this service paper as a signal to the minister.

Those who wish to receive communion in both kinds are reminded that intinction (dipping an individual host into the wine) is not permitted in order to prevent contamination for those who are gluten intolerant. Also, please assist those administering the chalice by gently guiding the chalice to your lips and tilting it sufficiently.

If you require a gluten-free wafer, please tell one of the stewards who will guide you to the appropriate station at the front of the nave.

During the administration of communion, the choir sing the anthem, 'O salutaris hostia' by William Byrd:

O salutaris hostia
quae caeli pandis ostium,
bella premunt hostilia:
da robur, fer auxilium.
Amen.

O saving Victim! opening wide
The gate of heaven to man below,
Our foes press hard on every side,
Thine aid supply, thy strength bestow.
Amen.

Stand

Prayer after Communion

Bishop Let us pray.

Holy and blessed God,
you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son
and filled us with your Holy Spirit:
may we honour you, not only with our lips
but in lives dedicated to the service
of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

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

The Sending Out

The Giving of the New Testament to the newly ordained

The newly ordained deacons come to stand before the bishop in front of the altar. Please remain standing.

The bishop holds the book of the gospels and says

This is 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.

During the singing of the following hymn, the bishop gives each of the newly ordained the New Testament.

Bishop *N,* receive this book.

*They are also handed the licence; the legal authority to exercise their ministry.
Please remain standing to sing the final hymn:*

**O 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.**

**O let me hear thee speaking
In accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion,
The murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
To hasten or control;
O 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 servant 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 footmarks,
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.

*Words: John Bode
Music: William H. Ferguson*

The Blessing and Dismissal

Bishop The Lord be with you
All **and also with you.**

The bishop pronounces the final blessing:

All Our help is in the name of the Lord.
who has made heaven and earth.

Bishop Blessed be the name of the Lord.
All **now and for ever. Amen.**

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

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

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

All **Amen.**

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

All **Amen.**

Gospeller Go in the light and peace of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Concluding Voluntary

The congregation greets the newly ordained with warm applause as the bishop's procession moves through the cathedral.

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