



Ordination of Priests

St Mary the Virgin, Kidlington
Sunday 29 June 2025





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The Declaration of Assent

(made by the candidates before the service)

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 C 15).

Preface

The Church of England is part of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church, worshipping the one true God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It professes the faith uniquely revealed in the Holy Scriptures and set forth in the catholic creeds, which faith the Church is called upon to proclaim afresh in each generation. Led by the Holy Spirit, it has borne witness to Christian truth in its historic formularies, the Thirty-Nine Articles of Religion, *The Book of Common Prayer* and the Ordering of Bishops, Priests and Deacons. In the declaration you are about to make, will you affirm your loyalty to this inheritance of faith as your inspiration and guidance under God in bringing the grace and truth of Christ to this generation and making Him known to those in your care?

Declaration of Assent

I, N, do so affirm, and accordingly declare my belief in the faith which is revealed in the Holy Scriptures and set forth in the catholic creeds and to which the historic formularies of the Church of England bear witness; and in public prayer and administration of the sacraments, I will use only the forms of service which are authorised or allowed by Canon.

The Oaths

(made by the candidates before the service)

The Oath of Allegiance

I N, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King Charles III, his heirs and successors, according to law: So help me God.

The Oath of Canonical Obedience

I N, do swear by almighty God that I will pay true and canonical obedience to the Lord Bishop of Oxford, and his successors in all things lawful and honest: So help me God.



Welcome

Thank you for sharing in this momentous occasion; it is a joy to welcome the candidates and their families and friends. St Mary's, Kidlington is one of three churches in our parish and has been a place of prayer since 1220.

This Order of Service will guide you through the Ordination of Priests, which is led by the Rt Revd Dr Steven Croft, the Bishop of Oxford. We hope that you can relax and enjoy the service today. All rubrics for sitting and standing are invitations – please adopt the posture that most suits you.

Children are part of the church and are just as entitled to be here as anyone else – so please do not be anxious if small children need to stretch their legs or lungs. Books and toys are available in the soft-seating area near the entry door and the side hall is available too if you prefer.

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Please switch off mobile phones and other electronic devices before the service. You are kindly requested to refrain from making any audio or visual recording of any part of this service. For any questions or concerns relating to photography taking place today email communications@oxford.anglican.org.

Communion will be distributed at two stations; please follow the direction of the stewards. If you need communion to come to you in your seat, please let one of the stewards' team know. If you would like to receive a gluten-free wafer at communion, please go to the Bishop in the central nave station and ask for gluten-free.

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A collection will be made for The Bishop of Oxford's Outreach Fund. Please see the back of the booklet for information about the fund.

Large print copies are available. Please ask the stewards.

Felicity Scroggie
Team Rector





Today we give thanks for those committing their lives in service of God as they are ordained priests in the Church of England.

Please pray for all those being ordained priest in this service:

Luke Bretherton to serve in Oxford Christ Church Cathedral

Paul Charles to serve in the Benefice of Kidlington with Hampton Poyle

Joshua Stenner to serve in the Benefice of Littlemore with Sandford-on-Thames

Reema Shinhmar to serve in the Benefice of Oxford St Aldate

Jessica Wyatt to serve in the Benefice of Oxford St Andrew

Pray too for their families and all who support them, for their parishes, training incumbents and all with whom they serve.



The Gathering

Music before the service,

The Potter's Hands
Build My Life
I Will Offer Up My Life

Words and Music: Darlene Zschech
Words and Music: Pat Barrett
Words and Music: Matt Redman

The ordinands and ministers process in during the opening hymn.

Opening hymn

**Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
Hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven
Feed me till I want no more.
Feed me till I want no more.**

**Open thou the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream shall flow;
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through:
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer
Be thou still my strength and shield.
Be thou still my strength and shield.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side:
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee.
I will ever give to thee.**

Words: William Williams Pantycelyn, 1717-1791
Music: John Hughes, 1873-1932



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.

Bishop 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 particular ministries. Priests are ordained to lead God's people in the offering of praise and the proclamation of the gospel. They share with the Bishop in the oversight of the Church, delighting in its beauty and rejoicing in its well-being.

They are to set the example of the Good Shepherd always before them as the pattern of their calling. With the Bishop and their fellow presbyters, they are to sustain the community of the faithful by the ministry of word and sacrament, that we all may grow into the fullness of Christ and be a living sacrifice acceptable to God.



Prayers of Penitence

Bishop As we stand together before God, and trusting in God's grace alone, let us join together in confessing our sins.

All **Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

Bishop God, the Father of mercies, has reconciled the world to himself through the death and resurrection of his Son, Jesus Christ, not counting our trespasses against us, but sending his Holy Spirit to shed abroad his love among us. By the ministry of reconciliation entrusted by Christ to his Church receive his pardon and peace to stand before him in his strength alone, this day and evermore.

All **Amen.**



The Presentation

The Archdeacon presents those to be ordained and each ordinand stands.

Archdeacon Bishop Steven, I present
NN
to serve in the benefice of NN
to be ordained to the office of priest in the Church of God.

When the ordinands have been presented, the Bishop asks these questions of the Training Incumbents, Initial Ministerial Education Team and Directors of Ordinands who are present, who all stand.

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

TIs etc. **They have.**

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

TIs etc. **They do.**

The Bishop turns to the ordinands and says

Bishop Do you believe that God is calling you to this ministry?
Ordinands **I do so believe.**

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

Archdeacon 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'.



The Collect

Bishop Let us pray.

A time of silent prayer 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

New Testament Reading

Colossians 3. 1-14 (NRSV)

Reader A reading from Paul's letter to the Colossians

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!



As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

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

Gradual hymn

In Christ alone, my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
'Til on that cross as Jesus died
The love of God was magnified
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live, I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ



**No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The love of God was magnified –
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.**

Gospel Reading

John 15. 1-17 (NRSV)

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

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.



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

Sermon

*The Revd Canon Catherine Butt
Vicar of St Frideswide Water Eaton*



The Creed

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

The Declarations

The ordinands stand before the Bishop, who addresses the congregation.

Priests are called to be servants and shepherds among the people to whom they are sent. With their Bishop and fellow ministers, they are to proclaim the word of the Lord and to watch for the signs of God's new creation. They are to be messengers, watchmen and stewards of the Lord; they are to teach and to admonish, to feed and provide for his family, to search for his children in the wilderness of this world's temptations, and to guide them through its confusions, that they may be saved through Christ for ever. Formed by the word, they are to call their hearers to repentance and to declare in Christ's name the absolution and forgiveness of their sins.

With all God's people, they are to tell the story of God's love. They are to baptize new disciples in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and to walk with them in the way of Christ, nurturing them in the faith. They are to unfold the Scriptures, to preach the word in season and out of season, and to declare the mighty acts of God. They are to preside at the Lord's table and lead his people in worship, offering with them a spiritual sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. They are to bless the people in God's name. They are to resist evil, support the weak, defend the poor, and intercede for all in need. They are to minister to the sick and prepare the dying for their death. Guided by the Spirit, they are to discern and foster the gifts of all God's people, that the whole Church may be built up in unity and faith.

The Bishop addresses the ordinands directly.

Bishop We trust that long ago you began to weigh and ponder all this, and that you are fully determined, by the grace of God, to devote yourself wholly to his service, so that as you daily follow the rule and teaching of our Lord and grow into his likeness, God may sanctify the lives of all with whom you have to do. And now, in order that we may know your mind and purpose, you must make the declarations we put to you.



- Bishop* 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* Will you lead Christ's people in proclaiming his glorious gospel, so that the good news of salvation may be heard in every place?
- Ordinands* **By the help of God, I will.**
- Bishop* Will you faithfully minister the doctrine and sacraments of Christ as the Church of England has received them, so that the people committed to your charge may be defended against error and flourish in the faith?
- Ordinands* **By the help of God, I will.**
- Bishop* Will you, knowing yourself to be reconciled to God in Christ, strive to be an instrument of God's peace in the Church and in the world?
- 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 and minister the discipline of this Church, and respect authority duly exercised within it?
- 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 make Christ known among all whom you serve?
- Ordinands* **By the help of God, I will.**





The congregation stands.

The ordinands turn and face the people.

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.

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

You cannot bear the weight of this calling in your own strength, but only by the grace and power of God. Pray therefore that your heart may daily be enlarged and your understanding of the Scriptures enlightened.

Pray earnestly for the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The congregation and the ordinands kneel.



The Prayers

A time of silent prayer is kept and then the Veni Creator is sung in the form below as a prayer for those to be ordained.

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

**Thy blessèd unction from above
is comfort, life, and fire of love;
enable with perpetual light
the dullness of our blinded sight.**

**Anoint and cheer our soilèd face
with the abundance of thy grace;
keep far our foes, give peace at home;
where thou art guide no ill can come.**

**Teach us to know the Father, Son,
and thee, of both, to be but One;
that through the ages all along
this may be our endless song,**

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

*WORDS: Veni Creator Spiritus, Latin 8th or 9th century
trans. John Cosin (1594–1692)*

Intercessions are led for the ordinands and for the ministry of the whole Church.

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

All For the peace of the whole world,
for the welfare of the Holy Church of God,
and for the unity of all,
let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.



For all the members of the Church
in their vocation and ministry,
that they may serve him in truth and love,
let us pray to the Lord.
All **Lord, have mercy.**

For our bishops, Steven, Gavin, Dave and Mary,
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.**

For Luke, Paul, Joshua, Reema and Jessica, called to be priests
in his Church,
let us pray to the Lord.
All **Lord, have mercy.**

For the mission of the Church,
that in faithful witness we may proclaim the gospel of reconciliation
to the ends of the earth,
let us pray to the Lord.
All **Lord, have mercy.**

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

For those who are lost and for those who have strayed,
that they may return to the way of Christ.
let us pray to the Lord.
All **Lord, have mercy.**

For the sick and suffering,
for the aged and infirm,
for the lonely and neglected,
and for all who remember and care for them,
let us pray to the Lord.
All **Lord, have mercy.**



For the poor and the hungry,
for the homeless and the oppressed,
for all prisoners and captives,
and for our brothers and sisters
who are persecuted for their faith,
let us pray to the Lord.
All **Lord, have mercy.**

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.**

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.**

Remembering all who have gone before us in faith,
and in communion with Frideswide, Birinus and all the saints,
we commit ourselves, one another,
and our whole life to Christ our God;
All **to you, O Lord.**



The Ordination Prayer

The Bishop stands to pray, priests who will share in laying hands on the ordinands also stand, while others remain kneeling.

Bishop 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 have given us your only Son Jesus Christ,
the image of your eternal and invisible glory,
the firstborn of all creation and head of the Church.

We praise and glorify you that by his death he has overcome death;
and that, having ascended into heaven,
he has given his gifts abundantly,
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 your servants,
whom we ordain in your name,
to share as priests in the ministry of the gospel of Christ,
the Apostle and High Priest of our faith,
and the Shepherd of our souls.

Therefore, Father, through Christ our Lord we pray:

The Bishop and assisting priests lay their hands on the head of each ordinand.

Bishop Send down the Holy Spirit on your servant, N,
for the office and work of a priest in your Church.

After hands have been laid on all the ordinands, the Bishop continues the ordination prayer.

Bishop Through your Spirit, heavenly Father,
give your servants grace and power
to proclaim the gospel of your salvation
and minister the sacraments of the new covenant.
Renew them in holiness,
and give them wisdom and discipline
to work faithfully with those committed to their charge.



In union with their fellow servants in Christ, may they reconcile what is divided, heal what is wounded and restore what is lost.

May they declare your blessings to your people;
may they proclaim Christ's victory over the powers of darkness, and absolve in Christ's name those who turn to him in faith;
so shall a people made whole in Christ
offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to you, our God and Father, to whom, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, belong glory and honour, worship and praise, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Anointing

The newly ordained priests, still kneeling, are anointed by the Bishop with the oil of chrism on the palms of their hands.

Bishop May God, who anointed the Christ with the Holy Spirit at his baptism, anoint and empower you to reconcile and bless his people.

The Giving of the Bible

The newly ordained priests stand and the Bishop gives the Bible to each one saying

Bishop N, receive this book

After all have received their Bibles, the Bishop continues

Bishop as a sign of the authority which God has given you this day to preach the Gospel of Christ and to minister his Holy Sacraments.



The Welcome

The newly ordained priests turn to face the congregation. On behalf of the clergy of the diocese, one of the home clergy welcomes them, saying

Minister God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself,
and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

All **We welcome you as ambassadors for Christ:
let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.**

The congregation greet the newly ordained priests.

If the newly ordained priests are vested in stole, their Training Incumbents assist them in arranging the stole to signify their new office.

The newly ordained priests turn back to face the Bishop.

The Peace

The congregation stands.

Bishop 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 us the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.

Bishop The peace of the Lord be always with you
All **and also with you.**

*All may greet those around them with a suitable sign of peace and say,
'Peace be with you.'*



The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn

**I the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin,
My hand will save.**

**I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?**

***Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me
I will hold your people in my heart.***

**I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them
They turn away.**

**I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my words to them.
Whom shall I send?**

Taking of the Bread and Wine

The Bishop takes the bread and wine.

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



Eucharistic Prayer

Bishop
All

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Bishop
All

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Bishop
All

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
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 Son Jesus Christ, our great high priest.
He was lifted up for us on the cross
that he might reveal your glory and draw all people to himself.
You exalted him to your right hand on high
and through your Holy Spirit you sent upon your people
a rich diversity of gifts.
From this royal priestly people you raise up ministers
to proclaim your word,
to care for your people
and to be the stewards of your holy mysteries.
You call them to serve the world your Son redeemed
and build up his body the Church to be his bride.
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*:

All

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

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.

All
Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.

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,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with Frideswide, Birinus and all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

All
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

Bishop As our Saviour taught us, so we pray,
All **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.**

Breaking of the Bread

The Bishop breaks the consecrated 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

The Bishop invites the people to 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.**

The Bishop and people receive communion.

If you normally receive communion in your own church, you are most welcome to receive it here. If you would like to receive a gluten-free wafer at communion, please go to the Bishop in the central nave station and ask for gluten free communion. All others are most warmly invited to come forward to receive a blessing: please bring this order of service with you so that the ministers know that you want a blessing.

The choir sings the anthem – 'Teach me, O Lord' by Charles Tryhorn, 1900 - 1977

Teach me, O Lord the way of thy statutes:
and I shall keep it unto the end.
Give me understanding and I shall keep Thy law:
Yea I shall keep it with my whole heart.
Yea I shall keep it unto the end:
Make me to go in the path of Thy commandments
For therein is my desire.

Words: Psalm 119:33

The anthem is followed by:

Take my life and let it be

*Words: Francis Ridley Havergal, 1836 - 1879
Music: David Clifton and Philip Baggaley*

Jesus Messiah

*Words and Music: Chris Tomlin,
Daniel Carson, Ed Cash, Jesse Reeves*



Communion Hymn

*Bless the Lord, O my soul
O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name*

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

[Chorus]

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

[Chorus]

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

[Chorus x2]

Jesus, I'll worship Your holy name
Lord, I'll worship Your holy name

Sing like never before
O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name
Jesus, I'll worship Your holy name
I'll worship Your holy name

Words and Music: Matt Redman, Jonas Myrin



The Sending Out

Prayer after Communion

Bishop Let us pray

A moment of silence is kept.

Bishop Lord God, heavenly Father,
grant to your Church today
the faith of her apostles,
the hope of her martyrs
and the love of her Lord,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

Blessing and Dismissal

All stand.

Bishop 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.

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.**

Bishop Go in the peace of Christ

All **Thanks be to God.**

The Bishop leads the newly ordained priests to the main door



Final Hymn

**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, and I Thy true son;
be Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.**

**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 man'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.**

Words: Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880–1931)

Music: Traditional 8th Century Irish folk melody

Organ Voluntary

Finale from Organ Symphony No. 1, Op. 14 (Louis Vierne)



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