



Ordination of Priests

Saturday 25 June



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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 Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, her 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, the Area Bishop of Reading and their successors in all things lawful and honest: So help me God.

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 Gathering

Organ: Saraband Processional & Prelude in Eb - Sir William Harris (1883-1973)

Processional Hymn – ‘All Are Welcome’

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live
A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions – [grace,

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak
And words are strong and true
Where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness as a symbol of God's grace
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus –

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat
A banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus is revealed in time and space
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us –

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Marty Haugen (1950 -)

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 welcomes the congregation in church and online and invites them to sit.

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 candidate stands.

Archdeacon Bishop N, 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 candidates have been presented, the Bishop asks the following questions of the Director of Ordinands and any involved with their training 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?

DDO **They have.**

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

DDO **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 Gloria

A choral Gloria is sung. Harold Darke in F (1888-1976)

The Collect

Bishop Let us pray.

A brief 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. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 61:1-3 (NRSV)

Reader A reading from the prophecy of Isaiah

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour,
and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn;
to provide for those who mourn in Zion –
to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display
[his glory.

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**



New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 3:3b-11 (NRSV)

Reader A reading from the First letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

For as long as there is jealousy and quarrelling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human? What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labour of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ.

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn – 'All People That On Earth Do Dwell'

All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice:
serve him with joy, his praises tell,
come now before him and rejoice!

O enter then his gates with praise,
and in his courts his love proclaim;
give thanks and bless him all your days:
let every tongue confess his name.

For God, our mighty Lord is good,
his mercy is for ever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.

Praise God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit evermore;
all praise to God the Three-in-One,
let heaven rejoice and earth adore!

William Kethe (fl.1559 - 1594)



Gospel Reading

Luke 4:16-21 (NRSV)

Reader Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.”

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

Reader This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Revd Dr Carys Walsh gives the Sermon

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 candidates 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 Prayers

The congregation and the ordinands kneel.

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.

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

For the peace of the whole world,
for the welfare of the Holy Church of God,
and for the unity of all,
let us pray to the Lord.
All **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, Alan, Olivia, and Gavin,
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 N & N 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 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.**

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 Elizabeth our Queen,
 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, 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 a priest 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 ordinands come forward in turn.

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

The Bishop says

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 candidates, 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 candidates, still kneeling, hold their hands, palms up towards the Bishop, who anoints them with oil of chrism.

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 an ambassador for Christ:
let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.**

The congregation greet the newly ordained priests. Those entrusted with training the newly ordained priests assist them in vesting in a stole, as required.

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 –

'The Kingdom of God is Justice and Joy'

Tune: 'Ye Servants of God your Master Proclaim'

The kingdom of God is justice and joy;
For Jesus restores what sin would destroy.
God's power and glory in Jesus we know;
And here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.



The kingdom of God is mercy and grace;
 The captives are freed, the sinners find place,
 The outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share;
 And hope is awakened in place of despair.

The kingdom of God is challenge and choice:
 Believe the good news, repent and rejoice!
 God's love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross:
 Our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.

God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal;
 In Jesus begun, in heaven made whole.
 The heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call;
 And all things cry "Glory!" to God all in all.

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 The Lord be with you.
All **And also 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 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 saying:

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

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.
In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
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.



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

Bishop And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.
Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of Frideswide, Birinus and all
the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All **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 a gluten-free wafer, please ask the minister when you come forward. 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.

Please ask a steward if you require communion to be brought to you.

Music whilst communion is received:

Nichole Grace sings 'No one ever cared for me like Jesus'

Reading Minster Choir

Ubi caritas et amor, Tantum ergo - Maurice Durufle (1902-1986)



Prayer after Communion

Bishop Let us pray:

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.**

The Sending Out

Hymn – ‘I, The Lord of Sea and Sky’

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?

Refrain

*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 word to them
whom shall I send?

Refrain



I, the Lord of wind and flame
 I will tend the poor and lame.
 I will set a feast for them,
 my hand will save
 finest bread I will provide, till their hearts be satisfied.
 I will give my life to them, whom shall I send?

Refrain

Words: Daniel L. Scutte

Blessing and Dismissal

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

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

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.

Organ music: *Toccata* - Gaston Belier (1863-1938)



*A retiring collection will be made for the Bishop of Oxford's Outreach Fund.
Alternatively, donations can be made online via this webpage:
oxford.anglican.org/bishop-of-oxford/outreach-fund.php*

Diocese of Oxford Priests 2022

Please pray for all those deacons being ordained priest across the diocese this Pentecost. Pray too for their families and all who support them, for their parishes, training incumbents and all with whom they serve.

Berkshire Area

David William Chislett
to serve in the Benefice of Warfield

Ann Marie Cogle
to serve in the Benefice of Reading, St. Mary the Virgin

Richard Mark Samuel Eves
to serve in the Benefice of Wargrave with Knowl Hill

Aidan Daniel Jones
to serve in the Benefice of Purley

Rebecca Jane Medicott
to serve in the Benefice of Wokingham

Simon Ashley (Sam) Mortimer
to serve in the Benefice of Binfield

David James Saunders
to serve in the Benefice of Ascot Heath

Tracy Jane Watkins
to serve in the Benefice of Tilehurst, St Michael





Exploring vocation is for everyone – all are called

It is not just the candidates being ordained today who are called.

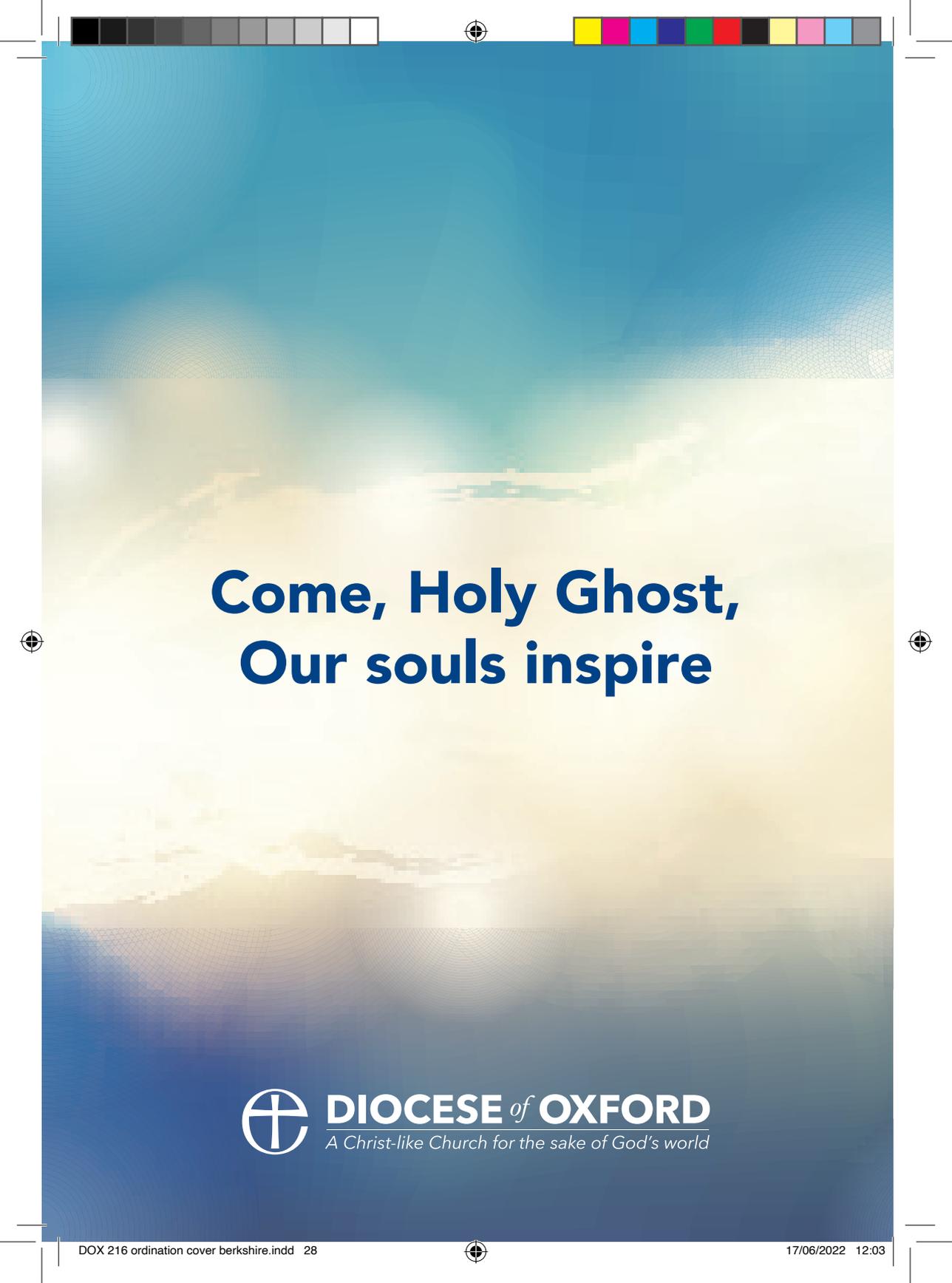
God calls everyone into ever deeper relationships; with God and with each other – and into some kind of service so that the world reflects the goodness of God.

If you sense the call of God, you can explore how to deepen your faith. You may want to talk to your parish priest, or find some suggestions for your next step here: oxford.anglican.org/everyday-faith

*As Jesus was walking
along, he saw a man called
Matthew sitting at the tax
booth; and he said to him,
'Follow me.' And he got up
and followed him.*

Matthew 9:9





**Come, Holy Ghost,
Our souls inspire**



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