

ORDINATION OF DEACONS



Sunday 29th June 2025

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Introduction

Jesus came to share God's life with us. He gave us the Holy Spirit and called us to share God's life with others, to live the mission of Jesus across the world.

This service of ordination is a special occasion for those being ordained and for the whole Church.

The mission of the whole people of God is to live for Him, to proclaim His grace and goodness, and to share His love with the world by serving others as a sign of God's Kingdom.

All ministers, lay ministers, deacons, priests and bishops, serve other Christians to enable them to fulfil this wider mission. The particular calling of deacons is to preach the Good News of God's Kingdom, to teach and nurture Christians, and to be an expression of Christian service in this world, including to the most marginalised in society.

Today the Bishop of Winchester, the Right Reverend Philip Mounstephen, will ordain to the diaconate 12 men and women. During the course of this service they will be called out from their places among God's people and presented to the Bishop to be set apart for this ministry. The newly-ordained deacons will then assist in the administration of Holy Communion.

After ordination, the deacons will begin work as assistant curates, assisting the priests they work with and serving God's people and God's world. We celebrate with them, their families, their friends and the Church communities that are here to support them, giving thanks together to God.

As you wait for the service to begin please spend a few moments in prayer for those who are to be ordained today.

James Allen Bitterne Park

Claire Bentham The Dever Benefice

Anthony Cross Michelmersh, Awbridge, Braishfield,

Farley Chamberlayne and Timsbury

Daniel Gardner Basingstoke

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Emily Stewart Southampton, St Mary Lisa Thomas Brockenhurst Benefice

and Boldre and South Baddesley

Bruce Viney Bournemouth, St Swithun

A Prayer for use before the service

Almighty God, the giver of all good gifts, by your Holy Spirit you have appointed various orders of ministry in your Church. Look with mercy and favour on your servants now called to be deacons. Maintain them in truth and renew them in holiness, that by word and good example they may faithfully serve you to the glory of your name and the benefit of your Church; through the merits of our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Procession

Virger

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Choir

Virger

Academics, Lay Ministers & Visiting Clergy Training Incumbents

Deputy Head Virger

Dr Beth Dodd

The Revd. Helen O'Sullivan Will Howard

The Revd. Dr Amy Roche

The Archdeacon of Bournemouth The Archdeacon of Winchester

Bishop Rhiannon Canon Poppleton

Canon Stuart Canon Lovell

Canon Micklefield Canon Kuin Lawton

The Interim Dean

Custos

The Reverend Chris Hill The Reverend Canon Angi Nutt The Bishop of Winchester Bishop's Chaplain

ORDER OF SERVICE

Setting: Missa Brevis

William Walton (1902-1983)

The Gathering

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Stand to sing



Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine, and visit it with thine own ardour glowing; O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear, and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn to dust and ashes in its heat consuming; and let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight, and clothe me round, the while my path illuming. Let holy charity
mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long, shall far outpass the power of human telling; for none can guess its grace, till he become the place wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

Discendi, Amor santo, Bianco da Siena (d. 1434) Down Ampney 137 NEH tr. Richard Littledale (1833–90) Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

THE GREETING

The Right Reverend Philip Mounstephen, Bishop of Winchester, presiding at this service, greets the people

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

There is one body and one spirit.

There is one hope to which we were called;

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

Peace be with you and also with you.

Bishop Philip 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.

The congregation sits, as those to be ordained deacon hold their stoles and stand up before Bishop Philip at the crossing

THE PRESENTATION

The Archdeacon of Winchester and Archdeacon of Bournemouth present each Ordinand, one by one, to the Bishop by name and title post, saying

Bishop Philip, I present these persons to be ordained to the Office of Deacon in the Church of God.

When all have been presented, Bishop Philip asks these questions, to which the Head of Mission and Ministry, the Reverend Dr Amy Roche, responds

Have those whose duty it is to know these candidates and examine them found them to be of godly life and sound learning? They have.

Do they believe them to be duly called to serve God in this ministry? They do.

Bishop Philip turns to the Ordinands and says

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

To which the Ordinands reply

I do so believe.

Bishop Philip addresses the Archdeacon of Bournemouth

I invite the Archdeacon of Bournemouth, on behalf of the Registrar, to confirm that the Ordinands have taken the necessary oaths and made the Declaration of Assent.

The Archdeacon responds

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'.

Bishop Philip says

Let us pray for these Ordinands, and for the ministry of the whole people of God.

Silence is kept

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

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

1 Samuel 3.1-10

Sit for the first Lesson

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening." So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

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

The Choir sings

I will magnify thee, O God, my King: and I will praise thy Name for ever and ever.

Every day will I give thanks unto thee: and praise thy Name for ever and ever.

Great is the Lord, and marvellous worthy to be praised: there is no end of his greatness.

One generation shall praise thy works unto another: and declare thy power.

As for me, I will be talking of thy worship: thy glory, thy praise, and wondrous works; so that men shall speak of the might of thy marvellous acts: and I will also tell of thy greatness.

The memorial of thine abundant kindness shall be shewed: and men shall sing of thy righteousness.

THE NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 12.1-13

Sit for the second lesson

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

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

Stand to sing



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

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

Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King; take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee.

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

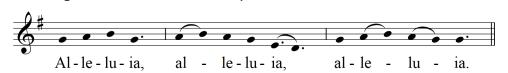
Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure-store; take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-79)

Nottingham 787i AMHS Music: Wenzel Müller

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The Choir sings once, then all repeat



The Choir sings

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people and kindle in them the fire of your love.

David Hill (b.1957)

All repeat the Alleluia as before

THE GOSPEL John 13.1-17

The Deacon and Sub-Deacon move to the midst of the people

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

Before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?' Jesus answered,

'You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.' Peter said to him, 'You will never wash my feet.' Jesus answered, 'Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.' Simon Peter said to him, 'Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!' Jesus said to him, 'One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you.' For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, 'Not all of you are clean.'

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, 'Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

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

All repeat the Alleluia



THE SERMON

All remain standing for the opening prayer, then sit

The Right Reverend Rhiannon King, Bishop of Southampton

Stand

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 congregation sits as the Ordinands stand before the Bishop

The Right Reverend Philip Mounstephen, Bishop of Winchester, 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, who respond accordingly

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? I do so accept them.

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?

By the help of God, I will.

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?

I believe it and will so do.

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

By the help of God, I will.

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?

By the help of God, I will.

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?

By the help of God, I will.

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

By the help of God, I will.

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

By the help of God, I will.

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? By the help of God, I will.

Stand as the Ordinands turn to face the congregation. The Bishop questions the congregation

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?

It is.

Will you continually pray for them? We will.

Will you uphold and encourage them in their ministry? We will.

The Ordinands turn back to face the Bishop. Bishop Philip addresses the Ordinands directly

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 amongst 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 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.

VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS

Kneel or sit. Silence is kept whilst we pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit, then all sing



Cantor Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire

All

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.

John Cosin (1594–1672)

Veni Creator (Mechlin) Mode viii NEH 138

Remain kneeling or seated as the Cantor leads the Litany

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

For each petition, all use the response:



For the peace of the whole world, for the mission and unity of the Church, Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all in their vocation and ministry, that they may serve Christ in truth and love, Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those called today to be deacons in his Church, Let us pray to the Lord.

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.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who suffer, and for all who care for them; for those persecuted for their faith, Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Charles our King, for the leaders of communities and nations, Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For ourselves, for grace to repent and amend our lives, that we may be pardoned from all our sins, Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Remembering the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Peter, St Paul, St Swithun and all who have gone before us in faith, and in communion with all the saints, we commit ourselves, one another,



THE PRAYER OF ORDINATION

Sit. During the prayer of ordination, families and friends are invited to stand in prayerful support. The Bishop alone lays hands on the heads of those ordained to the order of deacon, and says

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 Bishop Philip lays 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 Bishop Philip 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.

Amen.

The Deacons are then clothed with their stoles by their training incumbents. Deacons' stoles are worn tied or attached at their waist so that they can bow down in readiness to serve others, whilst the Choir sings a motet

O taste and see

Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

THE GIVING OF THE BIBLE

Each newly-ordained Deacon receives a copy of the New Testament and Psalms with these words

Receive this book, as 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.

THE WELCOME

Stand. The Interim Dean of Winchester says to the newlyordained Deacons

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

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 Sacrament

THE PEACE

Bishop Philip says

We are all one in Christ Jesus.

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

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN

Remain standing to sing the hymn during which there will be a cash collection for the Diocesan Ordinands' Fund, which provides financial assistance to Ordinands in training and their families



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 word 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 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? Here I am I ord...

Words: Dan Schutte (b.1947)

Tune: Here I am, Lord



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THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give thanks and praise.

Father, you made the world and love your creation. You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour. His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death. And so we gladly thank you, with saints and angels praising you, and singing:

The Choir sings

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

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

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

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

THE BREAKING OF BREAD

Bishop Philip breaks the consecrated bread, saying

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

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

THE GIVING OF COMMUNION

Bishop Philip gives the Sacrament to those within the Sanctuary. The ministers then move to the Communion points

Members of all Christian Churches who receive communion in their own church are welcome to receive here. Please follow the direction of the Sidesmen. Those who wish to receive a blessing are invited to come forward and bow their head. Gluten-free communion wafers are available

AGNUS DEI

Whilst the ministers receive communion the Choir sings

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

THE COMMUNION MOTET

The Choir sings

O sacrum convivium in quo Christus sumitur: recolitur memoria passionis eius: mens impletur gratia: et futurae gloriae nobis pignus datur. Alleluia.

O sacred banquet in which Christ is received, the memory of his Passion is renewed, the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory to us is given. Alleluia.

Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992)

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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 FINAL HYMN

Stand to sing



We have a gospel to proclaim, good news for all throughout the earth, the gospel of a Saviour's name: we sing his glory, tell his worth.

Tell of his birth at Bethlehem, not in a royal house or hall, but in a stable dark and dim: the Word made flesh, a light for all.

Tell of his death at Calvary, hated by those he came to save, in lonely suff'ring on the cross: for all he loved, his life he gave.

Tell of that glorious Easter morn, empty the tomb, for he was free: he broke the power of death and hell that we might share his victory.

Tell of his reign at God's right hand, by all creation glorified: He sends his Spirit on his Church, to live for him, the Lamb who died.

Now we rejoice to name him King: Jesus is Lord of all the earth. This gospel message we proclaim; we sing his glory, tell his worth.

Edward Burns (b.1938)

Fulda 486 NEH

Music: William Gardiner (1770–1853)

The Sending Out

THE BLESSING

God who has called you is faithful.

May the Father, whose glory fills the heavens, cleanse you by his Holiness and send you to proclaim his Word. **Amen.**

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

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

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen**.

THE DISMISSAL

Go in the light and peace of Christ. Thanks be to God.

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Fugue in D major, BWV 532, ii

J S Bach (1685-1750)

All are invited to remain to listen to the Organ Voluntary which is offered as part of the act of worship. All are asked to remain in their places until directed by the sidesmen

Recessional

Custos O + O

The Reverend James Allen The Reverend Serena Merritt

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The Reverend Anthony Cross The Reverend Alexandra Sains

The Reverend Daniel Gardner The Reverend Emily Stewart

The Reverend Abielle Inegbenebho The Reverend Lisa Thomas

The Reverend Paul Lambert The Reverend Bruce Viney

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