



DIOCESE OF
COVENTRY



The Ordination of Priests
by
Sophie,
Bishop of Coventry

The Feast of Saints Peter and Paul
Saturday, 27th June, 2026 at 4pm

Welcome to Coventry Cathedral

Today we gather with joy and prayerful expectation as members of the Church are ordained to the priesthood. Whether you are a family member, friend or parishioner supporting an ordinand or attending an ordination service for the very first time, we are delighted that you are here.

Ordination is one of the Church's most significant acts of worship. Through prayer, the laying on of hands by the Bishop, and the gift of the Holy Spirit, those called by God and discerned by the Church are commissioned to share in the ministry of Christ as priests. Drawing on the example of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, they are called to proclaim the Gospel, lead God's people in worship, celebrate the sacraments, and serve the world in Christ's name.

At the heart of today's liturgy is the conviction that ministry belongs to the whole Church. The ordinands are called from among the people of God and ordained for the service of God's mission. As Scripture reminds us, Christ gives gifts to his Church for the building up of the Body of Christ, and all God's people are called to participate in that work.

Children are especially welcome in the Cathedral. Activities are available at the back of this booklet or in the Children's Corner for younger members of our congregation. Hearing loops are available from the Vergers for those who would find them helpful.

As we worship together, may this be a day of encouragement, celebration and renewal for all. If something within the service prompts you to consider God's call on your life, please speak to someone about it. All of the Clergy and Readers present would be delighted to listen and signpost you in the right direction. We pray for those to be ordained, for the communities they will serve, and for the mission of Christ's Church throughout the world. Welcome!

**Of your goodness, pray for those to be ordained
to the priesthood today**

The Reverend Dâmares Gomes-Morris

Leamington Priors, St Paul

The Reverend Elizabeth Goodwin

Finham, St Martin-in-the-Fields

The Reverend David Jones

Weddington, St James and Caldecote

The Reverend Ann McCabe

Allesley, All Saints

The Reverend Mary Morris

Foleshill, St Paul

The Reverend Louisa Peet

The benefice of Stoke, St Michael, Coventry

The Reverend Matthew Robinson

The Ferncumbe Group

Hatton with Haseley, Rowington with

Lowonsford and Honiley and Wroxall

The Reverend Rosanna Wakefield

Ilmington with Stretton-on Fosse and

Ditchford with Preston-on-Stour with

Whitchurch and Atherstone-on-Stour

and Tredington and Darlingscott

Honorary Chaplain at The South Warwickshire NHS Foundation Trust

The service is led by the Right Reverend Sophie Jelley, Bishop of Coventry. The preacher is the Reverend Sarah O'Donoghue, Diocesan Renewal Officer in the Diocese of Blackburn and Ordination Retreat Conductor. The Deacon is the Reverend Esther Peers, Associate Minister, Holy Trinity Leamington Spa and Dean of Women's Ministry, and the sub-deacon is the Reverend Su McClellan, Cathedral Associate Minister.

The organist is Joe Watson, Acting Director of Music, and the worship band members are Rob Halligan and Jonny Mattacola.

You are welcome to take photographs, but not until after the service, please.

Before the service

A number of legalities were dealt with in advance of this 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). It is printed below. Candidates also make an oath of allegiance to the Sovereign, and an oath of canonical obedience to the Bishop of the Diocese.

The Preface to the Declaration of Assent

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?

The Declaration of Assent

I, A B, 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 authorized or allowed by Canon.

*At **3.30pm**, the worship band leads the congregation in pre-service worship.*

*At **3.35pm**, the candidates for ordination are conducted to their seats, next to their families, in the Nave.*

The Gathering

Let It Be Jesus

Let it be Jesus
The first name that I call
Let it be Jesus
My song inside the storm
I'll never need another

*For me, to live is Christ
For me, to live is Christ
God I breathe Your name above everything
Let it be, Let it be Jesus*

Let it be Jesus
From the rising of the sun
Let it be Jesus
When all is said and done
I'll never need another, Jesus there's no other

For me, to live is Christ...

Should I ever be abandoned
Should I ever be acclaimed
Should I ever be surrounded by the fire and the flame
There's a name I will remember
There's a name I will proclaim
Let it be, Let it be Jesus

*For me, to live is Christ
For me, to live is Christ
God I breathe Your name above everything
Let it be, Let it be Jesus*

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Open the Eyes of my Heart

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You
I want to see You

*To see You high and lifted up
Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy, holy, holy*

Holy, holy, holy
Holy, holy, holy
Holy, holy, holy
I want to see You

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Real Thing

There's a grace that comes when we say yes
To the fire of your holiness
We want You and we want nothing less
Fill our empty hands and lives, Jesus

We are blessed when have nothing left
But to hunger for Your righteousness
We want You and we want nothing less
Break the pride that hinders us, Jesus
Oh, let your church arise
In truth and grace

*Now for the real thing
Now for the kingdom come
Now for refining
We are more than we've become
Now for repenting
Until our only cry is 'Jesus'
Now for the promise
Now for the church on fire*

*Now for the fullness
We want more than shallow lives
Now for your goodness
To fill the whole earth, Jesus*

There's a joy that comes when we let go
When we lose ourselves we find your love
We want you and we want nothing more
Break the pride that hinders us, Jesus
Oh, let your church arise
In truth and grace

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Holy Forever

A thousand generations falling down in worship
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb
And all who've gone before us and all who will believe
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

Your name is the highest
Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all
All thrones and dominions
All powers and positions
Your name stands above them all

*And the angels cry holy
All creation cries holy
You are lifted high, holy
Holy forever*

If you've been forgiven and if you've been redeemed
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
If you walk in freedom and if you bear His name
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
We'll sing the song forever and amen

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At **3.55pm**, the Reverend Canon Kate Massey, Acting Dean of Coventry, welcomes the congregation.

At **4pm**, the organist sounds a fanfare and we **STAND**. As the procession enters, we sing

Hymn

**Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,
to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
praise him, praise him,
praise him, praise him,
praise the everlasting King.**

**Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him still the same for ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless:
praise him, praise him,
praise him, praise him,
glorious in his faithfulness.**

**Father-like, he tends and spares us,
well our feeble frame he knows,
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes:
praise him, praise him,
praise him, praise him,
widely as his mercy flows.**

**Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space:
praise him, praise him,
praise him, praise him,
praise with us the **God of grace.****

*Words by Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847) cf. Psalm 103
Tune CP 555 Praise my Soul John Goss (1800-1880)*

The Greeting

The Right Reverend Sophie Jelley, Bishop of Coventry, greets the people

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All **Blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

There is one body and one spirit.

All **There is one hope to which we were called;**

One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

All **one God and Father of all.**

Peace be with you

All **and also with you.**

The Bishop adds informal words of welcome and then continues

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.

We SIT.

The Presentation

Each candidate is presented by The Reverend Susan Bowden-Pickstock, Diocesan New Ministries Lead, who says

Bishop Sophie,

I present the following candidates to be ordained to the office of priest in the Church of God:

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When the ordinands have been presented, they remain standing. The Reverend Susan Bowden-Pickstock, Diocesan New Ministries Lead, joins them. The Bishop asks

Have those whose duty it is to know these ordinands 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.

The Bishop says to the ordinands

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

I do so believe.

Then I invite the Diocesan Registrar to confirm that you have taken the necessary oaths and made the Declaration of Assent.

The Diocesan Registrar, Geoffrey Cotterill, says

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 Bishop invites everyone to pray silently for each candidate.

The Collect

The Bishop introduces

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

The First Reading

We remain SEATED as Hannah McCabe reads.

A Reading from the First Book of the Prophet Ezekiel.

¹¹For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. ¹²As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and

I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.'

Ezekiel 34: 11-16

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Everyone STANDS.

The Gradual Hymn

During the singing of the gradual, the Gospel procession forms up and moves to the centre of the Nave – please turn to face the book of the Gospels as it passes.

**Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here.**

**Come, bow before him now,
with reverence and fear.**

**In him no sin is found,
we stand on holy ground.**

**Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here.**

**Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around;
he burns with holy fire,
with splendour he is crowned.**

**How awesome is the sight,
our radiant King of light!**

**Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around.**

**Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place,
he comes to cleanse and heal,
to minister his grace.**

**No work too hard for him,
in faith receive from him;
be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.**

Words and Tune CP 383 Be Still David Evans (b. 1957)

The Gospel

The deacon says

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷ So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

John 10: 1-10

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

There follows a short organ improvisation as the Gospel Procession returns.

The Sermon

Preached by The Reverend Sarah O'Donoghue, Diocesan Renewal Officer in the Diocese of Blackburn and Ordination Retreat Conductor.

Please remain STANDING until the preacher has prayed, then SIT.

After the sermon, the preacher moves back to their seat, and time is kept for reflection. Then we STAND to sing

Hymn

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

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

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

**Still let me prove thy perfect will,
my acts of faith and love repeat;
till death thine endless mercies seal,
and make the sacrifice complete.**

*Words by Charles Wesley (1707-1788)
Tune CP 191 Hereford S.S. Wesley (1810-1876)*

The congregation SITS.

The Liturgy of Ordination

The Declarations

Those to be ordained priest remain standing 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

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.

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.

Will you lead Christ's people in proclaiming his glorious gospel, so that the good news of salvation may be heard in every place?

By the help of God, I will.

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?

By the help of God, I will.

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?

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 and minister the discipline of this Church, and respect authority duly exercised within it?

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 make Christ known among all whom you serve?

By the help of God, I will.

The ordinands turn to face the congregation, and the Bishop continues, and we respond

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.***

Will you continually pray for them?

All **We will.**

Will you uphold and encourage them in their ministry?

All **We will.**

The ordinands turn back to face the Bishop, who says

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 Bishop, ministers and ordinands kneel and complete silence is kept.

Veni Creator Spiritus

Bishop Sophie intones the first line of 'Veni Creator'

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,

Everyone joins in

**and lighten with celestial fire;
thou the anointing Spirit art,
who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart:**

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

**Anoint and cheer our soiled 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.**

*Tune CP 178 Veni Creator Mode viii
Latin, paraphrased by Bishop John Cosin (1594-1672)*

The Litany

The Bishop says

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

The Reverend Nitano Muller, Canon for Worship & Welcome, prays

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 Sophie, our Bishop,
and for all bishops, presbyters and deacons,
that they may hunger for truth and thirst after righteousness,
let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

For Damarez, Mary, Liz, Dave, Matt, Lou and Ann, Ros
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 feel 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 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 and other ministers stand. The Bishop 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 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 these 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 priests lay their hands on the head of each of those to be ordained priest, the Bishop alone saying

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

The Bishop then anoints the hands of each priest as they kneel.

Following the laying-on of hands and anointing, the prayer continues

Through your Spirit, heavenly Father,
give these 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 newly-ordained priests to face the congregation. The training incumbent comes forward to adjust the stoles of the newly-ordained priests to reflect their new ministry.

The Welcome of the Newly-ordained Priests

The Bishop invites everyone to STAND and then says to the newly-ordained priests

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

We say together

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

The Bishop adds her own words of welcome.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

The Bishop 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.

All

The Peace

The deacon says

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We remain STANDING to offer a greeting of peace to those around us and then we sing the hymn.

After sharing the Peace, the newly-ordained move to the High Altar, together with the Bishop and other ministers assisting with communion.

*We do not take collections **during** the service, however, at the end of the service, we would greatly appreciate your generosity in donating to the life and work of the Cathedral. You can do so via your phone, using the QR Code at the end of this order of service, or, alternatively, there are donation boxes and contactless donation stations found in the Nave.*

Hymn

Alleluia, sing to Jesus!
his the sceptre, his the throne;
Alleluia, his the triumph,
his the victory alone:
hark, the songs of peaceful Sion
thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation
hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia, not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia, he is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how:
though the cloud from sight received him,
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
"I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia, bread of angels,
thou on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia, here the sinful
flee to thee from day to day:
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia, King eternal,
thee the Lord of lords we own;
Alleluia, born of Mary,
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:
thou within the veil hast entered,
robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
thou on earth both Priest and Victim
in the eucharistic feast.

Words by William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)

Tune CP 278 Hyfyrdol melody by R.H. Pritchard (1811-1887)

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Bishop says, and everyone replies

The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

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:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Bishop continues

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.

He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

The deacon introduces

Great is the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died:**

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

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 the Mary, Michael, and all the saints

to feast at your table in heaven.

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

All **Amen.**

The congregation SITS or KNEELS, and SILENCE is kept.

The Lord's Prayer

Please feel free to say the Lord's Prayer in any language or version you prefer.

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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Bishop breaks the consecrated bread, saying

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.**

The Invitation to Communion

The Bishop says

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 Giving of Communion

Please wait in your seat to be directed by a churchwarden or steward. If you wish to receive gluten-free bread, please ask and we will accommodate you. Those who do not intend to receive Communion, but would prefer to receive a blessing, are asked to carry this booklet as an indication to the ministers.

Hymns

Then these songs are sung by everyone, SITTING or KNEELING

**All I once held dear, built my life upon
All this world reveres, and wars to own
All I once thought gain I have counted loss
Spent and worthless now, compared to this**

**Knowing You, Jesus
Knowing You
There is no greater thing
You're my all, You're the best
You're my joy, my righteousness
And I love You, Lord**

**Now my heart's desire is to know You more
To be found in You and known as Yours
To possess by faith what I could not earn
All-surpassing gift of righteousness**

**Knowing You, Jesus
Knowing You
There is no greater thing
You're my all, You're the best
You're my joy, my righteousness
And I love You, Lord**

**Oh, to know the power of Your risen life
And to know You in Your sufferings
To become like You in Your death, my Lord
So with You to live and never die**

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I See The Lord

**I see the Lord
Seated on the throne exalted,
And the train of His robe
Fills the temple with glory
And the whole earth is filled
And the whole earth is filled
And the whole earth is filled
With His glory**

**Holy, holy, holy, holy
Holy is the Lord
Holy, holy, holy, holy
Holy is the Lord**

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Silence is kept.

Prayer after Communion

The Bishop introduces the following prayer, with everyone joining in from the third line

We thank you, gracious Father,
for welcoming your children to feast in your kingdom;

All **by your love unite us
and with your Spirit send us,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The Sending Out

The Solemn Blessing

Everyone STANDS.

*The Bishop gives the blessing: please respond **Amen** loudly.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

We remain STANDING to sing the hymn. The processions move to the back of the Cathedral; please turn to face the Great Cross as it passes

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 now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.**

**Open now the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth 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 and praises, songs and praises,
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.**

*Words by W. Williams (1717-1791) translated by P. and W. Williams
Tune CP 455 Cwm Rhondda John Hughes (1873-1932)*

The Giving of the Bible

The Bishop gives a Bible to each newly-ordained priest and then says

Receive this Book,
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 Dismissal

The newly-ordained priests introduce

Go in the light and peace of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Organ Voluntary

Performed by Joe Watson, Acting Director of Music.

Finale from Symphonie No. 4 in F Major, Op. 13.

By Charles-Marie Widor (1844–1937)

Members of the congregation are asked to allow the families and friends of the newly-ordained priests to be the first to move from the front of the Cathedral.

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