



# **The Ordination of Priests**

*also known as Presbyters*

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2024  
4pm**

**President:  
The Bishop of Chester**

**Preacher:  
The Revd Canon Dr Dave Richards**

# WELCOME

We welcome you to Chester Cathedral! It is a place where the mission of the church to proclaim God's love is central, and your welcome presence here for worship helps to strengthen this vital act of witness. This cathedral is the seat of the Bishop, Mother Church of the Diocese of Chester and the core of a Christian community which has worshipped here and worked together for over 1100 years.

We're a paperless Cathedral and are working environmentally to save paper. The service can be downloaded to your device using the QR code at the back of the nave, or by visiting [Services - Chester Cathedral](#). Hymns, readings and responses will be presented on the screens.

## Music

*Communion setting*

*Collegium Regale Herbert Howells 1892-1983*

*Communion Motet*

*Pater noster Jacob Handl 1550-1591*

*Voluntary*

*Praeludium in D (BuxWV 139)*

*Dietrich Buxtehude 1637-1707*

Throughout the service, where indicated, please only stand if you feel able to do so.

We welcome as the preacher today, The Revd Canon Dr Dave Richards, Rector of St Paul's and St George's, Edinburgh, who has also led the ordination retreat for the candidates.

## **Receiving Communion**

We warmly invite Christians of all denominations to come and receive bread and wine at the distribution of Holy Communion. There will be multiple communion stations available around the Cathedral – please follow the directions of the stewards.

Gluten-free wafers are available at all stations; please indicate to the priest if you require one. If you prefer not to receive, you are invited either to come forward for a blessing or to remain in your seat.

We are offering the chalice to every communicant at all communion stations. **Please do not intinct (dip) the wafer yourself.** If you prefer only to receive the wafer, then please do so.

# COLLECTION

The collection today will be split between the Cathedral and the Chester Clergy Family Charitable Trust, supporting clergy families in need across the diocese.

Donations can be left with cash or using the **Contactless Donation Plates**. A sidesperson can help you with this.

**Via the Cathedral Website**

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# TO BE ORDAINED PRIEST

*We are here to pray for and to celebrate the ministries of those to be ordained to the priesthood and the parishes where they serve:*

Jane Addenbrooke

*Birkenhead St James with St Bede & Birkenhead Priory*

Margaret Byrne

*Whitegate and Little Budworth*

**Andrew Crook**  
*Stockport and Brinnington*

**Jenny Eades**  
*Bollington*

**Anees Gill**  
*Ashton upon Mersey, St Mary Magdalene*

**Ruth Gray**  
*Stockton Heath*

**Joe Hadfield**  
*New Ferry*

**Jane Mottram**  
*Partington and Carrington*

**Jo Pemberton**  
*Hooton*

**Kate Kome Pwaisiho**  
*Grappenhall*

**Amy Ruston**  
*Birtles and Alderley Edge*

**Tom Ruston**  
*Timperley*

**Jill Williams**  
*Audlem, Doddington and Wybunbury*

# DECLARATIONS AND OATHS

*Before the service today, those who are to be ordained have made the following declaration and oaths. They will make them again on each occasion when they take up a new appointment.*

## **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 authorized or allowed by Canon.

## **Oath of Allegiance**

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

## **Oath of Canonical Obedience**

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

# THE GATHERING

*Please remain seated as the following processions enter the Cathedral before the service begins.*

Bishop's Adviser for Curate Development  
and Clergy Transitions

Ordinands

Verger

Assisting Clergy

Training Incumbents

Cathedral Choir

*Shortly before 4pm, The Vice Dean offers words of welcome, after which we request that silent prayer is kept in preparation for the service.*



*As the procession enters we stand, if able, to sing the hymn*

Cross

Verger

Ministry Officers

Director of Ministry

The Preacher

The Dean's Vicar

The Canon Diocesan and BADDOM

The Vice Dean

The Assistant Dean of Women in Ministry

The Archdeacons

Verger

The Registrar

Honorary Assistant Bishops

The Bishop of Birkenhead and

The Bishop of Stockport

The Bishop of Chester

The Bishop's Chaplain

# Hymn

O Breath of Life,  
                  come sweeping through us,  
revive your Church with life and pow'r;  
O Breath of Life, come cleanse, renew us,  
and fit your Church to meet this hour.

O Breath of Love, come breathe within us,  
renewing thought and will and heart;  
come, love of Christ, afresh to win us,  
revive your Church in ev'ry part!

O Wind of God, come bend us, break us,  
till humbly we confess our need;  
then in your tenderness remake us,  
revive, restore – for this we plead.

Revive us, Lord; is zeal abating  
while harvest fields are vast and white?  
Revive us, Lord, the world is waiting –  
equip thy Church to spread the light.

*E.A. Porter Head 1850-1936*

*SPIRITUS VITAE*

*Mary Jane Hammond 1878-1964*

# The Greeting

*Please remain standing. The Bishop 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.**

*All sit. The Bishop introduces the service 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.

# The Presentation

*Each ordinand is presented to the Bishop by  
The Ven Dr Mike Gilbertson, Archdeacon of  
Chester or The Ven Jane Proudfoot,  
Archdeacon of Macclesfield*

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

*As the names are read, the ordinands stand and face the Bishop.*

*The training incumbents stand, and the Bishop addresses them as follows*

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 training incumbents sit.*

*The Bishop addresses the ordinands*

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

**I do so believe.**

*The Bishop continues*

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

*The Registrar of the Diocese, Lisa Moncur, 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'.

# The Collect

*The Bishop says*

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

*A moment of 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 ordinands sit.*

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## The New Testament reading

*Read by The Revd Jenny Bridgman, Bishop's Adviser for Curate Development and Clergy Transitions.*

A reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, 'Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.'

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the



mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

*1 Cor 1:26-2:5*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Song**

*Please stand, if you are able, to sing. The words are sung twice.*

Faithful One, so unchanging;  
ageless One, you're my rock of peace.  
Lord of all, I depend on you,  
I call out to you again and again.

You are my rock in times of trouble,  
you lift me up when I fall down;  
all through the storm  
your love is the anchor –  
my hope is in you alone.

*Brian Doerkesen b. 1965*

*Please remain standing and turn to face the gospel reader.*

## **Holy Gospel**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

I chose you and appointed you,  
says the Lord,  
that you should go and bear fruit  
that shall last.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

*The Gospel is read by The Archdeacon of Macclesfield.*

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

After they had gone away, a demoniac who was mute was brought to him. And when the demon had been cast out, the one who had been mute spoke; and the crowds were amazed and said, 'Never has anything like this been seen in Israel.' But the Pharisees said, 'By the ruler of the demons he casts out the demons.'

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.'

*Matt 9:32-38*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*All sit after the preacher has led a prayer.*

## **The Sermon**

The Revd Canon Dr Dave Richards,  
Rector of St Paul's and St George's,  
Edinburgh

*At the end of the sermon, there is a short organ improvisation.*

# THE LITURGY OF ORDINATION

## The Declarations

*The ordinands stand and the Bishop says*

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 baptise 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.

*The Bishop asks the ordinands*

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 says*

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, who continues*

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 bishops and ordinands kneel or sit while silence is kept.*



# Veni Creator Spiritus

*The first line is sung by a cantor, then we all sing together*

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

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

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

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

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

*John Cosin 1594-1672*

VENI CREATOR

# The Litany

*The litany is sung.*

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

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

**Lord, have mercy.**



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

**Lord, have mercy.**

For Mark, Julie and Sam, our bishops,  
and for all bishops, priests and deacons,  
that they might hunger for truth  
and thirst after righteousness,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For Jane, Margaret, Andrew, Jenny, Anees,  
Ruth, Joe, Jane, Jo, Kate, Amy, Tom and Jill,  
called to be priests in his Church,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**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.

**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.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**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.

**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.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**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.

**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;  
**to you, O Lord.**



To you, O Lord.

# The Ordination Prayer

*The Bishop prays*

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 bishops and other priests lay their hands  
on the head of each ordinand; the Bishop  
prays the following*

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

*The Bishop 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.

**Amen.**

## **The Giving of the Bible**

*The newly ordained priests wearing stoles  
adjust these to signify the beginning of their  
priestly ministry and then are given a Bible.*

*At the end, the Bishop 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 Welcome

*Please stand, if able. The newly ordained priests turn to face the congregation. The Archdeacon of Chester says*

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

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

*We greet the new priests with warm applause!*



# THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## The Peace

*The Bishop says*

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.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## Hymn

*We remain standing to sing together*

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

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

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

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

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

*Jeffery Rowthorn b. 1934*

*HYFRYDOL*

*Rowland H. Pritchard 1811-87*

## **Preparation of the Table**

*We remain standing as the Bishop says*

Wise and gracious God,  
you spread a table before us;  
nourish your people with the word of life  
and the bread of heaven.

**Amen.**

## **The Eucharistic Prayer**

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

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.**

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 stewards of your holy mysteries.  
You call them to serve the world  
your Son redeemed  
and build up his body the Church  
to be his bride.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and singing:

### *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. Amen.  
Blessed is he that cometh in the name  
of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

### *The Bishop continues*

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,  
through your Son  
our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and as we follow his example  
and obey his command,  
grant that by the power  
of your Holy Spirit  
these gifts of bread and wine may be to us  
his body and his blood;

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.

Therefore, heavenly Father,  
we remember his offering of himself made  
once for all upon the cross;  
we proclaim his mighty resurrection  
and glorious ascension;  
we look for the coming of your kingdom,  
and with this bread and this cup  
we make the memorial of Christ  
your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,  
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,  
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts  
in the presence of your divine majesty,  
renew us by your Spirit,  
inspire us with your love  
and unite us in the body of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
with all who stand before you

in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty,  
in songs of everlasting praise:  
**Blessing and honour  
and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

*All sit.*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*The Lord's Prayer can be offered in your own language.*

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.**

# Breaking of the Bread

*The Bishop says*

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.**

# Giving of Communion

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

*Stewards will invite members of the congregation to either receive communion or a blessing; please follow directions. Please return to your seats via the side aisles.*

# Agnus Dei

*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.



# Communion Motet

*The choir sings*

Pater noster, qui es in caelis, sanctificetur nomen tuum; adveniat regnum tuum; fiat voluntas tua sicut in caelo et in terra. Panem nostrum quotidianum da nobis hodie, et dimitte nobis debita nostra, sicut et nos dimittimus debitoribus nostris. Et ne nos inducas in tentationem; sed libera nos a malo. Amen.

*Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.*

Luke 11:2a-4

Jacob Handl 1550-1591

# Communion chant

*While seated, please join in singing together*

Take, O take me as I am;  
summon out what I shall be.  
Set your seal upon my heart,  
and live in me.

*John Bell b.1949*

# Post Communion Prayer

*The Bishop prays*

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.  
**Amen.**

*All pray together*

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

# THE SENDING OUT

## Hymn

*Please stand, if able, to sing*

Go forth for God;  
go forth to the world in peace;  
be of good courage,  
  armed with heavenly grace,  
in God's good Spirit daily to increase,  
till in his kingdom we behold his face.

Go forth for God;  
go forth to the world in strength;  
hold fast the good, be urgent for the right,  
render to no one evil; Christ at length  
shall overcome all darkness with his light.

Go forth for God;  
go forth to the world in love;  
strengthen the faint, give courage to the weak,  
help the afflicted; richly from above  
his love supplies the grace and power we seek.

Go forth for God;  
go forth to the world in joy,  
to serve his people every day and hour,  
and serving Christ, his every gift employ,  
rejoicing in the Holy Spirit's power.

Sing praise to him  
who brought us on our way,  
sing praise to him  
                                who bought us with his blood,  
sing praise to him who sanctifies each day,  
sing praise to him who reigns one Lord  
  and God.

*J.R. Peacey 1896-1971*

WOODLANDS

*Walter Greatorax 1877-1949*

## The Blessing

*All remain standing as the Bishop says*

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 Archdeacon of Chester says*

Go in the peace of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Applause is offered as the bishops lead the  
newly ordained priests out of the Cathedral.*

## **Organ Voluntary**

Praeludium in D (BuxWV 139)

*Dietrich Buxtehude 1637-1707*

# RECESSION

Bishops

Newly ordained priests

Cathedral Choir

Cross

Vergers

Assisting Clergy

Training Incumbents

Ministry Officers

Director of Ministry

The Preacher

The Dean's Vicar

The Canon Diocesan and BADDOM

The Vice Dean

The Assistant Dean of Women in Ministry

The Archdeacons

Vergers

The Registrar

Honorary Assistant Bishops

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