ORDINATION OF DEACONS

Sunday 30 June 2024
11.00am
Welcome to Southwell Minster

As you prepare for worship, please be sensitive to the needs of those around you who may wish to pray in silence. Please switch off mobile telephones and do not use photographic, video or recording equipment at any time.

A loop system is in operation throughout the Minster. Hearing aids that are equipped to do so should be switched to the ‘T’ position or the loop setting appropriate to your equipment.

**Large print** orders of service are available. Please ask a Churchwarden, Sidesman or Verger for a copy.

Toilet facilities (including disabled access) are situated in the Archbishop’s Palace, opposite the South Door of the Minster.

We are a Fairtrade cathedral, committed to continuing and increasing our use of fairly traded goods wherever possible.

This Order of Service is printed on sustainably produced paper.

The congregation is invited to join in all texts printed in **bold**.

The President is the Bishop of Sherwood, the Rt Revd Dr Andy Emerton. The Preacher is the Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham, the Rt Revd Paul Williams. The Deacon is the Very Revd Nicola Sullivan, **Dean of Southwell**.

The live-stream of this service will remain on the Minster’s YouTube channel and at [www.southwellminster.org/worship-online](http://www.southwellminster.org/worship-online) for one week. Please share the link with any family and friends who have not been able to be here in person, or with anyone who may wish to watch the service again.

During the service a collection will be taken the net proceeds of which will go to the Bishop’s Discretionary Fund. This helps to provide support for clergy and their families in the event of unforeseen emergencies. Please give generously. If you are a UK taxpayer, you are invited to fill in your details on the yellow Gift Aid envelopes provided so that we can reclaim your income tax and thus increase your donation by 25p for every £1 given.
Children’s Spaces

We hope that you will feel at home in the Minster for this very special service. There is a space for younger children (up to about age 5) in the Children’s Chapel near the font. This is an unsupervised space – children should be accompanied by a parent or carer at all times. There are also activity bags available for older children to explore in their seats. These are available from Ruth Lee, Growing Younger Disciples Lead, at the North Door.

Standing, Sitting and Kneeling

Throughout the booklet, you will find various references to posture:

- **Standing** is used for parts of the service where the emphasis is on praising or praying to God together; so we usually stand to sing hymns, and for certain important prayers.

- **Sitting** indicates listening and receiving; so we sit for the first and second readings from the Bible, and for the sermon.

- **Kneeling** is the traditional position for personal prayer. Please speak to one of the Vergers or Sidesmen if you would like a cushion for kneeling.

Adopting the same posture is a way of showing that we are worshipping God together, as his people. However, please always feel free to adopt a different posture, especially if standing or kneeling is uncomfortable.

Music at this service

The Cathedral Choir is directed by Paul Provost, *Rector Chori.*
The organ is played by Jonathan Allsopp, *Assistant Director of Music.*
The setting for the Sanctus, Benedictus and Agnus Dei is the *Missa brevis* by William Walton (1902-83).
The worship band, from Trinity Church Nottingham, is led by Neil Wilson.

Organ Music before the service

*Prelude and Fugue in C, BWV 547*  
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

*Komm, Heiliger Geist, Herre Gott, BWV 652*  
Johann Sebastian Bach
The Ordination Candidates

Please pray for the following candidates as they make their ordination vows this weekend:

**GRAHAM BAKER** grew up in southeast London and was aware of wanting to follow Jesus from an early age. He spent time in academic research, with a DPhil in History, and then teaching before recognising a call to ministry within the church. This call initially took the form of serving at a Vineyard church plant in Manchester, and studying as an independent student at St Mellitus College, North West, before moving into the Church of England and training for ordination at Trinity College, Bristol, where he has been working on a PhD in theology. He is excited to be returning to Nottingham, where he and his wife Sarah first met; they are joined now by their one-year-old daughter Joanna, and an excitable cocker spaniel, Bertie. Graham is a keen park runner and is working hard on reducing his time. *Graham will serve his title with the Revd Joanna Seabourne in the Benefice of West Bridgford.*

**CARL BROOKS-PLUNKETT** was born in North London and spent his childhood years there before moving to Buckinghamshire when he was 11. When he was 14, Carl heard the gospel and gave his life to Christ, thanks to a bold youth worker, and a rock-climbing wall. At 19, Carl trained as a Paediatric Nurse at the University of Plymouth. Whilst working in Paediatric Intensive Care, his love for sharing Jesus with young people led him away from the NHS and to a 2-year Ministry Trainee role in Cambridge. After this he served as a Youth and Families Minister for 4-years in Sheffield. During his time in Sheffield Carl began the discernment process for ordination and started training at Oak Hill in 2020. For Carl, sharing the gospel with others is the best job in the world. In 2021 Carl met Hannah at their church in London, and they married in November 2023. Carl loves to read and write fiction, host dinner parties, and bake showstoppers. He loves getting out for a run and enjoying time catching up with friends. *Carl will serve his title with the Revd Canon Mark Tanner in the Benefice of Radcliffe-on-Trent and Sheldor.*
LEE DUNLEAVY was born and raised in Yorkshire. He read music at the University of Oxford, and worked as a church musician in Cambridge, London, and at York Minster. He has spent much of the past twenty years in Northamptonshire, most recently working as a freelance conductor and composer. It was there that he met his wife Sally with whom he has a stepdaughter, Charlotte, and an aged but beloved cat, Des. He sensed a calling to ordained ministry on a school trip to Rievaulx Abbey, and after many years of discernment, he began training at Ripon College, Cuddesdon. He is passionate about drawing people to Christ through the beauty and truths of word and sacrament, and through service and hospitality. Lee is very much looking forward to joining the Diocese and the whole family are excited about the move to Nottingham. *Lee will serve his title with Fr Ian McCormack at Nottingham St George with St John the Baptist and the Benefice of Sneinton St Cyprian. Lee will be ordained deacon by the Bishop of Beverley, the Rt Revd Stephen Race, at the Parish Church of St George in the Meadows with St John the Baptist, Nottingham this evening at 7pm.*

MARSHA FARMER was born and bred in Nottingham and raised by her grandparents. Her Granddad was Anglican, and her grandmother was Pentecostal. Marsha has always sensed a call to devote her life to God and during her late 20s had considered becoming a nun. However, God had a different plan. Marsha is passionate about joining in with Holy Spirit to see lives transformed by his power, Isaiah 61 being one of her favourite passages. She loves to dance, write and spend quality time with friends around the dinner table, particularly when her husband has done the cooking. Marsha is married to Peter, and they have three teenagers. *Marsha will serve her title post with the Revd Steve Silvester in the Benefice of Sneinton St Christopher with St Philip and the Benefice of Nottingham St Nicholas.*
JAMIE PRICE was born and raised in Nottingham, she lives at home with her teenage sons Sam, 15 (almost 16) and Jake, 17. Before discernment Jamie had worked in school as a mid-day supervisor and trained to Level 3 Qualified Teaching Assistant. Jamie was not brought up in the Christian faith but encountered God in church as an adult whilst attending church for wedding preparation. Jamie was baptised as an adult alongside her two children a few years later. This encounter with God began a journey of faith for Jamie, and she longs to see the lives of others be transformed by Christ through similar encounters. Jamie spends much of her free time with her children, family and friends, and in seeking adventure through travel, climbing, hiking and exploring the great outdoors. Jamie will serve her title with the Revd Rich Atkinson and the Revd Emmie Walford in the Benefice of Aspley and the Benefice of Cinderhill.

EMMA ROLLS grew up in both the Midlands and North Yorkshire. Emma was brought up going to church, but she decided to commit to following Jesus when she was 16 years old and found great support through the local youth group. She moved to Nottingham in 2017 to study Theology and Religious Studies at the University of Nottingham where she was part of setting up the society Just Love Nottingham, a group for Christian students who are passionate about social justice. It was during this time of realising a passion for justice and through an internship year at a church that Emma began the discernment process for ordination. She began training at St Mellitus College, East Midlands in 2022 and has loved being on placement at St Stephen’s, Sneinton during this time. Her passion for pastoral care and community building is something she hopes will be part of her long-term ministry. Her favourite place to be is by the sea somewhere in Yorkshire and her friends and family are important to her. Emma will serve her title with the Revd Paul Savage in the Benefice of Stapleford.
SAM WATKINS-SMITH grew up in Cheshire before moving to Nottingham in 2016 to study Civil Engineering. Sam met Millie in their first week of university and they married in 2019; they have recently celebrated the arrival of their beautiful boy, August James. Sam grew up going to church but has never quite been the same since giving his life to Jesus at age 16 after a powerful encounter with the Holy Spirit at an MCYC Summer Camp. During his time at university, Sam stumbled across Trinity Church Nottingham in its early stages as a church plant and began to discern a call to ordained ministry in the Church of England. During his ordination training Sam has led the Student Ministry at Trinity; contending for a generation of students to encounter Jesus, be transformed by the power of his life and love and be inspired to play their part in the renewal of their university campuses. Sam is passionate about the renewal of the church, raising up a generation of revivalists, and all things Bible and theology. Sam loves reading, running, and even changing dirty nappies. Sam will serve his title with the Revd Jonny Hughes and the Revd Dr Mark Wreford at Trinity Church Nottingham (A Bishop’s Mission Order) and the Benefice of Nottingham St Andrew.
Serving a Title as Deacon or Priest

At the successful conclusion of their pre-ordination training, an ordinand is made deacon to serve as Assistant Curate in a specific parish, usually for a three-year appointment. If the deacon is to become a priest it is usually after a year of such service, during which they receive post-ordination training. They will be ordained priest and continue in the same parish until their curacies are completed or extended.

Please remember diocesan candidates who were ordained priest yesterday:

Ordinands’ Preparations before the Service

The candidates made the Declaration of Assent, the Oath of Allegiance and the Oath of Canonical Obedience prior to the service.

Preface

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

Declaration of Assent

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

Oath of Allegiance

I, N, swear by Almighty God that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King Charles the Third, heirs and successors, according to law.

Oath of Canonical Obedience

I, N, swear by Almighty God that I will pay true and canonical obedience to the Lord Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham and his successors in all things lawful and honest.
At 10.55pm, The Very Revd Nicola Sullivan, Dean of Southwell, welcomes the congregation.

At 11.00am, please stand to sing the processional hymn, turning towards the west doors as the procession enters the Cathedral.

Processional Order

A Verger
The Acolytes
The Crucifer
The Cathedral Choir
The Rector Chori

A Verger
Licensed Lay Ministers
Supporting Clergy
The Director of Discipleship & Ministry  The Diocesan Director of Ordinands
The Ordination Candidates
The Training Incumbents
The Diocesan Chief Executive  The Registrar
The Bishop’s Advisor for Women’s Ministry
The Associate Archdeacon
The Archdeacon of Newark  The Archdeacon of Nottingham
The Canon Precentor

The Head Verger
The Dean
The Bishop of Sherwood
The Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham
The Bishop’s Chaplain
ORDER OF SERVICE

THE GATHERING

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

1. Christ is made the sure foundation,
   And the precious corner-stone,
   Who, the two walls underlying,
   Bound in each, binds both in one,
   Holy Sion’s help for ever,
   And her confidence alone.

2. All that dedicated city,
   Dearly loved by God on high,
   In exultant jubilation
   Pours perpetual melody,
   God the One, in Threefold glory,
   Singing everlastingly.

3. To this temple, where we call thee,
   Come, O Lord of hosts, today;
   With thy wonted loving-kindness,
   Hear thy people as they pray;
   And thy fullest benediction
   Shed within its walls for ay.

4. Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
   Gifts of grace by prayer to gain;
   Here to have and hold for ever,
   Those good things their prayers obtain,
   And hereafter, in thy glory,
   With thy blessed ones to reign.

5. Laud and honour to the Father;
   Laud and honour to the Son,
   Laud and honour to the Spirit,
   Ever Three, and ever One,
   One in love, and One in splendour,
   While unending ages run. Amen.

Words: Latin, c. 7th century
trans. John Mason Neale (1818-66)

Tune: WESTMINSTER ABBEY  NEH 205
from O GOD, THOU ART MY GOD
Henry Purcell (1659-95)
GREETING

The Bishop of Sherwood, the Rt Revd Dr Andy Emerton, says:

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.

The Bishop welcomes the congregation and 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.
PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Dean

As we stand together before God,
and trusting in his grace alone,
let us join with these ordinands in confessing our sins.

Silence is kept.

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

ABSOLUTION

Bishop

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Choir
Glory to God, glory in the highest, peace to his people, peace on earth.

All
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father.

Choir
We worship you.

All
Praise you for your glory.

Choir
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us,

All
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer,

Choir
Glory to God, glory in the highest. Peace to his people, peace on earth.
All

Choir For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.

All

Choir Amen.

All

Music: COVENTRY GLORIA
Peter Jones (b. 1981)

Please sit
THE PRESENTATION

The Archdeacon of Newark says:

Right Reverend Father in God, we present these persons to be ordained to the office of deacon in the Church of God:

The Archdeacon of Nottingham presents the candidates by name:

N to serve in X.

The Bishop asks the Revd Craig Hunt, Diocesan Director of Ordinands:

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

DDO They have.

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

DDO They do.

The Bishop turns to the ordinands and says:

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

Ordinands I do so believe.

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

Registrar These have been duly taken. The ordinands have also 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’.
COLLECT

Bishop Let us pray for those to be ordained, 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

FIRST READING Hebrews 12: 1–3

read by Ginny Cooper, LLM at the Benefice of Radcliffe-on-Trent and Shelford

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand
Gradual Hymn

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.

Words: Bianco da Siena (d. 1434)
trans. Richard Frederick Littledale (1833-90)

Tune: DOWN AMPNEY  NEH 137
Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)
**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Choir: The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life, says the Lord.

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*Music: Mode vi and James Furniss-Roe (b. 1995)*

Please turn to face the gospel reader
Dean

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Please turn back, and then sit when invited by the preacher.

SERMON given by the Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham, the Rt Revd Paul Williams

Silence is kept.

Please stand
Nicene Creed

Bishop  Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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;
his suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.
THE LITURGY OF ORDINATION

THE DECLARATIONS

*The ordinands stand before the Bishop, who addresses the congregation:*

Deacons are 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:*

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 declaration we put to you.

Do you accept the Holy Scriptures as revealing all things necessary for eternal salvation through faith in Jesus Christ?

*Ordinands* I do so accept them.
Bishop Will you be diligent in prayer, in reading Holy Scripture, and in all studies that will deepen your faith, and fit you to bear witness to the truth of the Gospel?

Ordinands By the help of God, I will.

Bishop 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?

Ordinands I believe it, and will so do.

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

Ordinands By the help of God, I will.

Bishop 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?

Ordinands By the help of God, I will.

Bishop Will you endeavour to fashion your own life and that of your household according to the way of Christ, that you may be a pattern and example to Christ’s people?

Ordinands By the help of God, I will.

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

Ordinands By the help of God, I will.

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

Ordinands By the help of God, I will.

Bishop Will you then, in the strength of the Holy Spirit, continually stir up the gift of God that is in you, to grow in holiness and grace?

Ordinands By the help of God, I will.
Please stand as the ordinands turn to face the congregation.

The Bishop addresses 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?

All: 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, addressing them:

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 among 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.

Please remain seated or kneel

Silence is kept.
Cantor

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
And lighten with celestial fire;
Thou the anointing Spirit art,
Who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart:

Thy blessèd unction from above
Is comfort, life, and fire of love;
Enable with perpetual light
The dullness of our blinded sight:

Anoint and cheer our soilèd face
With the abundance of thy grace:
Keep far our foes, give peace at home;
Where thou art guide no ill can come.

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

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

Words: Latin, attributed to Rabanus Maurus (c. 780-856)  
Tune: Veni Creator (Mechlin)  
trans. John Cosin (1594-1672)
THE LITANY led by the Revd Craig Hunt, Diocesan Director of Ordinands, and the Revd Jo Tatum, Workplace Chaplain and Bishop’s Advisor for Women’s Ministry

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

For the peace of the whole world,
for the welfare of the Holy Church of God,
and for the unity of all,
let us pray to the Lord.
**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 Paul and Andy our Bishops,
and for all Bishops, Presbyters and Deacons,
that they may hunger for truth and thirst after righteousness,
let us pray to the Lord.
**Lord, have mercy.**

For Graham, Carl, Marsha, Jamie, Emma and Sam, called to be Deacons 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 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.**

**THE ORDINATION PRAYER**

_The Bishop stretches out his hands towards the candidates 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:

*The Bishop lays his 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 the Bishop has laid hands on all of 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 the Holy Spirit,
belong glory and honour, worship and praise,
now and for ever.

*Amen.*

*The new deacons are vested in their stoles.*
GIVING OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

The Bishop gives a copy of the Scriptures to each of those who have been ordained.

Bishop  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.

Please stand

WELCOME

The Dean says to the newly ordained 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 Bishop invites the congregation to give applause to the newly ordained deacons.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

THE PEACE

Bishop  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.

Members of the congregation are invited to share a sign of peace.
**Offertory Song** during which the table is prepared for Communion and a collection is taken which will go to the Bishop’s Discretionary Fund.

God I look to You  
I won't be overwhelmed  
Give me vision to see things like You do  
God I look to You  
You're where my help comes from  
Give me wisdom You know just what to do (Repeat)

I will love You Lord my strength  
I will love You Lord my shield  
I will love You Lord my rock  
Forever all my days I will love You God

Hallelujah our God reigns  
Hallelujah our God reigns  
Hallelujah our God reigns  
Forever all my days hallelujah

Oh oh oh  
Forever all my days hallelujah

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PRAYER AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Bishop  Let us pray.

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

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Bishop  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.

It is indeed right and good, 
our duty and our salvation, 
always and everywhere to give you thanks and praise 
through your servant, Jesus Christ our Lord.

At his baptism he was revealed as your beloved Son. 
Coming among us as one who serves, 
he taught us that the greatest in your kingdom 
are those who make themselves least and the servants of all.

Although he was their teacher and their Lord, 
he washed the feet of his disciples 
and commanded us to do the same, 
that we might reveal the power of your love, 
made perfect in our human weakness.

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:
SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS sung by the choir

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.

Bishop

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

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

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

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

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

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 Blessed Virgin Mary 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.

Amen.
THE LORD’S PRAYER

Bishop Being made one by the power of the Spirit, as our Saviour 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

Bishop 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

Bishop 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.

AGNUS DEI sung by the choir whilst the altar party receives communion

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.
All baptised, communicant members of Christian churches are invited to receive Communion; please follow the directions of the Sidespersons to an appropriate station.

Holy Communion will be offered in both kinds (bread and wine) at all stations. If you prefer to receive in one kind please feel free to do so. The Church teaches that Holy Communion is received fully in either the consecrated wafer or the wine. Please do not intinct (dip your wafer in the wine) as this carries an increased risk of transmitting infection. The administrant will not offer you the chalice to intinct, but only to drink from. Thank you.

If you require a gluten-free wafer, please receive Communion at the station in front of the north door. If you would prefer to receive a blessing (without physical contact), please bring this order of service with you as an indication. If you are unable to move to a Communion station, please inform a Sidesperson, and a minister will come to you.

Please sit or kneel on your return from Communion.

COMMUNION MOTET sung by the choir during the distribution of Communion

Tantum ergo sacramentum
veneremur cernui
et antiquum documentum novo
cedat ritui,
praestet fides supplementum
sensuum defectui.
Genitori genitoque laus et
jubilatio,
salus, honor, virtus quoque sit
et benedictio;
procedenti ab utroque compar
sit laudatio. Amen.

Therefore we, before him bending, this
great sacrament revere:
types and shadows have their ending, for
the newer rite is here;
faith, our outward sense befriending,
makes our inward vision clear.
Glory let us give and blessing to the Father
and the Son,
honour, might, and praise addressing,
while eternal ages run;
ever too his love confessing, who, from
both, with both is one. Amen.

Words: St Thomas Aquinas (1227-74)
translated by J M Neale (1818-66)  
Music: Lee Dunleavy (b. 1979)

(being ordained deacon at St George in the Meadows
with St John the Baptist, Nottingham this evening)
How deep the Father’s love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That he should give his only Son
To make a wretch his treasure.

How great the pain of searing loss;
The Father turns his face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,
My sin upon his shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.

It was my sin that held him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life—
I know that ‘it is finished’.

I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.

Why should I gain from his reward?
I cannot give an answer;
But this I know with all my heart—
His wounds have paid my ransom.

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In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope without light
Till from Heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfil the law and prophets
To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

Praise the Father
Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory
Majesty
Praise forever to the King of kings

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake You died

Praise the Father...

And the morning that You rose
All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who’d come
To the Father are restored

Praise the Father...
And the Church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel shall not faint
By His blood and in His Name
In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me

Praise the Father…

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Jesus Jesus
We give You the highest praise

Blessing and honor
Glory and power
It all belongs to You
It all belongs to You

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**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*Let us pray.*

Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Amen.*

**THE DISMISSAL**

*Please stand when invited*

**BLESSING**

*Let us bless the Lord.*

**Blessing**

*Let us say!*

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.*
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 suffering 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.
DISMISSAL

Dean Go in the light and peace of Christ.
All In the name of Christ. Amen.

The Bishops lead the newly ordained Deacons, followed by the remainder of the recession, out through the west doors. Please remain standing until the entire recession has departed.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Final (from Symphony No 1) Louis Vierne (1870-1937)
Recessional Order

The Head Verger
The Bishop of Sherwood  The Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham
The Newly Ordained
The Training Incumbents
The Bishop’s Chaplain  The Dean

A Verger
The Associate Archdeacon
The Archdeacon of Newark  The Archdeacon of Nottingham
The Diocesan Director of Ordinands  The Director of Discipleship & Ministry
The Bishop’s Advisor for Women’s Ministry
The Registrar  The Diocesan Chief Executive
The Canon Precentor

The Acolytes
The Crucifer
The Cathedral Choir
The Rector Chori

A Verger
Licensed Lay Ministers
Supporting Clergy

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To view our gallery of photos of some of those who have ben ordained today, please visit https://southwell.anglican.org/ordination-photos-24
Please also visit www.facebook.com/SouthwellandNottingham where some of our ordinands share their story of faith.

Please take this order of service away with you