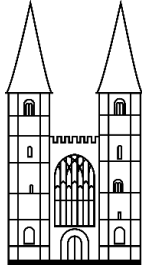




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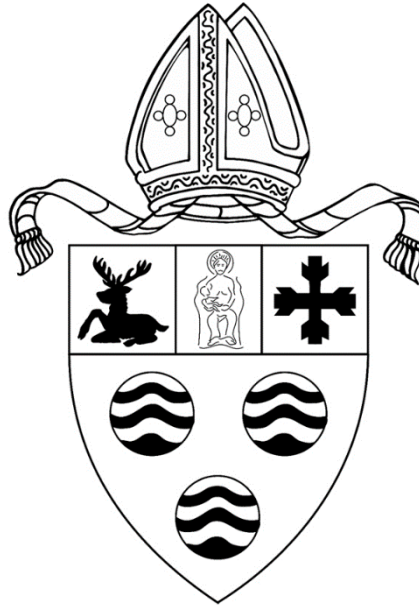
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# ORDINATION OF PRIESTS

Saturday 4 July 2026

4.00pm

# 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, Sidesperson 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 Southwell and Nottingham, the Rt Revd Paul Williams.

The Deacon is the Very Revd Dr Stephen Evans, *Dean of Southwell*.

The Sub-Deacon is the Revd Amanda Lees, *Canon Missioner*.

The Preacher is the Revd James Halstead, *Director of Discipleship and Ministry*.

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 the Sidespersons welcoming the congregation at the main entrance (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 *Truro Eucharist* by David Briggs (b. 1962).

Our worship band is led by Tom Walters and Hannah Crutch, *Diocesan Worship Leads*.

## 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

**ROBERT GARNETT** was born in Chesterfield and grew up in Derbyshire and later moved with his parents to rural Shropshire. It was there that he felt God calling him to be confirmed and to live a Christian life. After university in Cambridge, where he studied History, Robert considered entering the formal discernment process for ordained ministry but eventually felt called to work in the field of international relief and development. He worked overseas for many years, mainly in central Africa and eastern Europe. On his return to the UK in 2018, Robert moved to the Isle of Cumbrae in the Firth of Clyde, home to the smallest cathedral in the British Isles, where he rediscovered a sense of vocation to the priesthood. He then trained with the Scottish Episcopal Institute and had fully expected to remain in the Scottish Episcopal Church (Scotland's Anglican Church) once ordained, but God had other plans, and a chance meeting in York Minster in the summer of 2024 eventually led to Robert returning to the Church of England and coming to the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham. *He will continue to serve his title with the Revd Canon Nicolas Spicer in the Benefice of Worksop Priory of St Mary and St Cuthbert with Carburton. Robert will be ordained Priest in Worksop Priory on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July.*

**WENDY FORBES-BUCKINGHAM** has lived in Nottinghamshire, and mostly Bingham, all her life. The teenage Wendy would have said she was a Christian but on reflection, she realised that she hadn't quite understood what that meant and her walk with God really took on a new pace in her 50s. Wendy has worked as a Medical Secretary, a School Office Manager and now manages a wraparound care club in a local primary school. Wendy has been attending St Mary & All Saints Church in Bingham for much of her life and was baptised and confirmed there. She has followed her grandfather in taking up such positions as PCC Secretary and Church Warden and continues to hold him up as one of her earliest Christian role models, even though sadly he died when she was just twenty. Wendy has one daughter, Amelia, who lives with her husband, Stuart in Bingham, and a Stepson, Antony who lives with his wife and two children in Essex. Over the last ten years, Wendy has been aware of the still small voice of God, gently calling and allowing her to discern His plans for her. She has thoroughly enjoyed her first year of Curacy and is eager to see what God does next as she continues to serve Him and the people of Bingham in new and exciting ways. *Wendy will continue to serve her title in the Benefice of Bingham under the supervision of The Revd Canon Mark Tanner.*

**JANE HAYWOOD** was raised in Hucknall and has been a lifelong member of St Mary Magdalene's Church, where she began attending Sunday School at the age of three. She is married to Michael, and they have three adult children. Jane worked for many years as a librarian in Nottinghamshire schools, a role she loved until her retirement. She has been deeply involved in the life of the Church, serving as Reader, Church Warden and in ministry with children and young people. A visit to Burundi with the Mothers' Union in 2018 opened her eyes to different ways of being church and how Christians there, living in so much poverty, trust in God. Jane loves reading, walking in the countryside and singing with a local choir. Jane first felt a call to ordained ministry in 1991. This sense of calling was rekindled through her engagement with the Caleb Stream. Her time studying at St Mellitus College, East Midlands was both formative and faith-deepening, confirming her vocation and preparing her for the next stage of ministry. *Jane will continue to serve her title with the Revd Helen Chantry in the Benefice of Hucknall St Mary Magdalene with St John the Evangelist.*

**OLLY LATHAM** grew up in Nottingham and came to faith in Jesus at the age of 14 during a summer camp. He met his wife, Ellie, at a youth event when they were both seventeen, and they married in 2021. Olly studied Sport and Exercise Science at Newcastle University, where he began to discern a call to ordained ministry in the Church of England. He trained for ministry at Ridley Hall, Cambridge. Olly is passionate about preaching the gospel, forming kingdom-centred communities, seeking the renewal of the Church and teaching people about the wonders and beauty of God. He loves spending time with friends in the outdoors with a coffee in hand. During his first year Olly has helped lead the student ministry and Interns at Trinity. *Olly will continue to serve his title with The Revd Jonny Hughes at Trinity Church, Nottingham (A Bishop's Mission Order) and the Benefice of Nottingham St Andrew.*

**LUKE MEADOWS** was born and raised in Cheshire before moving to North Wales as his parents took on the leadership of a church in a small town called Criccieth. He encountered God in a powerful way at a Christian camp, and it was there that he first felt the call of God into ordained ministry. He moved to Nottingham in 2007 to study History. Shortly after university, Luke started to work for a church, which was where he first met Beka, his wife. However, it took them more than a decade to date, and they got married just before Christmas last year. During ordination training Luke has overseen mission and evangelism, helped to lead the worship and production teams, and supported the pastoral team. He loves playing sports, especially golf, reading, and cooking meals for friends and family. *Luke will continue to serve his title with The Revd Jonny Hughes at Trinity Church, Nottingham (A Bishop's Mission Order) and the Benefice of Nottingham St Andrew.*

**JO NAPPER** grew up in Bishop's Stortford, Herts where he met Gill when she was studying for her teaching degree. They married in 1979 and have four children and seven grandchildren. Jo's career spanned 47 years in private and public sector organisations working in Human Resources. He and Gill started a Baptist church plant in Farnham, Surrey with another couple in 1991, and Jo co-led this as an Elder for 25 years. Jo and Gill moved to Orston, Notts in 2017, and in 2019 found themselves worshipping in Radcliffe. Jo retired in Aug 2023, and his prayerful desire to be used by God unexpectedly led to his exploring ordination. He studied at St Mellitus College via the Caleb Stream. Jo and Gill love walking, caravanning, being part of the community of St Mary's, hosting friends at home, and trying to keep up with their growing family. *Jo will continue to serve his title with the Revd Canon Mark Tanner in the Benefice of Radcliffe-on-Trent and Shelford.*

**LIAM O'KANE** was born and raised in Streatham, South West London, by his mum. He attended the local Baptist church with mum and sister till the age of eight, when he joined an Anglican church choir at St Philp's Norbury, where he became head chorister and came to a personal faith in Christ. Following his future wife, Mel, he moved to Nottingham at 19 and has never left. He spent his twenties gigging and touring on the UK ska and punk circuit as a solo performer and in a band, whilst working as a learning support assistant at a Nottingham college. Liam and Mel joined St Stephens with St Paul's in Hyson Green, and it was here that Liam felt a call to ministry. He went on to study Youth and Community Work with Practical Theology with CYM at St John's College Nottingham. During this time, Mel and Liam welcomed the arrival of their first son Joseph. After graduating, Liam found a full-time youth ministry position at Watnall Road Baptist Church in Hucknall, where he worked for six very happy years (with some lock downs thrown in), and had the privilege of walking alongside many incredible young people. During the discernment process, Mel and Liam were blessed with their second son Jacob. Liam trained for ordination at St Hild college in Sheffield. *Liam will continue to serve his curacy in the Benefice of Daybrook under supervision of the Revd Craig Hunt.*

**LESLEY SILCOCK** was born and raised in Nottingham. She became a Christian at Cambridge University whilst studying medicine. She worked for twenty years with patients with chronic pain, and she continues to work part time as a doctor in the legal system. She has been a member of St Stephen with St Paul's church for thirty-five years, particularly involved with young people, prayer ministry, leading small groups and acting as church treasurer. She was surprised by God to be called to ordained ministry, and she enjoyed studying at St Mellitus college, even discovering an interest in Hebrew. In her free time, she likes to travel, visit the British Museum, and read books with good stories. She is married to Nick, and they have three children and two grandchildren. *Lesley will continue to serve her title with the Revd Clive Burrows in the Benefice of Hyson Green and Forest Fields.*

## **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 being ordained deacon tomorrow:

Cameron Benoy, Paul Epton, James Gordon, Naomi Gordon, Magda Lindstrom, Joy Moring, Rob Oliver, Tom Pearson, Christine Proctor, Luke Resch, Martha Stewart, Becca Tucker

## 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 3.55pm, the Very Revd Dr Stephen Evans, Dean of Southwell, welcomes the congregation.*

*At 4.00pm, 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

Licensed Lay Ministers

Supporting Clergy

A Verger

The Director of Discipleship & Ministry    The Diocesan Head of Vocations

The Ordination Candidates

The Training Incumbents

Chair of the GMH Advisory Group    Parish Discipleship Enabler

Bishop's Advisor for Women's Ministry    Head of Ministerial Development

The Diocesan Chief Executive    The Registrar

The Associate Archdeacon

The Archdeacon of Newark    The Archdeacon of Nottingham

A Senior Verger

The Canon Missioner

The Dean

The Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham

# ORDER OF SERVICE

## THE GATHERING

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *during which the altar party enters.*



**1. 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 the everlasting King.**

**2. 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!  
Glorious in his faithfulness.**

**3. 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!  
Widely as his mercy flows.**

**4. 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 with us the God of grace.**

*Words: Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)  
after Psalm 103*

*Tune: PRAISE, MY SOUL NEH 436  
John Goss (1800-80)*

## GREETING

*The Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham, the Rt Revd Paul Williams, 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.**

*Please sit*

*The Bishop welcomes the congregation, introduces the service and says:*

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 called us out of darkness into his marvellous light.

The Church is the Body of Christ, the people of God and the dwelling-place of the Holy Spirit. In baptism the whole Church is summoned to witness to God's love and to work for the coming of his kingdom.

To serve this royal priesthood, God has given particular ministries. Priests are ordained to lead God's people in the offering of praise and the proclamation of the gospel. They share with the Bishop in the oversight of the Church, delighting in its beauty and rejoicing in its well-being. They are to set the example of the Good Shepherd always before them as the pattern of their calling. With the Bishop and their fellow presbyters, they are to sustain the community of the faithful by the ministry of word and sacrament, that we all may grow into the fullness of Christ and be a living sacrifice acceptable to God.

## PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

*Dean* As we come 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.**


*Please stand*

# GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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

*All*   
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high-est. Peace to his peo-ple, peace on earth.

*Choir* Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father.

*All*   
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high-est. Peace to his peo-ple, peace on earth.


*Choir* We worship you.

*All*   
Glo-ry in the high-est.

*Choir* Give you thanks.

*All*   
Glo-ry in the high-est.

*Choir* Praise you for your glory.

*All*   
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high-est. Peace to his peo-ple, peace on earth.

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

*All*   
have mer - cy on us,

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

*All*   
re - ceive our\_ prayer.

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

All   
 Glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high-est. Peace to his peo-ple, peace on earth.

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   
 Glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high-est. Peace to his peo-ple, peace on earth.

Choir Amen.

All   
 A - men.

*Music: COVENTRY GLORIA  
 Peter Jones (1951-2016)*

*Please sit*

## THE PRESENTATION

*The Archdeacon of Nottingham and the Archdeacon of Newark say:*

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

*The Archdeacons present the candidates by name:*

N to continue to serve in X.

*The Bishop asks the Revd Dr Matt Prior, The Diocesan Head of Vocations.*

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

DHV They have.

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

DHV 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

Isaiah 61: 1–3

*read by Fola Sowunmi, Lay Chair, Nottingham South Deanery*

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

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

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.**

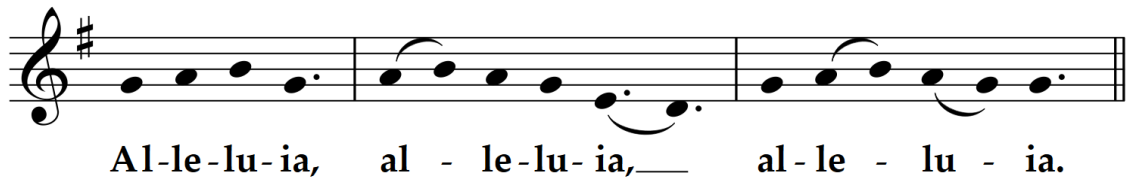
**And so the yearning strong,  
With which the soul will long,  
Shall far outpass the power of human telling;  
For none can guess its grace,  
Till he become the place  
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.**

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

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

*Please remain standing and turn to face the gospel*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*Choir* Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*All* **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

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

*All* **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

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

## GOSPEL READING

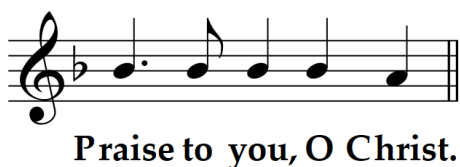
Matthew 9: 35–38

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



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.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



*Please sit after the preacher's opening prayer.*

SERMON *given by the Revd James Halstead, Director of Discipleship and Ministry*

*Silence is kept.*

## THE LITURGY OF ORDINATION

### THE DECLARATIONS

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

Priests are called to be servants and shepherds among the people to whom they are sent. With their Bishop and fellow ministers, they are to proclaim the word of the Lord and to watch for the signs of God's new creation. They are to be messengers, watchmen and stewards of the Lord; they are to teach and to admonish, to feed and provide for his family, to search for his children in the wilderness of this world's temptations, and to guide them through its confusions, that they may be saved through Christ for ever. Formed by the word, they are to call their hearers to repentance and to declare in Christ's name the absolution and forgiveness of their sins.

With all God's people, they are to tell the story of God's love. They are to 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.

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

*Ordinands* I do so accept them.

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

*Ordinands* By the help of God, I will.

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

*Ordinands* By the help of God, I will.

*Bishop* Will you faithfully minister the doctrine and sacraments of Christ as the Church of England has received them, so that the people committed to your charge may be defended against error and flourish in the faith?

*Ordinands* By the help of God, I will.

*Bishop* Will you, knowing yourself to be reconciled to God in Christ, strive to be an instrument of God's peace in the Church and the world?

*Ordinands* By the help of God, I will.

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

*Ordinands* By the help of God, I will.

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

*Ordinands* By the help of God, I will.

*Bishop* Will you accept and minister the discipline of this Church, and respect authority duly exercised within it?

*Ordinands* By the help of God, I will.

*Bishop* Will you then, in the strength of the Holy Spirit, continually stir up the gift of God that is in you, to make Christ known among all whom you serve?

*Ordinands* By the help of God, I will.

*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. The Bishop continues, addressing them:*

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.

*Please remain seated or kneel*

*Silence is kept.*

## VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS

The musical score is written on three staves in G minor (one flat). The first two staves contain the main melody. The third staff begins with the instruction 'After verse 4' and continues the melody, ending with the text 'A - men.' written below the staff.

*Bishop*      Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,  
*All*            **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.**

*Words: Latin, attributed to Rabanus Maurus (c. 780-856)*  
*trans. John Cosin (1594-1672)*

*Tune: VENI CREATOR (MECHLIN) NEH 138*  
*Mode viii*

*THE LITANY led by the Revd Kate Byrom, Head of Ministerial Development and Wellbeing,  
and the Revd Kristine Mole, Parish Discipleship Enabler*

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 Robert, Wendy, Jane, Olly, Luke, Jo, Liam and Lesley, 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 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 supporting priests move forward for the laying on of hands.*

## 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 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 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 priest 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 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 new priests' stoles are adjusted.*

## GIVING OF THE BIBLE

*The Bishop gives the Bible to each of those who have been ordained.*

*Bishop*      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.

*Please stand*

## WELCOME

*The Dean says to the newly ordained priests:*

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.**

*The Bishop invites the congregation to give applause to the newly ordained priests.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### THE PEACE

*Bishop*      God has made us one in Christ.  
He has set his seal upon us,  
and as a pledge of what is to come  
has given us the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.

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

*The Dean invites members of the congregation to share a sign of peace.*

OFFERTORY SONG *during which a collection will be taken for the Bishop's Discretionary Fund and the altar is prepared*

The musical score is written in G minor (one flat) and 3/4 time. It consists of three main sections: a main melody (8 measures), a Chorus (8 measures), and a Bridge (8 measures). The main melody and chorus are written for two voices (Soprano and Alto) and piano accompaniment. The bridge is written for piano accompaniment. The score is presented on six staves, with two staves for each section.

**I love You, Lord  
For Your mercy never fails me  
All my days, I've been held in Your hands  
From the moment that I wake up  
Until I lay my head  
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God**

*All my life You have been faithful  
And all my life You have been so, so good  
With every breath that I am able  
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God*

**I love Your voice  
You have led me through the fire  
In darkest night You are close like no other  
I've known You as a Father  
I've known You as a Friend  
And I have lived in the goodness of God**

*All my life You have been faithful.....*

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me  
 Your goodness is running after, it's running after me  
 With my life laid down, I surrendered now  
 I give You everything  
 Your goodness is running after, it's running after me (Repeat)

*All my life You have been faithful .....*

Song: GOODNESS OF GOD

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## PRAYER AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

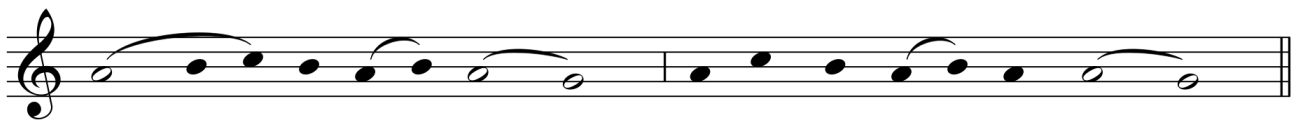
*Bishop* Let us pray.

Be present, be present,  
 Lord Jesus Christ,  
 our risen high priest;  
 make yourself known in the breaking of bread.  
**Amen.**

## EUCHARISTIC PRAYER



The Lord\_ is here. His Spi - rit 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 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 singing:

*SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS sung by the choir*

Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Amen.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

*Please sit or kneel*

*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.

*Dean*

Great is the mystery of faith:

*All*



Christ has died: Christ is ri - sen: Christ will come\_\_ a-gain.

*Bishop*

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.

*All*



A - men.\_\_

## 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 ministrant 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 from the Bishop. 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*

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

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

*Words: Magnificat antiphon for Second Vespers  
at the feast of Corpus Christi*

*Music: Thomas Tallis (c. 1505-85)*

## COMMUNION SONGS



Oh, the perfect Son of God  
In all His innocence  
Here walking in the dirt with you and me  
He knows what living is  
He's acquainted with our grief  
A man of sorrows, Son of suffering

*Blood and tears  
How can it be?  
There's a God who weeps  
There's a God who bleeds  
Oh, praise the One  
Who would reach for me  
Hallelujah to the Son of suffering*



**Some imagine You  
Are distant and removed  
But You chased us down in merciful pursuit  
To the sinner, You were grace  
And the broken You embraced  
And in the end the proof is in Your wounds  
Yes, in the end the proof is in Your wounds**

*Blood and tears.....*



**Your cross, my freedom  
Your stripes, my healing  
All praise King Jesus  
Glory to God in Heaven  
Your blood still speaking  
Your love still reaching  
All praise King Jesus  
Glory to God forever**

*Song: SON OF SUFFERING*

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**My Jesus, my Saviour  
Lord, there is none like You  
All of my days, I want to praise  
The wonders of Your mighty love  
My comfort, my shelter  
Tower of refuge and strength  
Let every breath, all that I am  
Never cease to worship You**

*Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing  
Power and majesty, praise to the King  
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar  
At the sound of Your name  
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands  
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand  
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You*

Song: SHOUT TO THE LORD

Words and Music: Darlene Zschech

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All to Jesus I surrender,  
All to Him I freely give;  
I will ever love and trust Him,  
In His presence daily live.

*I surrender all  
I surrender all  
All to thee my blessed Saviour  
I surrender all*

All to Jesus I surrender,  
Humbly at His feet I bow,  
Worldly pleasures all forsaken;  
Take me, Jesus, take me now.

*I surrender all.....*

All to Jesus I surrender,  
Make me, Saviour, wholly Thine;  
Let me feel Thy Holy Spirit,  
Truly know that Thou art mine.

*I surrender all.....*

All to Jesus I surrender,  
Lord, I give myself to Thee;  
Fill me with Thy love and power,  
Let Thy blessing fall on me.

*I surrender all.....*

Words Judson Wheeler Vande Varter (1855-1939)

Tune: I SURRENDER ALL  
Winfield Scott Weedon (1847-1908)

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Bishop* Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father,  
grant to your Church today  
the faith of her apostles,  
the hope of her martyrs  
and the love of her Lord,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

*Please stand when invited*

## THE DISMISSAL

### BLESSING

*Bishop* God, who has called you, is faithful.

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

**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.**

# HYMN



And can it be that I should gain  
An interest in the Saviour's blood?  
Died he for me, who caused his pain?  
For me, who him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be  
That thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

'Tis myst'ry all: the Immortal dies!  
Who can explore his strange design?  
In vain the first-born seraph tries  
To sound the depths of love divine.  
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,  
Let angel minds enquire no more.

He left his Father's throne above –  
So free, so infinite his grace –  
Emptied himself of all but love,  
And bled for Adam's helpless race.  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;  
For, O my God, it found out me!

Long my imprisoned spirit lay  
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray,  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
My chains fell off, my heart was free,  
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.

No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in him, is mine!  
Alive in him, my living Head,  
And clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach the eternal throne,  
And claim the crown, through Christ, my own.

*Words: Charles Wesley (1707-88)*

*Tune: SAGINA CP 376  
from Thomas Campbell's The Bouquet, 1825*

## DISMISSAL

*Dean*        Go in the peace of Christ.  
*All*         **Thanks be to God.**

*The Bishop leads the newly ordained Priests, followed by the remainder of the recession, out through the west doors. Please remain standing until the entire recession has departed.*

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*War March of the Priests*

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47)

## **Recessional Order**

A Senior Verger  
The Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham  
The Newly Ordained  
The Training Incumbents  
The Canon Missioner    The Dean

A Verger  
The Diocesan Head of Vocations    The Director of Discipleship & Ministry  
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The Crucifer  
The Cathedral Choir  
The Rector Chori

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*Please take this order of service away with you*

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