

The Guild Church of St Andrew Holborn

## Ordination of Deacons



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**LONDON**

### Solemn Mass

*Celebrated by*  
The Bishop of Fulham

*In the presence of*  
The Bishop of London

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at 7.00pm**

*Welcome to the Ordination of Deacons celebrated by the Bishop of Fulham in the presence of the Bishop of London, and assisted by the Director of Ministry, the Reverend Prebendary Neil Evans. The Preacher is the Reverend Richard Bastable, Vicar of St Luke's Uxbridge Road and Vocations Officer to the Bishop of Fulham.*

*The following are to be made Deacon during this Mass:*

*John Blackburne  
for All Saints Notting Hill and St Michael's Ladbrooke Grove*

*The Penitential Kyrie is from the Mass of SS. Peter and Paul (1996) by J. Schiavone; the Gloria, Sanctus, Benedictus and Agnus Dei are from the Plainsong Missa de Angelis. Music for the recessional is Prelude & Fugue in G BWV 541 J S Bach (1685-1750).*

*The cantor is Mr Simon Wall, the organ is played by Mr James McVinnie. Singing is limited to the cantor only – please respect this.*

*A retiring collection will be taken for the Bishop of Fulham's Discretionary Fund and to defray the costs of this service. Please give generously as you are able.*

*Before the service the candidate for ordination makes the following Declaration of Assent and take the required Oaths of Allegiance and Canonical Obedience:*

#### THE PREFACE TO THE DECLARATION OF ASSENT

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

#### THE DECLARATION OF ASSENT

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

*When the bell rings, stand as the cantor sings*

## **The Gathering**

If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there also shall my servant be.

Preserve me, O Lord, for I have put my trust in you. I have said to the Lord, you are my Lord; I have no good apart from you

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there also shall my servant be.

## **The Greeting**

*The Bishop says:*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Peace be with you **and also with you.**

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**

*The Bishop introduces the Mass and invites us to call to mind our sins:*

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life:

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you forgive our sins:  
Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you feed us with your body and blood.  
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

*The Bishop says:*

May almighty God, have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen**

### **Gloria in Excelsis**

*The Cantor sings*

Gloria, in excelsis Deo et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis. Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te, gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam, Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens. Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe, Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis; qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram. Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis. Quoniam tu solus Sanctus, tu solus Dominus, tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu: in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

*[Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. 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. Amen.]*

### **The Collect**

Let us pray

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**

*Sit for:*

**The first reading** – Numbers 3: 5-9

*read by Gill Blackburne*

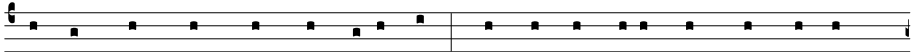
A reading from the book of Numbers.

The LORD said to Moses, "Bring the tribe of Levi near, and set them before Aaron the priest, that they may minister to him. They shall perform duties for him and for the whole congregation before the tent of meeting, as they minister at the tabernacle; they shall have charge of all the furnishings of the tent of meeting, and attend to the duties for the people of Israel as they minister at the tabernacle. And you shall give the Levites to Aaron and his sons; they are wholly given to him from among the sons of Israel.

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

*The Cantor sings*

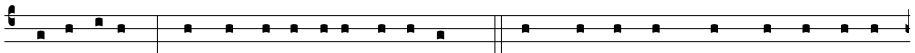
**Psalm 122**



I WAS glad when they said unto me: We will go into the house of the



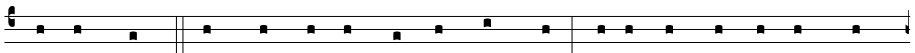
Lord. 2. Our feet shall stand in thy gates: O Jerusalem. 3. Jerusalem is built



as a city: that is at u-nity in itself. 4. For thither the tribes go up, ev-en



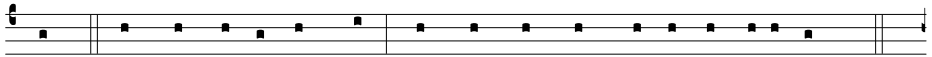
the tribes of the Lord: to testi-fy unto Israel, to give thanks unto the Name



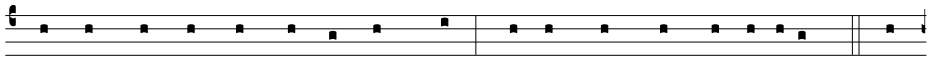
of the Lord. 5. For there is the seat of judgement: even the seat of the house



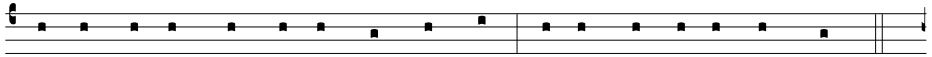
of David. 6. O pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love



thee.7. Peace be within thy walls: and plenteousness within thy palaces.



8. For my brethren and companions' sakes: I will wish thee prosperity. 9. Yea,



because of the house of the Lord our God: I will seek to do thee good.

**The second reading** – Acts 8: 26-40

*read by Simon Crane*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert road. And he rose and went. And behold, an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a minister of the Can’dace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of all her treasure, had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go up and join this chariot.” So Philip ran to him, and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet, and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” And he said, “How can I, unless some one guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. Now the passage of the scripture which he was reading was this: “As a sheep led to the slaughter or a lamb before its shearer is dumb, so he opens not his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken up from the earth.” And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, does the prophet say this, about himself or about some one else?” Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this scripture he told him the good news of Jesus. And as they went along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What is to prevent my being baptized?” And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught up Philip; and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip was found at Azo’tus,

and passing on he preached the gospel to all the towns till he came to Caesare'a.

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

## Gospel Reading

*Stand to greet the gospel:*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor:

And freedom to prisoners. (*Luke 4: 18-19*)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke (12: 35-40).

### **Glory to you, O Lord**

Jesus said to his disciples, "Let your loins be girded and your lamps burning, and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the marriage feast, so that they may open to him at once when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes; truly, I say to you, he will put on his apron and have them sit at table, and he will come and serve them. If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them so, blessed are those servants! But know this, that if the householder had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have been awake and would not have left his house to be broken into. You also must be ready; for the Son of man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

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

## Sermon

*Sit for:*

Preacher - *The Reverend Richard Bastable*

*The congregation remains seated.*

## The Presentation

*The Director of Ministry presents the ordinand to the Bishop*

Reverend Father in God, I present John Blackburne to be ordained to the office of deacon in the Church of God. He is to serve at All Saints Notting Hill and St Michael's Ladbroke Grove.

*When the candidate has been presented, the Bishop asks the Director of Ministry*

Have those whose duty it is to know this ordinand and examine him found him to be of godly life and sound learning?

They have.

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

They do.

*Addressing the ordinand, the Bishop says*

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

I do so believe.

*The Bishop says:*

I invite the Director of Ministry to confirm that the ordinand has taken the necessary oaths and made the Declaration of Assent.

*The Director of Ministry says:*

He has duly taken the oath of allegiance to the Sovereign and the oath of canonical obedience to the Bishop. He has affirmed and declared his belief in 'the faith which is revealed in the Holy Scriptures and set forth in the catholic creeds and to which the historic formularies of the Church of England bear witness'.

## The Declarations

*The ordinand stand before the Bishop, who addresses the congregation*

Deacons are called to work with the Bishop and the priests with whom they serve as heralds of Christ's kingdom. They are to proclaim the gospel in word and deed, as agents of God's purposes of love. They are to serve the community in which they are set, bringing to the Church the needs and hopes of all the people. They are to work with their fellow members in searching out the poor and weak, the sick and lonely and those who are oppressed and powerless, reaching into the forgotten corners of the world, that the love of God may be made visible.



Deacons share in the pastoral ministry of the Church and in leading God's people in worship. They preach the word and bring the needs of the world before the Church in intercession. They accompany those searching for faith and bring them to baptism. They assist in administering the sacraments; they distribute Communion and minister to the sick and housebound.

Deacons are to seek nourishment from the Scriptures; they are to study them with God's people, that the whole Church may be equipped to live out the gospel in the world. They are to be faithful in prayer, expectant and watchful for the signs of God's presence, as he reveals his kingdom among us.

*The Bishop addresses the ordinand 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 declarations we put to you.

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

I do so accept them.

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

By the help of God, I will.

Do you believe the doctrine of the Christian faith as the Church of England has received it, and in your ministry will you expound and teach it?

I believe it and will so do.

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

By the help of God, I will.

Will you be a faithful servant in the household of God, after the example of Christ, who came not to be served but to serve?

By the help of God, I will.

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

By the help of God, I will.

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

By the help of God, I will.

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

By the help of God, I will.

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

By the help of God, I will.

*The congregation stands and the Ordinand turns and face them.*

Brothers and sisters, you have heard how great is the charge that this ordinand is ready to undertake, and you have heard his declarations. Is it now your will that he should be ordained?

**It is.**

Will you continually pray for him?

**We will.**

Will you uphold and encourage him in his ministry?

**We will.**

*The Ordinand turns back to face the Bishop, who continues, addressing him,*

In the name of our Lord, we bid you remember the greatness of the trust in I 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.

Let us kneel.

*The ordinand prostrates, the people kneel and silence is kept.*

## The Litany

Kyrie, eleison.

Christe, eleison.

Kyrie, eleison.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,

St Michael,

Holy Angels of God,

St John the Baptist,

St Joseph,

St Peter,

St Paul,

St Andrew,

St James,

St John,

St Thomas,

St James,

St Philip,

St Bartholomew,

St Matthew,

St Simon,

St Jude,

St Barnabas,

St Mary Magdalene

St Luke,

St Mark,

St Stephen,

St Ignatius of Antioch,

St Lawrence,

St Agnes,

St Gregory,

St Augustine

St Athanasius

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| St Lucy,                               | pray for us. |
| St Basil,                              | pray for us. |
| St Benedict,                           | pray for us. |
| St Cecilia,                            | pray for us. |
| St Catherine,                          | pray for us. |
| St Wenceslaus                          | pray for us. |
| St John Henry Newman                   | pray for us. |
| All holy men and women, Saints of God, | pray for us. |

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| Lord be merciful,                     | Lord, deliver us, we pray.         |
| From all evil,                        | Lord, deliver us, we pray.         |
| From every sin,                       | Lord, deliver us, we pray.         |
| From everlasting death,               | Lord, deliver us, we pray.         |
| By your Incarnation,                  | Lord, deliver us, we pray.         |
| By your Death and Resurrection,       | Lord, deliver us, we pray.         |
| By the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, | Lord, deliver us, we pray.         |
| Be merciful to us sinners,            | Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer. |
| Govern and protect your holy Church,  |                                    |

Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

Keep Francis the Pope, Bartholomew the Ecumenical Patriarch,  
Justin Archbishop of Canterbury and all the bishops of this diocese;  
as well as all the ordained, in faithful service to your church,

Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

Bring all peoples together in peace and true harmony,

Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

Strengthen all of us and keep us in your holy service,

Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

Bless this chosen man                      Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

Bless this chosen man and make him holy

Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

Bless this chosen man, make him holy, and consecrate him for  
his sacred duties.

Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

Jesus, Son of the living God,      Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

Christ hear us,    Christ hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us,                      Christ, graciously hear us.

*The Bishop stands to pray, saying:*

Lord God, hear our petitions and give your help to this act of our ministry. We judge this man worthy to serve as a deacon and we ask you to bless him and make him holy. Grant this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us stand.

*The people stand and the ordinand kneel before the Bishop.*

### **The Ordination Prayer**

*The Bishop says:*

We praise and glorify you, almighty Father, because in your infinite love you have formed throughout the world a holy people for your own possession, a royal priesthood, a universal Church.

We praise and glorify you because you 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 this your servant, whom we ordain in your name, to share as a deacon in the ministry of the gospel of Christ, who came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Therefore, Father, through Christ our Lord we pray:

*Here the Bishop says the sentence and then lay hands on the ordinand.*

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

*The prayer continues,*

Through your Spirit, heavenly Father, give this your servant grace and power to fulfil his ministry. Make him faithful to serve and constant in advancing your gospel in the world. May he 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 his life be disciplined and holy, his words declare your love and his actions reveal your glory, that your people may walk with him in the way of truth and be made ready for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; to

whom, with you and your Holy Spirit, belong glory and honour, worship and praise, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*All sit.*

### **Investiture with stole and dalmatic**

*The newly ordained deacon stands and moves to vest.*

*During the vesting, the Cantor sings*

Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts, my soul is longing and yearning for the courts of the Lord.

My heart and my flesh have leapt with joy in the living God.

Behold, O God our protector, and look on the face of your Anointed.

For better is one day within your courts, than thousands elsewhere.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

### **The Giving of the Bible**

*The newly ordained deacon kneels before the bishop and he presents him with the New Testament*

Receive this book, as a sign of the authority given you this day to speak God's word to his people. Build them up in his truth and serve them in his name.

### **The Welcome**

*All stand and the Training Incumbent says to the newly ordained deacon*

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 Peace

*The Bishop introduces the peace saying:*

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 with you always

**And also with you.**

*There is no physical exchange of the peace.*

## Preparation of the Table

*During the offertory, the Cantor sings the anthem,*

The Call – R. Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:

Such a Way, as gives us breath:

Such a Truth, as ends all strife:

Such a Life, as killeth death

Come, My Light, my Feast, my Strength:

Such a Light, as shows a feast:

Such a Feast, as mends in length:

Such a Strength, as makes his guest

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:

Such a Joy, as none can move:

Such a Love, as none can part:

Such a Heart, as joys in love

*The Bishop says*

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands  
for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good, and the good of all his holy church.**

Holy Father, whose Son chose to wash the disciples' feet and so set us an example, accept, we pray, the oblations of our service, and grant that, offering ourselves as a spiritual sacrifice, we may be filled with a spirit of humility and zeal. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is indeed right and good, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks and praise through your 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 saying:

*The Cantor sings*

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus. Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt cæli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis. Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.

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

*All kneel,*

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

Who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. In the same way after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them



saying: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

*The Cantor sings*

Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption. As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Remember, Lord, your Church in every land. Watch over her, Lord, and guide her. Reveal her unity, guard her faith, and preserve her in peace.

Remember also, Lord, your servants who have gone before us with the sign of faith and rest in the sleep of peace. Grant them, O Lord, we pray, and all who sleep in Christ, a place of refreshment, light and peace.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of Mary the Virgin Mother of God, Blessed Joseph, her spouse, St Andrew, St Wenceslaus and all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, and in whom, In the unity of the Holy Spirit, All honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen**

*Stand to say:*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

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

us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen

### Breaking of the Bread

*The Cantor sings*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

*[Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.]*

*Kneel for,*

### Giving of Communion

Behold 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.**

*After the Bishop has received Holy Communion he shows the ciborium to the people and says:*

The Body of Christ.

*All who intend to receive Holy Communion reply:*

**Amen.**

*Holy Communion is received under one kind, standing and into the hand. People who have been baptized in the name of the Trinity and usually receive Holy Communion in their own church are welcome to do so today. Others are very welcome to come for a blessing – please carry a sheet. Gluten-free hosts are available, simply state ‘Gluten-free please’.*

*Please remove your face mask as you get to the front of the queue approaching the bishop. Then use hand sanitizer if you wish. Replace your mask as soon as possible after receiving the host as you return to your seat.*

*During the distribution of Holy Communion, the cantor sings the anthem,  
Ave Verum Corpus – C. Mawby (1936-2019)*

Ave verum corpus, natum de Maria Virgine, vere passum, immolatum  
in cruce pro homine cuius latus perforatum fluxit aqua et sanguine: esto  
nobis praegustatum in mortis examine. O Iesu dulcis, O Iesu pie, O Iesu,  
fili Mariae. Miserere mei. Amen.

*[Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, having truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross  
for mankind, from whose pierced side water and blood flowed: Be for us a foretaste [of the  
Heavenly banquet] in the trial of death! O sweet Jesus, O holy Jesus, O Jesus, son of  
Mary, have mercy on me. Amen.]*

### **Prayer after Communion**

*After a period of silence stand for:*

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**

*Sit for:*

**The Notices**

*Stand for:*

**The Dismissal**

*The Bishop says:*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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

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

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

*The new deacon says:*

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

