



# BLACKBURN CATHEDRAL

## The Ordination of Priests

*Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2025  
3pm*



The Right Reverend Dr Joseph Kennedy  
*Bishop of Burnley*



## **Welcome**

This is a very special day and the culmination of many years of prayer and preparation. Christians believe that God calls every single one of us and equips us for our own unique tasks in his world. One of these roles is as an ordained priest (or presbyter). For this we gather as God's family and we ask for God's Holy Spirit – the Spirit of Jesus – to fill them for this task. 'Come Holy Spirit' is a very ancient prayer indeed. Please feel free to join in with as much or as little of the service as you wish (all the instructions you need are in this booklet). Our hope and prayer is that you will sense the presence of God's Spirit in this time, confident that you have your own unique calling, no matter your age or story.

## **Children**

Children are most welcome at this service. Please do not shush them or feel any embarrassment if they are noisy or wriggly. Jesus said they are the most important people in the Kingdom of God. We are conscious it is a long service (90 minutes or so), so there is a 25-30 minute slot early in the service, where children aged 5-11 are welcome to go to supervised groups in the conference suite, if parental permission is given. This will be introduced by Philip North, Bishop of Blackburn (see further instructions in the order of service).

## **Communion**

This celebrates the last meal that Jesus had with his disciples; we believe it is a foretaste of the heavenly banquet. Throughout the ages, people have often found that they meet Jesus in a special way in this time. You are very welcome to receive Holy Communion if you wish to do so. Please follow the guidance of the stewards during the distribution of communion. If you wish to receive a blessing instead of the bread and wine, please indicate this to the priest distributing the wafers, either with words or by holding your service booklet in your hands. Gluten free wafers are available at every communion point. If you prefer to receive the bread but not the wine, please feel free to do so.

## **Toilets**

An accessible toilet is available at Cathedral level in the South Porch to the left of the main doors when looking towards them. Please ask the stewards for assistance. Other toilets are in the Cathedral Crypt, accessed by the lift and stairs in the Temple Gallery which is off the South Transept. Please follow the signs or ask a Virger or Steward for directions.

## **Loop system**

The Cathedral has a loop induction system which can be used for both speech and music. Please use the appropriate setting on your hearing aid.

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*Taken from Common Worship Ordination Services*

*The service is live streamed  
Please do not use mobile phones or recording devices*

# Welcome to today's service

The President is  
**The Right Revd Dr Joseph Kennedy**  
*Bishop of Burnley*

The Preacher is  
**The Right Revd Dr Jill Duff**  
*Bishop of Lancaster*

The Deacon is  
**The Revd Cathy Malins**

The subdeacon is  
**Nigel Scales**

The service is sung by the  
**The Cathedral Choir**

Organist  
**John Hosking**  
*Organist in Residence*

Directed by  
**John Robinson**  
*Director of Music*

The setting for the service is  
**Gloria in excelsis from A Blackburn Mass by James Davy;**  
**Holy Communion Service in C & F by C.V. Stanford (1852-1924)**

# Those to be ordained Priest today



Photo by Sara Cuff

**Revd Christopher Hegg.** Chris grew up in Hoylake and, via Oxford, London and Dhaka, he now lives in the pretty rural village of Slaidburn with his wife Depa; his elderly mother and an adorable moggy called Tasmin. Chris is serving his curacy at St Mary Clitheroe and Downham where he will continue to bring the Gospel, through words and actions, to the people of Clitheroe.

**Revd Claire McEnery.** Claire was born in Oswaldtwistle but grew up on a farm in Read, a small village in the Ribble Valley. She worked as a police officer for 30 years, retiring at the rank of Detective Superintendent. She then became an Independent Safeguarding Consultant working across various organisations. Claire came to faith in her 50s after a conversion experience that changed her life dramatically. She lives in a farmhouse in Read, next door to her mother and is married to Steve. She has a stepdaughter and grandson. Claire is serving her curacy at Read St John and Simonstone St Peter.



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**Revd Cornelius Asghar.** Cornelius and his wife, Dr. Shumaila, migrated from Pakistan in 2019 and found a spiritual home at Marton St Paul in Blackpool. There, Cornelius grew in his passion for Christ and was called by God to ordained ministry. Cornelius served a two-year placement at St Laurence Chorley as part of his vocational training at Emmanuel Theological College. He now serves as a curate in Chorley, dedicated to furthering God's kingdom and spreading his love to all. His journey reflects a deep commitment to his faith and devotion to serving the church and its people.



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**Revd Daniel Abraham.** Originally from Shevington, Danny is married to Georgia and they have one child, Levi, aged 2. Danny has a particular passion for seeing children and young people both encounter Jesus and grow in faith. After a fantastic first year as a deacon, he has grown into ordained ministry and is excited to become a priest. He is serving his curacy at All Saints Higher Walton and Holy Trinity Hoghton under Revd Hannah Boyd.

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**Revd Samantha Nicol.** Born and brought up in Brindle, Sam worked for many years in senior roles



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in the NHS across the north of England. More recently she has used her experience in a variety of roles in the Church of England. Sam is blessed by a close loving family; mum, sister, niece Jodie and three beautiful, sassy, intelligent great nieces as well as twin nephews Arron and Morgan. And of course, Coco the chocolate labradoodle. Sam loves serving her curacy in her home church of Brindle St James.

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**Revd Tracy Hallows.** Born in Swindon, Tracy and her younger brother grew up in a military household. Their mum was a dedicated member of the local church. The family settled in Lancashire in 1969. A teacher since 1987, Tracy has two adult sons, Ben and Tom. In 2006, she became a headteacher, serving in three church schools. Now, Tracy continues to serve God in a different role as a self-



Photo by Sara Cuff

supporting assistant curate. She is both excited and nervous about stepping into a new role as a priest but is confident that this new direction is answering God's calling. Tracy is serving her curacy at St Luke Brierfield and St Cuthbert Burnley.



**Revd Pippalina Daniels.** Born in Bristol, Pippalina grew up in South Wales before going to Lancaster to study history and religious studies at university. She took part in the Church of England Ministry Experience Scheme in Gloucester before moving to Thornton-Cleveleys and serving as an ordinand in St John Little Thornton. She trained at Emmanuel Theological College and has enjoyed studying for a Masters in Theology, Ministry and Mission. Pippalina now lives and serves in the United Benefice of Dolphinholme, Quernmore and Over-Wyresdale, a beautiful rural area on the edge of the forest of Bowland near Lancaster. She has really enjoyed her first year of curacy and looks forward to continuing

to serve in the area as a priest.

**Revd Stephen Tisnell.** Stephen was born in Kent and spent the 10 years prior to ordination in London. Originally training to be a designer, he felt called to ministry in his early 20s when God sent his life in a different direction. After training at St Mellitus, Stephen worked at Preston Minster for a year before getting ordained. He is married to Ffion and they have one child. He is serving his curacy at Preston Minster.



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**Revd William Shepherd.** Will, originally from Staffordshire, has lived most of his life in Surrey and worked in London, in the advertising industry, for 22 years. After returning to faith at 30, he became an active Christian. Will has served as a Vineyard Church trustee, worship leader and children's worker in Church of England settings. Alongside his wife Clare, also a priest, he shares life

with their dog, Dibley, and cat, Winston. Now serving his curacy at St Thomas Lancaster, Will is awestruck to be priested today. It continues and deepens his vocation to inspire others to follow Jesus and live life to the full.

# The Declarations

*The following Declaration and Oaths have been made by the ordinands prior to today's 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, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty, King Charles the Third, his Heirs and Successors, according to Law;

so help me God.

## **Oath of Canonical Obedience**

I, N, do swear by almighty God that I will pay true and canonical obedience to the Lord Bishop of Blackburn and his Successors in all things lawful and honest;

so help me God.



# Procession

*Crucifer*

*Choir*

*Virger*

*Visiting Clergy*

*Training Incumbents*

*College of Canons*

*Virger*

*Start of Ministry Officers*

*Residentiary Canons*

*Archdeacon*

*The Dean*

*Bishop of Lancaster*

*Bishop of Blackburn*

*Virger*

*Subdeacon*

*Deacon*

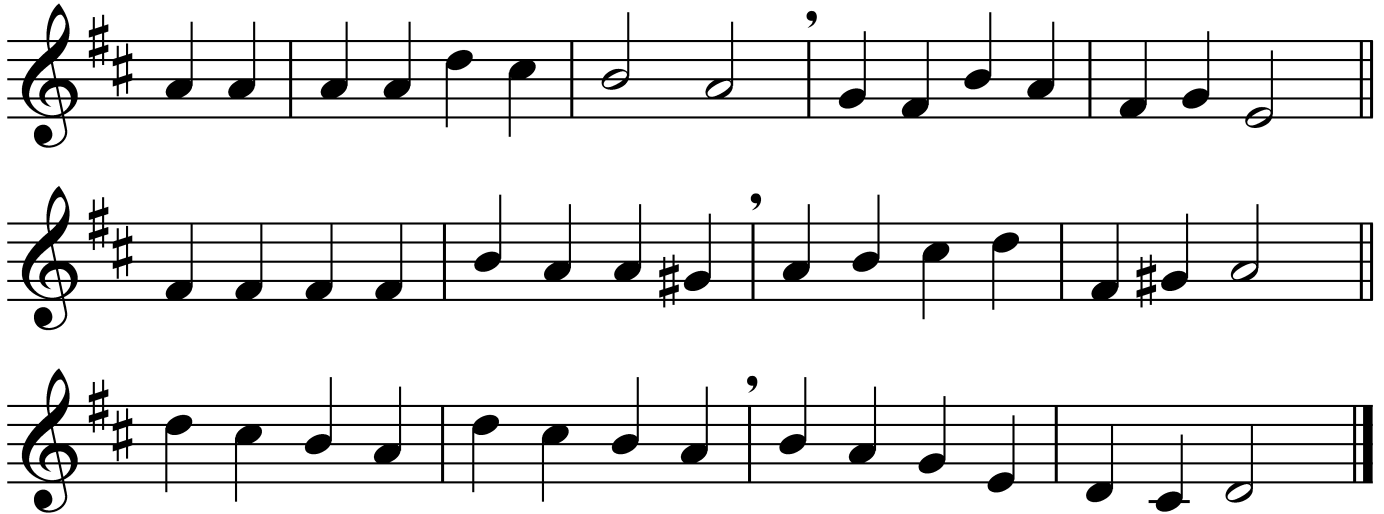
*Bishop of Burnley*

*Bishop's Chaplain*

# The Gathering and Presentation

*Please remain seated as the choir moves to the west end before the welcome, then stand to sing*

## Processional



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| 1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,<br>to his feet your tribute bring;<br>ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,<br>who like you his praise should sing?<br>Alleluia, alleluia!<br>praise the everlasting King. | 2 Praise him for his grace and favour<br>to our fathers in distress;<br>praise him, still the same as ever,<br>slow to blame and swift to bless;<br>Alleluia, alleluia!<br>glorious in his faithfulness. |
| 3 Father-like, he tends and spares us,<br>all our hopes and fears he knows;<br>in his hands he gently bears us,<br>rescues us from all our foes:<br>Alleluia, alleluia!<br>widely as his mercy flows.             | 4 Angels help us to adore him;<br>you behold him face to face;<br>sun and moon, bow down before<br>him,<br>praise him all in time and space.<br>Alleluia, alleluia!<br>praise with us the God of grace.  |

*Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)*

# The Greeting

*The Bishop greets the people and offers an informal welcome*

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 Introduction

*The Bishop invites the congregation to sit*

God calls his people to follow Christ, and forms us into a royal priesthood, a holy nation, to declare the wonderful deeds of him who has called us out of darkness into his marvellous light.

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

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

*The ordinands are led into the cathedral by the Director of Ministry as a fanfare is played, then the Archdeacon presents each candidate*

# The Presentation

Bishop Joe, I present the following to be ordained to the office of priest in the church of God.

Revd Christopher Hegg,  
to serve in the benefice of Clitheroe, Chatburn with Downham

Revd Claire McEnery,  
to serve in the parish of St John Read and St Peter Simonstone

Revd Cornelius Aneel Asghar,  
to serve in the parishes of Chorley St Laurence and Chorley St Peter

Revd Daniel Abraham,  
to serve in the parishes of Higher Walton All Saints and Hoghton Holy Trinity

Revd Pippalina Daniels,  
to serve in the benefice of St Mark Dophinholme with St Peter Quernmore and Christ Church Over Wyresdale

Revd Samantha Nicol,  
to serve in the parish of Brindle St James

Revd Stephen Delan Robert Tisnell,  
to serve in Preston Minster Parish of St John, St Matthew and St James

Revd Tracy Hallows,  
to serve in the parishes of Brierfield St Luke and Burnley St Cuthbert

Revd William John Shepherd,  
to serve in the parish of Lancaster St Thomas

*When the ordinands have been presented, the Bishop asks these questions, to which the Director of Ministry responds*

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

DoM            Do they believe them to be duly called to serve God in this ministry?  
                  *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.*

*The Bishop continues*

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

*The Archdeacon says*

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

*Bishop Philip invites any children who wish to join the supervised children's work in the conference suite to join him at the front. We ask parents to accompany them and sign them in before leaving them for about 20 minutes. They will return after the sermon in time to see the ordination.*

## The Gloria

*Please stand as the choir sings the opening of the Gloria. Please join in with the refrain.*



Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.

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

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.  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

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

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.

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Amen.**

## The Collect

*The Bishop says*

Let us pray for these ordinands, and for the ministry of the whole people of God.

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.**

*Please sit*

## The Liturgy of the Word

### Old Testament reading

*Genesis 18.1-15*

*Read by Revd Kaarina Leong*

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, 'My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, 'Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.' Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, 'Where is your wife Sarah?' And he said, 'There, in the tent.' Then one said, 'I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.' And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, 'After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?' The Lord said to Abraham, 'Why did Sarah laugh, and say, "Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?" Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.' But Sarah denied, saying, 'I did not laugh'; for she was afraid. He said, 'Oh yes, you did laugh.'

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm**

*121*

*The choir sings*

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills :  
from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh even from the Lord :  
who hath made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved :  
and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.

Behold, he that keepeth Israel :  
shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord himself is thy keeper :  
the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;

So that the sun shall not burn thee by day :  
neither the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil :  
yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in :  
from this time forth for evermore.

# New Testament Reading

*2 Peter 1.16-21*

*Read by Mr David Barlow*

A reading from the Second Letter of Peter

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



## Hymn



From heav'n you came, helpless babe,  
enter'd our world, your glory veil'd;  
not to be served but to serve,  
and give your life that we might live.

*This is our God, the Servant King,  
he calls us now to follow him,  
to bring our lives as a daily offering  
of worship to the Servant King.*

There in the garden of tears,  
my heavy load he chose to bear;  
his heart with sorrow was torn,  
'Yet not my will but yours,' he said. *Chorus*

Come see his hands and his feet,  
the scars that speak of sacrifice,  
hands that flung stars into space  
to cruel nails surrendered. *Chorus*

So let us learn how to serve,  
and in our lives enthrone him;  
each other's needs to prefer,  
for it is Christ we're serving. *Chorus.*

*Graham Kendrick (b.1950)*

# The Gospel

Matthew 8. 5-17

*Remain standing and turn to face the Gospel procession*

*The Deacon says*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

When he entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, appealing to him and saying, 'Lord, my servant is lying at home paralysed, in terrible distress.' And he said to him, 'I will come and cure him.' The centurion answered, 'Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only speak the word, and my servant will be healed. For I also am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, "Go", and he goes, and to another, "Come", and he comes, and to my slave, "Do this", and the slave does it.' When Jesus heard him, he was amazed and said to those who followed him, 'Truly I tell you, in no one in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and will eat with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, while the heirs of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' And to the centurion Jesus said, 'Go; let it be done for you according to your faith.' And the servant was healed in that hour.

When Jesus entered Peter's house, he saw his mother-in-law lying in bed with a fever; he touched her hand, and the fever left her, and she got up and began to serve him. That evening they brought to him many who were possessed by demons; and he cast out the spirits with a word, and cured all who were sick. This was to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah, 'He took our infirmities and bore our diseases.'

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

## Sermon

*Rt Revd Dr Jill Duff  
Bishop of Lancaster*

*There is a period of silence after the sermon for reflection*

*Music plays as the ordinands step forward and stand before the bishop*

*We welcome the children as they return for the liturgy of ordination*

# 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, sentinels, 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*

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?

*Ordinands I do so accept them.*

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.*

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.*

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

*Ordinands 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?

*Ordinands 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?

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

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

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

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

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



*The congregation stands and the ordinands turn and face them. The Bishop continues*

Brothers and sisters, you have heard how great is the charge that these ordinands are ready to undertake, and you have heard their declarations. Is it now your will that they should be ordained?

**It is.**

Will you continually pray for them?

**We will.**

Will you uphold and encourage them in their ministry?

**We will.**

*The ordinands turn back to face the Bishop, who continues 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.

*The ordinands and congregation kneel (if you are able) and silence is kept*

*The Bishop intones the first line and then everyone sings the Veni Creator*



*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.  
John Cosin (1594-1672) based upon Veni, creator Spiritus*

# The Litany

*The Litany is sung by the cantor – please join in with the response*



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

**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 Philip, Jill and Joe 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 Chris, Claire, Cornelius, Danny, Sam, Tracy, Pippa, Stephen, and  
Will, called to be priests in his Church, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness we may  
proclaim the gospel of reconciliation to the ends of the earth,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the unity of the Church,  
that we may be one in Christ, according to his will,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the sick and suffering, for the aged and infirm,  
for the lonely and neglected,  
and for all who remember and care for them,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor and the hungry,  
for the homeless and the oppressed, for all prisoners and captives,  
and for our brothers and sisters  
who are persecuted for their faith,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

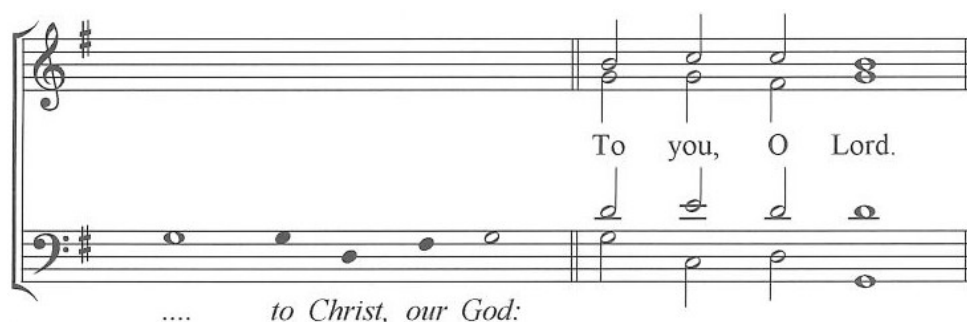
**Lord, have mercy.**

For ourselves,  
for grace to repent and amend our lives,  
that we may be pardoned and absolved from all our sins,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Remembering all who have gone before us in faith,  
and in communion with Mary, Paul, and all the saints,  
we commit ourselves, one another,  
and our whole life to Christ our God;

**to you, O Lord.**



*The congregation sits. The ordinands continue to kneel*

*Those invited to assist with the Bishop in the laying on of hands move into position as directed by the virger while everyone sings:*

Take O take me as I am; - Sum - mon out what I shall be; -

set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

*Wild Goose Resource Group*

# The Ordination Prayer

*The Bishop stands to pray*

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:

*Here the Bishop and nominated priests lay hands on the head of each ordinand,  
and the Bishop says*

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 newly-ordained priests stand*

## **The Giving of the Bible**

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

Receive these books,  
as a sign of the authority given you this day  
to preach the gospel of Christ  
and to minister his holy sacraments.

## The Anointing

*The Bishop anoints the hands of the newly ordained priests*

*When all have been anointed the Bishop says*

May God, who anointed the Christ with the Holy Spirit at his baptism, anoint and empower you to reconcile and bless his people.

*The newly ordained priests realign their stoles, worn over both shoulders assisted by the Archdeacon*

*The congregation stands*

## The 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.**

*Please greet the newly-ordained priests with applause as they return to their seats*

## The Liturgy of the Eucharist

### The Peace

*The Bishop says*

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

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

*The Deacon says*

Let us greet one another with a sign of peace.

*We offer one another a sign of peace with a handshake*



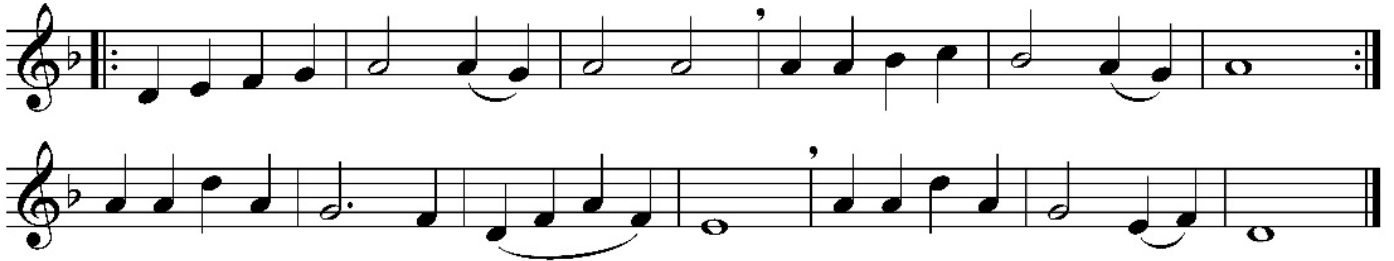
## Preparation of the Table

*The table is prepared*

*Please remain standing to sing the hymn during which a collection is taken in support of the Bishop's charitable causes*

### Offertory Hymn

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| 1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence<br>and with fear and trembling stand;<br>ponder nothing earthly-minded,<br>for with blessing in his hand<br>Christ our God to earth descendeth,<br>our full homage to demand.  | 2 King of kings, yet born of Mary,<br>as of old on earth he stood,<br>Lord of lords, in human vesture –<br>in the body and the blood –<br>he will give to all the faithful<br>his own self for heavenly food. |
| 3 Rank on rank the host of heaven<br>spreads its vanguard on the way,<br>as the light of light descendeth<br>from the realms of endless day,<br>that the powers of hell may vanish<br>as the darkness clears away. | 4 At his feet the six-winged seraph,<br>cherubim with sleepless eye,<br>veil their faces to the presence,<br>as with ceaseless voice they cry,<br>Alleluia, alleluia,<br>alleluia! Lord most high.            |

*Liturgy of St James, Tr Gerard Moultrie (1829-85)*

## Taking of the Bread and Wine

*The Bishop says*

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

**Amen.**

## Eucharistic Prayer

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 Jesus Christ, our great high priest.

He was lifted high for us on the cross

that he might reveal your glory

and draw all people to himself.

You exalted him to your right hand on high

and through your Holy Spirit you sent upon your people  
a rich diversity of gifts.

From this royal priestly people you raise up ministers  
to proclaim your word,

to care for your people,

and to be stewards of your mysteries.

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

Therefore with angels and archangels,

and with all the company of heaven,

we proclaim your great and glorious name,

for ever praising you and singing:

*The choir sings*

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,*

*heaven and earth are full of thy glory.*

*Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Amen.*

*Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

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

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

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

So Father, we remember all that Jesus did,  
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross.  
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection  
until he comes in glory.

*The Deacon says*

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 Mary, Paul, 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

Joining our prayers with those of the Church Universal, so we say, each in our own language, the prayer our Saviour taught us

<b>Notre père, qui es aux cieux ...</b>	<b>Missierna, li inti fis-smewwiet...</b>
<b>Vater unser im Himmel ...</b>	<b>Padre nosso, que estais nos céus...</b>
<b>Padre nostro che sei nei cieli ...</b>	<b>Ojczy nasz, któryś jest w niebie...</b>
<b>Otče náš, jenž jsi na nebesích ...</b>	<b>ي السَّمَاوَاتِ،</b>
<b>Tève Mūsų, kuris esi danguje! ...</b>	<b>Ein Tad, yr hwn wyt yn y nefoedd...</b>
<b>Tatal nostru care esti in ceruri ...</b>	

**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.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

*The Bishop breaks the consecrated bread, saying*

**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.**

*The choir sings*

**O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world,  
grant us thy peace.**

# The Giving of Communion

*The Bishop says*

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you.  
Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*Please sit*

*Please remain in your seats until invited by the Stewards to go forward for communion*

*After receiving the bread, if you wish to receive wine please move to the next minister before returning to your place*

*Gluten free bread is available at all distribution points*

*If you do not wish to receive communion, please come and ask the first minister for a prayer of blessing*

*The minister distributing bread will say*

The body of Christ.  
**Amen.**

*The minister distributing wine will say*

The blood of Christ.  
**Amen.**

# Songs During Communion

*The choir sings*

Listen sweet dove unto my song,  
and spread thy golden wings in me;  
hatching my tender heart so long,  
till it get wing and fly away with thee.

The sunne which once did shine alone,  
hung down his head and wisht for night;  
when he beheld twelve sunnes for one,  
going about the world and giving light.

Such glorious gifts thou didst bestow  
that th'earth did like a heav'n appear,  
the starres were coming down to know  
if they might mend their wages and serve here.

Lord, though we change, thou art the same,  
the same sweet God of Love and Light:  
restore this day for thy great Name,  
unto his ancient and miraculous light.

*George Herbert (1593-1633)*

*Music by Katherine Burk (b. 1990)*

Ave verum Corpus,  
natum de Maria Virgine,  
vere passum, immolatum  
in cruce pro homine;

cujus latus perforatum  
fluxit aqua et sanguine;  
esto nobis praegustatum  
mortis in examine.

O Jesu dulcis, O Jesu pie,  
O Jesus Fili Mariae;

*Text 14th century*

*Music by Colin Mawby (1936-2009)*

Hail true body  
born of the Virgin Mary:  
you truly suffered and were  
sacrificed on the cross for humanity;

from your pierced side  
flowed water and blood;  
be to us our chosen food  
at the hour of our death.

O sweet Jesus, O holy Jesus,  
O Jesus Son of Mary;

*We remain seated to sing reflectively*



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| <p>1 In Christ alone, my hope is found<br/>He is my light, my strength, my song<br/>This Cornerstone, this solid ground<br/>Firm through the fiercest drought<br/>and storm<br/>What heights of love,<br/>what depths of peace<br/>When fears are stilled,<br/>when strivings cease<br/>My Comforter, my All in All<br/>Here in the love of Christ I stand</p> <p>3 There in the ground His body lay<br/>Light of the world by darkness slain<br/>Then bursting forth in glorious Day<br/>Up from the grave He rose again<br/>And as He stands in victory<br/>Sin's curse has lost its grip on me<br/>For I am His and He is mine<br/>Bought with the precious blood of<br/>Christ</p> | <p>2 In Christ alone, who took on flesh<br/>Fullness of God in helpless babe<br/>This gift of love and righteousness<br/>Scorned by the ones He came to save<br/>'Til on that cross as Jesus died<br/>The wrath of God was satisfied<br/>For every sin on Him was laid<br/>Here in the death of Christ I live</p> <p>4 No guilt in life, no fear in death<br/>This is the power of Christ in me<br/>From life's first cry to final breath<br/>Jesus commands my destiny<br/>No power of hell,<br/>no scheme of man<br/>Can ever pluck me from His hand<br/>Till He returns or calls me home<br/>Here in the power of Christ I'll stand</p> |
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*Stuart Towend (born 1963) and Keith Getty (born 1974)*

## Prayer after Communion

*Silence is kept*

*The Bishop says*

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.**

## Diocesan Vision Prayer

**Heavenly Father,  
we embrace your call for us to make disciples,  
to be witnesses, to grow leaders,  
and to inspire children and young people.  
Give us eyes to see your vision,  
ears to hear the prompting of your Spirit  
and courage to follow in the footsteps of your Son,  
our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*Please stand*

*During the hymn the Archdeacon presents the newly-ordained priests with their Ordination papers*



# Hymn

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Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,  
pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty,  
hold me with thy powerful hand:  
bread of heaven,  
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,  
whence the healing stream doth flow;  
let the fire and cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through:  
strong deliverer,  
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death, and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side:  
songs of praises  
I will ever give to thee.

*William Williams (1717-91) tr. Peter Williams (1727-96)*

# The Sending Out

*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.**

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

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

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

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

*The Deacon says*

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

## The Organ Voluntary

*Marche Pontificale (Symphonie no. 1) Ch. M. Widor (1844 – 1937)*

*Please remain standing as the procession leaves and then follow the directions of the stewards*

# Recession

*Virger*

*Bishop of Burnley*

*Newly Ordained Priests*

*Bishops of Blackburn and Lancaster*

*Bishop's Chaplain*

*Crucifer*

*Virger*

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