



Ordination of Priests

Sunday 27 June 2021

Welcome

We are delighted to welcome you to St Mary and St John, Cowley, and to this Ordination of Priests. Today we give thanks for the vocation of those to be ordained and pray for their ongoing ministries here in the Diocese of Oxford. May we also consider what God is calling us to in the months and years to come.

All who are baptised are welcome to receive Communion, and everyone is welcome to receive a blessing. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please come to any of the communion points and just keep your head bowed and hands by your side.

A retiring collection will be made for the Bishop of Oxford's Outreach Fund. Through this fund, the Bishop is able to respond to a wide range of requests for help, particularly in the areas of humanitarian need, Christian education, training, and mission. Further details at the back of this order of service booklet.

*Fr Phil Ritchie
Vicar*

Those to be ordained priest:

Susy Brouard

Benefice of Kidlington

Susy is loving being in the parish of Kidlington and Hampton Poyle, where she has spent a year deaconing with a difference! There has been a steep learning curve in terms of technology and screens, but Susy's love of Abba and musicals has been put to good use by organising a few Zoom sing-alongs! Susy co-parents with Libby, and they have a boy and a girl who seem to have joined every club in Kidlington! Susy is very much looking forward to being ordained a priest.

Claire Browes

Benefice of Cowley, St John

Claire trained for ordained ministry at Ripon College Cuddesdon before starting her curacy here in Cowley St John Parish. Claire has loved her first year as a curate, especially getting to know members of the congregation, the church schools and the wider community over the last year. She is married to Tim and they live together in east Oxford.

Will Stuart-Lee

Benefice of Oxford, St Aldates

Will trained for ordained ministry at Wycliffe Hall, having previously worked for Holy Trinity Brompton and as a solicitor in the City. He is married to Rebecca, and they have two small children, Peter and Eleanor. Will has enjoyed his first year of curacy at St Aldates and remains passionate about pursuing the love, presence and voice of God.

Judy Harvey

Benefice of Oxford, St Andrew

Judy serves as a curate at St Andrew's and is also involved with a fresh expression church. Having started in ministry as a mission partner with Tom in China and Singapore, and now with three grown children and three granddaughters, she is grateful for the opportunity to continue life in ministry at St Andrew's. She has a particular heart for pastoral care and for worship that is culturally relevant and accessible.

The Declaration of Assent

The Declaration of Assent is made by deacons, priests and bishops of the Church of England when they are ordained and on each occasion when they take up a new appointment.

Preface

The Church of England is part of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, worshipping the one true God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It professes the faith uniquely revealed in the Holy Scriptures and set forth in the catholic creeds, which 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.

THE GATHERING AND PRESENTATION

The congregation stands whilst the choir sings the processional hymn.

HYMN

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;
be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my vision, be thou my true word,
be thou ever with me, and I with thee Lord;
be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might;
be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower:
O raise thou me heavenward, great power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise:
be thou mine inheritance now and always;
be thou and thou only the first in my heart;
O sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys after victory is won;
great heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be thou my vision, O ruler of all.

Irish 8th century

trans: Mary Elizabeth Brynne (1880-1931)

Versified by Eleanor Henrietta Hull (1860-1935)

THE GREETING

The bishop greets the people.

Bishop Blessed be God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
All **Blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Bishop There is one body and one spirit.
All **There is one hope to which we are called;**

Bishop One Lord, one faith, one baptism,
All **one God and Father of all.**

Bishop Peace be with you,
All **and also with you.**

The bishop introduces the service.

Bishop God calls his people to follow Christ and forms us into a royal priesthood, a holy nation, to declare the wonderful deeds of him who has called us out of darkness into his marvellous light. The Church is the Body of Christ, the people of God and the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit.

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

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

The bishop invites the people to confession.

Bishop Trusting in God's grace alone, let us join together in confessing our sins.

The congregation sits.

All **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.**

Bishop God, the Father of mercies, has reconciled the world to himself through the death and resurrection of his Son, Jesus Christ, not counting our trespasses against us, but sending his Holy Spirit to shed abroad his love among us. By the ministry of reconciliation entrusted by Christ to his Church, receive his pardon and peace to stand before him in his strength alone, this day and evermore.

All **Amen.**

THE PRESENTATION

The archdeacon presents those to be ordained.

The ordinands stand when their names are called.

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

Susanna Brouard, to serve in the Benefice of Kidlington with Hampton Poyle,
Claire Browes, to serve in the Benefice of Cowley, St John,
Judith Harvey, to serve in the Benefice of Oxford, St Andrew,
William Stuart-Lee, to serve in the Benefice of Oxford, St Aldates.

The bishop asks these questions of the director of ordinands:

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

DDO They have.

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

DDO They do.

The bishop turns to the ordinands and says,

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

Ordinands I do so believe.

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

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

THE COLLECT

The bishop introduces a period of silent prayer with the following bidding:

Bishop Let us pray for Susy, Claire, Will, and Judy, 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.

All **Amen.**

THE GLORIA

The congregation stands to say the Gloria.

**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 sin 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 congregation sits.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

2 Chronicles 3:1-6

Solomon began to build the house of the Lord in Jerusalem on Mount Moriah, where the Lord had appeared to his father David, at the place that David had designated, on the threshing-floor of Ornan the Jebusite. He began to build on the second day of the second month of the fourth year of his reign. These are Solomon's measurements for building the house of God: the length, in cubits of the old standard, was sixty cubits, and the width twenty cubits. The vestibule in front of the nave of the house was twenty cubits long, across the width of the house; and its height was one hundred and twenty cubits. He overlaid it on the inside with pure gold. The nave he lined with cypress, covered it with fine gold, and made palms and chains on it. He adorned the house with settings of precious stones. The gold was gold from Parvaim.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

1 John 4:7-13

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

*The congregation remains standing and turns to face the Gospel as it is processed.
An acclamation heralds the Gospel reading.*

All The Lord be with you,
and also with you.

All Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

John 14:1-7

Deacon ‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.’ Thomas said to him, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?’ Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.’

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

THE SERMON

*The Revd Dr Michael Lloyd
Principle of Wycliffe Hall, Oxford, and Priests Retreat Conductor*

THE LITURGY OF ORDINATION

THE DECLARATIONS

The ordinands stand before the bishop, who addresses the congregation.

Bishop 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.

Bishop 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.

Bishop 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 in 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.

The congregation stands and the ordinands turn to face them.

Bishop 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.**

Bishop Will you continually pray for them?

All **We will.**

Bishop Will you uphold and encourage them in their ministry?

All **We will.**

The ordinands turn back to face the bishop, who continues, addressing them.

Bishop 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 congregation sits or kneels, and the ordinands kneel.

Silence is kept, then 'Veni Creator' is sung by the choir as we remain seated or kneeling.

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

Choir 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.

*John Cosin 1594-1675
based on Veni Creator Spiritus*

THE PRAYERS

The area dean for Cowley leads the prayers for the ordinands and for the ministry of the whole Church.

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

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Area Dean 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.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Area Dean 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.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Area Dean For Steven, our bishop,
and for all bishops, presbyters and deacons,
that they may hunger for truth and thirst after righteousness,
let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Area Dean For Susy, Claire, Judy and Will,
called to be priests in his Church,
let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

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

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Area Dean 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.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Area Dean 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.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Area Dean For Elizabeth, our queen,
for the leaders of the nations,
and for all in authority,
let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Area Dean 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.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Area Dean 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.

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

THE ORDINATION PRAYER

The bishop stands to pray while the ordinands remain kneeling.

Those priests taking part in the laying on of hands gather around the bishop.

Bishop 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.

All **Lord, send your Holy Spirit.**

Bishop 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.

All **Lord, send your Holy Spirit.**

Bishop 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.

All **Lord, send your Holy Spirit.**

Bishop 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.

All **Lord, send your Holy Spirit.**

Bishop Therefore, Father, through Christ our Lord we pray:

The bishop and priests lay their hands on the head of each ordinand.

Bishop Send down the Holy Spirit on your servant,
Susy, Claire, Judy, Will,
for the office and work of a priest in your Church.

When the bishop has laid hands on each of the ordinands, clergy return to their seats, and the prayer continues.

Bishop 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.

All **Amen.**

The bishop anoints the palms of the hands of each newly ordained priest.

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

The newly ordained priests stand for vesting in a stole or scarf.

THE GIVING OF THE BIBLE

The bishop gives the bible to each of the newly ordained priests.

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.

THE WELCOME

The area dean says to the newly ordained priests,

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

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

We welcome them with a round of applause!

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

THE PEACE

The congregation stands.

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.

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

Deacon Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

The peace is shared without physical contact.

The congregation sits.

TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

The choir sing the following hymn as the table is prepared.

HYMN

Come down, O Love divine,
seek Thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with Thine own ardor 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 pow'r of human telling;
no soul can guess its grace,
till he become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes His dwelling.

Discendi, amor santo

Bianco da Siena (d.1434)

Trans: Richard Frederick Littledale (1833- 1890)

The congregation stand.

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

All **Amen.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Bishop The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Bishop Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Bishop 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:

The choir sing the Sanctus and Benedictus.

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

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the Highest.**

Bishop

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

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

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

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

Deacon

All

Great is the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

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 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

Amen.

The congregation sits or kneels.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Bishop

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray.

All

**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 BREAD

Bishop We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All **Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

**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.**

GIVING OF COMMUNION

The bishop invites the people to 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.

All **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the
word, and I shall be healed.**

The ministers begin the distribution of Holy Communion.

If you would like to receive Communion today, you are most welcome to do so.

*If you do not wish to receive Communion, you are warmly invited to come forward for a
prayer of blessing. Please bow your head with hands at your side to indicate that you do
not wish to receive Communion.*

*The sidespeople will direct you to the nearest of the distribution points. If you would like
Communion to be brought to your seat, please just tell the welcoming stewards before or
during the service.*

*If you require a gluten-free wafer, please go to the Bishop of Oxford's Communion point
and request it.*

Hymns sung by the choir during Communion:

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come:
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
and mortal life shall cease:
I shall possess, within the veil,
a life of joy and peace.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
the sun forbear to shine;
but God, who called me here below,
will be forever mine.

John Newton (1725-1807)

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father.
There is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow;
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]

Thomas O. Chisholm (1866-1960)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Silence is kept

Bishop 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.

All **Amen.**

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

THE SENDING OUT

The congregation stands for the blessing and dismissal.

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.

All **Amen.**

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

All **Amen.**

Bishop May the Holy Spirit, the comforter, equip you and strengthen you in your ministry.

All **Amen.**

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

All **Amen.**

Deacon Go in the light and peace of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

The choir sings the recessional hymn.

Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

Crown him the Virgin's Son,
the God incarnate born,
whose arm those crimson trophies won
which now his brow adorn:
Fruit of the mystic Rose,
as of that Rose the Stem;
the Root whence mercy ever flows,
the Babe of Bethlehem.

Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
those wounds yet visible above
in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye
at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
and all be prayer and praise:
his reign shall know no end,
and round his piercèd feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years,
the Potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime:
all hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

Music: George Job Elvey (1816-1893)
Last verse arrangement by James Lancelot (b.1952)
Matthew Bridges (1800-1894)

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