



**DIOCESE^{OF}
COVENTRY**

The Chrism Eucharist

*The Reaffirmation of Ministerial Vows
with the Charge
and the Blessing of Oils*

**Maundy Thursday
March 28th at 10:30 am**

Welcome to Coventry Cathedral

We are delighted to welcome you here today, in particular lay and ordained ministers from across the diocese. Our worship today has four main sections:

The Renewal of Commitment to Ministry places the ordained ministry in the context of the royal priesthood of the whole Church, while giving due emphasis to its distinctive calling. Those who are ordained do not cease to be part of the *laos* - the people of God – in the same way priests continue to be deacons, and Bishops continue to be priests. This truth is articulated in the way those in different orders are asked to stand and reaffirm their ministries.

Leading into this renewal of commitment, **the Charge** is an opportunity for the Bishop to encourage all of us as clergy and ministers in the Diocese to continue in our calling to serve the crucified and risen Christ.

The Blessing of the Oils is a very ancient ceremony, performed traditionally on Maundy Thursday so that the oils could be used in baptism at Easter. *The oil of the sick* is used in obedience to James 5:14, as a sign and means of God's healing love and power.

The oil of catechumens is used for the signing of the cross before baptism, as a symbol of God's grace to resist evil and follow Christ. *The oil of chrism*, traditionally blessed by the Bishops and priests of the diocese, is used for the solemn anointing of those who have been baptized and those who are to be confirmed, Bishops and priests at their ordination, and altars and church buildings at the time of their dedication.

Finally, **the Eucharist** is the climax to this act of worship, as we gather round the Lord's table to "proclaim the Lord's death until he comes".

At this service, the Right Reverend Ruth Worsley, Acting Bishop of Coventry, will be presiding and preaching. The deacon is the Reverend Rob Griffiths, Curate at St James' Church Bulkington. The Very Reverend John Witcombe, Dean of Coventry, is the sub-deacon.

The Chamber Choir is directed by Rachel Mahon, Director of Music. The Communion setting is the *Communion Service in F* by Herbert Sumsion (1899-1995). The organist is Luke Fitzgerald, Assistant Director of Music. We are very grateful to the Reverend Andy March, the Reverend Abby Rhodes, and their colleagues for leading us in worship songs.

In this service, we say the words in bold together, and invite you to stand, sit and otherwise move as indicated. However, please stay seated if you prefer. You are welcome to take photographs, but not until after the service, please.

The Gathering

Songs of worship will be led by the band from 10:10 am.

**A thousand generations falling down in worship
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb
And all who've gone before us and all who will believe
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb**

***Your name is the highest
Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all
All thrones and dominions
All powers and positions
Your name stands above them all***

***And the angels cry holy
All creation cries holy
You are lifted high, holy
Holy forever***

**If you've been forgiven and if you've been redeemed
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
If you walk in freedom and if you bear His name
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
We'll sing the song forever and amen**

***Hear your people sing holy
To the King of kings, holy
You will always be holy
Holy forever***

Your name is the highest.... (as above)

Hear your people sing... (as above)

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**Oh the mystery
You crossed the great divide
to show Your love for me
As You hung upon the cross
and spilt Your blood for me**

**And now I see
My sin that held You there
it has no hold on me
For You rose again
and now You have the victory
Forever I will sing**

*Thank You, thank You
Thank You for the cross
How I love You, Jesus
You have won my heart
This is love, this is love*

**All of me
I give my life to You, receive this offering
It's all I have but You deserve my everything
Forever I will sing**

Thank You... (as above)

**Majesty, Majesty
You laid Your glory down for me
Majesty, Majesty
You laid Your glory down for me
Majesty, Majesty
Amazing love how can it be?
Majesty, oh, Majesty
Forever I will sing**

Thank You... (as above)

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**By grace alone somehow I stand
Where even angels fear to tread.
Invited by redeeming love
Before the throne of God above.
He pulls me close with nail-scarred hands
Into His everlasting arms**

**When condemnation grips my heart
And Satan tempts me to despair,
I hear the voice that scatters fear;
The Great I Am, The Lord is here.
O praise the One who fights for me,
And shields my soul eternally!**

***Boldly I approach your throne,
Blameless now I'm running home.
By your blood I come,
Welcomed as your own
Into the arms of majesty.***

**Behold the bright and risen Son;
More beauty than this world has known.
I'm face to face with love Himself,
His perfect spotless righteousness.
A thousand years, a thousand tongues
Are not enough to sing His praise.**

**This is the art of celebration,
Knowing we're free from condemnation.
O praise the One, praise the One
Who made an end to all my sin (repeat)**

Boldly I approach your throne... (as above x2)

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At 10:20 am everyone remains SEATED as the ministers gather in the Ruined Cathedral, moving down the Queen's Steps to stand waiting at the West Screens for 10:30. At 10.30 am the Peace Bell is rung and the Dean welcomes the congregation from the Pulpit.

The Gathering

Everyone STANDS to sing as the robed diocesan ministers and clergy move to the seats reserved for them at the front of the Nave, the Honorary Canons, Area Deans and Cathedral Clergy to the Canons' stalls, and the Bishop, Deacons of the Oils and of the Rite to their allotted seats around the Nave Altar.

**I cast my mind to Calvary
Where Jesus bled and died for me
I see His wounds, His hands, His feet
My Saviour on that cursed tree
His body bound and drenched in tears
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb
The entrance sealed by heavy stone
Messiah still and all alone
O praise the Name of the Lord our God
O praise His Name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your praise
Oh Lord oh Lord our God**

**Then on the third at break of dawn
The Son of heaven rose again
O trampled death where is your sting?
The angels roar for Christ the King**

**He shall return in robes of white
The blazing sun shall pierce the night
And I will rise among the saints
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face**

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**How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation, I turned to heaven
And spoke your name into the night
Then through the darkness
Your loving kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished, the end is written
Jesus Christ, my living hope**

**Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven
The king of kings calls me His own
Beautiful savior, I'm yours forever
Jesus Christ, my living hope**

***Hallelujah, praise the one who set me free
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope***

***Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence, the roaring lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me***

Then came the morning... (as above)

Jesus, yours is the victory!

Hallelujah, praise the one... (as above x2)

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**Worthy of every song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe
We live for you**

**Jesus, the name above every other name
Jesus, the only one who could save
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe
We live for you
We live for you,**

***Holy, there is no one like you
There is none besides you
Open up my eyes in wonder
And show me who you are and fill me
With your heart and lead me
In your love to those around me***

Worthy of every song... (as above)

Jesus, the name... (as above)

Holy, there is no one... (as above)

**And I will build my life upon your love,
It is a firm foundation
And I will put my trust in you alone
And I will not be shaken**

Holy, there is no one... (as above)

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Joseph Patrick Martin Barrett, Karl Felix Martin
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The Greeting

Everyone remains STANDING. The Right Reverend Ruth Worsley, Acting Bishop of Coventry, presiding, greets the people.

Jesus Christ has made us a kingdom of priests
to serve his God and Father.

Glory and kingship be his for ever and ever.

Grace, mercy and peace be with you
and also with you.

The Bishop adds further words of welcome.

The Penitential Rite

The Deacon of the Rite, the Reverend Rob Griffiths, Curate at St James' Church Bulkington, introduces the Coventry Litany of Reconciliation.

All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.

The hatred which divides nation from nation,
race from race, class from class.

Father, forgive.

The covetous desires of people and nations
to possess what is not their own.

Father, forgive.

The greed which exploits the work of human hands
and lays waste the earth.

Father, forgive.

Our envy of the welfare and happiness of others.

Father, forgive.

Our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned,
the homeless, the refugee.

Father, forgive.

The lust which dishonours the bodies of men,
women and children.

Father, forgive.

The pride which leads us to trust in ourselves and not in God.
Father, forgive.

Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another,
as God in Christ forgives you.

The Bishop says,

May God who loved the world so much
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour
forgive us our sins
and make us holy to serve him in the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Collect

The Bishop says,

Let us pray for the anointing of the Holy Spirit on our ministry.

SILENCE is kept.

Heavenly Father,
you anointed your Son Jesus Christ
with the Holy Spirit and with power
to bring to us the blessings of your kingdom.
Anoint your Church with the same Holy Spirit,
that we who share in his suffering and his victory
may bear witness to the gospel of salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Everyone SITS.

The Liturgy of the Word

The Old Testament Reading

Read from the Nave Lectern by Claire McArthur, Rector of Stoke St Michael's, Coventry, and Chair of the House of Clergy, Coventry Diocesan Synod.

Now the Lord said to Samuel, “How long will you mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go; I am sending you to Jesse the Bethlehemite. For I have provided Myself a king among his sons.”

And Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears it, he will kill me.”

But the Lord said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.’ Then invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; you shall anoint for Me the one I name to you.”

So Samuel did what the Lord said, and went to Bethlehem. And the elders of the town trembled at his coming, and said, “Do you come peaceably?” And he said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord. Sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice.” Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons, and invited them to the sacrifice.

So it was, when they came, that he looked at Eliab and said, “Surely the Lord’s anointed is before Him!”

But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have refused him.

For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.”

So Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Thus Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen these.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all the young men here?” Then he said, “There remains yet the youngest, and there he is, keeping the sheep.”

And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him. For we will not sit down till he comes here.” So he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, with bright eyes, and good-looking. And the Lord said, “Arise, anoint him; for this is the one!” Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel arose and went to Ramah.

1 Samuel 16:1 - 13a

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The New Testament Reading

Read from the Nave Lectern by Simon Danks, Chief Operating Officer at Coventry Cathedral.

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Therefore, since it is by God’s mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God’s word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’ sake. For it is the God who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness’, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us.

We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

2 Corinthians 3:17 - 4:12

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Everyone STANDS for the reading of the Gospel. The deacon announces:

Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

Glory to you O Lord.

A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them, 'The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

'You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Luke 22.24-30

At the end, the deacon says,

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you O Christ.

The Sermon

*Preached by the Right Reverend Ruth Worsley, Acting Bishop of Coventry.
Please remain **STANDING** until the Bishop has prayed, then **SIT**. After the
Bishop has spoken, silence is kept then we stand to sing.*

Hymn

**From heaven you came, helpless babe,
Entered our world, your glory veiled;
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.**

**Come, see his hands and his feet,
The scars that speak of sacrifice,
Hands that flung stars into space
To cruel nails surrendered.**

**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.**

Words and music: Graham Kendrick (b. 1950)

The Renewal of Commitment to Ministry

The Bishop says to everyone,

My brothers and sisters, at his Last Supper, our Lord Jesus Christ gave his disciples a new commandment, that they should love one another, and he prayed that they might be one. He gave them an everlasting sign of his own love, in the sacrament of bread and wine. He consecrated himself to his Father's service, to be the high priest of the New Covenant. I invite you now to dedicate yourselves afresh to his service, as stewards of the mysteries of God, and ministers of his grace.

The Bishops STAND as Amber Buxcey, a member of the Cathedral Chamber Choir addresses them:

At your ordination as Bishop you received the gift of the Spirit, that you might lead the Church in mission, and send out ministers in Christ's name; that you might promote its unity, uphold its discipline, and guard its faith; and that you might teach and govern the people committed to your charge. Will you continue faithfully in this ministry, watching over Christ's own flock, and building them up in the unity of the Spirit and the bond of peace?

The Bishops reply,

By the help of God, I will.

The Bishops remain standing and Bishop Ruth invites the priests to STAND and says,

At your ordination to the priesthood, you were given authority to watch over and care for God's people, to absolve and bless them in his name, to proclaim the gospel of salvation, and to minister the sacraments of his New Covenant. Will you continue as faithful stewards of the mysteries of God, preaching the Gospel of Christ and ministering his holy sacraments?

The priests reply,

By the help of God, I will.

They remain standing. The Bishop invites the deacons to STAND and says,

At your ordination as a deacon, you received the yoke of Christ, who came not to be served but to serve. Will you continue faithfully in this ministry, to build up God's people in his truth, and serve them in his name?

The deacons and priests reply,

By the help of God, I will.

They remain standing. The Bishop invites the Readers, together with the licensed and authorized lay ministers, to STAND and says,

When you were commissioned, you undertook to be faithful in prayer, and by word and example to minister to those for whom Christ died. Will you do all that is in your power to witness to God's love for his people?

The Readers and the licensed and authorized lay ministers reply,

By the help of God, I will.

They remain standing. The Bishop invites head teachers and all those involved in the work of Church schools, to STAND and says,

In your calling to serve children and young people in our schools, Christ, who is the Teacher of all, chose you to lead children into fulness of life, for the kingdom of God belongs to them. Will you dedicate yourself anew to the sacred task of caring for children and young people, making God's truth known to them and building them up in God's love?

The head teachers and all those involved in the work of Church schools reply,

By the help of God, I will.

They remain standing. The Bishop invites all others involved in active service of Christ and the people from the congregation and the choir to STAND, and says,

The Church is the body of Christ and to each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. Will you work together to promote the body's growth in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, that we may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called us out of darkness into his marvellous light?

They reply,

By the help of God, we will.

Amber addresses everyone who is standing:

May the God of peace sanctify you wholly; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful, and he will accomplish it.

Everyone replies,

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Everyone SITS and the Bishop says,

My brothers and sisters, pray for all who minister, that they may be constant in prayer and steadfast in faith, and serve God's people with joy.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Bishop: Pray for your Bishops, that despite our unworthiness we may be faithful to the great trust that has been handed to us. Pray that we may become more like our Good Shepherd and great High Priest, the teacher and servant of us all, and so become more and more a sign of Christ's loving presence among you.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Deacon: Pray for your priests. Ask the Lord to bless them with the fullness of his love, that they may be faithful ministers of his word and sacrament, and lead his people in the way of salvation.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Bishop: Pray for your deacons, that the Lord may pour upon them the riches of his grace. Pray that he who has called them to his service may make them worthy of his calling.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Deacon: Pray for all who minister God's love, that the Lord will strengthen them with the truth of his Word and the gifts of his Spirit.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Bishop: Pray for the families of those who minister, for their homes, and for all with whom they share their lives.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

SILENCE is kept and then the Bishop says,

May the Lord in his love keep us ever close to him, and may he bring us all to the fullness of eternal life.

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

The Peace

Everyone STANDS. The Bishop introduces the Peace:

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 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 offer one another a sign of peace.

Everyone exchanges a sign of peace, in whatever way feels most comfortable.

The Blessing of the Oils

Hymn

Everyone STANDS and turns to face the West Screen to sing.

**Pour out thy Spirit from on high,
and thine assembled servants bless;
graces and gifts to each supply,
and clothe each one with righteousness.**

**Within thy temple when they stand,
to teach the truth as taught by thee,
Saviour, like stars in thy right hand
let all thy church's pastors be.**

**Wisdom and zeal and faith impart,
firmness with meekness, from above,
to bear thy people in their heart,
and love the souls whom thou dost love;**

**To watch and pray and never faint,
by day and night their guard to keep,
to warn the sinner, cheer the saint,
to feed thy lambs and tend thy sheep.**

**So, when their work is finished here,
may they in hope their charge resign;
when the Chief Shepherd shall appear,
O God, may they and we be thine.**

*Words by James Montgomery (1771-1854)
Tune CP 122ii Gonfalon Royal P.C. Buck (1871-1947)*

Everyone turns back to face the Nave Altar. Bishop Ruth says,

**Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:
who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual
blessing.**

The Oil for the Sick

“They planted so we eat. We plant so they eat.” This is a Palestinian proverb, and the oil which is being blessed today is produced in Palestine by cooperatives which are part of the Palestine Fair Trade Association. Using this oil supports farmers in Palestine, and it is particularly apt that it should be used and distributed on the day when we remember that Jesus was anointed for his death and burial in Palestine.

The Reverend Helen Smith, Curate at St Peter’s Wellesbourne, presents the oil for the sick - signifying God’s healing love and power - brought from the Cathedral Ruins, and says,

Bishop Ruth, this oil is brought from a place of brokenness.

The Bishop says,

**Blessed are you, sovereign God, gentle and merciful,
creator of heaven and earth.
Your Word brought light out of darkness,
and daily your Spirit renews the face of the earth.
Your anointed Son brought healing
to those in weakness and distress.**

He broke the power of evil and set us free from sin and death that we might praise your name for ever.

By the power of your Spirit may your blessing rest on those who are anointed with this oil in your name; may they be made whole in body, mind and spirit, restored in your image, renewed in your love, and serve you as sons and daughters in your kingdom.

Blessed be God for ever.

The Oil of Catechumens

The Reverend Josh Grimwood, Curate at St James, Styvechale, presents the oil of catechumens - signifying God's grace to resist evil and follow Christ - brought from the Font, and says,

Bishop Ruth, this oil is brought from the place of baptism.

The Bishop says,

Blessed are you, Sovereign God,
the protector of all who believe in you.
Your anointed Son overcame the powers of evil
when he was lifted high upon the cross.
By the power of your Spirit may your blessing rest
on those who are anointed with this oil in your name;
as they come to the waters of baptism
may it be for them a sign of your defence in their fight
against sin, the world and the devil,
and bring them to share in Christ's victory.

Blessed be God for ever.

The Oil of Chrism

The oil of chrism, traditionally blessed by the Bishops and priests of the diocese, is used for the solemn anointing of those who have been baptized and those who are to be confirmed, Bishops and priests at their ordination, and altars and church buildings at the time of their dedication. It is also used to mark a transition to a new ministry or undertaking.

The Reverend John Samuel, Curate at St Martins in the Fields, Finham, presents the oil of chrism, brought from the Chapel of Unity, and says,

Bishop Ruth, this oil is brought from a place of
unity and reconciliation.

The Bishop says,

Blessed are you, Sovereign God and Eternal Father,
upholding by your grace all who hear your call.
Under your Old Covenant,
priests and kings were anointed to serve you,
and in the fullness of time you anointed your Son
by the Holy Spirit
to be the Christ, the Saviour and Servant of all.

All Bishops and priests extend a hand towards the oil of chrism.

By the power of your Spirit may your blessing rest
on those who are anointed with this chrism in your name;
let it be for them a sign of joy and gladness
as they share in the royal priesthood of the New Covenant
and make known the kingdom of Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
we lift our voices of thanks and praise.

**Blessed be God, our strength and our salvation,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Offertory Hymn

The Bishop and assisting ministers move to the Nave Altar. Everyone remains STANDING to sing:

**Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant too.**

**We are pilgrims on a journey,
and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.**

**I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.**

**When we sing to God in heaven
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.**

**Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant too.**

Words by Richard Gillard (b. 1953)

Tune CP 393 Servant Song Richard Gillard

Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

The Bishop says,

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

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Bishop says, and everyone responds:

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
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

By the outpouring of your Holy Spirit
you anointed him to be the servant of all
and ordained that he should enter
into your kingdom through suffering.

And now he stands by us and pours out for our healing
the oil of consolation and the wine of renewed hope.

In your wisdom and love you anoint your holy people
to be a royal priesthood, to share in Christ's suffering
and to reveal his glory to the world.

Therefore earth unites with heaven
to sing a new song of praise;
we, too, join with angels and archangels
as they proclaim your glory without end:

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.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

The Bishop continues,

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 introduces:

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

The Bishop continues,

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, Michael, 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.

Everyone SITS or KNEELS and SILENCE is kept.

The Lord's Prayer

The Bishop says,

Trusting in the anointing power of the Spirit,
let us pray as our Saviour has taught us:

**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.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Bishop breaks the consecrated bread, saying,

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,
**we proclaim the Lord's death
until he comes.**

Before the distribution the Bishop says,

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

Agnus Dei

The choir sings as the ministers and servers receive Communion.

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

The Giving of Communion

If you wish to receive gluten-free bread, please ask and we will be happy to accommodate you. Priests are available to offer anointing in the "pilgrim bays" of the Cathedral. During the distribution the choir sings:

Ave verum corpus,
natum ex Maria Virgine,
Vere passum, immolatum
In cruce pro homine,
Cuius latus perforatum
Vero fluxit sanguine,
Esto nobis praegustatum,
In mortis examine.

O Dulcis, O pie,
O Jesu Fili Mariae;
Miserere mei. Amen.

Hail true body,
born of the Virgin Mary,
which suffered and was offered truly
on the cross for all men,
whose side, pierced,
flowed with true blood;
for us our food, now
and in the testing time of death.

O tender, O loving,
O Jesus Son of Mary;
Have mercy on me. Amen.

Music by W. A. Mozart (1756-1791)

God so loved the world that he sent his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved.

*from John 3:16, 17
Music by John Stainer (1840-1901)*

The Post-Communion Prayer

The Bishop introduces:

Good Shepherd,
you have welcomed us at your table
and have anointed us with the oil of gladness:
may your goodness and mercy
follow us all the days of our life
that we may dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.
Amen.

Prayer after Communion

We pray together:

**You have opened to us the Scriptures, O Christ,
and you have made yourself known
in the breaking of the bread.
Abide with us, we pray,
that, blessed by your royal presence,
we may walk with you all the days of our life,
and at its end behold you
in the glory of the eternal Trinity,
one God for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Dismissal

Hymn

**Hope of our calling: hope through courage won;
By those who dared to share all Christ had done.
Saints of today, Christ's banner now unfurled,
We bring his gospel to a waiting world.**

**Hope of our calling: hope with strength empowered,
Inspired by all that we have seen and heard;
This call is ours, for we are chosen too,
To live for God in all we say and do.**

**Hope of our calling: hope with grace outpoured,
From death's despair the gift of life restored;
Our call to serve, to wash each others' feet,
To bring Christ's healing touch to all we meet.**

**Hope of our calling: hope by faith made bold;
To sow God's righteousness throughout the world;
Bring peace from conflict, fruitfulness from weeds,
The kingdom's harvest from a mustard seed.**

**Hope of our calling: Spirit-filled, unbound,
Old joys remembered and new purpose found,
Our call refreshed by sacrament and word,
We go in peace to love and serve the Lord.**

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Tune CP 362 Woodlands Walter Greatorex (1877-1949)*

The Solemn Blessing

The Bishop gives the blessing:

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.

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

The Son, who has ascended to the heights,
pour upon you the riches of his grace.
Amen.

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 among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

The deacon says, and everyone replies:

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

The deacons carry the oils into the Sir John Laing Centre. Those who have reserved oils are invited to follow them there. In addition, oil is available from the Cathedral throughout the year, should the need arise.

The Organ Voluntary

Please do stay and enjoy the organ voluntary, performed by Luke Fitzgerald, Assistant Director of Music.

Menuet Gothique, Op. 25 No. 2 – Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897)

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Thank you for your support.



If you would like to revisit this morning's sermon or see orders of service in advance, please visit this page:

<https://www.coventrycathedral.org.uk/worship-music/services>

We serve refreshments at the back of the Nave after this service, so please feel free to stay for a chat over a cup of tea or coffee!

Daily Services at the Cathedral:

Regular services at the Cathedral follow this pattern. For special services and up-to-date information about one-off cancellations of the services below, please check the calendar on the Cathedral website:

<https://www.coventrycathedral.org.uk/full-calendar>

Monday - Friday

8:30 – 9.00am: *Morning Prayer & Holy Communion*

12 – 12:10pm: *The Litany of Reconciliation*

(followed on Thursdays by BCP Holy Communion)

4 – 4:30pm: *Evening Prayer*

(or Wednesday and Thursday during school terms: Choral Evensong, 5:15 - 6pm)

Saturday

12 – 12:10pm: *The Litany of Reconciliation*

Sunday

10:30 – 11:45am: *The Cathedral Eucharist*

4 – 5pm: *Choral Evensong*

Easter Services

Please note that throughout Holy Week, Holy Communion will take place at noon rather than at Morning Prayer.

Maundy Thursday Evening Eucharist

Thursday 28th March, 7:30 – 9pm

At this service, we continue to mark this Holy Week and specifically today the Last Supper Jesus had with His disciples. We also follow the actions of Jesus Christ through the tradition of foot-washing, reflecting on John 13, which details how Jesus washed the feet of His disciples: John 13:14-15 – ‘So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.’

Maundy Thursday Watch

Thursday 28th March, 9 - 10pm

Following the Maundy Thursday evening service, you are invited to keep watch in the Chapel of Christ in Gethsemane, just as Jesus invited his disciples to keep watch with him in the Garden of Gethsemane as he prayed before his arrest. This is a silent vigil and will begin after the service (at around 9pm) and will finish at 10pm when the Cathedral will be secured for the night.

Good Friday Liturgy

Friday 29th March at 9am

A solemn, reflective service where we listen again to the story of Jesus’ suffering and death and spend time worshipping Him for His service and sacrifice for us.

Stations of the Cross

Friday 29th March, 2 – 3pm in the Cathedral Ruins

A poignant way to observe Good Friday, Stations of the Cross allows us to visually follow the steps Jesus took on His way to the Cross.

Easter Dawn Eucharist

Sunday 31st March, 6 – 7am in the Cathedral Ruins

Join us for this joyous service to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, with the beautiful backdrop of the dawn sky. At this service, Bishop Ruth Worsley will be performing baptisms and confirmations.

*****Please note that the clocks go forward on 31st March*****

Easter Day Eucharist

Sunday 31st March, 10:30 – 11:45am in the New Cathedral

All are welcome to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ at this special Easter Eucharist service.

Festal Evensong

Sunday 31st March, 4 – 5:15pm

Join us for this Festal Evensong service, with beautiful music to commemorate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, a perfect way to end this holy day.

A Service to Celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the Ordination of Women as Priests

Sunday 21st April at 4pm

Join us as we gather as a Diocese for this service of Holy Communion where we will celebrate the 30th anniversary of the ordination of women as priests. All are warmly invited to this service and to the refreshments which follow. Please share this widely in your parishes.