



DIOCESE<sup>OF</sup>  
COVENTRY



The Ordination of Deacons  
*by*  
Sophie,  
Bishop of Coventry

The Feast of Saints Peter and Paul  
29<sup>th</sup> June, 2025 at 4 pm

## **Please pray for those to be ordained to the diaconate today**

<b><i>Candidate</i></b>	<b><i>Title to be served at</i></b>
Dâmares Gomes-Morris	Leamington St Paul
Liz Goodwin	Finham St Martin
David Jones	Weddington St James & Caldecote
Ann McCabe	Allesley All Saints
Mary Morris	Foleshill St Paul
Lou Peet	Stoke St Michael, Coventry
Matthew Robinson	Hatton with Haseley and Rowington with Lowsonford and Honiley and Wroxall (The Ferncumbe Group)

*The service is led by the Right Reverend Sophie Jelley, Bishop of Coventry. The Deacon is the Reverend Esther Peers, Associate Minister, Holy Trinity Leamington Spa and Dean of Women's Ministry, and the sub-deacon is the Reverend Kate Massey, Canon for Arts and Reconciliation.*

*The Cathedral Choir is directed by Rachel Mahon,  
Director of Music. The organists are David Rice and Amelia Parkin.*

*The mass setting is Communion Service in G Major by Francis Jackson (1917-2022).*

*You are welcome to take photographs, but not until after the service, please.*

## Before the service

*A number of legalities were dealt in advance of this service. 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 (Canon C 15). It is printed below. Candidates also make an oath of allegiance to the Sovereign and an oath of canonical obedience to the Bishop of the Diocese.*

### **The Preface to the Declaration of Assent**

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

### **The Declaration of Assent**

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

*At **3.50 pm** the candidates for ordination are led to their seats, next to their families, at the front of the Nave, while the band leads pre-service worship songs.*

## **Holy Forever**

*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*

*And the angels cry holy  
All creation cries holy  
You are lifted high, holy  
Holy forever  
Hear Your people sing holy  
To the King of kings, holy  
You will always be holy  
Holy forever*

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## **We Are A Moment**

*We are a moment, You are forever  
Lord of the Ages, God before time  
We are a vapour, You are eternal  
Love everlasting, reigning on high*

*Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty  
Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain  
Highest praises, honour and glory  
Be unto Your name, be unto Your name*

*We are the broken, You are the healer  
Jesus, Redeemer, Mighty to save  
You are the love song we'll sing forever  
Bowing before You, blessing Your name*

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## **Worthy Of It All**

*All the saints and angels  
They bow before Your throne  
All the elders cast their crowns  
Before the Lamb of God and sing*

*You are worthy of it all  
You are worthy of it all  
For from You are all things  
And to You are all things  
You deserve the glory*

*Day and night night and day let incense arise  
Day and night night and day let incense arise*

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## **I Exalt Thee**

*For thou O Lord art high  
Above all the earth  
Thou art exalted far above  
All gods. (repeat)*

*I exalt thee  
I exalt thee  
I exalt the  
O Lord*

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At **3.55 pm** *The Dean of Coventry, welcomes the congregation.*

## *The Gathering*

*At 4 pm the organist sounds a fanfare and we STAND. As the procession enters, we sing*

### **Procession order**

A Verger

The Great Cross of Coventry & Processional Candles

The Cathedral Choir

The Director of Music

Diocesan Readers

Diocesan Clergy

The Training Incumbents

Representative of the Readers' Committee

The Dean of Self-Supporting Ministry

The New Ministries Lead

The Diocesan Director of Ordinands

The Archdeacons

The Preacher

The Cathedral Ministers

The Honorary Canons

The Canon for Worship & Welcome

The Dean

The Cathedral Churchwardens

The Sub-Deacon

The Deacon

### **THE BISHOP OF COVENTRY**

The Bishop's Chaplain

The Diocesan Registrar

## Hymn

All my hope on God is founded;  
he doth still my trust renew.  
Me through change and chance he guideth,  
only good and only true.  
God unknown, he alone  
calls my heart to be his own.

Human pride and earthly glory,  
sword and crown betray his trust;  
what with care and toil he buildeth,  
tower and temple, fall to dust.  
But God's power, hour by hour,  
is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness aye endureth,  
deep his wisdom, passing thought:  
splendour, light, and life attend him,  
beauty springeth out of naught.  
Evermore from his store  
new-born worlds rise and adore.

Daily doth th'Almighty giver  
bounteous gifts on us bestow;  
his desire our soul delighteth,  
pleasure leads us where we go.  
Love doth stand at his hand;  
joy doth wait on his command.

Still from all to God eternal  
sacrifice of praise be done,  
high above all praises praising  
for the gift of Christ his Son.  
Christ doth call one and all:  
ye who follow shall not fall.

*Words by Robert Bridges (1844-1930)*  
*Tune CP 368 Michael Herbert Howells (1892-1983)*

## The Greeting

*The Right Reverend Sophie Jelley, Bishop of Coventry, greets the people*  
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*All*      **Blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

There is one body and one spirit.

*All*      **There is one hope to which we were called;**

one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

*All*      **one God and Father of all.**

Peace be with you

*All*      **and also with you.**

*The Bishop adds informal words of welcome and then continues*  
God calls his people to follow Christ, and forms us into a royal priesthood, a holy nation, to declare the wonderful deeds of him who has called us out of darkness into his marvellous light.

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

To serve this royal priesthood, God has given a variety of ministries. Deacons are ordained so that the people of God may be better equipped to make Christ known. Theirs is a life of visible self-giving. Christ is the pattern of their calling and their commission; as he washed the feet of his disciples, so they must wash the feet of others.

*We SIT.*



# The Presentation

*The candidates are presented by The Reverend Mark Norris, Lead Diocesan Vocations Adviser & Diocesan Director of Ordinands*

Bishop Sophie,

I present the following candidates to be ordained to the office of deacon in the Church of God:

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*The ordinands move to the seats laid out at the front of the nave.*

*When the ordinands have been presented, the training incumbents STAND.*

*The Bishop asks them:*

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.***

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

***They do.***

*The Bishop says to the ordinands*

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

***I do so believe.***

Then I invite the New Ministries Lead to confirm that you have taken the necessary oaths and made the Declaration of Assent.

*The Reverend Susan Bowden-Pickstock, the New Ministries Lead 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.

*The Bishop invites everyone to pray silently for each candidate.*

## The Collect

*The Bishop says*

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 Liturgy of the Word*

### The First Reading

*We remain SEATED as Aaron Jones reads*

A Reading from the Book of the Acts of the Apostles.

<sup>1</sup> About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. <sup>2</sup> He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. <sup>3</sup> After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.) <sup>4</sup> When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. <sup>5</sup> While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him. <sup>6</sup> The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. <sup>7</sup> Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, 'Get up quickly.' And the chains fell off his wrists. <sup>8</sup> The angel said to him,

‘Fasten your belt and put on your sandals.’ He did so. Then he said to him, ‘Wrap your cloak around you and follow me.’ <sup>9</sup> Peter went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel’s help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. <sup>10</sup> After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. <sup>11</sup> Then Peter came to himself and said, ‘Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.’

Acts 12:1-11

This is the Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Everyone STANDS.

## The Gospel Acclamation

*During the singing of the Acclamation, the Gospel procession forms up and moves to the centre of the Nave – please turn to face the book of the Gospels as it passes. The choir sings, and then everyone repeats*



*The choir sings*

Blessed are those who have not seen, and yet have come to believe

*cf. John 20:24-29*

*Everyone repeats the Alleluias.*

## The Gospel

*The deacon says*

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

*All*      **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup> Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' <sup>14</sup> And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' <sup>15</sup> He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' <sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' <sup>17</sup> And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup> And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup> I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.'

*Matthew 16:13-19*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*All*      **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*A short organ improvisation follows as the Gospel procession returns and the preacher moves to the Pulpit.*

## The Sermon

*Preached by the Reverend Dr Christopher Landau, Director of ReSource and Ordination Retreat Conductor. Please remain STANDING until the preacher has prayed, then SIT. After the sermon, the preacher returns to their seat, and time is kept for reflection.*

# Hymn

We *STAND* to sing

**All I once held dear, built my life upon  
All this world reveres, and wars to own  
All I once thought gain I have counted loss  
Spent and worthless now, compared to this**

**Knowing You, Jesus  
Knowing You  
There is no greater thing  
You're my all, You're the best  
You're my joy, my righteousness  
And I love You, Lord**

**Now my heart's desire is to know You more  
To be found in You and known as Yours  
To possess by faith what I could not earn  
All-surpassing gift of righteousness**

**Knowing You, Jesus  
Knowing You  
There is no greater thing  
You're my all, You're the best  
You're my joy, my righteousness  
And I love You, Lord**

**Oh, to know the power of Your risen life  
And to know You in Your sufferings  
To become like You in Your death, my Lord  
So with You to live and never die**

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We *SIT*.

# *The Liturgy of Ordination*

## **The Declarations**

*Those to be ordained deacon remain before the Bishop, who addresses the congregation*

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

Deacons share in the pastoral ministry of the Church and in leading God's people in worship. They preach the word and bring the needs of the world before the Church in intercession.

They accompany those searching for faith and bring them to baptism. They assist in administering the sacraments; they distribute communion, and minister to the sick and housebound.

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

*The Bishop addresses the ordinands directly*

We trust that you are fully determined, by the grace of God, to give yourself wholly to his service, that you may draw his people into that new life which God has prepared for those who love him. And now, in order that we may know your mind and purpose, you must make the declarations we put to you.

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

***I do so accept them.***

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

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

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

***I believe it and will so do.***

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*The ordinands turn to face the congregation, and 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?

*All*     **It is.**

Will you continually pray for them?

*All*     **We will.**

Will you uphold and encourage them in their ministry?

*All*     **We will.**

*The ordinands turn back to face the Bishop, who says*

In the name of our Lord, we bid you remember the greatness of the trust in which you are now to share: the ministry of Christ himself, who for our sake took the form of a servant. Remember always with thanksgiving that the people among whom you will minister are made in God's image and likeness. In serving them you are serving Christ himself, before whom you will be called to account.

You cannot bear the weight of this calling in your own strength, but only by the grace and power of God. Pray therefore that your heart may daily be enlarged and your understanding of the Scriptures enlightened. Pray earnestly for the gift of the Holy Spirit.

*The Bishop, ministers and ordinands kneel and complete silence is kept.*

## **Veni Creator Spiritus**

*Bishop Sophie intones the first line of 'Veni Creator'*

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,

*Everyone joins in*

**and lighten with celestial fire;  
thou the anointing Spirit art,  
who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart:**



**Thy blessed unction from above  
is comfort, life and fire of love;  
enable with perpetual light  
the dullness of our blinded sight:**

**Anoint and cheer our soiled face  
with the abundance of thy grace;  
keep far our foes, give peace at home;  
where thou art guide no ill can come.**

**Teach us to know the Father, Son,  
and thee, of both, to be but one;  
that through the ages all along  
this may be our endless song,**

**Praise to thy eternal merit,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

*Tune CP 178 Veni Creator Mode viii  
Latin, paraphrased by Bishop John Cosin (1594-1672)*

## **The Litany**

*The Bishop says*

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

*The Reverend Nitano Muller, Canon for Worship & Welcome, prays*

## **The Litany**

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.**

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.**

For Sophie, our Bishop,  
and for all bishops, presbyters and deacons,  
especially in our link dioceses of Kaduna, Nigeria, the Syrian  
Orthodox diocese of Jerusalem, Jordan and the Holy Lands, and  
Kapsabet, Kenya,  
that they may hunger for truth and thirst after righteousness,  
let us pray to the Lord.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

For David, Mary, Lou, Matthew, Liz, Dâmares and Anne  
called to be deacons in his Church,  
let us pray to the Lord.

*All* **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.

*All* **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.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who do not yet believe,  
that they may receive the light of the gospel,  
and for those whose faith has grown cold,  
let us pray to the Lord.

*All* **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.

*All* **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.

*All*     **Lord, have mercy.**

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

*All*     **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.

*All*     **Lord, have mercy.**

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

*All*     **to you, O Lord.**

## **The Ordination Prayer**

*The Bishop says*

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

We praise and glorify you  
because you sent your only Son Jesus Christ  
to take the form of a slave;  
he humbled himself for our sake,  
and in obedience accepted death,  
even death on a cross.

We praise and glorify you  
because in every age you send your Spirit  
to fill those whom you have chosen,  
to equip your holy people for the work of ministry,  
for the building up of the body of Christ.

And now we give you thanks  
that you have called these your servants,  
whom we ordain in your name,  
to share as deacons in the ministry of the gospel of Christ,  
who came not to be served but to serve,  
and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Therefore, Father, through Christ our Lord we pray.

*Each candidate in turn comes before the Bishop, who prays for each one*  
Send down the Holy Spirit on your servant N  
for the office and work of a deacon in your Church.

*When the Bishop has laid hands on each ordinand, the prayer continues*

Through your Spirit, heavenly Father,  
give these your servants grace and power  
to fulfil their ministry.  
Make them faithful to serve  
and constant in advancing your gospel in the world.  
May they follow the example of Jesus Christ your Son,  
who washed the feet of his disciples,  
and set the needs of others before his own.  
May their life be disciplined and holy,  
their words declare your love  
and their actions reveal your glory,  
that your people may walk with them in the way of truth  
and be made ready for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
to whom, with you and your Holy Spirit,  
belong glory and honour, worship and praise,  
now and for ever.

*All*     **Amen.**

*The newly-ordained deacons stand and turn to face the congregation. A family member or close friend comes forward to present and vest each newly-ordained deacon with a stole to reflect their new ministry.*

## **The Welcome of the Newly-ordained Deacons**

*The deacon invites everyone to STAND and then says to the newly-ordained deacons*

**We preach not ourselves but Christ Jesus as Lord  
and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.**

*We say together*

**We welcome you as fellow servants in the gospel:  
may Christ dwell in your hearts through faith,  
that you may be rooted and grounded in love.**

*The Bishop adds her own words of welcome.*

## *The Liturgy of the Eucharist*

## **The Peace**

*The Bishop says*

**We are all one in Christ Jesus.  
We belong to him through faith,  
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you**

**All and also with you.**

*The deacon says*

**Let us offer one another a sign of peace.**

*We remain STANDING to offer a greeting of peace to those around us and then we sing the hymn.*

*After sharing the Peace, the Bishop and those who are to assist in administering Communion move to the High Altar. The new deacons return to their seats.*

We do not take collections **during** the service, however, at the end of the service, we would greatly appreciate your generosity in donating to the life and work of the Cathedral. You can do so via your phone, using the QR Code at the end of this order of service, or, alternatively, there are donation boxes and contactless payment stations found in the Nave.

## Hymn

We remain *STANDING* to sing the hymn.

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

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

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

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

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

*Words by Charles Wesley (1707-1788)*

*Tune CP 376 Sagina from Thomas Campbell The Bouquet (1823)*

## **The Eucharistic Prayer**

*The Bishop introduces*

The Lord is here.

*All*     **His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is indeed right and good,  
our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks and praise  
through your servant, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
At his baptism he was revealed as your beloved Son.  
Coming among us as one who serves,  
he taught us that the greatest in your kingdom  
are those who make themselves least and the servants of all.  
Although he was their teacher and their Lord,  
he washed the feet of his disciples  
and commanded us to do the same,  
that we might reveal the power of your love,  
made perfect in our human weakness.  
Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and 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.  
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:

*All*     **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 the Blessed Virgin 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.

*All*     **Amen.**

*The congregation SITS or KNEELS, and SILENCE is kept.*

*The Lord's Prayer*

*Please feel free to say the Lord's Prayer in any language or version you prefer.*

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.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

*The Bishop breaks the consecrated bread, saying*

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.**

## The Invitation to Communion

*The Bishop says*

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

*All*     **Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

## 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

*Please wait in your seat to be directed by a churchwarden or steward. If you wish to receive gluten-free bread, please ask and we will accommodate you. Those who do not intend to receive Communion, but would prefer to receive a blessing, are asked to carry this booklet as an indication to the ministers. We will be offering the bread and the chalice both at the high altar and in the Nave. Please do not feel any pressure to take the cup if you feel uncomfortable, but please do not try to dip the wafer into the wine, as that presents its own contamination risks. You will not be receiving a lesser gift in any way: Christ is fully present in either bread or wine.*

## Anthem

*The choir sings*

Be still, my soul, for God is near; the Great High Priest is with thee now; the Lord of Life himself is here, before whose face the angels bow. To make thy heart his lowly throne thy Saviour God in love draws nigh. He gives himself unto his own, for whom he once came down to die. I come, O Lord, I come, O Lord, for thou dost call, to blend my pleading prayer with thine: to thee I give myself, my all, and feed on thee, and make thee mine. Amen.

*Words by W.D. Maclagan (1826-1910)*

*Music by Percy Whitlock (1903-1946)*

## Hymns

*As the distribution of Holy Communion continues, the following are sung by everyone, SITTING or KNEELING*

**I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
my hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?**

***Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.***

**I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain,  
I have wept for love of them,  
they turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone,  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send?**

**I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame,  
I will set a feast for them,  
my hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
till their hearts be satisfied,  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?**

*Words by Dan Schutte (b. 1947)  
Tune CP 470 Here I am, Lord Dan Schutte*

**How deep the Father's love for us,  
How vast beyond all measure,  
That He should give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss –  
The Father turns His face away,  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory.**

**Behold the man upon a cross,  
My sin upon His shoulders;  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life –  
I know that it is finished.**

**I will not boast in anything,  
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,  
His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer;  
But this I know with all my heart –  
His wounds have paid my ransom.**

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*Silence is kept.*

## **Prayer after Communion**

*The Bishop invites everyone to STAND, and introduces the following prayer*

**All     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.**

## **The Sending Out**

## **The Solemn Blessing**

*Everyone STANDS.*

*The Bishop will say a few words and then gives the blessing.*

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

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

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

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

**All     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.

*All*     **Amen.**

*We remain STANDING to sing the hymn. The processions move to the back of the Cathedral; please turn to face the Great Cross as it passes.*

A Verger  
The Great Cross of Coventry & Processional Candles  
**THE BISHOP OF COVENTRY**  
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The New Deacons  
The Readers  
The Clergy  
The Training Ministers  
Representative of the Readers' Committee  
The Dean of Self-Supporting Ministry  
The Archdeacons  
The Cathedral Readers & Clergy  
The Honorary Canons  
The Canon for Worship and Welcome  
The Dean  
The Diocesan Registrar

## Hymn

**Here and now we're bound together:  
held in one divine embrace.  
Help us see, in one another,  
difference as a gift of grace.  
As each passing generation  
worships you in fresh new ways,  
join our songs with all creation,  
lift our voice to sing your praise.**

**Lord, affirm our shared vocation:  
may we bring your plans to birth,  
build your church on sure foundations,  
fit to serve a troubled earth.**

**Growing, praying, sharing, learning,  
deep in wisdom, broad in scope,  
love-revealing, truth-discerning,  
living out the gospel hope.**

**In your work of transformation  
you are making all things new.  
Stir our hearts' imagination,  
call us now to work with you.  
Send us out to share your mission;  
show us each our part to play.  
as we live the Great Commission,  
joyful in your world today.**

*Words © Ally Barrett  
Tune CP 516ii Blaenwern W.P. Rowlands (1860-1937)*

## **The Giving of the Bible**

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

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

## **The Dismissal**

*The newly-ordained deacons say, and we respond*

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

*All*      Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

# Organ Voluntary

*Performed by David Rice.*

*Toccata in D Minor ('Dorian') BWV 538 by J.S. Bach (1685-1750)*

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*Members of the congregation are asked to allow the families and friends of the newly-ordained deacons to be the first to move from the front of the Cathedral.*

*Please allow those who wish to listen to the music to do so quietly. Everyone is welcome to enjoy conversation at the back of the Nave.*

*The families of the newly-ordained should be guided to the West End via the side aisles.*

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