

## The Ordination of Priests



Saturday 3 July 2021  
The Feast of St Thomas  
2.30pm

*Missa Sexti Toni Giovanni Croce*

## **Welcome to Manchester Cathedral**

### **Ordinations during the pandemic**

Ordinations are times of great joy, not only for those being ordained, but for the whole Church giving thanks to God for the ministers he has called. That joy is undiminished this year, but sadly cannot be shared by a large congregation. Government regulations, rightly concerned to protect everyone's health, limit attendance to 350. Those present at the service are therefore representative of many others who are today praying God's blessing upon those made priest, and who look forward with expectation to their new ministries.

It is not only numbers which are limited in order for today's service to be "covid secure". For instance, there can be no singing. Those attending are also required to observe the following:

- face masks are to be worn at all times (except when receiving Communion);
- hand sanitiser is made available to be used on arrival and departure;
- the congregation must remain seated in their allocated places;
- all direct interaction is to be avoided with those not in your household or bubble, maintaining a one-metre distance;
- Communion will be distributed in one kind (i.e. bread alone): hand sanitiser will be available, and must be used should there be accidental contact with the hand of the administer of Communion
- the congregation should leave directly after the service, maintaining a two-metre distance and without interacting with others inside or outside, taking this order of service with them.

### **Safeguarding**

Manchester Cathedral works hard to create safe environments where children and young people are protected and where all people, especially those who may be vulnerable for any reason, are able to worship and pursue their faith journey with encouragement and in safety. We follow the policies and procedures detailed within the Cathedral Safeguarding Handbook. We act promptly on any complaints made, and work in partnership with Manchester Diocese, the police and social care services whenever appropriate to do so. Details of our policy and how to voice a concern can be found on a dedicated page of our website and on the noticeboard at the south porch.

## **Live streaming**

Please note that most acts of worship in Manchester Cathedral are now live streamed. Although cameras are focused on those leading worship, please be aware that your image may be inadvertently captured and streamed. If you would like further information on the position of the camera at a particular act of worship, please ask Cathedral Staff upon arrival.



## **Hearing-loop**

The Cathedral has a hearing-loop.  
Please set your hearing aid to setting T.

## **Have you turned off your mobile phone?**

Please make sure that you have turned off your mobile phone and any other electronic equipment that might interrupt the service.

## **Photography**

Please do not use cameras, photo-imaging devices or recording equipment during the service.

## **Welcome to the Cathedral**

We offer a very warm welcome to any who are visiting us today. If you would normally receive communion in your own church you are very welcome to do so here. If you do not receive communion please feel free to come up for a blessing instead. Just bow your head when you come up so the Eucharistic Minister will know.

## **Gluten Free Wafer**

If you require a gluten free communion wafer please indicate this by pointing to the Altar table as you come up to receive.

## **Musicians**

The Cathedral Choir is conducted by Geoffrey Woollatt,  
Sub-Organist

## **Music before the service**

Rhosymedre

*Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)*

**Please pray for those being ordained Priest today**

**To be ordained Priest by the Bishop of Bolton**

**Admos Osmund CHIMHOWU**

The Benefice of St Chrysostom, Victoria Park with the Revd Canon Ian Gomersall

**Deborah (Debbie) CLARKE**

The Benefice of Astley, Tyldesley and Mosley Common with the Revd Martin Cox

**Ian James FLEMING**

The Benefice of Holcombe and Hawkshaw with the Revd Paul Sumsion

**Nicola Jane GILLARD**

The Benefice of Horwich and Rivington with the Revd Michael Behrend

**Joanna (Jo) JARRETT**

The Benefice of Firwood and Gorse Hill with the Revd Ross Malkin

**Layfetta Ann-Marie MASIH**

The Benefice of West Bolton with the Revd Canon Rodger Petch

**Scott Gordon RICHARDSON**

The Benefice of Newchurch with the Revd Rod Bevan

**Adam James ROBERTSON**

The Benefice of The Good Shepherd and St Barnabas, Manchester with the Revd Maria Onuigbo

**Matthew (Matt) Christian SANDERSON**

The Benefices of Holy Trinity, Shaw, and High Crompton and Thornham with the Revd Katy Cunliffe

**Amy Elizabeth SHERIDAN**

The Benefice of St John the Baptist Hey with the Revd Lyn Woodall

**Farid YASINI**

St Aphrahat the Persian Sage Church in the benefice of Heatons with the Revd Omid Molody

**To be ordained Priest by the Bishop of Beverley**

**At Manchester Cathedral on Saturday 3 July 2021 at 6:00pm**

**Robert Craig ELOFF**

The Benefice of St Thomas and All Saints Bedford with the Revd Martin Cox

## **Introduction to the ordination service**

All Christian ministry has its roots in baptism, is enabled by the Holy Spirit and shares in the ministry of Christ, the Good Shepherd and High Priest. The Church's ordained ministry has been shaped under the guidance of the Holy Spirit through the processes of human history, and the Church of England has maintained the three-fold order of bishop, priest and deacon. In their life and ministry, bishops, priests and deacons are called to speak in Christ's name and to build up the Church.

Ordination is a weighty calling, and is undertaken after much consideration, preparation, and prayer. As the ordination service progresses, the nature of each distinct ministry is revealed within the words and actions, in the readings, questions, explanations and prayers.

### **Symbolic action**

Ordination takes effect by prayer and the laying-on of hands. Within a sequence of prayer, the Bishop says the Ordination Prayer, during which he lays hands on each candidate with the words:

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

At the ordination of priests, other priests may also lay hands on each candidate during the prayer.

After the ordination a number of secondary symbolic acts take place:

- The giving of a Bible to each candidate has always been an element of Anglican ordination. It is a sign of the authority given by God to preach the Word of God, and the action gives vivid expression to the truth that all Christian ministers are under the authority of that Word.
- Anointing priests with oil became an established feature in the Middle Ages, based on an Old Testament practice. Anointing has been increasingly popular in recent years in the Church of England; the Bishop anoints the hands of each candidate with fragrant oil, called 'chrism'.
- After the ordination the newly-ordained are symbolically vested in robes appropriate to their new order. In fact, the ordinand will have been wearing most of their robes since the beginning of the service, and this 'vesting' is indicated by the adjusting of the stole. A deacon wears a stole across the body; a priest wears a stole around the back of the neck, hanging down at the front.

## **The Declaration of Assent**

*This Declaration is made by the ordinand before the service.*

### **Preface**

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

### **Declaration of Assent**

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

### **Oaths**

*Taking the New Testament in the right hand, the candidate says:*

Candidate I, N, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, her heirs and successors, according to law: so help me God.

I, N, do swear by Almighty God that I will pay true and canonical obedience to the Lord Bishop of Manchester and his successors, in all things lawful and honest: so help me God.

**President**

The Rt Rev'd Dr David Walker, Bishop of Manchester

**Ordaining Bishop**

The Rt Rev'd Mark Ashcroft, Bishop of Bolton

**Preacher**

The Rev'd Stanley Njoka

**Order of Procession**

Crucifer

Verger

Incumbents with candidates

Verger

Director of Vocations

Archdeacons

Registrar

Cathedral Clergy

The Dean and Preacher

Deacon                      Subdeacon

Bishop of Middleton      Bishop of Bolton

Bishop of Manchester

Bishop's Chaplain

**The Gathering and Presentation**

*All stand*

**Introit**

sung by the Choir

Tu es Petrus,  
et super hanc petram aedificabo ecclesiam meam.

*Thou art Peter,  
and upon this rock I will build my church.*

*Maurice Duruflé (1902-86)*

*Matthew 16. 18*

*Please refrain from singing*

## Hymn

sung by the Choir

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!  
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;  
with gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,  
kneel and adore him, the Lord is his name!

Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness,  
high on his heart he will bear it for thee,  
comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,  
guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.

Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness  
of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine:  
truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,  
these are the offerings to lay on his shrine.

These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,  
he will accept for the name that is dear;  
mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,  
trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!  
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;  
with gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,  
kneel and adore him, the Lord is his name!

*Was Lebet NEH 52*

*J S B Monsell (1811-75)*

*Melody from the Rheinhardt MS 1754*

## The Greeting

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

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

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

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

*The Bishop introduces the service*

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.

*Please sit*

## **The Presentation**

*Each ordinand is presented to the Bishop by one of the Archdeacons*

Reverend Father in God, I present the following to be ordained to the office of priest in the Church of God;

*N to serve in the Benefice of N.*

*Once all the ordinands have been presented, the Bishop asks these questions of the Rev'd Canon Nick Smeeton, Director of Vocations*

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

Response    **They have.**

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

Response    **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 Registrar to confirm that the ordinands have taken the necessary oaths and made the Declaration of Assent.

**Response** 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 or other suitable words*

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

God our Father, Lord of all the world,  
through your Son you have called us into the fellowship  
of your universal Church:

hear our prayer for your faithful people  
that in their vocation and ministry  
each may be an instrument of your love,  
and give to your servants now to be ordained  
the needful gifts of grace;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**All** **Amen.**

### **The Liturgy of the Word**

#### **Reading**

Ephesians 2. 19-22  
The Rev'd Angela Wynne

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

*At the end the reader says*

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

*Please stand and face the Gospel book*

## **Gospel Reading**

Luke 6. 12-19  
The Rev'd Sachin Awale

*An acclamation heralds the Gospel reading  
Please refrain from singing*

Choir Alleluia, alleluia.  
Cantor I chose you and appointed you, says the Lord,  
that you should go and bear fruit that shall last.  
Choir Alleluia, alleluia.

*When the Gospel is announced the reader says*

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

Now during those days Jesus went out to the mountain to pray; and he spent the night in prayer to God. And when day came, he called his disciples and chose twelve of them, whom he also named apostles: Simon, whom he named Peter, and his brother Andrew, and James, and John, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James son of Alphaeus, and Simon, who was called the Zealot, and Judas son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

*At the end*

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

*Please sit*

## **Sermon**

The Rev'd Stanley Njoka

*A period of silence is kept for reflection.*

*Please stand*

## **The Creed**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit  
and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic  
and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.**

*Please sit*

## **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 baptize 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*

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.

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

Ordinands **I do so accept them.**

Will you 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.**

Will you lead Christ's people in proclaiming his glorious gospel, so that the good news of salvation may be heard in every place?

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

Will you faithfully minister the doctrine and sacraments of Christ as the Church of England has received them, so that the people committed to your charge may be defended against error and flourish in the faith?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*The ordinands turn to face the congregation*

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 continues, addressing them*

In the name of our Lord we bid you remember the greatness of the trust that is now to be committed to your charge.

Remember always with thanksgiving that the treasure now to be entrusted to you is Christ's own flock, bought by the shedding of his blood on the cross. It is to him that you will render account for your stewardship of his people.

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

Pray earnestly for the gift of the Holy Spirit.

*The ordinands kneel and silence is kept*

*Please refrain from singing*

## **Veni Creator**

sung by the Choir

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,  
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.

*Veni Creator (Mechlin) NEH 138*  
*Mode viii*

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

## **The Litany**

sung by the Choir

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

Choir Lord, have mercy.

Cantor 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.

Choir Lord, have mercy.

Cantor 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.

Choir Lord, have mercy.

Cantor For David, Mark and Mark our bishops,  
and for all bishops, presbyters and deacons,  
that they may hunger for truth and thirst after righteousness,  
let us pray to the Lord.

Choir Lord, have mercy.

Cantor For these ordinands, called to be priests in his Church,  
let us pray to the Lord.

Choir Lord, have mercy.

Cantor 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.

Choir Lord, have mercy.

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

Choir Lord, have mercy.

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

Choir Lord, have mercy.

Cantor 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.

Choir Lord, have mercy.

Cantor 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.

Choir Lord, have mercy.

Cantor For Elizabeth our Queen,  
for the leaders of the nations,  
and for all in authority,  
let us pray to the Lord.

Choir Lord, have mercy.

Cantor 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.

Choir Lord, have mercy.

Cantor 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;

Choir to you, O Lord.

### **The Ordination Prayer**

*The congregation remains seated. The ordinands continue to kneel before the bishop, who stands to pray.*

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.

We praise and glorify you because you have given us your only  
Son Jesus Christ,  
the image of your eternal and invisible glory,  
the firstborn of all creation and head of the Church.

We praise and glorify you that by his death he has overcome  
death; and that, having ascended into heaven, he has given his gifts  
abundantly, to equip your holy people for the work of ministry,  
for the building up of the body of Christ.

And now we give you thanks  
that you have called these your servants,  
whom we ordain in your name,  
to share as priests in the ministry of the gospel of Christ,  
the Apostle and High Priest of our faith,  
and the Shepherd of our souls.

Therefore, Father, through Christ our Lord we pray:

*Candidates move forward and kneel in front of the Bishop and his/her name is called. The Bishop lays his hands on the head of each ordinand, having been anointed, saying*

Send down the Holy Spirit on your servant N  
for the office and work of a priest in your Church.

*When the bishop has laid hands on all of the ordinands, the prayer continues*

Through your Spirit, heavenly Father,  
give these your servants grace and power  
to proclaim the gospel of your salvation  
and minister the sacraments of the new covenant.  
Renew them in holiness,  
and give them wisdom and discipline  
to work faithfully with those committed to their charge.

In union with their fellow servants in Christ,  
may they reconcile what is divided,  
heal what is wounded  
and restore what is lost.

May they declare your blessings to your people;  
may they proclaim Christ's victory over the powers of  
darkness,  
and absolve in Christ's name those who turn to him in faith;  
so shall a people made whole in Christ  
offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to you,  
our God and Father,  
to whom, with the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
belong glory and honour, worship and praise, now and for ever.

All

**Amen.**

## The Giving of the Bible

*The newly-ordained priests stand and the bishop gives the Bible to each of them*

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 newly ordained priests turn their stoles around, then they turn and face the people.  
The Dean welcomes the newly ordained priests*

                 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.**

## The Liturgy of the Eucharist

### The Peace

*Coronavirus Information*

*Following advice issued by the Church of England, in order to minimise the spread of  
infection we ask that you do not shake hands during the Peace.*

*The Bishop introduces the Peace in these or other suitable words*

                 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.

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

*Please remain seated and refrain from singing*

### Hymn

sung by the Choir

Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,  
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,  
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided,  
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,  
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,  
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us,  
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.

Lord, for our land, in this our generation,  
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care;  
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,  
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

Lord, for our world; when we disown and doubt him,  
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain;  
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him,  
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord, for ourselves; in living power remake us,  
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne;  
past put behind us, for the future take us,  
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

*Lord of the Years CP 81*

*Timothy Dudley-Smith*

*Michael Baughen (b 1930) arr David Iff (b 1939)*

*Please stand*

### **Preparation of the Table**

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

Choir	Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus,	<i>Holy, holy, holy,</i>
	Dominus Deus Sabaoth.	<i>Lord God of hosts,</i>
	Pleni sunt caeli et terra	<i>heaven and earth are full</i>
	gloria tua.	<i>Of thy glory.</i>
	Osanna in excelsis.	<i>Hosanna in the highest.</i>
	Benedictus qui venit	<i>Blessed is he that cometh</i>
in nomine Domini.	<i>In the name of the Lord.</i>	
Osanna in excelsis.	<i>Hosanna in the highest.</i>	

Bishop Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:

Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

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

Bishop     And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
              his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole  
              world;  
              rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
              and looking for his coming in glory,  
              we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

              As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and  
              thanksgiving,  
              we bring before you this bread and this cup  
              and we thank you for counting us worthy  
              to stand in your presence and serve you.

              Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
              and gather into one in your kingdom  
              all who share this one bread and one cup,  
              so that we, in the company of all the saints,  
              may praise and glorify you for ever,  
              through Jesus Christ our Lord;

              by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
              in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
              all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
              for ever and ever.

All         **Amen.**

*Please sit*

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 the Bread**

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

### **Giving of 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 Bishop receives communion and then says*

The body of Christ.  
All **Amen.**

*The people receive communion in one kind only and without further words being spoken. If you require Gluten-free wafer, please point to the altar when it is your turn to receive*

*During the administration of communion, the Choir sings the Agnus Dei and anthem.*

## **Agnus Dei**

Agnus Dei,  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.

*O Lamb of God  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
Have mercy upon us.*

Agnus Dei,  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.

*O Lamb of God  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
Have mercy upon us.*

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

*O Lamb of God  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
Grant us thy peace.*

## **Anthem**

God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

For the Father seeketh such to worship him.

*William Sterndale Bennett (1816-75)*

*John 4. 24, 23b*

*Please refrain from singing*

## **Hymn**

sung by the Choir

'Tis good, Lord, to be here!  
Thy glory fills the night;  
Thy face and garments, like the sun,  
Shine with unborrowed light.

'Tis good, Lord, to be here,  
Thy beauty to behold,  
Where Moses and Elijah stand,  
Thy messengers of old.

Fulfiller of the past,  
Promise of things to be,  
We hail thy Body glorified,  
And our redemption see.

Before we taste of death,  
We see thy kingdom come;  
We fain would hold the vision bright,  
And make this hill our home.

Tis good, Lord, to be here!  
Yet we may not remain;  
But since you bidst us leave the mount  
Come with us to the plain.

*Carlisle NEH 178*

*Charles Lockhart (1745-1815)*

*J Armitage Robinson (1858-1933)*

### **Prayer after Communion**

Bishop      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.

All            **Amen.**

All            **Almighty God,**  
                 **we thank you for feeding us**  
                 **with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.**  
                 **Through him we offer you our souls and bodies**  
                 **to be a living sacrifice.**  
                 **Send us out**  
                 **in the power of your Spirit**  
                 **to live and work**  
                 **to your praise and glory.**  
                 **Amen.**

*Please stand*

### **The Sending Out**

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.**

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

All            **Amen.**

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

All **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.**

Deacon Go in the light and peace of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

**Music after the service**

Allegro marziale e ben marcato

*Frank Bridge (1879-1941)*

**PLEASE LEAVE THE BUILDING PROMPTLY  
TAKING YOUR ORDER OF SERVICE WITH YOU.  
THANK YOU**

## **Recession Order**

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Bishop of Middleton    Bishop of Bolton  
Newly-ordained  
Bishop's Chaplain  
Crucifer  
Vergers  
Incumbents  
Director of Vocations  
Archdeacons  
Registrar  
Deacon                  Subdeacon  
Cathedral Clergy  
The Dean and Preacher

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