The Ordination of Deacons

In the Octave of Peter and Paul, Apostles

Missa Brevis in D, K194
W A Mozart

Sunday 2nd July 2023
10.30 am
Welcome to Manchester Cathedral
Welcome to the Cathedral and Collegiate Church of St Mary, St Denys and St George in the heart of the City of Manchester. The building is the old mediaeval Parish Church of Manchester. King Henry V first granted it Collegiate status in 1421 and it became Manchester's Cathedral on the creation of the Diocese of Manchester in 1847. It is believed that there has been a church on or near this site for over a thousand years.

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Collection for the Bishop’s Ordination Fund
During the service there will be a collection for the Bishop’s Ordination Fund. If you would like the Fund to reclaim the tax that you have paid on the donation, at no cost to yourself, please use the Gift Aid envelope that is with this order of service.
Receiving Holy Communion
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 inform a steward before the service. Please note that the wine may contain traces of gluten.

Musicians
The Cathedral Choir is conducted by Christopher Stokes, Organist and Master of the Choristers.
The organ is played by Geoffrey Woollatt, Sub-Organist

President
The Rt Revd Mark Davies
Bishop of Middleton

Ordaining Bishop
The Rt Rev’d Dr David Walker
Bishop of Manchester

Preacher
The Rev’d Canon Flora Winfield
Third Church Estates Commissioner

Order of Procession
Crucifer
Choir
Verger
Candidates

Verger
Director of Vocations
Archdeacons
Registrar

Verger
Cathedral Clergy
The Sub-Dean and Preacher
Bishops
Subdeacon
Deacon

Bishop of Bolton  Bishop of Middleton
Bishop of Manchester
Bishop’s Chaplain
Please pray for those who are to be ordained Deacon:

**Bethany (Beth) Jane Bird**  
The Benefice of Chorlton-cum-Hardy, St Werburgh  
with the Revd James Neal

**Nicholas (Nick) Campbell**  
The Benefice of Wythenshawe  
with the Revd Ian Fellows

**Joshua (Josh) Mark Gaskell**  
The Benefices of High Crompton and Thornham and Shaw, Holy Trinity  
with the Revd Katy Cunliffe

**Peter Thomas Hughes**  
The Benefice of Salford, Sacred Trinity  
with the Revd Canon Andy Salmon

**Enock Kiyaga Mayanja**  
The Benefice of Stretford, All Saints  
with the Revd Luke Maguire

**Pamela (Pam) Mary Parr**  
The Benefice of Rochdale, St Chad, St Mary and St Edmund and the benefice of Deeplish and Newbold  
with the Revd Anne Gilbert

**Mehrdad Qasemi**  
The Benefice of Heatons  
with the Revd Mike Read

**Sarah Alison Riding**  
The Benefice of Clayton, St Cross with St Paul  
with the Revd Chris Moore

**Stuart Peter Samuels**  
The Benefice of Harpurhey, Christ Church and Collyhurst, The Saviour  
with the Revd Neil Elliott

**Zahra Shafiei**  
The Benefice of Oldham and Werneth  
with the Revd Nick Andrewes
Lesley Susan Stear  
The Benefice of Ramsbottom and Edenfield  
with the Revd Ian Fleming

Kirsten Stott  
The Benefice of Heywood, St John and St Luke  
with the Revd Kirsty Screeton

Charles Patrick Thom  
The Benefice of Didsbury, St James and Emmanuel  
with the Revd Dr Nick Bundock

Helen Elizabeth Tyler  
The Benefice of Prestwich, St Margaret  
with the Revd Sue Walker
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 actions

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 deacon in your Church.

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.

- After the ordination the newly-ordained are symbolically vested in robes appropriate to their new order. This ‘vesting’ is indicated by the placing of a stole around them. Deacons wear a liturgical stole across the body - from left shoulder to right hip. In some Anglican Churches the ministers do not wear stoles. Candidates from this tradition may choose to have a black ‘preaching scarf’ placed upon them, instead. This is simply worn around the back of the neck and hangs down 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 His Majesty King Charles III, his 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.

Music before the service
Adagio, Symphony No 5, Op 42
Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)
The Gathering and Presentation

All stand at the entry of the ministers

Introit

Tu es Petrus,
et super hanc petram aedificabo ecclesiam meam.
You are Peter,
and upon this rock I will build my church.

Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986) Matthew 16.18

Hymn

Lift high the Cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come, let us follow where our Captain trod,
o'er death victorious, Christ the Son of God:
Lift high the Cross…

Saved by the Cross whereon their Lord was slain,
earth's fallen children their lost home regain:
Lift high the Cross…

From north and south, from east and west they raise
in growing harmony their song of praise:
Lift high the Cross…

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw us unto thee:
Lift high the Cross…

Let every race and every language tell
of him who saves our souls from death and hell:
Lift high the Cross…

Set up thy throne, that earth's despair may cease
beneath the shadow of its healing peace:
Lift high the Cross…

For thy blest cross which doth for all atone
creation's praises rise before thy throne:
Lift high the Cross…

Crucifer CP 499
G W Kitchin (1827-1912)
S H Nicholson (1875-1947)
The Greeting

Bishop  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 introduces the service

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

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

To serve this royal priesthood, God has given 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.

Please sit

The Presentation

Each ordinand stands as their names are called by an Archdeacon

Reverend Father in God, I present the following to be ordained to the office of Deacon 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 these 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 has 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 prayer with the following bidding

Let us pray for all those to be ordained, 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

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah:

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; 
the whole earth is full of his glory.’

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: ‘Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!’

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: ‘Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.’ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?’ And I said, ‘Here am I; send me!’

At the end the reader says

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

Reading

A Reading from the Letter to the Romans:

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have
the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.

At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

Hymn

O thou who camest from above,
the pure celestial fire to impart,
kindle a flame of sacred love
on the mean altar of my heart.

There let it for thy glory burn
with inextinguishable blaze,
and trembling to its source return
in humble prayer, and fervent praise.

Jesus, confirm my heart’s desire
to work, and speak, and think for thee;
still let me guard the holy fire,
and still stir up thy gift in me.

Ready for all thy perfect will,
my acts of faith and love repeat,
till death thy endless mercies seal,
and make my sacrifice complete.

Hereford NEH 431
S S Wesley (1810-1876)

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)
cf Leviticus 6.13

Please stand and face the Gospel book
All turn to face the Gospel book. An acclamation heralds the Gospel reading

Cantor  The words that I have spoken to you are spirit, and they are life, says the Lord.  

All sing  Alleluia! Alleluia!  

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

Jesus said to his disciples, ‘Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All

Please sit

Sermon  The Rev’d Canon Flora Winfield  
Third Church Estates Commissioner

A period of silence is kept for reflection.

Please stand for the Creed
The Creed

All

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.
The Liturgy of Ordination

The Declarations

The ordinands stand before the bishop, who addresses the congregation

Bishop

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?

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.

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?

Ordinands 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?

Ordinands 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?

Ordinands By the help of God, I will.

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

Ordinands By the help of God, I will.

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

Ordinands By the help of God, I will.

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

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 grow in holiness and grace?

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 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 ordinands kneel and silence is kept

The Litany

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

All  
Lord, have mercy.
For the peace of the whole world,  
for the welfare of the Holy Church of God,  
and for the unity of all,  
let us pray to the Lord.

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 David, Mark and Matthew 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.

All  Lord, have mercy.

For these ordinands, 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 ordinands continue to kneel before the bishop

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

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:

Here the bishop lays his hands on the head of each ordinand, saying

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 Giving of the Bible

Each of the newly ordained deacons is given a Bible and the Bishop then says

Bishop 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.

Training incumbents place a stole on each of the newly ordained to signify their new office.

The Welcome

The newly ordained deacons turn to face the people. The Sub-Dean welcomes the newly ordained deacons

Sub-Dean We preach not ourselves but Christ Jesus as Lord and ourselves as your servants for Jesus’ sake.

All 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.

Please stand
The Liturgy of the Eucharist

The Peace

The Bishop introduces the Peace

Bishop We are all one in Christ Jesus.
All We belong to him through faith, heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

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

Preparation of the Table

Taking of the Bread and Wine

The Offertory Hymn

During the hymn a collection will be taken for the Ordinands’ Support Fund and the holy table is prepared

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Hearts to heaven and voices raise;
sing to God a hymn of gladness,
sing to God a hymn of praise:
he who on the cross a victim
for the world’s salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of glory,
now is risen from the dead.

Christ is risen, Christ the first-fruits
of the holy harvest field,
which will all its full abundance
at his second coming yield;
then the golden ears of harvest
will their heads before him wave,
ripened by his glorious sunshine,
from the furrows of the grave.
Christ is risen, we are risen;  
shed upon us heavenly grace,  
rain, and dew, and gleams of glory  
from the brightness of thy face;  
that we, with our hearts in heaven,  
here on earth may fruitful be,  
and by angel-hands be gathered,  
and be ever, Lord, with thee.

Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Glory be to God on high;  
alleluia to the Saviour,  
who has gained the victory;  
alleluia to the Spirit,  
fount of love and sanctity;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
to the triune majesty.

Lux Eoi NEH 103
Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885)
Arthur Sullivan (1842-1900)

Please remain standing

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 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:

Choir  Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus,        Holy, holy, holy
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.               Lord, God of power and might.
Pleni sunt caeli et terra            Heaven and earth are full
gloria tua.                        of your glory.
Osanna in excelsis.                 Hosanna in the highest.

Benedictus qui venit                Blessed is he who comes
in nomine Domini.                  in the name of the Lord.
Osanna in excelsis.                 Hosanna in the highest.
Bishop  We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son. On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

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

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

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

Bishop  Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with 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.
Please sit

The Lord’s Prayer

Bishop As our Saviour taught us, so we pray
All Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

The bishop breaks the bread and says

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

Giving of Communion

The invitation to Communion is said

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 bishops and people receive communion. Authorized words of distribution are used and the communicant replies

Amen.

Members of all Christian Churches are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you wish to receive a blessing instead, please keep your hands down. Holy Communion will be offered in both kinds (that is in both elements of bread and wine). If you prefer, continuing to receive only bread is also permitted. Consecrated bread must not be intincted (dipped) in the wine. Gluten-free wafers are available by the nave platform. Please follow the directions of the stewards.
Agnus Dei

Agnus Dei,  
quì tollìs peccata mundì,  
miserere nobìs.  

Agnus Dei,  
quì tollìs peccata mundì,  
miserere nobìs.  

Agnus Dei,  
quì tollìs peccata mundì,  
dona nobìs pacem.

Lamb of God  
you take away the sin of the world  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God  
you take away the sin of the world  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God  
you take away the sin of the world  
grant us peace.

Anthem

O Lord, give thy Holy Spirit into our hearts,  
and lighten our understanding,  
that we may dwell in the fear of thy name,  
all the days of our life,  
that we may know thee, the only true God,  
and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent.

Thomàs Tallìs (1505-1585)  
from Lidley’s Prayers

Communion Hymns

Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast,  
body of Christ, be thou my saving guest,  
blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide,  
wash me with water gushing from thy side.

Strength and protection may thy Passion be,  
O blessèd Jesu, hear and answer me;  
deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me,  
so shall I never, never part from thee.

Guard and defend me from the foe malign,  
in death's dread moments make me only thine;  
call me and bid me come to thee on high  
where I may praise thee with thy saints for ay.

Anima Christi  
NEH 305  
Latin, 14th Century, anon

William Maher (1823-1877)
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  SP 81
Michael Baughen (b 1930)

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

Hymn

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,
first-begotten from the dead,
thou alone, our strong defender,
liftest up thy people’s head.
Alleluia!
Jesu, true and living bread.

Here our humblest homage pay we,
here in loving reverence bow;
here for faith’s discernment pray we,
lest we fail to know thee now.
Alleluia!
Thou art here, we ask not how.

Though the lowliest form doth veil thee
as of old in Bethlehem,
here as there thine angels hail thee,
branch and flower of Jesse’s stem.
Alleluia!
We in worship join with them.

Paschal lamb, thine offering, finished
once for all when thou wast slain,
in its fulness undiminished
shall for evermore remain,
Alleluia!
Cleansing souls from every stain.

Life-imparting heavenly manna,
stricken rock with streaming side,
heaven and earth with loud hosanna
worship thee, the lamb who died,
Alleluia!
Risen, ascended, glorified!

St Helen NEH 296
George Martin (1844-1916)

G H Bourne (1840-1925)
The Blessing

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.

The Sending Out

Deacon  Go in the peace of Christ.

All  Thanks be to God.

Music after the service

Toccata, Symphony No 5, Op 42
Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)
Recession Order
Bishop of Manchester
Bishop of Middleton  Bishop of Bolton
Registrar
Newly-ordained Deacons
Bishop’s Chaplain

Crucifer
Acolytes
Cathedral Choir

Verger
Incumbents
Director of Vocations
Archdeacons

Verger
Deacon and Subdeacon
Cathedral Clergy
The Sub-Dean and Preacher

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