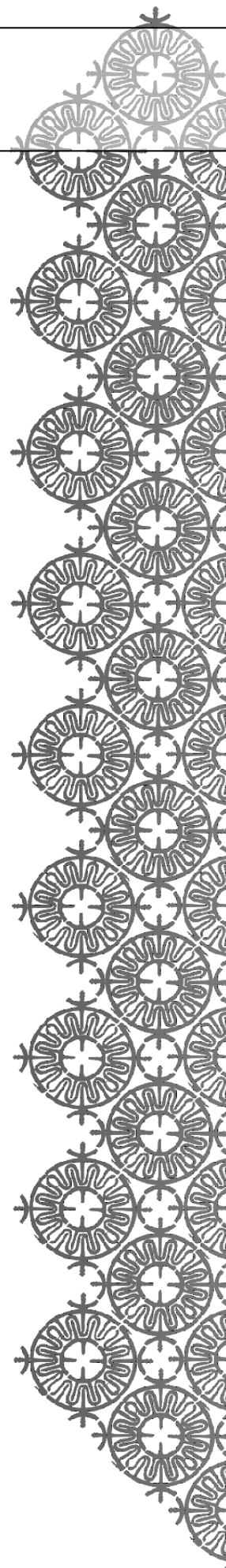
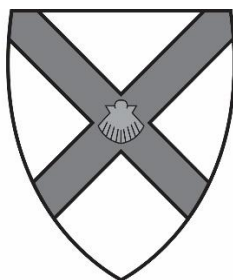




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Directions

Ordination of Deacons

Saturday 25th September 2021
at 3.00pm





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The Ordination of Deacons

The ministry of the Church is the ministry of Christ, its chief shepherd and high priest. The ordained ministry is Christ's gift to his Church, and in their life and ministry, bishops, priests and deacons are called to speak in Christ's name and build up the Church of which he is the head. In this way the whole body of the Church is ordered in faithful response to the Lord's summons to share his work.

The ministry of deacons is focussed in being heralds of the kingdom and in bringing before the servant Church the needs of the world.

*from 'Introduction by the House of Bishops' to
Common Worship: Ordination Services (2007)*

Before this service, the Ordinands have taken the Oath of Allegiance to Her Majesty The Queen and the Oath of Canonical Obedience to the Bishop, and made the following Declaration of Assent:

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

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.

The Ordinands

Eucharia Asiegbu
to serve in the benefice of St John, Sidcup with Footscray

Esther Bevan
to serve in the benefice of St Edmund King & Martyr, Dartford and St Alban, Dartford

Amanda Clampin
to serve in the parish of Kingsdown

William Davie
to serve in the parish of South Gillingham

Mark Edwards
to serve in the parish of St George, Gravesend

Elizabeth Longhurst
to serve in the parish of St Mark, Bromley

Helen Musson
to serve in the parish of Christ Church, Orpington

Stephen Osei-Mensah
to serve in the West Sevenoaks Team

Mark Packer
to serve in the benefice of Shipbourne with Plaxtol

Nicholas Ross
to serve in the parish of St Nicholas, Sevenoaks

Ethlyn Roy-Johnson
to serve in the parish of St Augustine Slade Green

Catherine Shillito
to serve in the benefice of Fawkham and Hartley, Ridley, Ash and Longfield

Sheela Thomas
to serve in the parish of St John the Baptist, Beckenham

Pray for all those to be ordained deacon today, as they begin their new ministry.

ORDER OF SERVICE

The Vice Dean, the Reverend Canon Chris Dench, welcomes the congregation and gives out any notices.

Remain seated as supporting clergy and readers process to their seats.

The Gathering and Presentation

All stand as the procession enters the Nave via the Great West Door and a fanfare is sounded

Hymn



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

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

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

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

3 I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

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

Servant Song (AM604) ~ Richard Gillard (b 1953)

Remain standing

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.**

Sit

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 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.

Prayers of Penitence

The Deacon of the Liturgy, the Reverend Mark Tariq, says

Deacon As we gather before God,
and trusting in his grace alone,
let us join with these ordinands in confessing our sins.

After a silence

All **Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.**

Bishop Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
✠ have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Presentation

The Archdeacon of Rochester presents the Ordinands

Archdeacon Reverend Father in God,
I present the following
to be ordained to the office of deacon in the Church of God ...

When the Ordinands have been presented, the Bishop asks the Diocesan Director of Ordinands

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

Director of Ordinands They have.

The Bishop asks the Diocesan Director of Formation & Ministry

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

Director of Form. They do.

The Bishop addresses the Ordinands

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

Ordinands **I do so believe.**

Bishop I invite the Archdeacon of Rochester to confirm that the Ordinands have taken the necessary oaths and made the Declaration of Assent.

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

The Collect

Bishop Let us pray for those to be ordained today,
 and for the ministry of the whole people of God.

After a short period of silent prayer:

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.

Sit

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Isaiah 6.1-8

read by the Reverend John Musson

A reading from the prophecy of 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!'

Reader For the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Romans 12.1-13

read by the Reverend Sue Twynam

A reading from the letter of Paul 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. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Reader For the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Stand

Hymn



**As the deer pants for the water,
So my soul longs after You.
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship You.**

***You alone are my strength, my shield,
To You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship You.***

**I want You more than gold or silver,
Only You can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy-giver
And the apple of my eye.**

**You're my Friend and You are my Brother,
Even though You are a King.
I love You more than any other,
So much more than anything.**

Martin Nystrom (b. 1956)

Gospel Reading: Luke 4.16-21

Turn to face the gospel book as it passes

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.’

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, ‘Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.’

Deacon This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Once the Sermon has been introduced, please sit

Sermon

by the Reverend Canon Mandy Carr (ordination retreat leader)

Stand

The Creed

Bishop Let us declare our faith in God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**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 congregations sits

The Liturgy of Ordination

The Declarations

The Ordinands stand before the Bishop

The Bishop 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.

Bishop 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?

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 do so.

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 congregation stands and the Ordinands turn and face them

The Bishop address the congregation

Bishop Brothers and sisters, you have heard how great is the charge that these ordinands are ready to undertake, and you have heard their declarations. Is it now your will that they should be ordained?

All **It is.**

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

Bishop 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 congregation sit and silence is kept

Litany

led by the Deacon of the Liturgy

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 Simon, Bishop of Tonbridge,
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 those called to be priests in the 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 Elizabeth our Queen, 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 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
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:

(Supporters are invited to stand when their Ordinand stands before the Bishop)

Here the Bishop lays his hands on the head of each Ordinand, saying

Send down the Holy Spirit on your servant ...
for the office and work of a deacon 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 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 Vesting

The newly ordained deacons are given a stole

The Welcome

All stand

A deacon says to the newly ordained deacons

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.**

The newly ordained deacons are welcomed with applause

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Stand

The Peace

Bishop God has entrusted to us the message of reconciliation.
First be reconciled to one another.

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

Preparation of the Table

Taking of the Bread and Wine

Offertory Hymn



From heav'n you came helpless babe
Enter'd our world your glory veil'd
Not to be served but to serve
And give Your life that we might live.

Refrain:

*This is our God, the Servant King –
He calls us now to follow Him
To bring our lives as a daily offering
of worship to the Servant King*

**There in the garden of tears
My heavy load He chose to bear.
His heart with sorrow was torn
Yet “Not my will, but yours”, He said.
*Refrain***

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

**So let us learn how to serve
And in our lives enthrone Him.
Each other’s needs to prefer
For it is Christ we’re serving.
*Refrain***

The Servant King (AM489) (420)

Graham Kendrick (b. 1950)

The Bishop takes the bread and wine

Bishop Heavenly Father,
 as we set before you these gifts of bread and wine,
 bless also the gift of our hearts and minds
 as we offer our lives in your service;
 for Jesus Christ’s sake.

All Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer E

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

All Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

All Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
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:

All sing

[Organ] Ho - ly Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord. God of po - wer and might.
Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
Ho - san - na, Hos - san - na in the high - est.
Bles - sed is he who comes in the name - of the - Lord. Ho -
san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

David Thorne Mass of St Thomas

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.

All **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 the Blessed Virgin Mary
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.**

Kneel or 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

Bishop We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
All **Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

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.**

All sing

[organ] Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: Grant us peace.

David Thorne Mass of St Thomas

All who are regular communicants in their own churches are welcome to receive communion here. Gluten-free hosts are available: please ask the stewards and come to the stations at the front of the Nave. If you wish to come for a blessing instead of receiving communion, please carry this service paper with you as a sign to the minister. We keep a prayerful silence to allow others to prepare to receive communion or pray afterwards. Please follow the directions of the stewards.

Prayer after Communion

Bishop Let us pray.

Stand

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.**

Hymn



**Go forth and tell! O Church of God, awake!
God's saving news to all the nations take:
Proclaim Christ Jesus, Saviour, Lord and King,
That all the world his glorious praise may sing.**

**Go forth and tell! God's love embraces all;
He will in grace respond to all who call:
How shall they call if they have never heard
The gracious invitation of his word?**

**Go forth and tell! The doors are open wide:
Share God's good gifts - let no one be denied;
Live out your life as Christ your Lord shall choose,
Your ransomed powers for his sole glory use.**

**Go forth and tell! O Church of God, arise!
Go in the strength which Christ your Lord supplies;
Go till all nations his great name adore
And serve him, Lord and King for evermore.**

Woodlands (AM 394) ~ Walter Greatorex (1877-1949)

James E Seddon (1915-1983)

The Sending Out

The Giving of the Bible

The newly ordained deacons stand before the Bishop who gives the Bible to each of them

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.

Blessing and Dismissal

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

**All Blessed be the name of the Lord,
 now and forever. Amen.**

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 among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Deacon Go in the peace of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

The Bishop leads the newly ordained deacons to the Great West Door and the other ministers exit in procession

Organ Voluntary

The Cathedral Church of Christ
and the Blessed Virgin Mary

