



THE CATHEDRAL AND METROPOLITICAL CHURCH OF CHRIST, CANTERBURY

EUCCHARIST with the Ordination and Consecration of

The Reverend Esther Prior as Bishop of Aston
The Reverend Dave Bull as Bishop of Buckingham
The Reverend Andrew Norman as Suffragan Bishop
in Europe
The Reverend Mary Gregory as Bishop of Reading



George Herbert, Priest and Poet

27th February 2025

11.00 am

Nave

The Consecration and Ordination of a Bishop

The ministry of the Church is the ministry of Christ, its chief shepherd and high priest. Those who are ordained are called to share Christ's work: to speak in his name and build up the Church of which Christ is the head. This service of ordination perpetuates a pattern of ministry in direct continuity – through a long line of succession – with the apostles. Just as Jesus commissioned His first disciples, so by the laying on of hands the Archbishop will commission this disciple to mission. That is, to witness to the resurrection and to preach the good news of salvation in all the world. The particular role of a bishop – while remaining a deacon and priest – is to proclaim and guard the faith, to preside at the sacraments, to lead the Church's prayer and to hand on its ministry. During the service, the candidates will be asked to confirm their commitment to these priorities. The Archbishop will ask all who are present to undertake to support the ordination of these candidates, not least because as bishops they will act not just on behalf of particular local Christian communities, but of the whole Church. This is followed by the invocation of the Holy Spirit and the laying on of hands. Esther, Dave, Andrew, and Mary will be anointed with sacred oil, signifying their role of leadership within the royal priesthood of Christ's people; they will receive a copy of the Holy Scriptures, both to remind them of their duty to proclaim the Gospel and of the centrality of God's Word; and they will receive a Pastoral Staff, symbolising their sharing in the ministry of Christ the Good Shepherd. Christ's mission is the fundamental and unifying reality for all ministry. It turns the Church outwards towards the world that God loved so much that he sent his only Son. It prepares the Church for that goal and end of all things, when Christ himself will present to the Father a world made perfect by his work – when all God's people share in the joyful communion of love that binds the Father and the Son, in the unity of the Holy Spirit.

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Esther is married to Matt, who is also ordained, and they have two children – Micah and Sophia. She is the vicar of St John's Egham, and chair of Trinity College, Bristol. She serves on General Synod as Pro-Prolocutor and on the Crown Nominations Commission. Until recently Esther was vice-chair of Church Pastoral Aid Society Patronage Trustees. She came to England from Zimbabwe for Theological Education at Trinity College, Bristol in 1999. After two curacies, she served as a School Chaplain, a young offenders Prison Chaplain and a Team Vicar in Farnborough. Esther is passionate

about the local church being a loving and growing community where God's people of all ages are empowered and released to follow Jesus in their everyday lives. She also has a special interest in fostering partnerships in the wider community for the common good. She loves cooking, reading, writing, body combat, travel and time with family.



Dave was ordained in 2008, having come to faith via an Alpha course in London, where he describes finding God as a “combination of warm friendship, thoughtful deep discussion and a profound personal experience of the Holy Spirit”. Prior to ordination he worked for Unilever and then for a charity and a church in London. He studied law at Oxford, and theology at Wycliffe Hall, and is currently studying for a Masters in the Theology of Ministry and Mission. Having served his curacy in Reigate in the Diocese of Southwark, until this appointment Dave was the Team Rector of the 4U Team of Churches in Marlow, where he was appointed in 2012, Area Dean of Wycombe Deanery, an Honorary Canon at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, and was Chaplain to the 2012 London Olympics. He is married to Helen, with whom he has three children, and enjoys sailing and mountain biking.



A dairy farmer's son, Andrew worked for the world's largest commercial printer of banknotes prior to ordination, which included working in a factory in Malta. He was ordained priest in 1996, serving his curacy at St Michael's, Paris, in the Diocese in Europe. He then became Associate Vicar at Christ Church, Clifton in Bristol Diocese. He went on to work with Archbishop Rowan Williams as Archbishop of Canterbury's Principal Secretary for International, Ecumenical and Anglican Communion Affairs and was appointed Honorary Provincial Canon of Canterbury Cathedral. He then served as Principal of Ridley Hall theological college from 2008 to 2016, also being appointed Honorary Canon of Ely Cathedral. He moved on to work in the newly-formed Diocese of Leeds as Director of Ministry and Mission, where he was made Honorary Canon of Wakefield Cathedral. He has an MPhil from Birmingham University in 'Anglicans, Ecumenism and Mission', focusing on Continental Europe, and is author of 'A Church Observed: being Anglican as times change'. He is married to Amanda, who currently works for the Leprosy Mission and is a Licensed Lay Minister. They have two adult daughters.



Mary grew up in rural Leicestershire and Lincolnshire, before studying English at Birmingham University. After graduation, she worked in the Prison Service for ten years latterly as a Prison Governor. She was a member of an enquiry into incidents at the Maze Prison in Northern Ireland, which was foundational in developing her interest in reconciliation. Mary studied theology at Cranmer Hall in Durham. Her MA in Theological Research included an exploration of the Gospel and the arts, whilst her dissertation focused on the cultural appropriation of the holocaust at Auschwitz in post-war Poland. She served her curacy and first incumbency in the Diocese of Sheffield, where she was also Assistant Diocesan Director of Ordinands and Dean of Women's Ministry. Mary then became Team Rector for the Flagstaff Family of Churches in Leicestershire. Most recently, Mary has served as Canon for Arts and Reconciliation at Coventry Cathedral, where she has developed an understanding of reconciliation as being borne of rich storytelling and courageous listening. Mary is a serial-adopter of retired greyhounds, and a self-taught quilter. She loves walking holidays and has completed the Cleveland Way and Wainwright's Coast-to-Coast. She has a particular passion for the role of beauty and the imagination in drawing us deeper into our encounters with God.

Welcome from the Dean of Canterbury

We are delighted to welcome you to the Cathedral of Christ at Canterbury which since the days of Pope Gregory's Mission to the Angles in the 6th century has been a place of Christian community, worship and service. As the seat of the Archbishop of Canterbury we support this ministry and provide a welcome for many from across the global Anglican Communion who hold this place in great affection. As partners with the Bishop of Dover and the Diocese of Canterbury we serve East Kent comprising beautiful villages, rural communities growing fruit, seaside towns facing significant challenges and the Port of Dover focussing so much of our attention around contemporary debates about immigration and people trafficking. The City of Canterbury is a popular tourist destination to whom we seek to offer welcome in Christ's name. We remain a destination for pilgrims especially drawn by the witness and stories of the Canterbury saints including Archbishops Thomas, Alphege, Dunstan and Anselm.

We pray that you will find a sense of shelter in our beautiful building and yet be drawn way beyond that to the beauty of God in Jesus Christ for whom we exist and who still calls us into his Way and invites us to follow in costly faith.

On behalf of volunteers, colleagues, congregations and Chapter, welcome to this special place,

David Monteith, Dean of Canterbury

The Gloria is The Coventry Gloria by Peter Jones (1951-2016)

The Sanctus, Benedictus, and Agnus Dei are from St Anne's Mass by James Macmillan (b. 1959)

Before the service the bishops-designate take the Oath of Allegiance to the Sovereign and Oath of Due Obedience to the Archbishop, tended to them by the Principal Registrar

The Dean welcomes the congregation before the service begins

The order of procession

Cross and Lights

Choir

Virger

The Chapter of Birmingham

Virger

The Chapter of Oxford

Virger

The Chapter of Europe

Virger

The Preacher

The Chapter of Canterbury

The Dean

The Bishop of Dover

Virger

The Bishop-designate of Aston

The Bishop of Birmingham and the Bishop of Guildford

The Bishop-designate of Buckingham

The Bishop of Oxford and the Bishop of Dorchester

The Suffragan Bishop-designate in Europe

The Bishop in Europe and the Bishop of Leeds

The Bishop-designate of Reading

The Bishop of Taunton

The Procession of the Archbishop

Ostiarius

The College of Bishops

The Pro-prolocutor

The Principal Registrar

Vesturer

The Bishop of Winchester and The Bishop of London

Deacon of the Liturgy

The Primatial Cross

The Archbishop of York

The Chaplain

The Gathering and Presentation

Stand to sing



Let us build a house
where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hope and dreams and
visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end
divisions:

*All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*

²Let us build a house
where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to
seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of
Jesus:

³Let us build a house
where love is found
in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground,
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through
Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast
that frees us.

⁴Let us build a house
where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and
teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and
danger:

⁵Let us build a house
where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught
and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and
laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor
to rafter:

Words: Marty Haugen (b. 1950)

Tune: TWO OAKS

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The Greeting

The Archbishop greets the people

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

There is one body and one spirit.

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

one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

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

Peace be with you.

All **And also with you.**

The Archbishop 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. Bishops are ordained to be shepherds of Christ's flock and guardians of the faith of the apostles, proclaiming the gospel of God's kingdom and leading his people in mission. Obedient to the call of Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit, they are to gather God's people and celebrate with them the sacraments of the new covenant. Thus formed into a single communion of faith and love, the Church in each place and time is united with the Church in every place and time.

Prayers of Penitence

Invitation to confession

Deacon

We run the race set before us,
surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.
Therefore let us lay aside every weight,
and the sin which clings so closely,
bringing them to Jesus in penitence and faith.

All **Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought, in what we have said and
done, through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love, and marred your image in
us. We are sorry and ashamed, 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 lead us out from
darkness to walk as children of light.
Amen.**

Archbishop

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 Ordinands come out to stand in front of the Archbishop

The Bishop of Guildford and the Bishop of Birmingham say

Reverend Father in God, Esther Prior has been chosen to be Bishop of Aston in the Diocese of Birmingham. We present her to be ordained and consecrated to the office of bishop in the Church of God.

The Bishop of Oxford and the Bishop of Dorchester say

Reverend Father in God, Dave Bull has been chosen to be Bishop of Buckingham in the Diocese of Oxford. We present him to be ordained and consecrated to the office of bishop in the Church of God.

The Bishop of Leeds and the Bishop in Europe say

Reverend Father in God, Andrew Norman has been chosen to be Suffragan Bishop in the Diocese in Europe. We present him to be ordained and consecrated to the office of bishop in the Church of God.

The Bishop of Oxford and the Bishop of Taunton say

Reverend Father in God, Mary Gregory has been chosen to be Bishop of Reading in the Diocese of Oxford. We present her to be ordained and consecrated to the office of bishop in the Church of God.

The Archbishop asks

Do you believe them to be of godly life and sound learning?

Those presenting respond

We do.

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

We do.

The Archbishop turns to the ordinands and says

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

Ordinands **I do so believe.**

Archbishop Let the authority for the ordinations be read.

The Provincial Registrar reads the Royal Mandate.

Archbishop Esther, Dave, Andrew, and Mary, you have taken the oath of allegiance to the Sovereign and the oath of due obedience. You are now required to make the Declaration of Assent.

The Archbishop then reads the Preface to the Declaration of Assent.

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

The Ordinands respond

I, Esther

I, Dave

I, Andrew

I, Mary

Clerk in Holy Orders about to be admitted and consecrated to the Bishopric and See for which I have been chosen, 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 Ordinand return to their places

Gloria in Excelsis



The musical score is written on ten staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the staves, with some parts in brackets indicating choir parts. The lyrics are:
Staff 1: Glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high-est, [Choir]
Staff 2: Peace to his peo - ple, peace on earth. Glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high-est, [All]
Staff 3: Peace to his peo - ple, peace on earth. Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al- [Choir]
Staff 4: might-y - God and Fath - ther. Glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high-est, [All]
Staff 5: Peace to his peo - ple, peace on earth. We wor-ship you, glo-ry in the high-est, [Choir] [All]
Staff 6: Give you thanks, [Choir] glo-ry in the high-est, [All] Praise you for your glo - ry. [Choir]
Staff 7: Glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high-est, Peace to his peo - ple, peace on earth. [All]
Staff 8: Lord Je-sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, [Choir]



you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us; **have mer-cy on us;** you are

[All]

[Choir]



seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re - ceive our-prayer, **re - ceive our_ prayer.**

[All]



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high-est. Peace to his peo - ple,

[Choir]



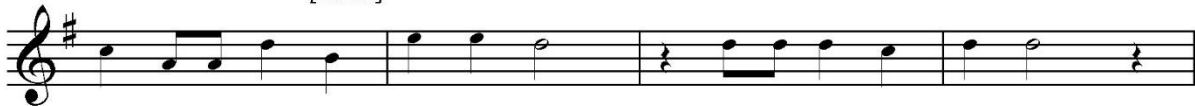
peace on earth. **Glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high-est, Peace to his peo - ple,**

[All]



peace on earth. For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-

[Choir]



lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God, the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. **Glo-ry to God,**

[All]



glo - ry in the high - est, Peace to his peo - ple, peace on earth.



A - - - men, a - - - men.

[Choir]

The Collect

The Archbishop introduces a period of silent prayer with the following bidding

Let us pray for Esther, Dave, Andrew, and Mary, and for the ministry of the whole people of God.

Silence is kept and then the Archbishop says the Collect

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 servant, 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

Old Testament Reading

Malachi 2.5-7

Read by Lucy Lister

My covenant with him was a covenant of life and well-being, which I gave him; this called for reverence, and he revered me and stood in awe of my name. True instruction was in his mouth, and no wrong was found on his lips. He walked with me in integrity and uprightness, and he turned many from iniquity. For the lips of a priest should guard knowledge, and people should seek instruction from his mouth, for he is the messenger of the Lord of hosts.

For the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Reading

Revelation 19.5-9

Read by Amanda Norman

From the throne came a voice saying,
'Praise our God, all you his servants, and all who fear him, small
and great.'

Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like
the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunder-

peals, crying out,
 'Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.
 Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory,
 for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made
 herself ready; to her it has been granted to be clothed with fine
 linen, bright and pure'—
 for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.
 And the angel said to me, 'Write this: Blessed are those who are
 invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.' And he said to me,
 'These are true words of God.'

For the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Stand to sing

Gradual hymn



I heard the voice of Jesus say,
 'Come unto me and rest;
 lay down, thou weary one, lay down
 thy head upon my breast':
 I came to Jesus as I was,
 weary, and worn, and sad;
 I found in him a resting-place,
 and he has made me glad.

²I heard the voice of Jesus say,
 'Behold, I freely give
 the living water, thirsty one;
 stoop down, and drink, and live':
 I came to Jesus, and I drank
 of that life-giving stream;
 my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
 and now I live in him.

³I heard the voice of Jesus say,
 'I am this dark world's light;
 look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
 and all thy day be bright':
 I looked to Jesus, and I found
 in him my star, my sun;
 and in that light of life I'll walk
 till travelling days are done.

Remain standing as the Deacon says the Alleluia and we respond

Alleluia, Alleluia.

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord.

I know my own and my own know me,

just as the Father knows me and I know the Father.

All **Alleluia.**

The Gospel

Matthew 11.25-end

The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

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

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit

Sermon

Dr Jane Williams,

McDonald Professor in Christian Theology

St Mellitus College

Silence is kept as the preacher returns to her seat and then we stand to affirm the faith of the Church

Stand

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 Archbishop, who addresses the congregation

Archbishop Bishops are called to serve and care for the flock of Christ. Mindful of the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life for his sheep, they are to love and pray for those committed to their charge, knowing their people and being known by them. As principal ministers of word and sacrament, stewards of the mysteries of God, they are to preside at the Lord's table and to lead the offering of prayer and praise. They are to feed God's pilgrim people, and so build up the Body of Christ.

They are to baptize and confirm, nurturing God's people in the life of the Spirit, and leading them in the way of holiness. They are to discern and foster the gifts of the Spirit in all who follow Christ, commissioning them to minister in his name. They are to preside over the ordination of deacons and priests, and join together in the ordination of bishops.

As chief pastors, it is their duty to share with their fellow presbyters the oversight of the Church, speaking in the name of God, and expounding the gospel of salvation. With the Shepherd's love, they are to be merciful, but with firmness; to minister discipline, but with compassion. They are to have a special care for the poor, the outcast and those who are in need. They are to seek out those who are lost and lead them home with rejoicing, declaring the absolution and forgiveness of sins to those who turn to Christ.

Following the example of the prophets and the teaching of the apostles, they are to proclaim the gospel boldly, confront injustice and work for righteousness and peace in all the world.

The Archbishop addresses the ordinands directly

Esther, Dave, Andrew, and Mary, we trust that you have weighed and pondered all this, and that you are now fully determined to devote yourself to this ministry to which God has called you. We pray that you may offer to him your best powers of mind and spirit, so that as you follow the rule and teaching of our Lord you may grow up into his likeness, and 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 your people in proclaiming his glorious gospel of Christ, so that the good news of salvation may be heard in every place?

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

Will you teach the doctrine of Christ as the Church of England has received it, will you refute error, and will you hand on entire the faith that is entrusted to you?

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

Will you be faithful in ordaining and commissioning ministers of the Gospel?

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

Will you promote peace and reconciliation in the Church and in the world; and will you strive for the visible unity of Christ's Church?

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

Will you be gentle and merciful for Christ's sake to those who are in need, and speak for those who have no other to speak for them?

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 and make your home a place of hospitality and welcome?

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, exercising authority with justice, courtesy and love, and always holding before you the example of Christ?

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, that the good news of Christ may be proclaimed in all the world?

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

The congregation stands and the ordinands turn and face them.

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

All **It is.**

Archbishop Will you continually pray for them?

All **We will.**

Archbishop Will you uphold and encourage them in their ministry?

All **We will.**

The ordinand turns to face the Archbishop, who continues

Esther, Dave, Andrew, and Mary, remember always with thanksgiving that God has entrusted to your care Christ's beloved bride, his own flock, bought by the shedding of his blood on the cross.

You are to govern Christ's people in truth, lead them out to proclaim the good news of the kingdom, and prepare them to stand before him when at last he comes in glory.

You cannot bear the weight of this calling in your own strength, but only by the grace and power of God. Pray therefore that you may be conformed more and more to the image of God's Son, so that through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit your life and ministry may be made holy and acceptable to God. Pray earnestly for the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The ordinands and the congregation kneel and silence is kept.

All sing



Precentor *Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,*
All *And lighten with celestial fire;*
 Thou the anointing Spirit art,
 Who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.

²Thy blessèd unction from above
Is comfort, life, and fire of love;
Enable with perpetual light
The dullness of our blinded sight:

³Anoint and cheer our soilèd face
With the abundance of thy grace:
Keep far our foes, give peace at home;
Where thou art guide no ill can come.

⁴Teach 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.

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

Tune: VENI CREATOR (MECHLIN)

The Litany

Led by Sarah Chiumbu and Lauren Bull

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 the office of the Archbishop of Canterbury, for Stephen,
Archbishop of York and Rose, Bishop of Dover,
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 Esther, Dave, Andrew, and Mary,
called to be bishops 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 there may be one flock and one Shepherd,
let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

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.

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 Archbishop, who stands to pray.

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 poured out your Holy Spirit upon his disciples,
to give them power to preach the gospel to the ends of the earth,
and to build up your people in love.

And now we give you thanks
that you have called this your servant, whom we ordain in your
name, to share as a bishop 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:

*Here the Archbishop and the consecrating bishops lay hands on the head of
each Ordinand. As he prays the choir sing the Taizé Chant Veni Sanctus
Spiritus.*

The Archbishop says

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

The Archbishop then continues

Through your Spirit, heavenly Father,
fill these your servants with the grace and power which you gave to
your apostles, that as true shepherds they may feed and govern
your flock, and lead them in proclaiming the gospel of your
salvation in the world.

Make them steadfast as guardians of the faith and sacraments,
wise as teachers and faithful in presiding at the worship of your
people.

Through them, with their fellow-servants in Christ,
increase your Church and renew its ministry,
uniting its members in a holy fellowship of truth and love.

Give them humility, that they may use their authority to heal, not
to hurt; to build up, not to destroy.

Defend them from all evil, that they may, as faithful stewards,
be presented blameless with all your household
and, at the last, enter your eternal joy,
through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
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

*The newly ordained bishops stand, and the Archbishop presents them with
The Bible, saying*

Receive this Book, as a sign of the authority given you this day
to build up Christ's Church in truth.

Here are words of eternal life.

Take them for your guide, and declare them to the world.

The Anointing

May God, who anointed the Christ with the Holy Spirit at his baptism, anoint and empower you to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives, to set free those who are oppressed and to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.

The Giving of the ring and pectoral cross

Remaining seated, the choir sings

God be in my head and in my understanding
God be in mine eyes and in my looking
God be in my mouth and in my speaking
God be in mine heart and in my thinking
God be at my end and in my departing

Words: Sarum Primer (1514)

Tune: GOD BE IN MY HEAD

The Welcome

The congregation stands, the newly ordained bishops turn to face the people, and the Bishop of London says

Guard the truth that has been entrusted to you
by the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

All **We welcome you as a shepherd of Christ's flock.
Build up the Church in unity and love,
that the world may believe.**

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

The Peace

The Archbishop introduces the Peace

God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself,
not counting our trespasses against us,
and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

Deacon Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

The Offertory is brought up by Deborah George, Sarah Jones, and John Smith

Stand to sing **The Offertory Hymn** during which the table is prepared and the gifts of the people are gathered and presented. If you would prefer to give electronically, please use the QR code.



1. Be hold the Lamb who bears our sins a - way, slain for us:
and we re-mem - ber the pro-mise made, that all who
come in faith find for - give-ness at the cross. So we share in this
bread of life, and we drink of his sa - cri-fice, as a sign of our
bonds of peace a-round the ta-ble of the King.

²The body of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, torn for you:
eat and remember
the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life,
paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.

³The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you:
drink and remember
he drained death's cup that all may enter in
to receive the life of God.
so we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His sacrifice,
as a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King.

⁴And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond:
and to remember
our call to follow in the steps of Christ
as His body here on earth.
as we share in His suffering, we proclaim: Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heaven around the table of the King.

Words and Music: Keith Getty (b. 1974), Kristyn Getty (b. 1980),
& Stuart Townend (b. 1963)

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

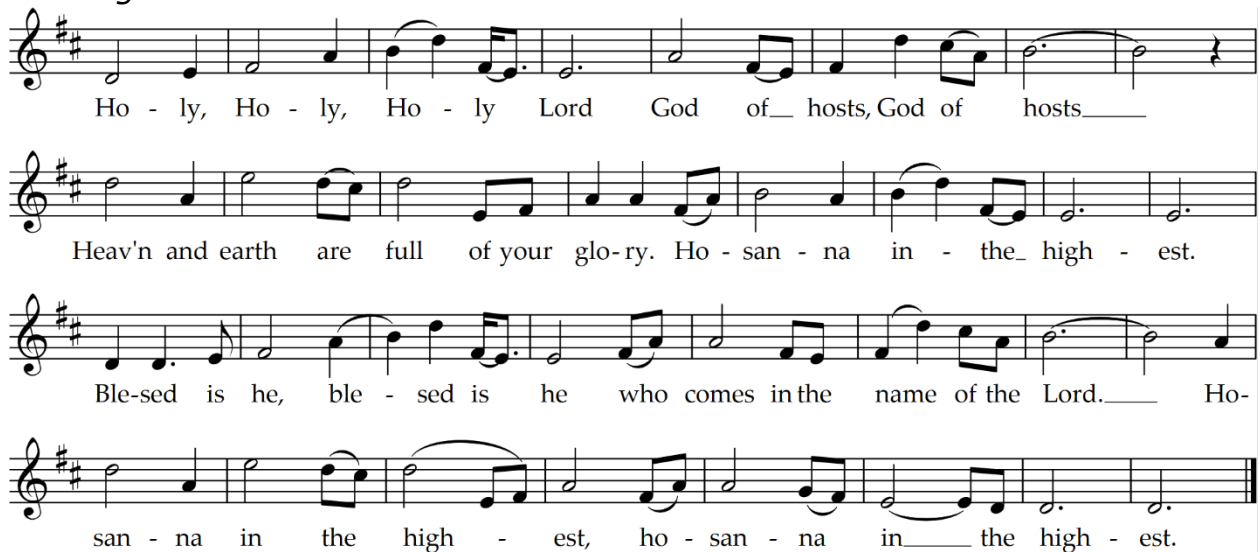
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is truly right and just,
our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Christ is the Good Shepherd of the whole flock,
for which the Holy Spirit ordains bishops
to govern the Church bought by the blood of the eternal covenant.
In this joyful community of faith,
your people, filled with the gifts of the Spirit,
assemble together in one communion of love.
Here the Gospel is set forth
and fulfilled in the Supper of the Lord
to make your Church a sign of love and unity for all.
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:

We sing



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts, God of hosts

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in - the high - est.

Ble-sed is he, ble - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Archbishop recalls the Last Supper

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 Let us proclaim the mystery of faith;

All **Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

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**

We join our prayers with the Church Universal,
each praying in our own language the prayer that Jesus
taught us

Wilfrid Petrie will lead us in French

**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.**

Notre Père...

Vater Unser...

Onze Vader...

Padre Nuestro...

Ojcze Nasz...

Baba Yetu...

E to matou Matua...

Ein Tad...

Remain standing for

Breaking of the Bread

The Archbishop breaks the consecrated bread, saying

We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.
All **God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

The Archbishop says

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.
All **Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Sit as the Archbishop and other ministers begin

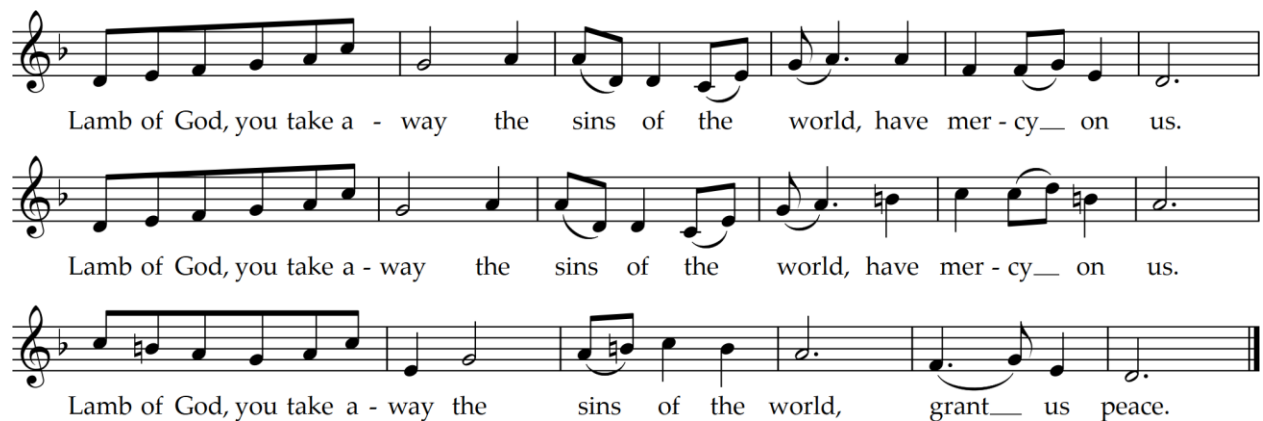
The Distribution of Communion

*Please come up for Communion as directed by the stewards. All who are regular communicants in their own tradition are welcome to receive the sacrament. If you are not a communicant, you are welcome to come forward at this point in the service to receive a blessing, keeping your hands to your sides. Please ask the priest if you **need a gluten-free host**.*

If you would like to receive Communion in your seat, please inform a steward.

*We request that **you do not intinct (dip) your host in the wine** but either take a sip from the cup or remain with your head bowed. This is for the reasons of good hygiene.*

During Communion we sing the Agnus Dei



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.

Prayer after Communion

Stand as the Archbishop says

Let us pray

Silence is kept.

Almighty God,
who on the day of Pentecost
sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles
with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame,
filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel:
by the power of the same Spirit
strengthen us to witness to your truth
and to draw everyone to the fire of your love;
through 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.**

Blessing

Archbishop 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.**

*During this hymn the new Bishops come forward to receive their pastoral
staves, as their episcopal colleagues gather round them.*

The Sending Out



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

²Lord, affirm our shared vocation:
may we bring your plans to birth,
build a church on Christ's foundation,
fit to tend a troubled earth.
Growing, praying, sharing, learning,
deep in wisdom, broad in scope,
love-revealing, truth-discerning,
living out the gospel hope.

In your work of transformation
you are making all things new.
Stir our hearts' imagination,
call us now to work with you.
As we live the Great Commission
all will find their part to play:
Send us out to share your mission,
joyful in the world today.

Words: Ally Barrett (b. 1975)

Tune: ABBOT'S LEIGH

Giving of the Pastoral Staff

The Archbishop says to each:

Keep watch over the whole flock
in which the Holy Spirit has appointed you shepherd.

All **Encourage the faithful, restore the lost,
build up the Body of Christ.**

Dismissal

Deacon Go in the peace of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary

Order of Processions To the West Doors

The Primatial Cross
The Archbishop of York
The Bishop of Aston and the Suffragan Bishop in Europe
The Bishop of Buckingham and the Bishop of Reading

Virger
The Bishops and Chapter of Birmingham
The Bishop and Chapter of Oxford
The Bishop and Chapter of Europe

Virger
The Chapter of Canterbury
The Dean
The Bishop of Dover
The Chaplain

To the Chapter House

Cross and Lights
Virger
The Preacher
The Deacon
The Bishop of London and the Bishop of Winchester

Ostiarius
The College of Bishops
The Pro-prolocutor
The Principal Registrar

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