

The Diocese of Chester



Ordination of Deacons

St Mary Magdalene
Ashton upon Mersey

Saturday 1st July 2023
4.00pm

Introducing those to be ordained:

Andrew Crook



I came to faith through the ministry of Great Walstead School in Sussex, and I am so grateful to my parents for my time there and their constant support and love. After studying Politics and Economics I worked in ministry to drug addicts in Hong Kong and then studied for a Masters in Economics. I then worked at the Jubilee Centre in Cambridge, for the Treasury and then first as a History teacher then as a Deputy Head in several schools. I have the privilege of being Husband to Jane, Father to Katie, James and Holly and Grandfather to Riley. I am especially grateful to David and Clare MacInnes and their team at St Aldates in the 1990s for strengthening me in my faith, and to Andy and Ruth Bull at St Mark's Bredbury for the welcome, support and healing of recent years. I look forward to joining Chris Blunt and the congregations in the parish of Stockport and Brinnington.

Dr Jennifer Eades



I am married to Nick and am the mother of three adult children, Annwyn, Charles and David. I have worked in education for over 30 years, first in special needs education and then as a freelance advisor in the field of mental health and well-being in schools. I have run workshops and worked with schools in the UK and overseas and have published books and resources for teachers. My PhD is in well-being in education.

I am a member of the Third Order of the Society of St Francis and I am passionate about inter-faith relationships. In my spare time I love watching birds and making bread. I am a qualified Alexander technique teacher and will combine teaching Alexander work with writing and being a part-time curate at St Oswald's, Bollington.

Anees Gill



Born and raised in Manchester, I am married to Daud, and we have two children.

Church has always been part of my life, but it wasn't until my mid 20's that my faith was ignited, and I accepted Jesus as Lord.

Prior to ordination I worked in the financial sector and, more recently, I worked for The Salvation Army in a deprived area of Manchester. Here my heart grew to serve the marginalised and those on the edge of our communities. Studying at Emmanuel Theological College has deepened my understanding about who God is, and how I can live as a disciple of Christ; all of which I am very passionate about. Since accepting God's call to ordained ministry, I have held on to the verse that says 'the joy of the Lord which is my strength' (Nem 8:10), and I am humbled and excited to see how God will use me as I serve my curacy at St Mary Magdalene, Ashton upon Mersey.

Jane Mottram



A Sale girl, born and bred, I came to faith at St Albans Church, Broadheath in my early 20's. Later I attended St Mary's Church, Ashton upon Mersey, where I also worked in administration and church operations before starting training for ordination at Emmanuel Theological College. During my training I have been on placement at St Mary's, Partington and Carrington where I have enjoyed serving in this different parish context.

I feel blessed to be remaining there for my curacy and look forward to discovering more of what God is calling me into. I am married with two stepchildren away at university and a daughter at home. In my free time I love to be out in nature, taking photographs of creation and drinking coffee in the sunshine. A key verse that I hold on to is Deuteronomy 31:6 "Be strong and courageous in the Lord".

Please remember others being ordained deacon elsewhere in the Diocese of Chester today:

At New Ferry at 11am by Mark, Bishop of Chester:

Joe Hadfield The parish of New Ferry, St Mark

At Stockton Heath at 11am by Julie, Bishop of Birkenhead:

Margaret Byrne The parishes of Whitegate and Little Budworth

Ruth Gray The parish of Stockton Heath

Kate Pwaisiho The parish of Grappenhall

Amy Stevenson The parish of Alderley Edge

At Audlem at 4pm by Mark, Bishop of Chester:

Jill Williams The parishes of Audlem, Doddington & Wybunbury

Songs before the service

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness?

Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?

The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder?

And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?

The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

This is amazing grace. This is unfailing love.

That you would take my place;

That you would bear my cross.

You lay down your life. That I would be set free.

Oh, Jesus, I sing for, all that you've done for me.

Who brings our chaos back into order?

Who makes the orphan a son and daughter?

The King of Glory, the King of Glory.

Who rules the nations with truth and justice?

Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?

The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.

Worthy is the King who conquered the grave.

**Our Father everlasting,
The all creating one,
God Almighty.
Through Your Holy Spirit,
Conceiving Christ the Son;
Jesus our Saviour.**

***I believe in God our Father.
I believe in Christ the Son.
I believe in the Holy Spirit.
Our God is three in One.
I believe in the resurrection.
That we will rise again.
For I believe in the Name of Jesus.***

**Our Judge and our Defender,
Suffered and crucified,
Forgiveness is in you.
Descended into darkness,
You rose in glorious life;
Forever seated high.**

I believe in God our Father...

**I believe in you. I believe you rose again.
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord.**

**I believe in life eternal.
I believe in the virgin birth.
I believe in the saint's communion.
And in your holy Church.
I believe in the resurrection.
When Jesus comes again.
For I believe in the name of Jesus.**

*Ben Fielding Matt Crocker
Hillsong Music*

Prior to the service the candidates will have made the Declaration of Assent and sworn their allegiance to The King and their Obedience to the Bishop of Chester.

THE 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 in making him known to those in your care?

The Declaration

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 authorised or allowed by Canon.

THE OATHS OF ALLEGIANCE AND DUE OBEDIENCE

I *N*, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King Charles the Third, 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 Bishop of Chester and his successors in all things lawful and honest: so help me God.

The Gathering and Presentation

The Reverend Steve Rankin, incumbent of the parish, welcomes the people and introduces the hymn, during which the procession enters the church.

Hymn

**Christ triumphant, ever reigning,
Saviour, Master, King!
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining, hear us as we sing:**

***Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name!***

**Word incarnate, truth revealing,
Son of man on earth!
Power and majesty concealing, by your humble birth:**

Yours the glory...

**Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated,
victim crucified!
Death is through the cross defeated, sinners justified:**

Yours the glory...

**Priestly King, enthroned for ever
high in heaven above!
Sin and death and hell shall never, stifle hymns of love:**

Yours the glory...

**So, our hearts and voices raising
through the ages long,
ceaselessly upon you gazing, this shall be our song:**

***Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name!***

Michael Saward (1932-2015)

Please remain standing.

The Greeting

The bishop 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.**

Please be seated. 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 bishop introduces the prayer of confession.

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

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.**

The bishop pronounces the absolution,

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 Venerable Ian Bishop, Archdeacon of Macclesfield, presents the ordinands to the bishop.

Bishop, I present these people to be ordained to the office of deacon in the Church of God.

Each ordinand comes forward as their name and parish is announced.

Andrew Crook The parish of Stockport and Brinnington

Jennifer Eades The parish of Bollington

Anees Gill The parish of Ashton upon Mersey

Jane Mottram The parish of Partington and Carrington

When the ordinands have been presented The Reverend Jenny Bridgman, IME 2 Officer in the Diocese of Chester, is asked by the bishop,

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

They have.

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

They do.

The bishop turns to the ordinands and asks,

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

I do so believe.

The bishop continues,

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

The Registrar responds,

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 ordinands sit.

The Collect

The bishop introduces a period of silent prayer.

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

Silence is kept.

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

All **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

The New Testament Reading

Merab Gill reads the first reading from the Bible.

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

2 Corinthians 4.1-12

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand to sing.

Hymn

My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
but wholly trust in Jesus name.

*Christ alone; cornerstone
weak made strong; in the Saviour's love.
Through the storm, He is Lord, Lord of all.*

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil.

*Christ alone; cornerstone
Weak made strong; in the Saviour's love.
Through the storm, He is Lord, Lord of all.*

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found;
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless stand before the throne.

*Words: Psalm 118.2-23, Isaiah 28.16, Matthew 21.41-43
Music: Edward Mote, Eric Lilijero, Jonas Myrin, Reuben Morgan
Hillsong Music Publishing 2011*

Please remain standing for the Gospel Reading.

Gospel Reading

The Gospel Reading is introduced by The Reverend Jenny Bridgman.

Alleluia, alleluia.

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

All **Alleluia.**

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

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

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?' Jesus answered, 'You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.' Peter said to him, 'You will never wash my feet.' Jesus answered, 'Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.' Simon Peter said to him, 'Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!' Jesus said to him, 'One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you.' For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, 'Not all of you are clean.'

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, 'Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.'

John 13.1-17

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

After the preacher has prayed, please be seated.

Sermon

The preacher is The Venerable Ian Bishop, Archdeacon of Macclesfield and Bishop designate of Thetford.

Silence is kept at the end of the sermon.

Please stand to sing.

Hymn

**In Christ alone my hope is found,
he is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones he came to save:
till on that cross as Jesus died,
the wrath of God was satisfied
for every sin on him was laid;
here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground his body lay,
light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious day
up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
for I am his and he is mine
bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the power of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
can ever pluck me from his hand;
till he returns or calls me home,
here in the power of Christ I'll stand!**

Stuart Townend (b. 1963) and Keith Getty (b. 1974)

Please be seated.

The Liturgy of Ordination

The Declarations

The ordinands stand before the bishop, who addresses the congregation.

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

Deacons share in the pastoral ministry of the Church and in leading God's people in worship. They preach the word and bring the needs of the world before the Church in intercession. They accompany those searching for faith and bring them to baptism. They assist in administering the sacraments; they distribute communion and minister to the sick and housebound. Deacons are to seek nourishment from the Scriptures; they are to study them with God's people, that the whole Church may be equipped to live out the gospel in the world. They are to be faithful in prayer, expectant and watchful for the signs of God's presence, as he reveals his kingdom among us.

The bishop addresses the ordinands.

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.

The ordinands reply to the bishop's questions.

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

Reply **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?

Reply **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?

Reply **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?

Reply **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?

Reply **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?

Reply **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?

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

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

Reply **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?

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

The congregation stands and the ordinands turn and face them.

The bishop addresses 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.

Please be seated. The ordinands kneel and silence is kept.

The Litany

The Very Reverend Dr Tim Stratford, Dean of Chester, leads us in prayer.

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 Mark, Julie and Sam 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 those, called to be deacons in his Church,
especially all those ordained today in the Diocese of Chester,
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. Amen.**

The Ordination Prayer

The ordinands continue to kneel before the bishop, 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 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:

The bishop lays his hands on each ordinand in turn and prays,

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 the ordinands, the prayer then 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

The bishop gives a copy of the New Testament to the newly ordained and says,

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

The Welcome

The Archdeacon of Macclesfield 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 congregation welcomes the new deacons with applause, during which each deacon is dressed with a stole signifying the order of their diaconal ministry.

Please stand.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

The Peace

The bishop introduces the Peace saying,

We are all one in Christ Jesus.

All **We belong to him through faith,
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.**

Peace be with you

All **and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Please remain standing to sing.

Hymn

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

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

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

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

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

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Tune: 'Sagina', from Thomas Campbell 'The Bouquet' 1825

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Please remain standing.

Preparation of the Table

The bishop prays,

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

All **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

All The Lord be with you
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.

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 saying:

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and his blood;
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.
Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

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

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:

All **Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray.

**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 Bread

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

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.**

Distribution of Communion

The bishop and the congregation receive communion. All who wish to receive communion are welcome so to do. To indicate your wish to receive a blessing, please bring this service sheet with you.

During the administration of communion the band will play.

Songs during Communion

**When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.**

**Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.**

**See from his head, his hands, His feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down;
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown!**

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Tune: 'O Waly Waly', English Traditional Melody

I stand amazed in the presence
of Jesus the Nazarene,
and wonder how he could love me,
a sinner, condemned, unclean.

*How marvellous! How wonderful!
And my song shall ever be:
How marvellous! How wonderful
is my Saviour's love for me!*

For me it was in the garden
he prayed: 'Not my will, but thine'.
He had no tears for his own griefs,
but sweat-drops of blood for mine.

How marvellous...

He took my sins and my sorrows,
he made them his very own;
he bore the burden to Calvary,
and suffered and died alone.

How marvellous...

When with the ransomed in glory
his face I at last shall see,
'twill be my joy through the ages
to sing of his love for me.

*How marvellous! How wonderful!
And my song shall ever be:
How marvellous! How wonderful
is my Saviour's love for me!*

Charles Gabriel (1858-1932)

Prayers after Communion

The bishop introduces a period of silent prayer.

The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve,
and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Silence is kept.

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.**

We pray together.

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.**

Please stand.

The Sending Out

The bishop leads a prayer of blessing.

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 deacons send out the people, saying together,

Go in the light and peace of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Please remain standing to sing.

Hymn

During the singing of the hymn, the procession leaves the church.

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;
be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,
be thou ever with me, and I with thee Lord;
be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.**

**Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might;
be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower:
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.**

**Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise:
be thou mine inheritance now and always;
be thou and thou only the first in my heart;
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys after victory is won;
great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.**

Words: Mary Bryne (1880-1931) & Eleanor Hull (1860-1935)

Tune: 'Slane', Irish Traditional melody

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