

Westminster Abbey



EUCCHARIST

with the Ordination and Consecration of

THE VENERABLE ADAM ATKINSON

to be Bishop of Bradwell in the Diocese of Chelmsford

THE VENERABLE IAN GREGORY BISHOP

to be Bishop of Thetford in the Diocese of Norwich

THE VENERABLE RICHARD PAUL DAVIES

to be Bishop of Dorking in the Diocese of Guildford

by

The Archbishop of Canterbury and other bishops



The Feast of St Michael and All Angels

Friday 29th September 2023

11.00 am

THE CONSECRATION AND ORDINATION OF A BISHOP

Although the New Testament and other early Christian writings do not provide any details of the process by which Christian ministers were chosen and commissioned, what evidence there is suggests that within the first few centuries election by the local Christian community followed by prayer accompanied by the laying on of hands emerged as the fundamental elements of the act of ordination: the community chose those who were to be ministers and then prayed that God would equip them with the gifts needed to fulfil that particular ministry.

In this morning's ordination service, the gathered assembly affirms that the candidates have been chosen for a specific ministry within the Church; this is followed by the invocation of the Holy Spirit and the laying on of hands. Adam, Ian, and Paul, will be anointed with sacred oil—signifying their role of leadership within the royal priesthood of Christ's people; he 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 their Pastoral Staff—symbolising their sharing in the ministry of Christ the Good Shepherd.

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THE VENERABLE ADAM ATKINSON



Adam has most recently served as an Archdeacon in the Diocese of London, covering Central and East London as well as a brief to develop mission and strategy. He was parish priest of a church in Tower Hamlets and worked at the Church Revitalisation

Trust. He has been involved in community organising, church planting, vocational discernment and with projects including enabling more leaders in the Church from a wider variety of backgrounds. Adam's former professional life was in media and public affairs. He is married to Heather who is a Vicar in Bethnal Green and they are proud of three adult children and a son in law. Adam encountered the good news of Jesus when at school and grew as an adult Christian in the pews and chairs of churches in London. Adam and his two brothers embrace middle age with a marathon-type challenge each year. A new collection of his poetry is due for publication next year. Adam will serve as an Area Bishop in the Diocese of Chelmsford covering the southern half of Essex, with about 1 million people, 2 Archdeaconries, 180 churches, 130 clergy, and loads of schools. Adam is responding to a call from God to serve this area known as Bradwell, named after the location of a lively chapel where, in the 7th century, St Cedd travelled from Lindisfarne to establish a mission to the East Saxons. Please pray for God's mission in this place today.

THE VENERABLE IAN BISHOP



Ian was born and brought up in Devizes in Wiltshire. After his first degree at Portsmouth Polytechnic, he qualified as a Chartered Surveyor and worked for Croydon Council and BAA. He came to a living faith in Christ at University and quickly felt a call to ordained ministry. He trained at Oak Hill College and was ordained Deacon in Southwark Cathedral in 1991. During his MA in Theology and Ministry from Durham University, he wrote his dissertation on the spiritual fruit of self-control (Gal 5:23) with a specific focus on clergy adultery. This has given Ian a particular interest in the way the Church cares for divorced clergy spouses.

Ian served his curacy at Christ Church, Purley, after which he became Priest in Charge of seven Norfolk village Churches in the Tas Valley, before moving to the Diocese of Chester in 2001 to become Rector of Middlewich and Byley, and later also Rural Dean of Middlewich. In 2011 he was appointed Archdeacon of Macclesfield where he has led on projects around race and diversity, and the environment, as well as charring Transforming Lives Together, a charity formed to tackle poverty in Cheshire. Ian has been married to Sue for 36 years. Sue is Deputy Chief Executive Officer at Crewe YMCA. Sue is a qualified Life Coach and, in moving to Norfolk, is going freelance to support individuals through transformative journeys. Sue and Ian have three sons, Joe (a GP), Dan (ordained this year), and Will (an Actor/Writer) and two daughters in law, Anna (Teacher in Modern Foreign Languages) and Rachel (Registrar in Geriatric Medicine). Ian and Sue have shared passions for the theatre and their motorhome.

Ian has stated he wants to be seen as pastoral and missional as he embarks on his new calling as Bishop of Thetford.

THE VENERABLE PAUL DAVIES



Paul was brought up in rural South Pembrokeshire. His journey of Christian faith began as a young chorister in his local parish church. He subsequently read theology (in Welsh) at the University of Wales, Lampeter, and (in English) at the University of Oxford.

He trained for ordained ministry at Ripon College, Cuddesdon, before returning to Pembrokeshire in 1997 to serve as Minor Canon of St David's Cathedral. In 2001 Paul was appointed as Vicar of Solva and Brawdy, two coastal villages in North Pembrokeshire, which he combined with being an Officiating Chaplain to the 14th Signal Regiment at Brawdy, and Diocesan Ecumenical Officer. In 2006 he moved to be Vicar of Burry Port and Pwll, a post-industrial town and village in Carmarthenshire, where he led on a major project for church and community regeneration and also served as Diocesan Director of Ordinands.

In 2012 Paul moved from South to North Wales to serve as Archdeacon of Bangor and Anglesey, where the focus of his ministry was the pastoral care and resourcing of leaders in a sparsely populated diocese. In 2017 after 20 years of ministry in Wales, he was appointed Archdeacon of Surrey where he has held a similar brief - albeit in a very different context. He is passionate about the role of the local church in transforming lives. Paul is married to Louise, a town planner, and they have a young adult son and daughter. He enjoys running, all things maritime (having served on a lifeboat crew in the early part of his ministry), woodwork and local history.

**Please pray for Adam, Ian, and Paul as they
begin their new ministries**

The church is served by a hearing loop. Users should turn their hearing aid to the setting marked T.

Members of the congregation are requested kindly to refrain from using private cameras, video, or sound recording equipment. Please ensure that mobile phones and other electronic devices are switched off.

In the Jerusalem Chamber before the service, the Bishops-designate of Bradwell, Thetford, and Dorking take the Oath of Allegiance to The King's Majesty and the Oath of Due Obedience to the Archbishop of Canterbury, tendered to them by the Provincial Registrar.

The service is sung by the Westminster Abbey Special Service Choir, conducted by Andrew Nethsingha, Organist and Master of the Choristers.

The organ is played by Peter Holder, Sub-Organist.

Setting Collegium Regale *Herbert Howells (1892–1983)*

Music before the service:

Matthew Jorysz, Assistant Organist, plays

Prelude and Fugue in E flat BWV 552 *Johann Sebastian Bach*
(1685–1750)

Fiat Lux *Théodore Dubois (1837–1924)*

Sursum Corda *Edward Elgar (1857–1934)*
arranged by Edwin Lemare (1865–1934)

Psalm-Prelude Set 1 no 2 *Herbert Howells*

Mediation on Brother James's Air *Harold Darke (1888–1976)*

ORDER OF SERVICE

The Gathering and Presentation

All stand to sing



PRAISE, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour to our fathers in distress; praise him still the same for ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless. Praise him! Praise him! glorious in his faithfulness.	Father-like, he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows; in his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes. Praise him! Praise him! widely as his mercy flows.
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Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him;
dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace.

Praise, my soul 436 NEH
John Goss (1800–80)
arranged by Christopher Robinson (b 1936)

Henry Lyte (1793–1847)
after Psalm 103

THE PROCESSION OF THE CLERGY OF THE CATHEDRAL
CHURCHES

St Paul's, London

St Mary the Virgin, Chelmsford

Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary, Chester

The Holy and Undivided Trinity, Norwich

The Holy Spirit, Guildford

THE PROCESSION OF THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH
OF ST PETER IN WESTMINSTER

Beadle

The Choir

The Cross and Lights of Westminster

Priest Vicars

Receiver General

Verger

The Canons of Westminster and The Preacher

Dean's Verger

The Dean of Westminster

THE PROCESSION OF THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY

Ostiarius

The Prolocutor of the Lower House of the Convocation of
Canterbury

The Registrar of the Convocation of Canterbury

The Bishop-designate of Bradwell
together with the Bishop of Chelmsford

The Bishop-designate of Thetford
together with the Bishops of Chester and Norwich

The Bishop-designate of Dorking
together with the Bishops of Guildford and Southampton

The College of Bishops

The Bishop of London

The Bishop of Salisbury

The Provincial Registrar

The Deacons

The Primatial Cross of Canterbury

The Archbishop of Canterbury

The Most Reverend and Right Honourable Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury, Primate of All England and Metropolitan, gives the Greeting

BLESSED be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.

There is one body and one spirit.

There is one hope to which we were called;

one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
one God and Father of all.

Peace be with you
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.

All remain standing. The Archbishop introduces the Prayers of Penitence

GOD so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with 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 Archbishop gives 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. **Amen.**

All sit. The presenting bishops say

Reverend Father in God, Adam Atkinson has been chosen to be Bishop of *Bradwell* in the Diocese of *Chelmsford*.

Reverend Father in God, Ian Bishop has been chosen to be Bishop of *Thetford* in the Diocese of *Norwich*.

Reverend Father in God, Paul Davies has been chosen to be Bishop of *Dorking* in the Diocese of *Guildford*.

We present them 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.

The Archbishop asks

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

Those presenting respond

We do.

Addressing the ordinands, the Archbishop says

Adam, Ian, and Paul, do you believe that God is calling you to this ministry?

The ordinands respond

I do so believe.

The Archbishop says

Let the authority for the ordination be read.

The Provincial Registrar reads the Royal Mandate

The Archbishop says

Adam, Ian, and Paul, 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, Adam Atkinson; I, Ian Gregory Bishop; I, Richard Paul Davies, 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.

All remain seated. The choir sings

GLORY be to God on high,
and in earth peace, good will towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesu Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

The Archbishop says

Let us pray for Adam, Ian, and Paul, and for the ministry of the whole people of God.

All stand. The Archbishop says

Let us pray.

A short period of silence is kept

EVERLASTING God, you have ordained and constituted the ministries of angels and mortals in a wonderful order: grant that as your holy angels always serve you in heaven, so, at your command, they may help and defend us on earth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

All sit. Beth Atkinson reads the First Reading

JACOB left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, 'I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!' And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.'

Genesis 28: 10–17

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The choir sings the Psalm

THE Lord has established his throne in heaven,
and his kingdom has dominion over all.

Bless the Lord, you angels of his,

you mighty ones who do his bidding and hearken to the voice of his word.

Bless the Lord, all you his hosts,

you ministers of his who do his will.

Bless the Lord, all you works of his, in all places of his dominion;

bless the Lord, O my soul.

*Richard Marlow (1939–2013)
after William Smith (1603–45)*

Psalm 103: 19–end

Gwilym Davies reads the Second Reading

WAR broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming, ‘Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death. Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you with great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!’

Revelation 12: 7–12

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

All stand for the Procession of the Gospel. The choir sings

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

and all repeat

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Bless the Lord, all you his hosts, you ministers who do his will.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Reverend Dan Bishop reads the Gospel

The Lord be with you;

and also with you.

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

WHEN Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

John 1: 47-end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

All sit

The Very Reverend Dr David Hoyle MBE, Dean of Westminster, gives the Sermon

All stand to say the Creed

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

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

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

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

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

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

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

The Liturgy of Ordination

All sit for the Declarations. The ordinands stand before the Archbishop, who addresses the congregation

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

Adam, Ian, and Paul, 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?

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.

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

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?

By the help of God, I will.

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

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?

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?

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?

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 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?

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

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?

By the help of God, I will.

All stand. The ordinands turn to face the congregation

BROTHERS and sisters, you have heard how great is the charge that James is ready to undertake, and you have heard his declarations. Is it now your will that he should be ordained?

It is.

Will you continually pray for him?

We will.

Will you uphold and encourage him in his ministry?

We will.

The congregation remains standing. The ordinands turn to face the Archbishop, who continues

Adam, Ian, and Paul, 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.

All kneel or sit. The ordinands kneel with the Archbishop and assisting bishops. The other bishops remain standing

Silence is kept

All remain kneeling or seated to sing the Hymn

after v 4

A - men.

Deacon Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
All and lighten with celestial fire;
thou the anointing Spirit art,
who dost thy seven-fold gifts impart:

thy blessèd unction from above
is comfort, life, and fire of love;
enable with perpetual light
the dullness of our blinded sight:

anoint 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.

Teach us to know the Father, Son,
and thee, of both, to be but one;
that through the ages all along
this may be our endless song,

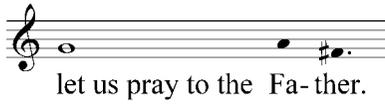
Praise to thy eternal merit,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Veni Creator (Mechlin) 138 NEH
plainsong

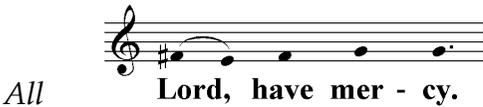
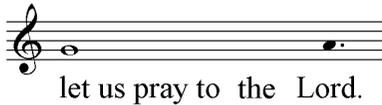
John Cosin (1594–1672)
after Veni Creator Spiritus

The Deacon leads the Litany

In the power of the Spirit, and in union with Christ,



For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all,



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.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

For James, called to be a bishop in the Church, let us pray to the Lord.

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.

Lord, have mercy.

For the unity of the Church, that there may be one flock and one Shepherd, let us pray to the Lord.

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.

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.

Lord, have mercy.

For Charles our King, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

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.

Lord, have mercy.

Remembering all who have gone before us in faith, and in communion with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Peter the Apostle, St Edward the Confessor, St Michael and All Angels, and all the saints, we commit ourselves, one another,



All



The ordinands continue to kneel before the Archbishop for the Ordination Prayer

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, 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 other bishops lay their hands on the head of each ordinand in turn, and the Archbishop says

SEND down the Holy Spirit on your servant *Adam, Ian, Paul*, 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 guardians of the faith and sacraments, wise 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. **Amen.**

All sit. The newly-ordained bishops stand and the Archbishop gives each a 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 Archbishop anoints the head of each newly-ordained bishop, saying

MAY God, who anointed 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 Archbishop gives each newly-ordained bishop a ring and a pectoral cross. The choir sings

IF ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may bide with you for ever; even the Spirit of truth.

Thomas Tallis (c 1505–85)

John 14: 15–17a

All stand for the Welcome. The newly-ordained bishops turn to face the people, and the Bishop of London, Dean of the Province of Canterbury, says

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

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

All remain standing. The Archbishop introduces the Peace

HEAR again the song of the angels: 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace.'

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

*All may greet one another with the words **Peace be with you.** Please be sensitive to those who might not wish to shake hands*

All sing the Hymn during the Preparation of the Altar



HOW shall I sing that majesty
which angels do admire?
Let dust in dust and silence lie;
sing, sing ye heavenly choir.
Thousands of thousands stand around
thy throne, O God most high;
ten thousand times ten thousand sound
thy praise; but who am I?

Thy brightness unto them appears,
whilst I thy footsteps trace;
a sound of God comes to my ears,
but they behold thy face.
They sing because thou art their Sun;
Lord, send a beam on me;
for where heaven is but once begun
there alleluias be.

Enlighten with faith's light my heart,
in flame it with love's fire;
then shall I sing and bear a part
with that celestial choir.
I shall, I fear, be dark and cold,
with all my fire and light;
yet when thou dost accept their gold,
Lord, treasure up my mite.

How great a being, Lord, is thine,
which doth all beings keep!
Thy knowledge is the only line
to sound so vast a deep.
Thou art a sea without a shore,
a sun without a sphere;
thy time is now and evermore,
thy place is everywhere.

All remain standing for the Eucharistic Prayer. The Archbishop says

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

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,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

You reveal your wise purpose for the salvation of the human race
by assigning to the angels and archangels
the ministry of your steadfast love and protection.

While they contemplate your glory,
standing before you and singing your praise,
they keep a faithful vigil for us,
guarding us along the way that leads to life,
and guiding us towards the kingdom of your light.

In joyful gladness we unite our voices with theirs
and sing the ageless hymn of your praise:

The choir sings

HOLY, holy, holy Lord God of hosts; heaven and earth are full
of thy glory; Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he
that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Archbishop continues the Eucharistic Prayer

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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

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 [*N and*] 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.
Amen.

The Archbishop introduces the Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us,

OUR Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

All remain standing for the Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the words and I shall be healed.

The congregation is invited to sit as the president and other ministers begin the distribution of Holy Communion. Those wishing to receive come forward as directed by the Stewards. If you receive communion in your own church you are welcome to do so here. Gluten-free wafers are available. Please refrain from dipping the wafer in the chalice. Those who do not wish to receive communion are invited to come for a blessing; please bow your head as you approach. The minister says to each communicant

The Body of Christ. **Amen.**

The Blood of Christ. **Amen.**

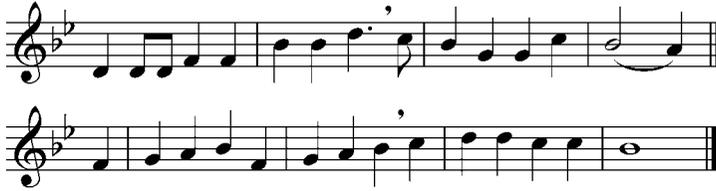
During the giving of communion, the choir sings

O LAMB of God: that takest away the sins of the world; Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God: that takest away the sins of the world; Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God: that takest away the sins of the world; Grant us thy peace.

All stand to sing the Hymn



COME, let us join our cheerful songs
with angels round the throne;
ten thousand thousand are their tongues,
but all their joys are one.

'Worthy the Lamb that died,' they cry,
'to be exalted thus;'
'Worthy the Lamb,' our lips reply,
'for he was slain for us.'

Jesus is worthy to receive
honour and power divine;
and blessings more than we can give
be, Lord, for ever thine.

Let all creation join in one
to bless the sacred name
of him that sits upon the throne,
and to adore the Lamb.

Nativity 349 NEH
Henry Lahee (1826–1912)

Isaac Watts (1674–1748)
after Revelation 5: 11–13

The choir sings the Anthem

HEARKEN thou unto the voice of my calling, my King and my God:
for unto thee will I make my prayer.

My voice shalt thou hear betimes, O Lord :

early in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look
up.

Edward Elgar (1857–1934)
composed for the Coronation of King George V (1911)

Psalm 5: 2–3

All sing



I CANNOT tell why He, whom angels worship,
Should set His love upon the sons of men,
Or why, as Shepherd, He should seek the wanderers,
To bring them back they know not how or when.
But this I know, that He was born of Mary,
When Bethlehem's manger was His only home,
And that He lived at Nazareth and laboured,
And so the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is come.

I cannot tell how silently He suffered,
As with His peace He graced this place of tears,
Or how His heart upon the Cross was broken,
The crown of pain to three and thirty years.
But this I know, He heals the broken-hearted,
And stays our sin, and calms our lurking fear,
And lifts the burden from the heavy laden,
For yet the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is here.

I cannot tell how He will win the nations,
How He will claim His earthly heritage,
How satisfy the needs and aspirations
Of east and west, of sinner and of sage.
But this know, all flesh shall see His glory,
And He shall reap the harvest He has sown,
And some glad day His sun shall shine in splendour
When He the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is known.

I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship,
When, at His bidding, every storm is stilled,
Or who can say how great the jubilation
When all the hearts of men with love are filled.
But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture,
And myriad, myriad human voices sing,
And earth to heaven, and heaven to earth, will answer:
At last the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is King

Londonderry 54 CP
Irish traditional melody

William Fullerton (1857–1932)

All remain standing. The Archbishop introduces a short period of silent prayer

Let us pray.

Silence is kept

LORD of heaven, in this eucharist you have brought us near to an innumerable company of angels and to the spirits of the saints made perfect: as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage we have shared their fellowship, so may we come to share their joy in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All sing the Hymn, during which the Bishops of Bradwell, Thetford, and Dorking, together with representative clergy of the Dioceses of Chelmsford, Norwich, and Guildford, move to stand in front of the Archbishop



YE holy angels bright,
 who wait at God's right hand,
 or through the realms of light
 fly at your Lord's command,
 assist our song, for else the theme
 too high doth seem
 for mortal tongue.

Ye blessèd souls at rest,
 who ran this earthly race,
 and now, from sin released,
 behold the Saviour's face,
 God's praises sound,
 as in his sight
 with sweet delight
 ye do abound.

Ye saints, who toil below,
 adore your heavenly King,
 and onward as ye go
 some joyful anthem sing;
 take what he gives
 and praise him still,
 through good or ill,
 who ever lives

My soul, bear thou thy part,
 triumph in God above:
 and with a well-tuned heart
 sing thou the songs of love!
 Let all thy days till life shall end,
 whate'er he send,
 be filled with praise.

Darwall's 148th 475 NEH
John Darwall (1731–89)

Richard Baxter (1615–91)

All remain standing. The Archbishop says

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

Blessed be the name of the Lord,
now and for ever. Amen.

The Archbishop pronounces the Blessing

GOD keep you in the fellowship of his saints; Christ protect you by the ministry of the angels; the Spirit make you holy in God's service; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Archbishop gives each newly ordained bishop their pastoral staff, saying

Keep watch over the whole flock in which the Holy Spirit has appointed you shepherd.
**Encourage the faithful,
restore the lost,
build up the Body of Christ.**

Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Music after the service

Paean

Herbert Howells

Members of the congregation are kindly requested to remain in their seats until directed to move by the Honorary Steward