

St Edmundsbury  
Cathedral



A thousand years of God's love in Suffolk

# The Ordination of Deacons



Saturday 5 September 2020

# Welcome to St Edmundsbury Cathedral

A warm welcome to families, friends, parish members and all who are supporting those to be ordained today. The Church of England maintains the historic threefold ministry of Bishops, Priests and Deacons.

In today's services, those to be ordained Deacon will affirm their belief in the living God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit and will make declarations and promises as they prepare for their new ministry in the Church of God.

*Please pray for those being ordained over the course of the day and for the parishes they serve, that they may grow in the knowledge and love of God, and that, guided by the Holy Spirit, their ministry may be richly blessed:*

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Bury St Edmunds St Mary with St Peter District Church

*God of power and might,  
may the boldness of your Spirit transform us,  
may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us,  
may the gifts of your Spirit equip us  
to serve and worship you, now and always;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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## Information about the service today

The service is led by the Bishop.

### During the service

If you require **gluten-free bread** at Communion, please advise a steward before the service starts.

A retiring collection will be taken for the Bishop's Training Fund. Please give generously.

**Please do turn off mobile and electronic devices as they may be a distraction to others.**

**Please do not use cameras or videos during the Ordination: there will be an opportunity for photos with candidates, bishops and clergy at the end of the service.**

**At this service we will be taking official photographs in which you may appear if we later use them.**

### The Declaration of Assent

Those to be ordained have made the customary oaths of obedience to the Crown, to the Lord Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, together with the Declaration of Assent as follows:

*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?*

*I 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 Order of Service

## ¶ The Gathering and Presentation

*The candidates to be ordained deacon are seated with their guests.*

*After the welcome, everyone stands and turns to face the font.*

## The Greeting

*Everyone remains standing. The Bishop greets everyone and says*

We meet in the name of the ✠ Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**All Amen.**

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 Re-affirmation of our Baptism

*The Bishop introduces the service and says*

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.

Baptism is the foundation of the ministry of the whole people of God, to witness to God's love and work for God's Kingdom. As we prepare for the ordination of those whom God has called to be deacons, let us rejoice in our baptism into Jesus Christ by which we share in God's call to be a royal priesthood.

## **The Blessing of Water**

**All** Praise God who made heaven and earth,  
**who keeps his promise for ever.**

**All** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, sovereign God of all,  
to you be glory and praise for ever.  
You are our light and our salvation.  
From the deep waters of death  
you have raised your Son to life in triumph.  
Grant that all who have been born anew by water and the Spirit  
may daily be renewed in your image,  
walk by the light of faith,  
and serve you in newness of life;  
through your anointed Son, Jesus Christ,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
we lift our voices of praise.  
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**All** **Blessed be God for ever.**

*As the procession moves to the altar, the organist plays a fanfare.*

## The Presentation

*The Archdeacon presents the candidates to the Bishop, saying*

Reverend Father in God, I present to you those whom God has called from the midst of their communities to be ordained to the office of deacon in the Church of God.

**Mark Bee**, to serve in the Benefice of Beccles St Michael and St Luke

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*When the ordinands have been presented, the Bishop asks these questions*

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

*The Bishop's Adviser for Formation responds*

They have.

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

*The Bishop's Adviser for Formation responds*

They do.

*The Bishop turns to the ordinands and says:*

Ordinands    Do you believe that God is calling you to this ministry?  
**I do so believe.**

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

*The Registrar or his representative responds, saying*

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

## **The Collect**

*The Bishop introduces a period of silent prayer with the following bidding*

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

*All kneel and silence is kept.*

Bishop      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. **Amen.**

*Everyone sits.*

## ¶      *The Liturgy of the Word*

*The Reverend Chris Eyden, Bishop's Adviser for Formation reads*

### **The First Reading**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.' The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!' Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

*Isaiah 6.1-8, NRSV*

For the word of the Lord.

**All                      Thanks be to God.**

## The Gospel Reading

*Everyone stands. The gospel book is carried in procession to the pulpit and the cantor sings the Alleluias.*

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

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

**All** Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you." But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, "Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near." I tell you, on that day it will be more tolerable for Sodom than for that town.

*Luke 10.1-12, NRSV*

**All** This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The procession returns, and all sit for*

## **The Sermon**

*The sermon is preached by*

Andrew McGowan  
Dean and President of Berkeley Divinity School, Yale  
McFadden Professor of Anglican Studies and Pastoral Theology

*After a period of stillness for reflection, everyone stands for*

## **The Affirmation of Faith**

Bishop Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**All I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**All I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**All I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

## **The Declarations**

*The congregation sits whilst the ordinands remain standing.*

*The Bishop addresses the congregation, saying*

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 now addresses the ordinands directly, saying*

We trust that you are fully determined, by the grace of God, to give yourself wholly to his service, that you may draw his people into that new life which God has prepared for those who love him. And now, in order that we may know your mind and purpose, you must make the declarations we put to you.

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

Ordinands **I do so accept them.**

Bishop 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.**

Bishop Do you believe the doctrine of the Christian faith as the Church of England has received it, and in your ministry will you expound and teach it?

Ordinands **I believe it and will so do.**

Bishop Will you strive to make the love of Christ known through word and example, and have a particular care for those in need?

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

Bishop Will you be a faithful servant in the household of God, after the example of Christ, who came not to be served but to serve?

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

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

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

Bishop 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.**

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

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

Bishop Will you then, in the strength of the Holy Spirit, continually stir up the gift of God that is in you, to grow in holiness and grace?

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

*The congregation remain seated and the ordinands turn to face them.*

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

**All It is!**

Bishop Will you continually pray for them?

**All We will.**

Bishop 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.

*Everyone kneels. Silence is kept, after which the Veni Creator is sung by a cantor.*

Bishop Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,  
Cantor and lighten with celestial fire;  
thou the anointing Spirit art,  
who dost thy sevenfold 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.

*Words: Latin, ninth century, transl. John Cosin, 1594-1672  
Music: Veni Creator Spiritus*

## The Ordination Prayer

*The congregation remains kneeling or seated.*

*As the Bishop prays, the choir sings Veni Sancte Spiritus (Taizé).*

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

We praise and glorify you  
because you sent your only Son Jesus Christ  
to take the form of a slave;  
he humbled himself for our sake,  
and in obedience accepted death,  
even death on a cross.

We praise and glorify you  
because in every age you send your Spirit  
to fill those whom you have chosen,  
to equip your holy people for the work of ministry,  
for the building up of the body of Christ.

And now we give you thanks  
that you have called these your servants,  
whom we ordain in your name,  
to share as deacons in the ministry of the gospel of Christ,  
who came not to be served but to serve,  
and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Therefore, Father, through Christ our Lord we pray:

*Candidates are brought to the Bishop by their Training Supervisor.*

*Here the Bishop lays his hands on the head of each ordinand, and prays*

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

*When the Bishop has laid hands on all of the ordinands, the prayer continues:*

Through your Spirit, heavenly Father,  
give these your servants grace and power to fulfil their ministry.  
Make them faithful to serve  
and constant in advancing your gospel in the world.

May they follow the example of Jesus Christ your Son,  
who washed the feet of his disciples,  
and set the needs of others before his own.

May their lives 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.

**Amen.**

*Everyone sits.*

*Each of the newly ordained deacon places a stole, the ancient sign of office of those in diaconal or priestly orders, on themselves.*

## ¶ *The Welcome*

*Everyone stands.*

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.**

*Everyone greets the deacons warmly.*

# ¶ The Liturgy of the Eucharist

## The Peace

*The Bishop introduces the Peace, saying*

God has made us one in Christ.  
He has set his seal upon us,  
and as a pledge of what is to come  
has given us the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*Everyone may exchange a sign of peace.*

## Preparation of the Table

*As the altar is prepared, and bread and wine are placed upon it, the choir sings a setting of Bob Chilcott's 'Be thou my vision'.*

## The Eucharistic Prayer

*Everyone remains standing. The Bishop and people say the Sursum Corda.*

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

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

Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**All It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Bishop It is indeed right and good,  
our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks and praise  
through your servant, Jesus Christ our Lord.

At his baptism he was revealed as your beloved Son.  
Coming among us as one who serves,  
he taught us that the greatest in your kingdom  
are those who make themselves least and the servants of all.

Although he was their teacher and their Lord,  
he washed the feet of his disciples  
and commanded us to do the same,  
that we might reveal the power of your love,  
made perfect in our human weakness.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and singing:

*All remain standing as the choir sings*

Cantor     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.

*Bob Chilcott Jazz Mass*

Bishop     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.

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

**Bishop** 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.**

*Everyone kneels as the consecrated bread and wine are raised in the sight of the people and the Sanctus bell is rung.*

## The Lord's Prayer

Bishop In the power of the Holy Spirit, as our Saviour taught us, we pray

**All** **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.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

*The Bishop breaks the consecrated bread and says*

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.**

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

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

*Everyone remains kneeling to say*

## Agnus Dei

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

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

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

## The Giving of Communion

*Please follow the directions of the cathedral wardens to receive communion. If you are used to receiving Communion in your own church, you are warmly welcome to do so here. Communion is in one kind only. If this is not your practice, please come forward with everyone else to receive a blessing, bringing this service order with you.*

*During the Communion, a cantor sings*

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God,  
Breathe new life into my willing soul.  
Bring the presence of the risen Lord  
To renew my heart and make me whole.  
Cause Your Word to come alive in me;  
Give me faith for what I cannot see;  
Give me passion for Your purity.  
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within;  
May Your joy be seen in all I do -  
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin  
In each thought and deed and attitude,  
Kindness to the greatest and the least,  
Gentleness that sows the path of peace.  
Turn my striving into works of grace.  
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,  
Giving life to all that God has made,  
Show Your power once again on earth;  
Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.  
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise.  
Lead us on the road of sacrifice  
That in unity the face of Christ  
Will be clear for all the world to see.

*Words and Music: Keith Getty and Stewart Townend  
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## Prayer after Communion

*Silence is kept.*

Bishop      Let us pray.  
                 Lord God, heavenly Father,  
                 grant to your Church today  
                 the faith of her apostles,  
                 the hope of her martyrs  
                 and the love of her Lord,  
                 our Saviour Jesus Christ. **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.**

*Everyone stands for*

## The Giving of the New Testament

*The Bishop gives the New Testament to each, as a sign of their call to mission and to preach, and says*

Receive these books,  
as a sign of the authority  
which God has given you this day  
to preach the gospel of Christ  
and to minister his holy sacraments.

*The Bishop prays*

Bishop      Blessed are you Lord our God  
                 For your word revealed in the scriptures.  
                 How sweet are your words,  
                 sweeter than honey to my mouth!  
                 Your word is a lantern to my feet, and a light to my path.

**All            Blessed be God for ever!**

## ¶ The Sending Out

*Everyone remains standing.*

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

Bishop      The love of the Lord Jesus  
draw you to himself,  
the joy of the Lord Jesus  
fill your hearts;  
the power of the Lord Jesus  
strengthen you in his service,  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the ✠ Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**All**            **Amen.**

Deacon      In the power of the Spirit,  
let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**All**            **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*The Bishop leads the deacons through the Cathedral,  
and the procession moves to the west end as the organist plays*

## **The Organ Voluntary**

*Please leave the Cathedral promptly and quietly  
to allow it to be sanitised for the next service.*

*A retiring collection is taken for the Bishop's Training Fund  
- please give generously if you are able.*

