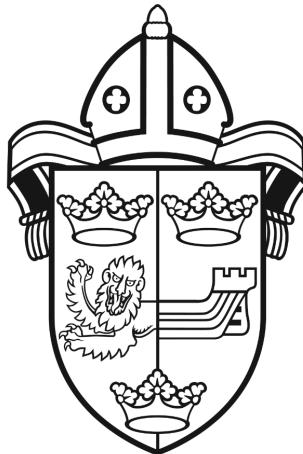


St Edmundsbury  
Cathedral



A thousand years of God's love in Suffolk

# The Ordination of Priests



Sunday 6 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 continues the historic threefold ministry of Bishops, Priests and Deacons.

In today's services, those to be ordained Priest 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 today, 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:*

**Alison Alder**  
The Benefice of the Blyth Valley Team Ministry

**Susan Allison**  
The Benefice of Newmarket, All Saints

**Caroline Butcher**  
The Benefice of Mildenhall

**Sarah Du Boulay**  
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The Lark Valley Benefice and The North Bury Team Ministry

**Andrew Williams**  
Bury St Edmunds St Mary with St Peter District Church

**Gini Williams**  
The Benefice of Sancroft

**Amy Key**  
The Benefice of Ipswich St Augustine of Hippo

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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 warden before the service starts.

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

**Please 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 priest are seated with their guests.*

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

## The Greeting

*The Bishop greets everyone, saying*

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. Priests 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 priests, 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.  
**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, we present to you those to be ordained to the office of priest in the Church of God,

**Alison Alder**, to serve in the Benefice of the Blyth Valley Team Ministry

**Susan Allison**, to serve in the Benefice of Newmarket, All Saints

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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?

*Training Supervisors reply, saying*

They have.

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

*Training Supervisors reply, saying*

They do.

*The Bishop turns to the ordinands and says:*

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

Ordinands **I do so believe.**

*The Bishop turns to the Registrar, saying*

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

*The Registrar 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.

*Everyone stands for*

## **The Collect**

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

Let us pray for **Alison, Susan, Caroline, Amy, Sarah, Sarah, Brian, James, John, Thomas, Lesley, Judith, Kathleen, Miriam, Andrew and Gini**, for the ministry of the whole people of God.

*All kneel and 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. **Amen.**

*Everyone sits.*

## ¶ *The Liturgy of the Word*

*The Diocesan Director of Ordinands and New Ministries,  
the Reverend Canon Tim Jones, reads*

### **The First Reading**

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,  
because the Lord has anointed me;  
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,  
to bind up the broken-hearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
and release to the prisoners;  
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour,  
and the day of vengeance of our God;  
to comfort all who mourn;  
to provide for those who mourn in Zion -  
to give them a garland instead of ashes,  
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,  
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.  
They will be called oaks of righteousness,  
the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.

*Isaiah 61.1-3, NRSV*

*For the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**All**

*Everyone stands for*

## **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 John.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’ When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.’

*John 20.19-23, 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?  
**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**
- All           Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?  
**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.**
- All           Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?  
**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 Liturgy of Ordination**

## **The Declarations**

*The congregation sits whilst the ordinands stand.*

*The Bishop addresses the congregation, saying*

Priests are called to be servants and shepherds among the people to whom they are sent. With their Bishop and fellow ministers, they are to proclaim the word of the Lord and to watch for the signs of God's new creation. They are to be messengers, watchmen and stewards of the Lord; they are to teach and to admonish, to feed and provide for his family, to search for his children in the wilderness of this world's temptations, and to guide

them through its confusions, that they may be saved through Christ for ever. Formed by the word, they are to call their hearers to repentance and to declare in Christ's name the absolution and forgiveness of their sins.

With all God's people, they are to tell the story of God's love. They are to baptize new disciples in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and to walk with them in the way of Christ, nurturing them in the faith. They are to unfold the Scriptures, to preach the word in season and out of season, and to declare the mighty acts of God. They are to preside at the Lord's table and lead his people in worship, offering with them a spiritual sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. They are to bless the people in God's name. They are to resist evil, support the weak, defend the poor, and intercede for all in need. They are to minister to the sick and prepare the dying for their death. Guided by the Spirit, they are to discern and foster the gifts of all God's people, that the whole Church may be built up in unity and faith.

*The Bishop now addresses the ordinands directly, saying*

We trust that long ago you began to weigh and ponder all this, and that you are fully determined, by the grace of God, to devote yourself wholly to his service, so that as you daily follow the rule and teaching of our Lord and grow into his likeness, God may sanctify the lives of all with whom you have to do.

And now, in order that we may know your mind and purpose, you must make the declarations we put to you.

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

Ordinands **I do so accept them.**

Will you be diligent in prayer, in reading Holy Scripture, and in all studies that will deepen your faith and fit you to bear witness to the truth of the gospel?

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

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

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

Will you faithfully minister the doctrine and sacraments of Christ

as the Church of England has received them, so that the people committed to your charge may be defended against error and flourish in the faith?

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

Will you, knowing yourself to be reconciled to God in Christ, strive to be an instrument of God's peace in the Church and in the world?

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

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

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

Will you work with your fellow servants in the gospel for the sake of the kingdom of God?

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

Will you accept and minister the discipline of this Church, and respect authority duly exercised within it?

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

Will you then, in the strength of the Holy Spirit, continually stir up the gift of God that is in you, to make Christ known among all whom you serve?

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

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

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 that is now to be committed to your charge. Remember always with thanksgiving that the treasure now to be entrusted to you is Christ's own flock, bought by the shedding of his blood on the cross. It is to him that you will render account for your stewardship of his people.

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, including the Bishop and ordinands. Silence is kept, after which the Plainsong hymn is sung, an ancient Christian prayer invoking the gift of the Holy Spirit:*

### **Veni Creator**

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

Anoint and cheer our soiled 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 have given us your only Son Jesus Christ,  
the image of your eternal and invisible glory,  
the firstborn of all creation and head of the Church.

We praise and glorify you that by his death  
he has overcome death;  
and that, having ascended into heaven, he has given his gifts  
abundantly, 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 priests 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:

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

*Here the Bishop and two priests lay their hands on the head of each ordinand, and the Bishop prays*

Send down the Holy Spirit on your servant N  
for the office and work of a priest 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 proclaim the gospel of your salvation  
and minister the sacraments of the new covenant.

Renew them in holiness,  
and give them wisdom and discipline  
to work faithfully with those committed to their charge.

In union with their fellow servants in Christ,  
may they reconcile what is divided,  
heal what is wounded  
and restore what is lost.

May they declare your blessings to your people;  
may they proclaim Christ's victory over the powers of darkness,  
and absolve in Christ's name those who turn to him in faith;  
so shall a people made whole in Christ  
offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to you,  
our God and Father,  
to whom, with the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
belong glory and honour, worship and praise,  
now and for ever.

**All                   Amen.**

*The newly ordained adjust their stoles priestwise.*

*Everyone then stands for*

## **The Welcome**

*The Bishop says*

God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself,  
and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

**All                   We welcome you as ambassadors for Christ:  
                         let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.**

*Everyone greets the newly ordained priests 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 Son Jesus Christ, our great high priest.  
He was lifted up for us on the cross  
that he might reveal your glory and draw all people to himself.  
You exalted him to your right hand on high  
and through your Holy Spirit you sent upon your people  
a rich diversity of gifts.

From this royal priestly people you raise up ministers  
to proclaim your word,  
to care for your people  
and to be the stewards of your holy mysteries.  
You call them to serve the world your Son redeemed  
and build up his body the Church to be his bride.

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 cantor 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.

Peter Nardone, b. 1965

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. **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*

The perfect wisdom of our God,  
Revealed in all the universe:  
All things created by His hand,  
And held together at His command.  
He knows the mysteries of the seas,  
The secrets of the stars are His;  
He guides the planets on their way,  
And turns the earth through another day.

The matchless wisdom of His ways,  
That mark the path of righteousness;  
His word a lamp unto my feet,  
His Spirit teaching and guiding me.  
And oh, the mystery of the cross,  
That God should suffer for the lost  
So that the fool might shame the wise,  
And all the glory might go to Christ!

Oh grant me wisdom from above,  
To pray for peace and cling to love,  
And teach me humbly to receive  
The sun and rain of Your sovereignty.  
Each strand of sorrow has a place  
Within this tapestry of grace;  
So through the trials I choose to say:  
“Your perfect will in your perfect way.”

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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.*

