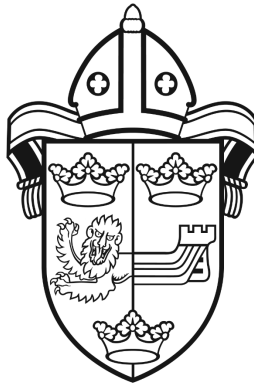


St Edmundsbury
Cathedral



The Ordination of Priests



by

The Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich
The Right Reverend Martin Seeley

Preacher

The Reverend Dr Katherine Grieb

Director of the Centre for Anglican Communion Studies at
Virginia Theological Seminary in the United States

Saturday 29 June 2024
2.30 pm

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 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:

Mary Elisabeth Brown

The Benefice of Alde Sandlings

Joanna Ruth Gunn

The Benefice of Ipswich, St-Mary-le-Tower

Sarah Elizabeth Hall

The Benefice of Ipswich, St Augustine

Sarah Elizabeth Lock

The Benefice of Rougham, Beyton with Hissett and Rushbrooke

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The Benefice of The Wilford Peninsula
and Lightwave Pioneer at The Place by the Water

*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.

Music is led by the St Edmundsbury Singers, directed by Richard Cook, Assistant Director of Music, together with musicians from the Cathedral's InHarmony project, directed by Richard Hubbard, St Edmundsbury and Ipswich Music Development Director

During the service

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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*

After the Dean's welcome, the procession enters and moves to the font, and the congregation stands and sings, facing the font

The Processional Hymn

**Come, Holy Spirit, come!
Inflame our souls with love,
transforming every heart and home
with wisdom from above.
O let us not despise
the humble path Christ trod,
but choose, to shame the worldly-wise,
the foolishness of God.**

**Come with the gift to heal
the wounds of guilt and fear,
and to oppression's face reveal
the kingdom drawing near.
Where chaos longs to reign,
descend, O holy Dove,
and free us all to work again
the miracles of love.**

**Spirit of truth, arise;
inspire the prophet's voice:
expose to scorn the tyrant's lies,
and bid the poor rejoice.
O Spirit, clear our sight,
all prejudice remove,
and help us to discern the right,
and covet only love.**

**Give us the tongues to speak,
in every time and place,
to rich and poor, to strong and weak,
the word of love and grace.
Enable us to hear
the words that others bring,
interpreting with open ear
the special song they sing.**

**Come, Holy Spirit, dance
within our hearts today,
our earthbound spirits to entrance,
our mortal fears allay.
And teach us to desire,
all other things above,
that self-consuming holy fire,
the perfect gift of love!**

Words: Michael Forster, b.1946

Music: Diademata, George Job Elvey, 1816-1893

The Greeting

The congregation remains standing as the Bishop greets everyone saying

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

All **Amen.**

Bishop Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

Bishop There is one body and one spirit.

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

Bishop one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

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

Bishop Peace be with you

All **and also with you.**

The congregation remains standing for

The Re-affirmation of our Baptism

The Bishop 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 particular ministries. Priests are ordained to lead God's people in the offering of praise and the proclamation of the gospel. They share with the Bishop in the oversight of the Church, delighting in its beauty and rejoicing in its well-being. They are to set the example of the Good Shepherd always before them as the pattern of their calling. With the Bishop and their fellow presbyters, they are to sustain the community of the faithful by the ministry of word and sacrament, that we all may grow into the fullness of Christ and be a living sacrifice acceptable to God.

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. Baptism is therefore the foundation of all particular ministries, lay and ordained, for we all share in the ministry of Christ into whose death and resurrection we are baptised. 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.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

The Bishop and Dean sprinkle the whole congregation with the blessed water, to remind us of the baptism into Christ we share. The candidates gather with the Bishop at the Pavement. Please join in singing the refrain to the following hymn, the choir singing the verses.

The Hymn

**Water of life, cleanse and refresh us;
raise us to life in Christ Jesus.**

All you who thirst, come to the waters,
and you will never be thirsty again.

As rain from heaven, so is God's word,
it waters the earth and brings forth life.

Dying with Christ, so we shall rise with him,
death shall no longer have power over us.

Turn to the Lord, cast off your wickedness,
you will find peace in his infinite love.

Words and music: Stephen Dean, b. 1948

Everyone remains standing for

The Presentation

The Archdeacons, together with Training Supervisors, present 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,

Mary Elisabeth Brown

to serve in the Benefice of Alde Sandlings

Joanna Ruth Gunn

to serve in the Benefice of Ipswich, St-Mary-le-Tower

Sarah Elizabeth Hall

to serve in the Benefice of Ipswich, St Augustine

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to serve in the Benefice of Rougham, Beyton with Hessett and Rushbrooke

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to serve in the Benefice of The Wilford Peninsula and Lightwave Pioneer at The Place by the Water

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, James Hall, 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 remains standing for

The Collect

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

Let us pray for **Mary, Jo, Sarah, Sarah, Doreen, Edith, Lorna, Karen, Alix, and Kathy**, and for the ministry of the whole people of God.

Silence is kept.

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

¶ The Liturgy of the Word

Everyone sits as the Reverend Canon Charlotte Cook, Diocesan IME Team Leader, reads

The First Reading

A reading from the letter to the Ephesians.

Friends in Christ, each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said,

'When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive;
he gave gifts to his people.'

(When it says, 'He ascended', what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

Ephesians 4.7-16, NRSV

For the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Everyone stands for

The Gospel Reading

The gospel book is carried in procession, and everyone joins in singing the Alleluias.

Choir Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All 
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

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

All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Lord be with you
All and also with you.

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

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

All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The procession returns, and all sit for

The Sermon

The sermon is preached by this year's Ordination Retreat conductor

The Reverend Dr Katherine Grieb
Director of the Centre for Anglican Communion Studies
at Virginia Theological Seminary in the United States

After a period of stillness for reflection, everyone stands for

The Hymn

**In Christ alone my hope is found,
he is my light, my strength, my song.
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My comforter, my all in all –
here, in the love of Christ, I stand.**

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

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

*Words and Music: Stuart Townend & Keith Getty
arr. Richard Hubbard*

¶ *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 baptise 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 sits or 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,
All **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 Litany

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ,
let us pray to the Father.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world,
for the welfare of the Holy Church of God,
and for the unity of all,
let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

For all the members of the Church
in their vocation and ministry,
that they may serve him in truth and love,
let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

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

All **Lord, have mercy.**

For **Mary, Jo, Sarah, Sarah, Doreen, Edith, Lorna,**
Karen, Alix, and Kathy,
called to be priests in his Church,
let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

For the mission of the Church,
that in faithful witness
we may proclaim the gospel of reconciliation
to the ends of the earth,
let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

For the unity of the Church,
that we may be one in Christ, according to his will,
let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who are lost and for those who have strayed,
that they may return to the way of Christ,
let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

For the sick and suffering,
for the aged and infirm,
for the lonely and neglected,
and for all who remember and care for them,
let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor and the hungry,
for the homeless and the oppressed,
for all prisoners and captives,
and for our brothers and sisters who are
persecuted for their faith,
let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

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

All **Lord, have mercy.**

For ourselves;
for grace to repent and amend our lives,
that we may be pardoned and absolved from all our sins,
let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Remembering all who have gone before us in faith
and in communion with St Peter and St Paul, and all the Saints,
we commit ourselves, one another,
and our whole life to Christ our God:

All **Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.**

The congregation remains kneeling or seated for

The Ordination Prayer

As the Bishop prays, the choir sings Veni Sancte Spiritus (arr. Timothy Parsons).

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 supporting 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.

The Bishop anoints each ordinand, saying

May God, who anointed the Christ
with the Holy Spirit at his baptism,
anoint and empower you to reconcile and bless his people.

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 stoles of the newly ordained are adjusted priestwise by the Archdeacons.

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.

Deacon Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Everyone may exchange a sign of peace.

The Preparation of the Table

As the altar is prepared, and bread and wine are placed upon it as everyone sings

The Offertory Hymn

**Lord, I come before your throne of grace;
I find rest in your presence
and fullness of joy.
In worship and wonder I behold your face,
singing, 'What a faithful God have I.'**

*What a faithful God have I,
what a faithful God.
What a faithful God have I,
faithful in every way.*

**Lord of mercy, you have heard my cry;
through the storm you're the beacon,
my song in the night.
In the shelter of your wings hear my heart's reply,
singing, 'What a faithful God have I.'**

What a faithful God have I...

Lord all-sovereign, granting peace from heaven,
 let me comfort those who suffer
 with the comfort you have given.
 I will tell of your great love for as long as I live,
 singing, 'What a faithful God have I.'

*What a faithful God have I,
 what a faithful God.
 What a faithful God have I,
 faithful in every way,
 faithful in every way.*

Words and Music: Dawn and Robert Critchley
 arr. Richard Hubbard

The Eucharistic Prayer

Everyone remains standing. The Bishop and congregation sing the Sursum Corda.



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 choir sings

Choir	Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus, Dominus Deus sabaoth. Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.	<i>Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.</i>
	Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.	<i>Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord Hosanna in the highest.</i>

Music: Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena, Healey Willan, 1880-1968

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.

Deacon Great is the mystery of faith.
All **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

Deacon 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.

Spiritual Communion

The prayer for Spiritual Communion is offered here for those joining by livestream. Spiritual Communion is the historic practice in the church for anyone who cannot receive the bread and wine physically.

Everyone remains kneeling as the Choir sings

Agnus Dei

Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata
mundi, miserere nobis.

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the
sins of the world, have mercy upon us.*

Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata
mundi, miserere nobis.

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the
sins of the world, have mercy upon us.*

Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata
mundi, dona nobis pacem.

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the
sins of the world, grant us thy peace.*

Music: Missa Brevis, Benjamin Britten, 1913-1976

The Giving of Communion

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

During the Communion, the congregation and worship band sing and play

The Communion Hymn

**Holy Spirit, living breath of God,
breathe new life into my willing soul.
Let the presence of the risen Lord
come 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 every sin,
in each thought and deed and attitude.**

Upper voices

Kindness to the greatest and the least,
gentleness that sows the path of peace.

All

**turn my strivings 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.**

Upper voices

Lower voices

All

Let the fragrance of our prayers arise;
lead us on the road of sacrifice,
**that in unity the face of Christ
may be clear for all the world to see.**

*Words and Music: Keith Getty & Stuart Townend
arr. Richard Hubbard*

The St Edmundsbury Singers sing

The Motet

Doubt not thy Father's care,
For ev'ry grief He finds relief,
And answers ev'ry prayer.
Night comes: the sun is lost;
Night comes: he doth provide
In the Heavens wide
The gleam of a starry host.
Night comes: the soul is dark;
All joy is dead, All gladness fled,
And life has miss'd its mark.
Then thou the wounded soul,
In that sad hour, With healing power,
Dost touch, and makest whole.

*Words: The Reverend Edward Capel-Cure, 1828-1890
Music: from The Light of Life, Sir Edward Elgar, 1857-1934*

The 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 Bible

The Bishop gives a bible to each candidate, 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 Peace 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.**

 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 new priests through the Cathedral to the Edmund Green as Timothy Parsons, Director of Music at St Edmundsbury Cathedral, plays

The Organ Voluntary

Toccata from Symphony No. 5
Charles-Marie Widor, 1844-1937

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