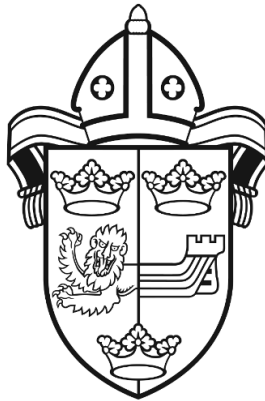


St Edmundsbury  
Cathedral



# The Ordination of Deacons



by

The Acting Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich  
**The Right Reverend Graeme Knowles**

Preacher

**The Right Reverend Tim Stevens**

Saturday 28 June 2025  
11.00 am

# **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 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:

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The Benefice of Haverhill with Withersfield

## **Glenda Elizabeth Hall**

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The service is led by the Acting Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich.

Music is led by the Adults of the Cathedral Choir  
under the direction of Claudia Grinnell, Director of Music.

### During the service

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A retiring collection will be taken, to be shared between the *Bishop's Training Fund* and our *Kagera Link Diocese Fund* after costs. Please give generously.

### 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 in the congregation, in the midst of the communities from which they have come.*

*After the Dean's welcome, the procession enters and moves to the font at the back of the Cathedral. The congregation stands and sings, facing the font*

## The Processional Hymn

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,  
the King of creation;  
O my soul, praise him,  
for he is thy health and salvation:  
    all ye who hear,  
    now to his temple draw near,  
joining in glad adoration.**

**Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things  
so wondrously reigneth,  
shieldeth thee gently from harm,  
or when fainting sustaineth:  
    hast thou not seen  
    how thy heart's wishes have been  
granted in what he ordaineth?**

**Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper  
thy work and defend thee;  
surely his goodness and mercy  
shall daily attend thee:  
    ponder anew  
    what the Almighty can do,  
if to the end he befriend thee.**

**Praise to the Lord! O let all that  
is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath,  
come now with praises before him!  
Let the Amen  
sound from his people again:  
gladly for aye we adore him!**

*Words: Joachim Neander, 1650-80  
tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78  
Music: Lobe den Herren, harmonised by editors of  
The Chorale Book for England, 1863*

## **The Greeting**

*The congregation remains standing as 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.  
**Blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

There is one body and one spirit.  
**There is one hope to which we were called;**

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

Peace be with you  
**and also with you.**

## The 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. 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 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

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

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.**

*The Bishop and Dean sprinkle the whole congregation with the blessed water, to remind us of the baptism into Christ we share. The candidates and their sponsors 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*

## The Presentation

*The Archdeacons present the ordinands 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.

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to serve in the Benefice of Haverhill with Withersfield

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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 Diocesan Director of Ordinands, Stuart Batten, responds*

They have.

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

*The Diocesan Director of Ordinands 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, Kevin Wilson, 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 **Catherine, Glenda, Charlotte, Ann, Karen, Teresa, Andrew, Fiona, Peter, Maria, Andrew, Edmund** and **Emma**, and for the ministry of the whole people of God.

*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 Sarah du Boulay, Assistant Diocesan Director of Ordinands, reads*

### **The First Reading**

A reading from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians.

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

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

*2 Corinthians 4.1–12, NRSV*

**All**                      For the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**



For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

*John 13.1–17, NRSV*

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

*The procession returns, and all sit for*

## **The Sermon**

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

**The Right Reverend Tim Stevens**  
Honorary Assistant Bishop

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

## **The Hymn**

**O thou who camest from above  
the fire celestial to impart,  
kindle a flame of sacred love  
on the mean altar of my heart!**

**There let it for thy glory burn  
with inextinguishable blaze,  
and trembling to its source return  
in humble prayer and fervent praise.**

**Jesus, confirm my heart's desire  
to work, and speak, and think for thee;  
still let me guard the holy fire,  
and still stir up the gift in me.**

**Ready for all thy perfect will,  
my acts of faith and love repeat;  
till death thy endless mercies seal,  
and make the sacrifice complete.**

*Words: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788*

*Music: Hereford, SS Wesley, 1810-1876*

*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.

- Bishop 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!**

Will you continually pray for them?

**We will.**

Will you uphold and encourage them in their ministry?

**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 sits or kneels as the Canon Precentor and choir sing*

## **The Litany**

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

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.

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.

Lord, have mercy.

For Graeme our Acting Bishop,  
and for all other bishops, presbyters and deacons,  
that they may hunger for truth and thirst after righteousness,  
let us pray to the Lord.  
Lord, have mercy.

For **Catherine, Glenda, Charlotte, Ann, Karen, Teresa,  
Andrew, Fiona, Peter, Maria, Andrew, Edmund and  
Emma**, called to be deacons in his Church,  
let us pray to the Lord.  
Lord, have mercy.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Remembering all who have gone before us in faith  
and in communion with our Blessed Lady St Mary,  
James the Apostle, Edmund the Martyr and all the Saints,  
we commit ourselves, one another,  
and our whole life to Christ our God:

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

## **The Ordination Prayer**

*The congregation remains kneeling or seated.  
Candidates and supporting clergy stand.*

*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 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 and their sponsors come before the Bishop.*

*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.**

*Each of the newly ordained deacons is vested in a stole, the ancient sign of office of those in diaconal or priestly orders.*

*Everyone stands for*

## **The Welcome**

Bishop 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.**

Deacon Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*Everyone may exchange a sign of peace.*

## The Preparation of the Table

*The altar is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it as everyone sings*

### The Offertory Hymn

**Alleluia, sing to Jesus!**  
His the sceptre, his the throne;  
alleluia, his the triumph,  
his the victory alone:  
hark, the songs of peaceful Sion  
thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus out of every nation  
hath redeemed us by his blood.

**Alleluia, not as orphans**  
are we left in sorrow now;  
alleluia, he is near us,  
faith believes, nor questions how:  
though the cloud from sight received him,  
when the forty days were o'er,  
shall our hearts forget his promise,  
'I am with you evermore?'

**Alleluia, bread of angels,**  
thou on earth our food, our stay;  
alleluia, here the sinful  
flee to thee from day to day:  
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,  
earth's Redeemer, plead for me,  
where the songs of all the sinless  
sweep across the crystal sea.

**Alleluia, King eternal,**  
thee the Lord of lords we own;  
alleluia, born of Mary,  
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:  
thou within the veil hast entered,  
robed in flesh, our great High Priest;  
thou on earth both Priest and Victim  
in the eucharistic feast.

*Words: W. Chatterton Dix, 1837-1898*

*Music: Hyfrydol, Richard Huw Pritchard, 1811-1887*

## The Eucharistic Prayer

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



The Lord be with you and al - so with you.

Lift \_\_\_ up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

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*

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus,  
Dominus Deus sabaoth.  
Pleni sunt coeli et terra  
gloria tua.  
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy Lord  
God of hosts,  
heaven and earth are full  
of thy glory:  
Glory be to thee,  
O Lord most high.*

Benedictus qui venit  
in nomine Domini.  
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Blessed is he that cometh  
in the name of the Lord  
Hosanna in the highest.*

*Music: Mass for Three Voices, William Byrd, c.1540-1623*

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  
**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 sits or 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.**

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

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the 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 the*

## 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.*

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mundi, miserere nobis.

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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: Mass for Three Voices, William Byrd, c.1540-1623*

## 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 Communion, everyone joins in the singing of*

## **The Communion Hymn**

**Will you come and follow me  
if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know  
and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown,  
will you let my name be known,  
Will you let my life be grown  
in you and you in me?**

**Will you leave yourself behind  
if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind  
and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare  
should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer  
in you and you in me?**

**Will you let the blinded see  
if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free  
and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean,  
and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean  
in you and you in me?**

**Will you love the 'you' you hide  
if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside  
and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found  
to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound  
in you and you in me?**

**Lord, your summons echoes true  
when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you  
and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go  
where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow  
in you and you in me.**

*Words: John Bell, b. 1949 and Graham Maule, b. 1958  
Music: Kelvingrove, Scottish folk melody, arr. John Bell, b. 1949*

*During Communion, the choir sings*

## **The Motet**

Oculi omnium in te sperant, Domine:  
et tu das escam illorum in tempore opportuno.  
Gloria tibi, Domine. Amen.

*The eyes of all wait upon Thee, O Lord:  
and Thou givest them their meat in due season.  
Glory to Thee, O Lord. Amen.*

*Words: Psalm 144.15  
Music: Andrew Parnell, b.1954*

## **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 New Testament**

*The Bishop gives the New Testament 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*

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.**

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.  
**Amen.**

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

*The Bishop leads the new deacons through the Cathedral to the Edmund Green as Matthew McVey, Organ Scholar at St Edmundsbury Cathedral, plays*

## **The Organ Voluntary**

Toccata in G major  
*Théodore Dubois, 1837-1924*

*A retiring collection is taken to be shared between the Bishop's Training Fund and the Kagera Link Diocese Fund after costs - please give generously if you are able.*

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