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The Chrism Eucharist

**with the Renewal of Ordination Vows
and the Blessing of the Oils**

Maundy Thursday
1 April 2021
11.00am

Welcome to Southwark Cathedral

Set on the south bank of the River Thames in one of the most vibrant and diverse communities in London, this building has been a constant witness in a place of change.

The first church was built on this site around the year 606. First a convent, then a monastery, it became in 1106 the Augustinian Priory of St Mary Overie. With Westminster Abbey and St Bartholomew the Great in Smithfield it is one of the three remaining great monastic churches of London. At the Reformation the Priory became a parish church and it remains so for the people of Bankside. In 1905, as south London was rapidly expanding, the church was consecrated as the cathedral for the new Diocese of Southwark.

As well as a place of constant witness to our faith in Jesus Christ, this church has a momentous and proud history and has had links with many famous and influential characters including St Thomas Becket, Geoffrey Chaucer, William Shakespeare and Charles Dickens.

In the 20th century this cathedral was at the heart of the new movement in theology termed 'South Bank Religion'. This movement asked challenging questions of people about faith in the modern age which continue to be explored at Southwark Cathedral which describes itself as 'inclusive: faithful: radical'.

Whatever has brought you here today, you are most welcome. Become part of the life here if you can; it will change your life as you encounter with us our living God.

Setting

Mass for three voices · Antonio Lotti

PLEASE BELIEVE THESE DAYS WILL PASS

by Mark Titchner, 2006 nominee for the Turner Prize, is our selected work to mark the season of Lent this year. A glimpse of it can be seen on the front cover of this order of service. Regrettably, due to the national lockdown it will not be on public display before the summer.

Please visit us between 2 June and 22 July to see the Lent Art Installation in place in the Cathedral.

The Renewal of Ordination Vows and the Blessing of the Oils

Today's service is part of our preparation for the celebration of the Passion and Resurrection of the Lord, which begins with the Eucharist of the Last Supper, on the evening of Maundy Thursday. The focus of the service this morning is the renewal of Ordination Vows and the Blessing of the Oils.

It is the occasion in the year when the Bishop speaks directly to his ordained colleagues, and in this service leads them in the renewal of their ordination promises to dedicate themselves to the service of Christ and his people. In turn, the people repeat the commitment, made at each ordination service, to support and uphold the clergy in their ministry.

The clergy, having renewed their promises, are now ready to lead their congregation in the renewing of their Baptismal promises in the Easter Liturgy.

In accordance with ancient practice this Eucharist is also the occasion on which the Bishop blesses the oils to be used in ministry during the coming year.

The Oil of the Sick: this is blessed to be used, following the example of the apostles and the teaching of St James, in the Church's ministry to the sick and dying.

The Oil of Baptism: this oil, sometimes called the oil of the catechumens, is used to prepare those who are to be baptised. It is a sign of the grace of God leading them and strengthening their wills in his service.

The Oil of Chrism: this oil is the sign of the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Those who are baptised and confirmed are marked with the sign of the cross, symbolising their place in the royal and prophetic priesthood of Christ's Body.

In Southwark Cathedral, we endeavour at the Chrism Eucharist on Maundy Thursday to source Palestinian Olive Oil for the Blessing of the Oils, which are distributed to our parishes for these sacramental ministries of anointing the sick with prayer for healing, baptism and confirmation. We shall be praying for olive farmers in the West Bank and the whole of Palestine, and for peace with justice for all the people of the Holy Land where our Lord Jesus Christ lived and died and rose again.

The Gathering

The congregation stands as the procession enters.

The Bishop says

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

Jesus Christ has made us a kingdom of priests
to serve his God and Father.

All Glory and kingship be his for ever and ever.

Peace be with you.

All And also with you.

The Bishop introduces the celebration.

The Deacon says

Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross
so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness;
by his wounds we have been healed. Let us confess
our sins.

Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Against you, you only, have I sinned and done
what is evil in your sight.

Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

The Bishop says

May almighty God, who sent his Son into the world
to save sinners, bring you his pardon and peace, now
and for ever.

All Amen.

Please sit.

Gloria in Excelsis

Sung by the Choir.

*Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.*

Please stand.

The Collect

The Bishop says

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father,
who anointed your Son Jesus Christ
with the Holy Spirit and with power
to bring to the world the blessings of your kingdom:
anoint your Church with the same Holy Spirit,
that we who share in his suffering and his victory
may bear witness to the gospel of salvation;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Please sit.

First Reading

1 Samuel 16. 1–13a

Read by The Reverend Jonathan Croucher.

A reading from the First Book of Samuel.

The Lord said to Samuel, ‘How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.’ Samuel said, ‘How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.’ And the Lord said, ‘Take a heifer with you, and say, “I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.” Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.’ Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, ‘Do you come peaceably?’ He said, ‘Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.’ And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord.' But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.' Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, 'Neither has the Lord chosen this one.' Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, 'Neither has the Lord chosen this one.' Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen any of these.' Samuel said to Jesse, 'Are all your sons here?' And he said, 'There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.' And Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.' He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, 'Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.' Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 89. 19–22; 27; 29

Sung by the Choir.

*Lord is our defence:
the Holy One of Israel is our King.*

*Thou spakest sometime in visions unto thy saints,
and saidst:
I have laid help upon one that is mighty;
I have exalted one chosen out of the people.*

*I have found David my servant:
with my holy oil have I anointed him.*

*My hand shall hold him fast:
and my arm shall strengthen him.*

*He shall call me, Thou art my Father:
my God, and my strong salvation.*

*My mercy will I keep for him for evermore:
and my covenant shall stand fast with him.*

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 3. 17—4. 12

Read by The Reverend Sandra Schloss.

A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Therefore, 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.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation

Sung by the Choir.

*Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.
The spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.*

Gospel

Luke 22. 24–30

The Deacon says

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them, 'The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the

one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

‘You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit.

Sermon

The Right Reverend Christopher Chessun,
Bishop of Southwark

There follows a period of silence.

The Renewal of Commitment to Ministry

The Bishop says

My brothers and sisters, at his Last Supper, our Lord Jesus Christ gave his disciples a new commandment that they should love one another, and he prayed that they might be one. He gave them an everlasting sign of his own love, in the sacrament of bread and wine. He consecrated himself to his Father's service, to be the high priest of the New Covenant.

I invite you now to dedicate yourselves afresh to his service, as stewards of the mysteries of God and ministers of his grace.

The Bishops stand. Adrian Greenwood, Chair of the House of Laity, addresses all the bishops present.

At your ordination as bishops you received the gift of the Spirit, that you might lead the Church in mission, and send out ministers in Christ's name; that you might promote its unity, uphold its discipline, and guard its faith; and that you might teach and govern the people committed to your charge.

Will you continue faithfully in this ministry, watching over Christ's own flock, and building them up in the unity of the Spirit and the bond of peace?

The Bishops reply

By the help of God, I will.

The priests stand and the Bishop addresses them.

At your ordination to the priesthood, you took authority to watch over and care for God's people, to absolve and bless them in his name, to proclaim the gospel of salvation, and to minister the sacraments of his New Covenant.

Will you continue as faithful stewards of the mysteries of God, preaching the gospel of Christ and ministering his holy sacraments?

The priests reply

By the help of God, I will.

The deacons stand and the Bishop addresses them.

At your ordination as a deacon, you received the yoke of Christ, who came not to be served but to serve.

Will you continue faithfully in this ministry, to build up God's people in his truth and serve them in his name?

The Deacons reply

By the help of God, I will.

The Bishop says

May the God of peace sanctify you wholly; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful, and he will accomplish it.

All Amen. Lord, have mercy.

The people stand, and the bishop addresses them.

My brothers and sisters, pray for all who minister, that they may be constant in prayer and steadfast in faith, and serve your people with joy.

All Lord, hear us.

Pray for your deacons, that the Lord may pour upon them the riches of his grace. Pray that he who has called them to his service may make them worthy of his calling.

All Lord, hear us.

Pray for your priests. Ask the Lord to bless them with the fullness of his love, that they may be faithful ministers of his word and sacrament, and lead his people in the way of salvation.

All Lord, hear us.

Pray for your bishops, that despite our unworthiness we may be faithful to the great trust that has been handed to us. Pray that we may become more like our Good Shepherd and great High Priest, the teacher and servant of us all, and so become more and more a sign of Christ's loving presence among you.

All Lord, hear us.

Pray for the families of those who minister, for their homes, and for all with whom they share their lives.

All Lord, hear us.

May the Lord in his love keep us ever close to him, and may he bring us all to the fullness of eternal life.

All Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The Bishop says

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 the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.

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

Please sit.

Anthem

Christus factus est · Giovanni Matteo Asola

Please stand.

The Blessing of the Oils

The oils are presented and blessed by the Bishop with the following words:

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
All who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing.

The Deacon presents the first oil

Bishop Christopher, the oil for the anointing of the sick and dying.

The Bishop blesses the oil.

Blessed are you, sovereign God, gentle and merciful, creator of heaven and earth.

Your Word brought light out of darkness,
and daily your Spirit renews the face of the earth.

Your anointed Son brought healing
to those in weakness and distress.

He broke the power of evil and set us free from sin
and death

that we might praise your name for ever.

By the power of your Spirit may your blessing rest
on those who are anointed with this oil in your name;

may they be made whole in body, mind and spirit,
restored in your image, renewed in your love,
and serve you as sons and daughters in your kingdom.

All Blessed be God for ever.

The Deacon presents the second oil.

Bishop Christopher, the oil for the signing with the
cross at baptism.

The Bishop blesses the oil.

Blessed are you, sovereign God,
the protector of all who believe in you.
Your anointed Son overcame the powers of evil
when he was lifted high upon the cross.
By the power of your Spirit may your blessing rest
on those who are anointed with this oil in your name;
as they come to the waters of baptism,
may it be for them a sign of your defence in their fight
against sin, the world and the devil,
and bring them to share in Christ's victory.

All Blessed be God for ever.

The Deacon presents the third oil.

Bishop Christopher, the oil of chrism.

The Bishop blesses the oil.

Blessed are you, sovereign God and eternal Father,
upholding by your grace all who hear your call.
Under your Old Covenant
priests and kings were anointed to serve you
and in the fullness of time you anointed your Son
by the Holy Spirit
to be the Christ, the Saviour and Servant of all.
By the power of your Spirit may your blessing rest
on those who are anointed with this chrism in
your name;
let it be for them a sign of joy and gladness
as they share in the royal priesthood of the
New Covenant
and make known the kingdom of Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
we lift our voices of thanks and praise.

**All Blessed be God, our strength and our salvation,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Please sit.

Anthem

Adoramus te, Christe · Giovanni Battista Martini

Please stand.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good
always and everywhere to give you thanks
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

By the outpouring of your Holy Spirit
you anointed him to be the servant of all
and ordained that he should enter into your kingdom
through suffering.

And now he stands by us and pours out for our healing
the oil of consolation and the wine of renewed hope.
In your wisdom and love you anoint your holy people
to be a royal priesthood,
to share in Christ's suffering
and to reveal his glory to the world.

Therefore earth unites with heaven to sing a new
song of praise;
we too join with angels and archangels
as they proclaim your glory without end.

*Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**All Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

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.

The Lord's Prayer

The Bishop says

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**All Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread,
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

The Bishop 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.**

Invitation to Communion

The Bishop says

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.

**All Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

The Bishop makes his communion saying

The body of Christ.

All Amen.

The blood of Christ.

All Amen.

Please follow the directions of the Stewards. Communion is given in one kind only and in silence. If you would like to receive a blessing please bow your head. The blessing will be given in silence. Please return to your seat by the central aisle and respect your distance at all times.

The Choir sings the Agnus Dei.

Please stand.

Prayer after Communion

The Bishop says

Let us pray.

Good Shepherd,
you have welcomed us at your table
and have anointed us with the oil of gladness:
may your goodness and mercy follow us
all the days of our life,
that we may dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

All Amen.

The Blessing and Dismissal

The Bishop says

Our help is in the name of the Lord

All who has made heaven and earth.

Blessed be the name of the Lord

All now and for ever. Amen.

The Father, whose glory fills the heavens,
cleanses you by his holiness
and sends you to proclaim his word.

All Amen.

The Son, who has ascended to the heights,
pours upon you the riches of his grace.

All Amen.

The Holy Spirit, the Comforter,
equips you and strengthens you in your ministry.

All Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

The Deacon says

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All In the name of Christ. Amen.

Voluntary

Please remain in your seats until the Choir and members of the Cathedral Greater Chapter have departed. Please leave the Cathedral by the north-west doors and the Millennium Courtyard.

Following the Eucharist, the oils are available in the Retrochoir. Please follow the one-way system under the direction of the Stewards.

If you have not been able to attend the Chrism Eucharist in person, arrangements are being made with Area Deans for the distribution of the oils within Deaneries.

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