



The Diocese of
Southwark

THE CHRISM EUCHARIST

WITH
THE RENEWAL OF ORDINATION VOWS
AND
THE BLESSING OF THE OILS

MAUNDY THURSDAY
THURSDAY 28 MARCH 2024
11.00AM

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◆ CATHEDRAL ◆

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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.

“They planted so we eat. We plant so they eat.”

This is a Palestinian proverb, and the oil which is being blessed today is produced in Palestine by cooperatives which are part of the Palestine Fair Trade Association. Using this oil supports farmers in Palestine, and it is particularly apt that it should be used and distributed on the day when we remember that Jesus was anointed for his death and burial in Palestine.

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.

PRESIDENT & PREACHER

The Bishop of Southwark
The Rt Rev'd Christopher Chessun



DEACON

The Rev'd Chris Henriette
Curate, Church of the Good Shepherd with St Peter, Lee



SUBDEACON

Canon Wendy Robins, Chancellor



CHOIR

The Cathedral Choir



SETTING

Messe solennelle
Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

THE GATHERING

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,
and also with you.

All

The Bishop welcomes the congregation and introduces the celebration.

THE PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

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 ABSOLUTION

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Please be seated when the Bishop sits. The Choir sings:

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Gloria in excelsis Deo
et in terra pax
hominibus bonae voluntatis.
Laudamus te,
benedicimus te,
adoramus te, glorificamus te,
gratias agimus tibi propter
magnam gloriam tuam,
Domine Deus, Rex caelestis,
Deus Pater omnipotens.

Domine Fili unigenite,
Jesu Christe,
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei,
Filius Patris,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis;
qui tollis peccata mundi,
suscipe deprecationem
nostram.
Qui sedes
ad dexteram Patris,
miserere nobis.

Quoniam tu solus Sanctus,
tu solus Dominus,
tu solus Altissimus,
Jesu Christe, cum Sancto
Spiritu: in gloria Dei Patris.
Amen.

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace
and goodwill to his people.
We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give thanks to you,
for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father almighty,

O Lord, the only-begotten Son,
Jesus Christ,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father,
who takes away the sin of the
world: have mercy on us;
You who takes away
the sin of the
world, receive our prayer.
you who is seated at the right hand
of the Father:
have mercy on us.

For you alone are Holy,
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.

THE COLLECT

Please stand.

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 be seated.

THE FIRST READING

1 Samuel 16.1-13a

Read by **The Rev'd Professor Mary Seller**

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.**

THE RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 89.19-22, 27, 29

The response is:



My song shall proclaim your faithfulness; through - out all ge - ner - a - tions.

The musical notation is a single staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody consists of the following notes: G4, A4, Bb4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. The lyrics are: "My song shall proclaim your faithfulness; through - out all ge - ner - a - tions." The word "through" is hyphenated across two measures.

You spoke once in a vision and said to your faithful people:
'I have set a youth above the mighty;
I have raised a young man over the people. **R**

'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. **R**

'No enemy shall deceive him,
nor any wicked person afflict him.
'And I will make him my firstborn,
the most high above the kings of the earth.
'His seed also will I make to endure for ever
and his throne as the days of heaven. **R**

THE SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 3.17-4.12

Read by **The Rev'd Mark Smith**
 Bishop's Adviser for Self-Supporting Ministry

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.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

All Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory.
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.

All **Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

THE GOSPEL

Luke 22.24-30

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

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

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.'

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

Please be seated.

THE SERMON

**The Bishop of Southwark
The Rt Rev'd Christopher Chessun**

THE RENEWAL OF COMMITMENT TO MINISTRY

Bishop My friends in Christ, 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. The 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?

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

The Priests stand and the Bishop addresses them.

Bishop 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?

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

The Deacons stand and the Bishop addresses them.

Bishop 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?

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

Bishop 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. God who calls you is faithful and will accomplish it.

All **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

The people stand and the Bishop addresses them.

Bishop People of God, 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.**

Bishop 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.**

Bishop 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.**

Bishop 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.**

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

All **Lord, hear us.**

Bishop 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

Please stand.

THE PEACE

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.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

During the Hymn, bread and wine are presented at the Altar.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN

NEH 512



A - - - men.

Blest by the sun, the olive tree
Brought clusters of fair fruit to birth,
Whose ripeness now we bring with prayer,
Lord Christ, redeemer of the earth.

Eternal King, look down and bless
The oil your servants offer here,
And may it be a lively sign
Which all the powers of darkness fear.

From those washed in the sacred font
Let Satan's influence depart,
And when this oil the brow shall seal
Transforming grace invade the heart.

Our wounded nature thus be healed
By your anointing grace, O Lord;
In men and women so renewed
Shall God's own image be restored.

Lord Christ, the Father's only Son,
Who took our flesh in Mary's womb,
Give light to your anointed ones,
And break the power of death's dark tomb.

So may this joyous paschal feast,
The time when saving grace is given,
Fill every Christian soul with praise,
And raise our minds from earth to heaven. Amen.

TUNE: GONFALON ROYAL

Percy Buck
(1871-1947)

TEXT:

From an early Latin hymn
Tr. Richard Rutt (1925-2011)

THE BLESSING OF THE OILS

The oils are brought forward and presented to the Bishop in turn to be blessed.

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

The Rev'd Dr Hannah Swithinbank, serving in the Benefice of Kew, presents the oil for the sick and dying, signifying God's healing love and power.

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

Bishop 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 Rev'd Grey Collier, serving in the parish of St John the Evangelist, Waterloo, presents the oil of catechumens, signifying God's grace to resist evil and follow Christ.

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

Bishop 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 Rev'd Ejoywokoghene Ibuno, serving in the parish of St Philip & St Mark, Camberwell, presents the oil of chrism, used for the solemn anointing of those who have been baptised and those who are to be confirmed, bishops and priests at their ordination, and of altars and church buildings at the time of their dedication. It is also used to mark a transition to a new ministry or undertaking.

Bishop Christopher, the oil of chrism.

Bishop 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 be seated as the Choir sings:

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Timor et tremor • Francis Poulenc (1899-1963)

Timor et tremor venerunt super me,
et caligo cecidit super me:
miserere mei, Domine, miserere mei,
quoniam in te confidit anima mea.

Exaudi, Deus, deprecationem meam,
quia refugium meum es tu et adjutor
fortis.
Domine, invocavi te, non confundar.

Fear and trembling came over me,
and darkness fell over me:
have mercy on me, Lord, have mercy
on me, for my soul trusts in you.

Hear, O God, my prayer, for you are
my refuge and strong helper.
Lord, I have called upon you, let me
not be confounded.

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.

The Choir sings:

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt caeli et terra
gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.

Holy, holy, holy
Lord God of Sabaoth.
Heaven and earth
are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

The President continues:

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

All

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 the Blessed Virgin Mary
and 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

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

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

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.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessèd 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.

Please be seated. If you wish to receive Holy Communion or a blessing, please follow the directions of the Stewards. If you wish to receive from the chalice, please go to the point of administration after receiving the host. Please do not dip the host into the chalice. If you would like to receive a blessing, please bow your head.

During the distribution of Communion, the Choir sings:

AGNUS DEI

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

O Lamb of God, who takes away the
sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

O Lamb of God, who takes away the
sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.

O Lamb of God, who takes away the
sin of the world, grant us thy peace.

Followed by:

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM

Ubi caritas • Joshua Pacey (b. 1995)

Ubi caritas et amor,
Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exsulemus et in ipso iucundemur.
Timeamus et amemus
Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus
nos sincero.

Where charity and love are,
God is there.
Christ's love has gathered us into one.
Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him.
Let us fear and let us love
the living God.
And may we love each other with a
sincere heart.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand.

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.**

All Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE BLESSING & DISMISSAL

Please stand.

All Our help is in the name of the Lord
who has made heaven and earth.

All Blessèd be the name of the Lord
now and for ever. Amen.

The Father, whose glory fills the heavens,
cleanse you by his holiness
and send you to proclaim his word.
All Amen.

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

The Holy Spirit, the Comforter,
equip you and strengthen 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.

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

During the Hymn, the Procession departs.

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN

NEH 420



O Jesus, I have promised
To serve thee to the end;
Be thou for ever near me,
My Master and my Friend;
I shall not fear the battle
If thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway
If thou wilt be my guide.

O let me hear thee speaking
In accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion,
The murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
To hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
Thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised
To all who follow thee,
That where thou art in glory
There shall thy servant be;
And Jesus, I have promised
To serve Thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
My Master and my Friend.

O let me see thy footmarks,
And in them plant mine own;
My hope to follow duly
Is in thy strength alone;
O guide me, call me, draw me,
Uphold me to the end;
And then in heaven receive me,
My Saviour and my Friend.

TUNE: WOLVERCOTE
William H. Ferguson
(1874-1950)

TEXT:
John Bode
(1816-1874)

VOLUNTARY

Final from Symphony No. 4 • Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

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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.

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