



The Diocese of
Southwark

THE CHRISM EUCHARIST

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

MAUNDY THURSDAY
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11.00AM

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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 OF THE WORD

The Rev'd Alexandre Garziglia
Assistant Curate, St Christopher, Walworth



SUBDEACON

Canon Roxanne Eversley, Librarian



CHOIR

The Cathedral Choir



SETTING

Missa brevis Sancti Ioannis de Deo
Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)

CHORAL EUCHARIST

Please stand as the Procession enters.

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN



Lord, you give the great commission:
"Heal the sick and preach the word."

Lest the church neglect its mission
and the gospel go unheard,
help us witness to your purpose
with renewed integrity:
With the Spirit's gifts empower
us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you call us to your service:
"In my name baptise and teach."
That the world may trust your promise,
life abundant meant for each,
give us all new fervor, draw us
closer in community:
With the Spirit's gifts empower
us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you make the common holy:
"This my body, this my blood."
Let us all, for earth's true glory,
daily lift life heavenward,
asking that the world around us
share your children's liberty:
With the Spirit's gifts empower
us for the work of ministry.



Lord, you show us love's true measure:

"Father, what they do, forgive."

Yet we hoard as private treasure
all that you so freely give.

May your care and mercy lead us
to a just society:

With the Spirit's gifts empower
us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you bless with words assuring:

"I am with you to the end."

Faith and hope and love restoring,
may we serve as you intend,
and, amid the cares that claim us,
hold in mind eternity:

With the Spirit's gifts empower
us for the work of ministry.

TUNE: BLAENWERN

William Rowlands (1860-1937)

TEXT:

Jeffery Rowthorn (b. 1934)

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.

Silence is kept.

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 remain standing. 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

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

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

Isaiah 61.1-9

Read by **Canon Wendy Robins, Chancellor
and Director of Discipleship, Lay Ministry
& Continuing Ministerial Education**

A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

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

Strangers shall stand and feed your flocks,
foreigners shall till your land and dress your vines;
but you shall be called priests of the LORD,
you shall be named ministers of our God;
you shall enjoy the wealth of the nations,
and in their riches you shall glory.
Because their shame was double,
and dishonour was proclaimed as their lot,
therefore they shall possess a double portion;
everlasting joy shall be theirs.

For I the LORD love justice,
 I hate robbery and wrongdoing;
 I will faithfully give them their recompense,
 and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.
 Their descendants shall be known among the nations,
 and their offspring among the peoples;
 all who see them shall acknowledge
 that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Please remain seated to sing:

THE GRADUAL HYMN



The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;
 He makes me lie in pastures green.
 He leads me by the still, still waters,
 His goodness restores my soul.

Refrain

*And I will trust in You alone,
 And I will trust in You alone,
 For Your endless mercy follows me,
 Your goodness will lead me home.*

He guides my ways in righteousness,
 And He anoints my head with oil,
 And my cup, it overflows with joy,
 I feast on His pure delights.

And though I walk the darkest path,
 I will not fear the evil one,
 For You are with me, and Your rod and staff
 Are the comfort I need to know.

Refrain

TEXT & MUSIC: Stuart Townend (b. 1963) (based on Psalm 23)

THE SECOND READING

James 5.13-16

Read by **The Rev'd Andy Dovey,
Bishop's Advisor for Healthcare**

A reading from the Letter of James.

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Please stand.



THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory.

All 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 4.16-21

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.

When Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.’

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, ‘Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.’

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?

The Bishops answer:

By the help of God, I will.

The Bishops remain standing and are joined by the Priests. 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 Bishops and Priests answer:

By the help of God, I will.

The Deacons stand, joining the Bishops and Priests. 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 Bishops, Priests and Deacons answer:

By the help of God, I will.

The Bishop prays a blessing on the Bishops, Priests and Deacons.

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.

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.

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

Please stand.

THE PEACE

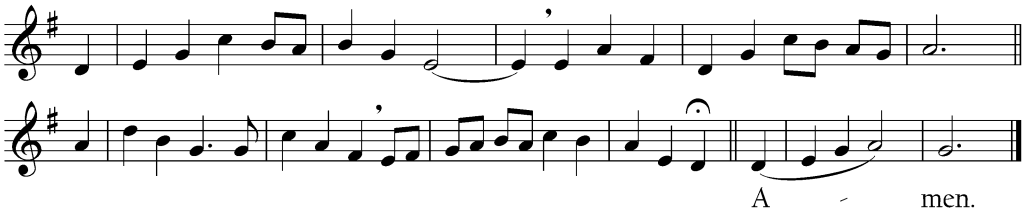
God has made us one in Christ.
He has set his seal upon us
and, as a pledge of what is to come,
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.

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



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 all your people 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)

Please remain standing.

THE BLESSING OF THE OILS

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

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

The Rev'd Tabitha Singh, serving in the parish of St John the Evangelist, Shirley, 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.

The Bishop blesses the oil.

Blessèd 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 Blessèd be God for ever.

The Rev'd Debra Elsdon, serving in the parish of St Mary, Tatsfield, 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.

The Bishop blesses the oil.

Blessèd 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 Owen Morgan, serving in the benefice of Charlton, 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.

The Bishop blesses the oil.

Blessèd 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.**

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.

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus:
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 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

Standing at the foot of the cross,
as our Saviour taught us so we pray.

Please pray in whichever language you feel most comfortable.

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.	Baba wa... Notre Père... 天におられる私たちの父よ Nna anyị... Fader vår... Pai nosso... हे हमारे स्वर्गबासी पिता... Padre nuestro... 我們在天上的父... Отче наш... 하늘에 계신 우리 아버지... Πάτερ ἡμῶν... باپ ہمارے اے
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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.

Members of all Christian churches are welcome to receive Communion. Whatever your faith tradition or background, you are most welcome to draw near for a blessing.

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

**The Spirit of the Lord *from* The Apostles
Edward Elgar (1857-1934)**

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because He hath anointed me to preach the Gospel to the poor:
He hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted,
to preach deliverance to the captives,
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to preach the acceptable year of the Lord;
To give unto them that mourn a garland for ashes,
the oil of joy for mourning,
the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness;
that they might be called trees of righteousness,
the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified.
For as the earth bringeth forth her bud,
and as the garden causeth the things
that are sown in it to spring forth;
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
to spring forth before all the nations.

from Isaiah 61

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.**

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

During the Hymn, the Procession departs.

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN



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

Prelude and Fugue in G, BWV 541 • J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Please remain seated until the Choir and members of the Cathedral Greater Chapter have departed. Please leave the Cathedral via the North West doors and the Millennium Courtyard. Those who have registered for lunch are invited to the Library and the John Trevor Williams Room.

Thank you for joining us. We look forward to welcoming you back.

NOTICES

DISTRIBUTION OF OILS

Following the Eucharist, the oils are available in the Retrochoir.

Please follow the direction of the Stewards.

Clergy are invited to receive one set of oils for each church they serve. In a multi-parish benefice, a set may be taken for each church. If you feel you will need yet more oil, please wait until the end of the distribution, when any remaining oil will be made available. Supplies will be available at the Cathedral throughout the year.

THE BISHOP'S LENT CALL

Donations are gratefully received for the Bishop's Lent Call, which this year is raising funds for projects that help children and young people recover from trauma and which encourage their mental wellbeing. We are supporting this type of work in the Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East, in our Link Dioceses in Zimbabwe and here in our own diocese. Donate using the QR code.



THY KINGDOM COME RESOURCES

If you didn't collect your *Thy Kingdom Come* resources on your way in, these are available in the Link.

DONATIONS

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SOUTHWARK

◆ CATHEDRAL ◆

making space for love
with heart, mind, and soul

It is good to welcome you 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 ('over-the-river'). 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.

The Cathedral has a momentous and significant history and has had links with many famous and influential characters including St Thomas Becket, Geoffrey Chaucer, William Shakespeare and Charles Dickens. It has also been a Cathedral for those who feel on the edges of faith or society, our welcome reaching out to all people in their beautiful God-given diversity.

Here, our Christian faith is captured in our vision to 'make space for love: with heart, mind, and soul'. Faith requires our hearts to stand up for social justice, upholding integrity and kindness, and supporting the vulnerable and oppressed. It challenges our thinking, inviting our minds to be enquiring, honest, and generous. Faith also seeks to deepen our inner lives, with the arts and creativity, by sharing in the life of our community, and by learning the arts of prayer and attention. In Jesus Christ we see the human face of God, and our faith in him is our joy and our life.

We really hope you enjoy being here with us today and that we will see you again very soon.

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