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Southwark

THE ORDINATION OF DEACONS

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THE ORDINATION OF DEACONS

Before the service, The Very Rev'd Dr Mark Oakley, Dean of Southwark, welcomes the congregation.

Please stand as the Procession enters.

THE ENTRANCE HYMN

NEH 205



A - men.

Christ is made the sure foundation,
And the precious corner-stone,
Who, the two walls underlying,
Bound in each, binds both in one,
Holy Sion's help for ever,
and our confidence alone.

All that dedicated city,
Dearly loved by God on high,
In exultant jubilation
Pours perpetual melody,
God the One, in Threefold glory,
Singing everlastingly.

To this temple, where we call thee,
Come, O Lord of hosts, today;
With thy wonted loving-kindness,
Hear thy people as they pray;
And thy fullest benediction
Shed within its walls for ay.

Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
Gifts of grace by prayer to gain;
Here to have and hold for ever,
Those good things their prayers obtain,
And hereafter, in thy glory,
With thy blessed ones to reign.

Laud and honour to the Father,
Laud and honour to the Son,
Laud and honour to the Spirit,
Ever Three and ever One,
One in love, and One in splendour,
While unending ages run. Amen.

TUNE: WESTMINSTER ABBEY

Adapted from the *Alleluyas* in
Purcell's *O God, Thou art my God*

TEXT:

Latin, c. 7th century
tr. J. M. Neale (1818-1866)

Please remain standing.

THE GREETING

All Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessèd be his kingdom, now and for ever.
Amen.

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

All One Lord, one faith, one baptism,
one God and Father of all.

All Peace be with you
and also with you.

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.

THE PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

As we stand together before God,
and trusting in his grace alone,
let us join with these ordinands in confessing our sins.

Silence is kept.

All Most merciful God,
 Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 we confess that we have sinned
 in thought, word and deed.
 We have not loved you with our whole heart.
 We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
 In your mercy
 forgive what we have been,
 help us to amend what we are,
 and direct what we shall be;
 that we may do justly,
 love mercy,
 and walk humbly with you, our God.
 Amen.

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.

THE PRESENTATION

The Diocesan Director of Ordinands presents the ordinands to the Bishop.

DDO Reverend Father in God, I present these candidates to be ordained to the office of deacon in the Church of God.

The Bishop asks these questions of the Diocesan Director of Ordinands:

Bishop Have those whose duty it is to know these ordinands and examine them found them to be of godly life and sound learning?

DDO They have.

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

DDO They do.

The Bishop turns towards the Ordinands and asks:

Bishop Do you believe that God is calling you to this ministry?

Ordinands I do so believe.

The Bishop addresses the Registrar.

Bishop I invite the Registrar to confirm that the ordinands have taken the necessary oaths and made the Declaration of Assent.

Registrar They have duly taken the oath or a solemn affirmation of allegiance to the Sovereign and the oath or solemn affirmation 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'.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Glory be to God on high
And in earth peace, goodwill towards men,

We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee, for thy great glory
O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
art most high
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

Please stand.

THE COLLECT

Let us pray for these our brothers and sisters to be ordained deacon,
and for the ministry of the whole people of God.

Silence is kept.

Almighty God,
whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul
glorified you in their death as in their life:
grant that your Church,
inspired by their teaching and example,
and made one by your Spirit,
may ever stand firm upon the one foundation,
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.

Please be seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

2 Timothy 4.6-8, 17-18

Read by Glynis Beazley
 Vocations Team Administrator
 Diocese of Southwark

A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to Timothy.

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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

All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 16.13-19

The Lord be with you
All and also with you.

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

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessèd are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.'

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

Please be seated after the opening prayer.

THE SERMON

The Rev'd Dr Ellen Clark-King, Dean of Kings College London

Please stand.

THE CREED

All We believe in one God,
 the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all that is,
 seen and unseen.

 We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
 the only Son of God,
 eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light,
 true God from true God,
 begotten, not made,
 of one Being with the Father;
 through him all things were made.
 For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
 was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
 and was made man.
 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.
 On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the Scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.

 We believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son
 is worshipped and glorified,
 who has spoken through the prophets.
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

THE LITURGY OF ORDINATION

Please be seated.

THE DECLARATIONS

The Ordinands stand before the Bishop, who addresses the congregation.

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 addresses the Ordinands directly.

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	By the help of God, I will.
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 stands and the Ordinands turn to face them.

The Bishop continues:

People of God, you have heard how great is the charge that these ordinands are ready to undertake, and you have heard their declarations.

Is it now your will that they should be ordained?

All **It is.**

Will you continually pray for them?

All **We will.**

Will you uphold and encourage them in their ministry?

All **We will.**

The ordinands turn back to face the Bishop, who continues, addressing them:

In the name of our Lord, we bid you remember the greatness of the trust 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.

Please kneel or be seated. The ordinands kneel and silence is kept.

THE LITANY

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

The response is:



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. **R**

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. **R**

For Christopher our bishop,
and for all bishops, presbyters and deacons,
that they may hunger for truth and thirst after righteousness,
let us pray to the Lord. **R**

For Doris, Callum, Laura, Charlie, Judy, Judith, Peter, James,
Sharon, Antonio, Mary, Kadia, Winifred, Wa'el, Michael, Marieke and
Andrew called to be deacons in his Church,
let us pray to the Lord. **R**

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. **R**

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

For those who do not yet believe,
that they may receive the light of the gospel,
and for those whose faith has grown cold,
let us pray to the Lord. **R**

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. R

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. R

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

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. R

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

All sing:



To you, O Lord.

THE ORDINATION PRAYER

The ordinands continue to kneel before the Bishop, who stands to pray.

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:

The Bishop lays his hands on the head of each ordinand, saying:

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 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 life 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.

All **Amen.**

THE WELCOME

Please stand.

The deacon of the rite says to the newly-ordained deacons:

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.**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

THE PEACE

We are all one in Christ Jesus.
We belong to him through faith,
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may offer one another a sign of peace.

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

The last two lines of each verse are repeated.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN

CP 376



And can it be that I should gain
an interest in the Saviour's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain?
For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! how can it be
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

'Tis mystery all: the Immortal dies!
Who can explore his strange design?
In vain the first-born seraph tries
to sound the depths of love divine.
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,
let angel minds enquire no more.

He left his Father's throne above —
so free, so infinite his grace —
emptied himself of all but love,
and bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
for, O my God, it found out me!

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
fast bound in sin and nature's night;
thine eye diffused a quickening ray;
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
my chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth and followed thee.

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living head,
and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach the eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.

TUNE: SAGINA

*from Thomas Campbell
The Bouquet 1825*

TEXT:

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

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,
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:

The Choir sings:

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Amen.

Blessèd is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
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 Great is the mystery of faith:
 Christ has died.
 Christ is risen.
 Christ will come again.

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,
Peter, Paul 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

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... اے ہمارے باپ
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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. All are welcome to receive either Holy Communion or a blessing. Please wait in your seat until the Stewards direct you. If you wish to receive from the chalice, please go to the point of administration after receiving the host. Do not dip the host into the chalice. If you would like to receive a blessing, please bow your head. If you require a gluten-free host, please queue in the Nave.

Baptised persons who are communicant members of other Churches which subscribe to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity are welcome to receive communion. Whatever your faith tradition or background, you are most welcome to come forward for a blessing.

During the distribution, the Choir sings:

AGNUS DEI

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

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

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

Followed by:

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM

Love Divine • Howard Goodall (b. 1958)

Love Divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
Pure unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
Into ev'ry troubled breast,
Let us all in thee inherit,
Let us find that second rest:
Take away our power of sinning,
Alpha and Omega be,
End of faith as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, almighty to deliver,
Let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.

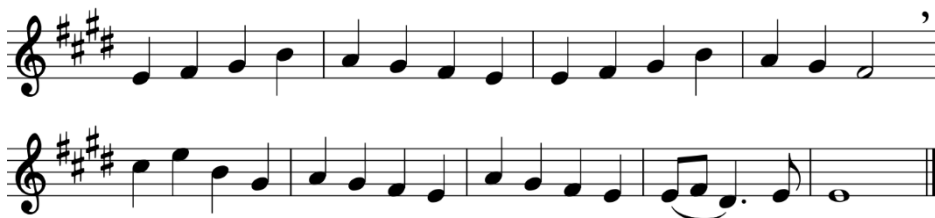
Finish, then thy new creation,
 Pure and spotless let us be;
 Let us see thy great salvation,
 Perfectly restored in thee,
 Changed from glory into glory,
 Till in heaven we take our place,
 Till we cast our crowns before thee,
 Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Then, please remain seated to sing:

THE COMMUNION HYMN

CP 393



Brother, sister, let me serve you,
 let me be as Christ to you;
 pray that I might have the grace
 to let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey.
 and companions on the road;
 we are here to help each other
 walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you
 in the night-time of your fear;
 I will hold my hand out to you,
 speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping;
 when you laugh, I'll laugh with you;
 I will share your joy and sorrow
 till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven
 we shall find such harmony,
 born of all we've known together
 of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, sister, let me serve you.
 let me be as Christ to you;
 pray that I might have the grace
 to let you be my servant too.

TUNE: SERVANT SONG

Richard Gillard (b. 1953)

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THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand.

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Holy and blessed God,
you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son
and filled us with your Holy Spirit:
may we honour you,
not only with our lips
but in lives dedicated to the service
of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All 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.**

THE GIVING OF THE BIBLE

The new Deacons move to stand at the bottom of the Tower Steps in the Nave in their episcopal areas, and the Area Bishops give the New Testament to each of them, after which the Bishop says:

Receive this book,
as a sign of the authority given you this day
to speak God's word to his people.
Build them up in his truth
and serve them in his name.

THE SENDING OUT

The Bishop says:

All The Lord be with you
 and also with you.

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 Bishop pronounces a blessing.

All God who has called you is faithful.
 May the Father, whose glory fills the heavens,
 cleanse you by his holiness
 and send you to proclaim his word.
 Amen.

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

All May the Holy Spirit, the comforter,
 equip you and strengthen you in your ministry.
 Amen.

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

The new Deacons dismiss the congregation.

All Go in the light and peace of Christ.
 Thanks be to God.

THE FINAL HYMN



Hope of our calling: hope through courage won;
By those who dared to share all Christ had done.
Saints of today, Christ's banner now unfurled,
We bring his gospel to a waiting world.

Hope of our calling: hope with strength empowered,
Inspired by all that we have seen and heard;
This call is ours, for we are chosen too,
To live for God in all we say and do.

Hope of our calling: hope with grace outpoured,
From death's despair the gift of life restored;
Our call to serve, to wash each others' feet,
To bring Christ's healing touch to all we meet.

Hope of our calling: hope by faith made bold;
To sow God's righteousness throughout the world;
Bring peace from conflict, fruitfulness from weeds,
The kingdom's harvest from a mustard seed.

Hope of our calling: Spirit-filled, unbound,
Old joys remembered and new purpose found,
Our call refreshed by sacrament and word,
We go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

TUNE: WOODLANDS

Walter Greatorex (1877-1949)

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Please remain standing as the Choir and clergy depart.

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◆ 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.

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

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