



EUCCHARIST

with the Ordination of Priests

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The Rt Revd Martyn Snow, Bishop of Leicester

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10.30am

Stephen March, Rhianne O'Rourke, Steve O'Rourke,
Ali Simpson-Smith, Steve Sweet, Ben Williams

2.00pm

Paul Betts, Luke Dobson, Tom Grant, Charles Ndigirwa,
David Palmer, Liz Piki, Manuela Schmucki, Kate Szejnmann

St Margaret's Church, Leicester
Saturday 2 July 2022

Please pray for all those being ordained throughout the Church at this time. Please pray for the Colleges and Courses where candidates from our Diocese have been trained and for the parishes in which they will continue to serve.

Those being ordained priest in this Diocese today:



Paul Betts

Sometime ago I wrote that I believe God is calling me to give my life for service as a priest, to live that out with and for God, with and for others. This meant telling the story of God creatively and richly to a world in need of hope. I now know that sacrificial call to be realised at the altar, as well as within myself. And all this underscored by prayerful trust in the God who calls.



Luke Dobson

Originally from Essex, I am a husband and father of three. I am a curate at Holy Trinity Leicester, where I have been exploring weaving together Anglo-Catholic and Charismatic traditions of the church; in terms of mission and ministry.



Tom Grant

My name is Tom, I am married to Jo, and we have a 5-year-old son. I enjoy running and walking in the great outdoors, as well as cooking dishes from around the world. During my Deacon year in Market Harborough, I have been forming a new team to plant a Youth-Focused Worshipping Community called 'Limitless Church' which will launch in September 2022.



Stephen March

Having been spiritually helped and nourished by many different Christian traditions I have finally found a permanent home in the Church of England.

I love small, rural communities and am excited by the possibility of growing new congregations and supporting existing ones.

I don't know what God has in store for me – but I hope to be surprised!



Charles Nggirwa

I am married and have three children aged 20, 15 and 12. I have felt blessed to be welcomed and accepted at St Christopher's Church, as they have made us feel very much part of the family of believers. I have a real heart for bringing people to the Lord and am focussing in my ministry on evangelism and prayer.



Rhianne O'Rourke

I'm a wife and mother who loves adventures with Jesus, board games, creativity and hospitality. Being in places where church is not often found is a big part of what God is doing with me. I'm constantly amazed by God's goodness and mercy.



Steve O'Rourke

I've been married to Rhianne for 17 years and we have three boys.

It's been a privilege to serve in Hugglescote and Ellistown as a deacon and I'm excited to now be taking the next step in ordained ministry.

My journey of faith has taught me that God is present in every part of our lives and that whatever title or role we have we're firstly His children.



David Palmer

Married to Marie from Belgium and we have one son, Simon, an actor/writer.

Born and baptised in Canada; became confirmed aged 22 following a serious road accident. Early career included the Wine trade; however much of my working life has been in different church/charity contexts throughout the UK. The next stage of my curacy will be as Pioneer Priest working with colleagues and church members across the Launde Deanery. Interests- gardening, watercolour painting, learning French, good food/wine/conversations/friends! Newcastle Utd supporter!



Liz Piki

I am looking forward to being ordained priest in the Diocese of Leicester. I am thankful for all the prayers and support that I have received from my family, friends, my Curacy Church family (All Saints) & Training Incumbent, our Bishops and Diocese. I would also like to thank my sending Church family (St Margaret's Church, Leicester), our Diocesan Ministry & Development Team, my College & University tutors, the Church of the Martyrs (Leicester), the Zimbabwean Anglican Community, all clergy and lay ministers that have supported me. As well as all my prayer and fellowship networks.



Manuela Schmucki

Manuela is curate at Leicester Cathedral and St Nicholas Church, Leicester. She has a great interest in different cultures and languages and their influence on theology and worship. In her free time she likes to read, bake and run.



Alexis (Ali) Simpson-Smith

My Name is Ali, I'm married to Stuart, and we have a son called Joey who is growing up far too quickly!

My journey to priesthood has been colourful and eventful; it took me more than 10 years to agree to exploring my vocation into ministry. I didn't think God would use me with my past life experiences, but then found out ministry life is full of people like me who love Jesus and are excited to share Him with those we meet on our journey.

I've loved being at St John's in Clarendon Park for my training and first year of curacy whilst working alongside my Pioneer colleagues across the Diocese. Sacramental life is really important to me and I'm excited to see how God will continue to use me to share the Gospel and shape new ways of meeting as the people of God in my communities.



Steve Sweet

I'm very grateful to God for my family who raised me in a Jesus-centred home and who ensured I was a part of the church family from my earliest memories. Having had the opportunity to head up a youth and student ministry within a local church setting, prior to my theological training, I have enjoyed getting stuck in again to "front-line" ministry over this past year as a deacon. Sarah, my wife, and I are excited to be entering into this new chapter and to see how God will be working through the new Thurmaston church plant.



Kate Szejmann

I started my adult life as an actor. Quite dramatically, Christ would enter my life and change its course.

I am blessed in my marriage to Chris of 25 years, and by my amazing children; Max, Laura, Ella and Grete, whom I am incredibly proud of and love dearly.

I am full of gratitude to my Jesus, for talking an ordinary girl from West London and showing her that she can do great things for God, take others on that journey, and reveal the good news of Jesus to those yet to know him.



Benjamin (Ben) Williams

I am married to Emily and we have a son called Judah. I have enjoyed the chance to serve in the Benefice of Oadby and Great Glen and I am looking forward to stepping into this next phase of ministry as a priest.

Safety Note

In case of emergency, please follow the direction of the Wardens to your nearest exit.

Additional Information



Please note that the use of all audio and visual equipment is not permitted during worship. Your cooperation is appreciated.

This service is being livestreamed and will be available to watch again on the Cathedral's Facebook and YouTube channels.

When prompted to stand, please only do so if you feel able.

The choirs singing at these services and organists are as follows

10.30am | *a quartet of singers from Leicester Cathedral Chamber Choir. The Mass setting is Missa Brevis by Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525–1594) [Sanctus only; Agnus Dei one petition]. The organist is Rosie Vinter, Assistant Director of Music at Leicester Cathedral.*

2.00pm | *the Boys and Junior Girls of Leicester Cathedral Choir. The Mass setting is Mass for Trebles by Keith Roberts (b.1971) [Sanctus and Benedictus]. The organist is Dr Christopher Ouvry-Johns, Director of Music at Leicester Cathedral.*

Introduction

Ordination is not just a special moment for the individual concerned but also for their family, friends and indeed the whole church. So we are very pleased to welcome you today for this deeply significant service, recognizing that you represent others too who aren't able to be here.

God's call comes to us in many different ways. Each person being ordained has their own story to tell about how God called them and how their response led to this moment. Some of you will have accompanied them on this journey of exploring God's call. Some of you may even sense within this service "the faintest echo of a whisper of the voice of the God" calling you. If so, please don't be afraid to speak to someone about this. Most of us start off thinking "God would never call me" but the truth is that God calls every one of us – some to ordination, some to lay ministry in the church, some to the ministry of healing, teaching, administration or service in the wider world. The important thing is not to ignore God's call because it truly is the path to fulfillment and purpose in life.

So we invite you to pray with us for those being ordained, and to commit yourself to go on praying for them and supporting them in their ministry. There are many challenges in today's world and we need ordained priests and deacons to both remind us that God is present and active in the world and also help us make sense of it all.

I would like to extend my personal thanks to Dr Cathy Ross who has led the ordination retreat this week which I know has been an inspiring experience for all those being ordained. +Saju and I have also spent time with each of the ordinands during this week at Launde including the very moving experience of washing their feet during our eucharist service on Thursday evening.

Thank you for being a part of today's service.

Bishop Martyn

THE DECLARATION OF ASSENT AND OATHS

Before the service the candidates will have made the Declaration of Assent and taken the Oaths of Allegiance and of Canonical Obedience.

The Declaration of Assent

Preface (spoken by the Bishop):

The Church of England is part of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church worshipping the one true God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It professes the faith uniquely revealed in the Holy Scriptures and set forth in the catholic creeds, which faith the Church is called upon to proclaim afresh in each generation. Led by the Holy Spirit, it has borne witness to Christian truth in its historic formularies, the Thirty-nine Articles of Religion, the Book of Common Prayer and the Ordering of Bishops, Priests and Deacons. In the declaration you are about to make will you affirm your loyalty to this inheritance of faith as your inspiration and guidance under God in bringing the grace and truth of Christ to this generation and making him known to those in your care?

Candidate: I, N, do so affirm and accordingly declare my belief in the faith which is revealed in the Holy Scriptures and set forth in the catholic creeds and to which the historic formularies of the Church of England bear witness; and in public prayer and administration of the sacraments, I will use only the forms of service which are authorised or allowed by Canon.

The Oath of Allegiance

I, N, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, her heirs and successors, according to law: So help me God.

The Oath of Canonical Obedience

I, N, do swear by Almighty God that I will pay true and canonical obedience to the Bishop of Leicester and his successors, in all things lawful and honest: So help me God.

GATHERING

The Organist plays as the congregation gathers.

15 minutes before the service begins, Margaret Gillespie will give a welcome to the Church and make some announcements.

10 minutes before the service begins, the Ordinands, their Training Incumbents, and their supporting priests enter the church and take their seats.

All stand as the bishops and other ministers enter in procession during the first hymn.

All sing

The Opening Hymn

**All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam:
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
O praise him, alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice;
ye lights of evening, find a voice:
O praise him...**

**Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia, alleluia!
Thou fire, so masterful and bright,
that givest us both warmth and light:
O praise him...**

**Dear mother earth, who day by day
unfoldest blessings on our way,
O praise him, alleluia!
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,
let them his glory also show:
O praise him...**

**Let all things their creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness;
O praise him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One:
O praise him...**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN (AM532)
*Melody from an Easter hymn in
Geistliche Kirchengesang, Cologne, 1623
arranged by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)*

WILLIAM HENRY DRAPER (1855–1933)
based on St Francis of Assisi (1182–1226)

All remain standing. The Right Revd Martyn Snow, Bishop of Leicester, leads

The Greeting

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

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

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

Peace be with you
and also with you.

All sit for

The Introduction

The Bishop welcomes the Congregation and introduces the Service.

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 particular ministries. Priests are ordained to lead God's people in the offering of praise and the proclamation of the gospel. They share with the Bishop in the oversight of the Church, delighting in its beauty and rejoicing in its well-being.

They are to set the example of the Good Shepherd always before them as the pattern of their calling. With the Bishop and their fellow presbyters, they are to sustain the community of the faithful by the ministry of word and sacrament, that we all may grow into the fullness of Christ and be a living sacrifice acceptable to God.

All remain seated for

The Presentation

The Ven Claire Wood, Archdeacon of Loughborough and The Ven Richard Worsfold, Archdeacon of Leicester, stand and present those to be ordained priest to the Bishop.

Bishop Martyn, we present to be ordained to the office of priest in the Church of God, N.

When the Ordinands have been presented, the Bishop asks these questions, to which their training incumbents respond together:

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

They have.

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

They do.

The Bishop turns to the Ordinands and says

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

Ordinands I do so believe.

The Bishop continues

I invite the Archdeacon of **Loughborough** to confirm that the Ordinands have taken the necessary Oaths and made the Declaration of Assent.

Archdeacon They have duly taken the Oath of Allegiance to the Sovereign and the Oath of Canonical Obedience to the Bishop. They have affirmed and declared their belief in 'the faith which is revealed in the Holy Scriptures and set forth in the catholic creeds and to which the historic formularies of the Church of England bear witness'.

All stand. The Bishop leads

The Collect

Let us pray for N,
for all who are being ordained in the Diocese today,
and for the ministry of the whole people of God.

God our Father, Lord of all the world,
through your Son you have called us
into the fellowship of your universal Church:
hear our prayer for your faithful people
that in their vocation and ministry
each may be an instrument of your love,
and give to your servants now to be ordained
the needful gifts of grace;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

All sit for

The First Reading

Isaiah 6.1–8

Read by Margaret Gillespie, Reader at St Margaret's Church, Leicester

A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.'

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

All stand. The Deacon reads

The Gospel Reading

Luke 24.13–35

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

All sit for

The Sermon

The Rt Revd Saju Muthalaly, Bishop of Loughborough

THE LITURGY OF ORDINATION

All remain seated for

The Declarations

The Ordinands stand and the Bishop of Leicester addresses the Congregation

Priests are called to be servants and shepherds among the people to whom they are sent. With their Bishop and fellow ministers, they are to proclaim the word of the Lord and to watch for the signs of God's new creation. They are to be messengers, watchmen and stewards of the Lord; they are to teach and to admonish, to feed and provide for his family, to search for his children in the wilderness of this world's temptations, and to guide them through its confusions, that they may be saved through Christ for ever. Formed by the word, they are to call their hearers to repentance and to declare in Christ's name the absolution and forgiveness of their sins.

With all God's people, they are to tell the story of God's love. They are to baptize new disciples in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and to walk with them in the way of Christ, nurturing them in the faith. They are to unfold the Scriptures, to preach the word in season and out of season, and to declare the mighty acts of God. They are to preside at the Lord's table and lead his people in worship, offering with them a spiritual sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. They are to bless the people in God's name. They are to resist evil, support the weak, defend the poor, and intercede for all in need. They are to minister to the sick and prepare the dying for their death. Guided by the Spirit, they are to discern and foster the gifts of all God's people, that the whole Church may be built up in unity and faith.

The Bishop addresses the Ordinands directly

We trust that long ago you began to weigh and ponder all this, and that you are fully determined, by the grace of God, to devote yourself wholly to his service, so that as you daily follow the rule and teaching of our Lord and grow into his likeness, God may sanctify the lives of all with whom you have to do.

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* Will you lead Christ's people in proclaiming his glorious gospel, so that the good news of salvation may be heard in every place?
- Ordinands* By the help of God, I will.
- Bishop* Will you faithfully minister the doctrine and sacraments of Christ as the Church of England has received them, so that the people committed to your charge may be defended against error and flourish in the faith?
- Ordinands* By the help of God, I will.
- Bishop* Will you, knowing yourself to be reconciled to God in Christ, strive to be an instrument of God's peace in the Church and in the world?
- 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 and minister the discipline of this Church, and respect authority duly exercised within it?
- 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 make Christ known among all whom you serve?
- Ordinands* By the help of God, I will.

The Congregation stands.

The Bishop addresses the whole people of God

Brothers and sisters, you have heard how great is the charge that these Ordinands are ready to undertake, and you have heard their declarations.

Is it now your will that they should be ordained?

It is.

Will you continually pray for them?

We will.

Will you uphold and encourage them in their ministry?

We will.

The Bishop continues, addressing the Ordinands

In the name of our Lord we bid you remember the greatness of the trust that is now to be committed to your charge.

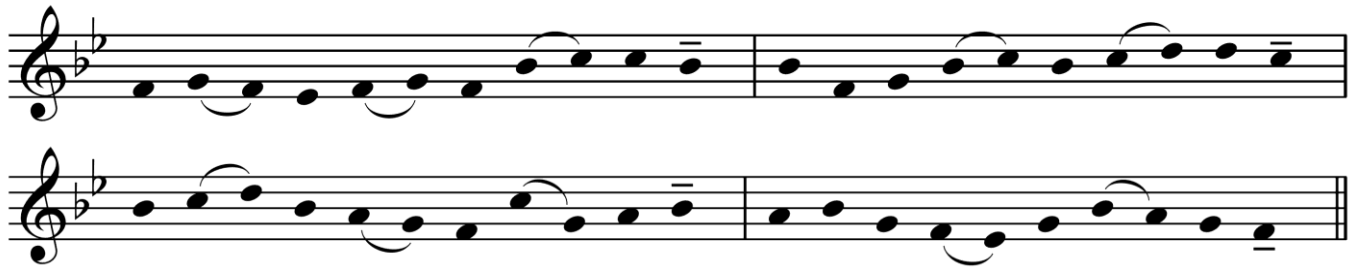
Remember always with thanksgiving that the treasure now to be entrusted to you is Christ's own flock, bought by the shedding of his blood on the cross. It is to him that you will render account for your stewardship of his people.

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.

All sit or kneel to pray.

The Prayers of the People

Silence is kept. The Deacon then leads the Congregation in singing:



Precentor:

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
and lighten with celestial fire;
thou the anointing Spirit art,
who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart:

Thy blessed unction from above
is comfort, life, and fire of love;
enable with perpetual light
the dullness of our blinded sight.

Anoint and cheer our soilèd face
with the abundance of thy grace:
keep far our foes, give peace at home;
where thou art guide no ill can come.

Teach us to know the Father, Son,
and thee, of both, to be but One;
that through the ages all along
this may be our endless song,

Praise_____ to thy____ e - ter - nal me - rit,

Fa - ther, Son___ and Ho - ly Spi - rit. A - men.

VENI CREATOR (AM241)
Mode viii

John Cosin (1594–1672)
based on Veni, Creator Spiritus

All remain seated. The Bishop introduces

The Litany

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

The Revd Canon Karen Rooms, Sub-Dean of Leicester Cathedral and Diocesan Women's Ministry Enabler, leads the prayers for the Ordinands and for the ministry of the whole Church.

For the peace of the whole world,
for the welfare of the Holy Church of God,
and for the unity of all,
let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For all the members of the Church in their vocation and ministry,
that they may serve him in truth and love,
let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For all bishops, priests and deacons,
that they may hunger for truth and thirst after righteousness,
let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For
Stephen, Rhianne, Steve, Ali, Steve, Ben;
Paul, Luke, Tom, Charles, David, Liz, Manuela, Kate;
and for all those called to be priests in his Church,
let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

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

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

For those who are lost and for those who have strayed,
that they may return to the way of Christ,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

For Elizabeth our Queen,
for the leaders of the nations
and for all in authority,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

Remembering those who have gone before us in faith,
and in communion with all the saints,
we commit ourselves, one another,
and our whole life to Christ our God;

To you, O Lord.

Lord, you are merciful and forgive our sins.
You hear those who pray in the name of your Son.
Grant that what we have asked in faith
we may obtain according to your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

All remain seated for

The Ordination Prayer

The Bishop of Leicester stretches out his hands towards the Ordinands and says

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 have given us your only Son Jesus Christ
the image of your eternal and invisible glory,
the firstborn of all creation and head of the Church.
We praise and glorify you that by his death he has overcome death;
and that, having ascended into heaven,
he has given his gifts abundantly,
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 priests in the ministry of the gospel of Christ,
the Apostle and High Priest of our faith,
and the Shepherd of our souls.

Therefore, Father, through Christ our Lord we pray:

Each Ordinand comes to the Bishop in turn. 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 priest in your Church.

The assisting priests lay hands on the head of each Ordinand in turn.

The Bishop anoints the hands of each Ordinand as a sign that they may be empowered by God to reconcile and bless his people.

The Bishop continues the Prayer

Through your Spirit, heavenly Father,
give these your servants grace and power
to proclaim the gospel of your salvation
and minister the sacraments of the new covenant.
Renew them in holiness,
and give them wisdom and discipline
to work faithfully with those committed to their charge.
In union with their fellow servants in Christ,
may they reconcile what is divided,
heal what is wounded
and restore what is lost.

May they declare your blessings to your people;
may they proclaim Christ's victory over the powers of darkness,
and absolve in Christ's name those who turn to him in faith;
so shall a people made whole in Christ
offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to you,
our God and Father,
to whom, with the Son and the Holy Spirit,
belong glory and honour, worship and praise, now and for ever.
Amen.

The Giving of the Bible

The Bishop gives a Bible to each of the newly ordained priests, saying:

N, receive this book.

This is a sign of the authority given you this day
to preach the gospel of Christ
and to minister his holy sacraments.

The Training Incumbents adjust the stoles of the newly-ordained priests so they are worn over both shoulders. All remain seated for

All stand for

The Welcome

The Very Revd David Monteith, representing the priests of the Diocese, says to the new priests:

God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself,
and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

**We welcome you as an ambassador for Christ:
let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.**

Please greet the new priests with applause!

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

All remain standing. The Bishop introduces

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.

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

Deacon: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All remain standing to sing

The Offertory Hymn

During this hymn the altar is prepared and gifts of money are collected and offered to God. If you pay tax in the UK, please use the Gift Aid envelopes. Please place your donation inside the envelope and ensure that your details are completed in full. All proceeds will aid the mission and ministry of this Church of St Margaret in Leicester. Thank you!

**Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here;
come bow before him now
with reverence and fear:
in him no sin is found –
we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One is here.**

**Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around;
he burns with holy fire,
with splendour he is crowned:
how awesome is the sight –
our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around.**

**Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place:
he comes to cleanse and heal,
to minister his grace.
No work too hard for him,
in faith receive from him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.**

BE STILL (AM358i)
David Evans (b. 1957)

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All remain standing. The Bishop leads

The Prayer over the Gifts

Heavenly Father,
as we set before you these gifts of bread and wine,
bless also the gift of our hearts and minds
as we offer our lives in your service;
for Jesus Christ's sake.
Amen.

All remain standing. The Bishop leads

The Eucharistic Prayer (E)

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks and praise
through your Son Jesus Christ, our great high priest.

He was lifted up for us on the cross
that he might reveal your glory and draw all people to himself.
You exalted him to your right hand on high
and through your Holy Spirit you sent upon your people
a rich diversity of gifts.
From this royal priestly people you raise up ministers
to proclaim your word,
to care for your people
and to be the stewards of your holy mysteries.
You call them to serve the world your Son redeemed
and build up his body the Church to be his bride.

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:

Sanctus [and Benedictus]

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,	<i>Holy, holy, holy Lord.</i>
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.	<i>God of power and might.</i>
Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.	<i>Heaven and earth are full of your glory.</i>
Hosanna in excelsis.	<i>Hosanna in the highest.</i>
Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.	<i>Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.</i>
Hosanna in excelsis.	<i>Hosanna in the highest.</i>

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Deacon: Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.
Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with [*N and*] all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

Silence is kept.

All remain standing to say

The Lord's Prayer

Being made one by the power of the Spirit,
let us pray with confidence and in the language closest to our heart
as our Saviour has taught us

**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.**

All sit for

The Breaking of the Bread

The Bishop breaks the consecrated bread, saying

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

All remain seated. The Bishop leads

The Invitation to Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

All sit. *If you normally receive Communion in your church you are welcome to receive here. Alternatively, you are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. At this service the minister will dip the bread into the wine and then place it into your hands. Please follow the directions of stewards. Sanitiser is available if required. Gluten-free wafers are available at the station nearest the altar.*

During the distribution of Communion, the Choir sings

Agnus Dei

**Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.**

**Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.**

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

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

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

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

The Anthem

10.30am | O Lord, give thy Holy Spirit

**O Lord give thy Holy Spirit into our hearts, and lighten our understanding,
that we may dwell in the fear of thy Name, all the days of our life:
that we may know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent.**

Thomas Tallis (c.1505–1585)

John 14.15–17

2.00pm | Litany to the Holy Spirit

**1. In the hour of my distress,
when temptations me oppress,
and when I my sins confess,
sweet Spirit, comfort me!**

**2. When I lie within my bed,
sick in heart and sick in head,
and with doubts discomforted,
sweet Spirit, comfort me!**

**3. When the house doth sigh and weep,
and the world is drown'd with sleep,
yet mine eyes the watch do keep,
sweet Spirit, comfort me!**

Peter Hurford (b.1930)

Robert Herrick (1591–1674)

All remain seated. The Bishop leads

The Prayer after Communion

Lord God, heavenly Father,
grant to your Church today
the faith of her apostles,
the hope of her martyrs
and the love of her Lord,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

**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 SENDING OUT

All stand to sing

**Go forth and tell! O Church of God, awake!
God's saving news to all the nations take:
proclaim Christ Jesus, Saviour, Lord and King,
that all the world his glorious praise may sing.**

**Go forth and tell! God's love embraces all,
he will in grace respond to all who call:
how shall they call if they have never heard
the gracious invitation of his word?**

**Go forth and tell! The doors are open wide:
share God's good gifts – let no one be denied;
live out your life as Christ your Lord shall choose,
your ransomed powers for his sole glory use.**

**Go forth and tell! O Church of God, arise!
Go in the strength which Christ your Lord supplies;
go till all nations his great name adore
and serve him, Lord and King for evermore.**

WOODLANDS (AM394)
Walter Greatorax (1877–1949)

James Seddon (1915–1983)

All remain standing. The Bishop leads

The Blessing and Dismissal

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

Blessed be the name of the Lord
both now and forever.

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

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

The Holy Spirit, the Comforter,
equip you and strengthen you in your ministry.
Amen.

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

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

All remain standing as the Bishop leads the new priests from the Church and out into the world, followed by the other ministers and Training Incumbents in procession.

During the Procession the Organist plays the following Voluntary

Chorale-Improvisation
on 'Nun danket alle Gott' Op.65, No.13

Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877–1933)

Light refreshments will be available for all after the service.

Exploring Your Vocation?

If you've been moved to consider how God might be calling you as a result of this service or through your relationship with one of those being ordained today you might want to look at:

www.leicester.anglican.org/vocations

For further resources, see the Diocese of Leicester website and search on "vocation" or contact claire.stapleton@leicestercofe.org

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