



EUCCHARIST

with the Ordination of Deacons

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St Mary's Church, Melton Mowbray

*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 the parishes in which they will serve.*

Those being ordained deacon in this Church today:



Mark Batchelor

Before answering a call to ministry, I was, among other things, a geography teacher, teaching in Wigston for many years and loving being involved with many aspects of school and community life. My wife and I originally met as students at Leicester University and have stayed in Leicester ever since, bringing up our three, now nearly all adult, children. I'd thought everything was settled, but isn't it great when God won't let you alone? I'm now so excited to be fully immersed in the life of St Denys Church as it brings the love of Jesus to the Evington community.



Matt Green

Before training as an ordinand, Matthew was a teacher at a SEND school. Alongside this he, and his wife Mary, worshipped and worked at their local church running the children and family ministry. Through this Matt discerned a calling to work for the church fulltime, which developed into a calling into fulltime ordained ministry. Having spent 3 years studying in context at St Mellitus College East Midlands, and in a placement at St Mary in Charnwood, Nanpantan, Matt has been able to tie his theological learning and practical elements of ministry together. As he looks forward towards his curacy in Castle Donington he is most excited about the missional opportunities a new context will provide, and the ways in which worshipping God outdoors might present themselves.



David Lewis

I started attending church at the age of 8. My love for musical worship led to an internship at St Aldates Church and then a job at Holy Trinity Leicester as a musical director. After that I was a manager at DMU, then CLC Bookshop, then Sir Jonathan North College. I'm now about to become a Church Planting Curate for St John the Baptist Church and I am really excited to reach people with the Gospel. I am married with four children. My main hobbies are playing guitar/singing, supporting Leicester Tigers, fantasy fiction, and somehow getting back into shape!



Kat Marjoribanks

I trained for ordination at St Mellitus College – initially in London and then transferring to Nottingham when their East Midlands Centre opened. I had two children at the start of training, and three now! My journey to ordination was a long one; I pretty much stuck my fingers in my ears for over a decade, but God doesn't give up and here I am! Having initially started the process out of obedience to God (but with slightly gritted teeth) I have come to know myself so much more and understand the calling God has for me. I love Jesus' Church so very much and I am excited about going where God leads me next.



Sharon Plant

I'm married to Matt and we have two grown-up sons, Joel and Cameron – who is engaged to Harriet – and we have a dog called Chip. In my spare time I love to garden and to craft. Lay ministry has always gone alongside my working and family life, culminating with my last role as a church Youth Worker. My passion has always been to share and receive the abundance of God's love and grace in the community, and I'm looking forward to that continuing in my curacy. The Pioneer ministry training I've received from the Church Mission Society has really prepared me for that.



Philippa Taylor

I am married to Jim and we live with our cat Basil. I was introduced to faith by my Mum as a baby and have always been involved with church life, serving in many different roles over the years, but it took me a long time to hear God's call to ordained ministry! I trained on a contextual programme at St Hild College in Sheffield, which was combined with a placement at St Botolph's, Shepshed and St James, Oaks-in-Charnwood. I am really looking forward to serving my curacy at the Church of the Martyrs and meeting new people there.



Riffat Zamurad

Growing up in a small village in Pakistan, me and my three sisters were brought up by my father who was a devout vicar and my mother who was a school teacher. At the age of 12, I was sent to a Christian boarding school, where I experienced a supernatural encounter with God. I grew up to work as a nurse and eventually came to the UK. Seeing closed churches was a great shock and broke my heart, but this was great motivation to someday go into ministry. Years later, with my husband and three children, we together serve the Lord.

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Additional Information



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

This service is being livestreamed and will be available to watch again at XXX

The music at this service is sung by the Choir of St Mary's Church, Melton Mowbray. The Organist and Director of Music is James Gutteridge. The Mass setting is Mass of St Thomas by David Thorne.

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 to St. Mary's Church 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.

THE GATHERING

The Organist plays as the congregation gathers.

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

10 minutes before the service begins, the candidates for ordination are informally led by the Director of Ordinands and the Parish Transition and Ministry Development Enabler to their places with their families.

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

The Opening Hymn

**Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,
to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Alleluia, alleluia,
praise the everlasting King.**

**Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him still the same for ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless:
Alleluia, alleluia,
glorious in his faithfulness.**

**Father-like, he tends and spares us,
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes:
Alleluia, alleluia,
widely as his mercy flows.**

**Frail as summer's flower we flourish;
blows the wind and it is gone;
but, while mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on:
Alleluia, alleluia,
praise the high eternal One.**

**Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space:
Alleluia, alleluia,
praise with us the God of grace.**

PRAISE MY SOUL (AM766)
John Goss (1800–1880)

Henry Francis Lyte (1793–1847)
based on Psalm 103

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. 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.

All remain seated for

The Presentation

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

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

When the Ordinands have been presented, the Bishop asks the Diocesan Director of Ordinands and The Revd Dr Rob Hay, Parish Transition and Ministry Development Enabler,

DDO/Rob Hay 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.

DDO/Rob Hay 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 **Leicester** 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 Mark, Matt, David, Kat, Sharon, Phillippa and Riffat, who are being ordained here 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

Jeremiah 1.4–10

Read by Brenda Munton, Churchwarden at St Mary's, Melton Mowbray

A reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,
'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations.'

Then I said, 'Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am
only a boy.' But the LORD said to me,

'Do not say, "I am only a boy";
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,
and you shall speak whatever I command you.

Do not be afraid of them,
for I am with you to deliver you,
says the LORD.'

Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and
the LORD said to me,

'Now I have put my words in your mouth.
See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,
to pluck up and to pull down,
to destroy and to overthrow,
to build and to plant.'

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:

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* I believe it and will so do.
- 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.

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 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.

All sit to pray.

The Prayers of the People

All remain seated. The Bishop introduces the Litany with these words:

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 Mark, Matt, David, Kat, Sharon, Phillippa and Riffat,
and for all those called to be deacons 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 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:

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 deacon in your Church.

When the Bishop has laid hands on all of 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.
Amen.

All remain seated for

The Giving of the Bible

The Bishop gives a copy of The New Testament to each of the newly ordained deacons, saying:

N, receive this book.

This is 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 Training Incumbents place a stole over the left shoulder of each deacon.

All stand for

The Welcome

The Very Revd David Monteith, Dean of Leicester, says to the new deacons:

We preach not ourselves but Christ Jesus as Lord
and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.
**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.**

Please greet the new deacons with applause!

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

All remain standing. The Bishop introduces

The Peace

Christ is our peace.
If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation.
The old order has passed away: behold, the new has come.

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 Mary in Melton Mowbray. Thank you!

**Holy Spirit, living breath of God,
breathe new life into my willing soul.
Bring the presence of the risen Lord
to renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause your word to come alive in me;
give me faith for what I cannot see,
give me passion for your purity;
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.**

**Holy Spirit, come abide within,
may your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover every sin,
in each thought and deed and attitude:
kindness to the greatest and the least,
gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my strivings into works of grace;
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.**

**Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,
giving life to all that God has made,
show your power once again on earth,
cause your church to hunger for your ways.
May the fragrance of our prayers arise;
lead us on the road of sacrifice,
that in unity the face of Christ
may be clear for all the world to see.**

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*Words and music by Keith Getty (b.1974)
and Stuart Townend (b.1963)*

arranged by Andrew Reid

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 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 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:

Sanctus and Benedictus

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

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.

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 remain standing 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 standing. 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

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
grant us peace.

The Anthem

This is the day

John Rutter (b.1945)

Words from Psalms 118, 148, 91, 121, and 27

All remain seated. The Bishop leads

The Prayer after Communion

Father, you have taught the ministers of your Church
to be the willing servants of others.

Give to these your deacons skill and gentleness
in the practice of their ministry,
and perseverance always in prayer;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

The Hymn

**We have a gospel to proclaim,
good news for all throughout the earth;
the gospel of a Saviour's name:
we sing his glory, tell his worth.**

**Tell of his birth at Bethlehem
not in a royal house or hall
but in a stable dark and dim,
the Word made flesh, a light for all.**

**Tell of his death at Calvary,
hated by those he came to save,
in lonely suffering on the cross;
for all he loved his life he gave.**

**Tell of that glorious Easter morn:
empty the tomb, for he was free.
He broke the power of death and hell
that we might share his victory.**

**Tell of his reign at God's right hand,
by all creation glorified.
He sends his Spirit on his church
to live for him, the Lamb who died.**

**Now we rejoice to name him King:
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
This gospel-message we proclaim:
we sing his glory, tell his worth.**

FULDA (AM507)
Sacred Melodies, 1815
William Gardiner (1770–1853)

Edward Joseph Burns (b.1938)

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 Bishops lead the new deacons 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

Fanfare *Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens (1823–1881)*

After the service light refreshments will be provided for all

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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