



# **The Ordination of Deacons at Michaelmas**

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Bishop of Birmingham

President: The Bishop

Deacon: The Reverend Canon Dr Josephine Houghton  
*Canon Precentor*

Preacher: The Reverend Paul Hinton  
*Head of Ministry Formation*

The Cathedral Church of St Philip, Birmingham  
Saturday 19 September 2020

## **Welcome to Birmingham Cathedral** for this Ordination service

### **Induction loop**

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### **During the service**

*The Peace* – the invitation to share the Peace is omitted from our services for the time being; please would you kindly remain in your place at this point.

*Receiving Communion* – Communicant members of all denominations are welcome to receive Holy Communion at this service; others are warmly invited to come and receive a blessing. Communion is distributed in the form of the bread only, given to the hand. Gluten-free wafers are available on request. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please fold your arms across your chest and a blessing will be administered silently.

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### **Posture**

Guidance as to posture is given but if you need to sit at any point, please feel able to do so.

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## **Those to be ordained Deacon**

At 1030 service:

Jodie Brown – *St Peter, Hall Green, and St Michael, Hall Green*

Matt Churchouse – *St Martin in-the-Bullring, Birmingham*

Clare Dean – *Hampton-in-Arden with Bickenhill and Barston*

At 1330 service:

Sara Moore – *St Mary and St Anne, Moseley*

Gloria Smith – *Hodge Hill, St Philip & St James*

Laura Ward – *St John the Evangelist, Perry Barr*

At 1630 service:

Christine Chalmers – *Holy Cross, Billesley Common*

Simon Cocks – *St Michael, Boldmere*

Barbara Hamilton – *St Matthew & St Chad, Smethwick*

Theresa Morton – *St Laurence, Northfield*

## **The Declaration of Assent and Oaths**

*The Declaration of Assent and the oaths of allegiance and canonical obedience are made by deacons, priests and bishops of the Church of England when they are ordained and on each occasion when they take up a new appointment (Canons C13, 14 & 15).*

### **Preface**

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 and guidance under God in bringing the grace and truth of Christ to this generation and making him known to those in your care.

### **Declaration of Assent**

I, *NNN*, do so affirm, and accordingly declare my belief in the faith which is revealed in 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 authorized or allowed by Canon.

### **Oath of Allegiance**

I, *NNN*, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, her heirs and successors, according to Law; so help me God.

### **Oath of Canonical Obedience**

I, *NNN*, do swear by Almighty God that I will pay true and Canonical obedience to the Lord Bishop of Birmingham and his successors in all things lawful and honest; so help me God.

*The candidates will make their declaration and oaths prior to the service*

# Order of Service

*Shortly before the service, the Very Reverend Matt Thompson, Dean of Birmingham, welcomes the congregation*

*As the procession enters, please **stand***

Verger  
Ordinands  
The Dean – *at 1030 and 1330 services*  
The Deacon  
The Bishop of Aston  
The Bishop of Birmingham  
The Bishop's Chaplain – *at 1030 and 1330 services*

## **The Greeting**

*We **remain standing***

*Bishop*      Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
*All*          **Blessed 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.**

*The Bishop 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 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.

**We sit**

### **The Presentation**

*The Archdeacon of Birmingham, the Venerable Jenny Tomlinson, presents those to be ordained by name and place in which they are to serve, first saying*

*Archdeacon* Bishop David, I present these persons to be ordained to the office of Deacon in the Church of God.

*When the ordinands have been presented, the Bishop asks these questions of the Diocesan Director of Ordinands, the Reverend Calvert Prentis*

*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 to the ordinands and says*

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

*Ordinands* *I do so believe.*

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

*Archdeacon* Bishop David, the ordinands 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'.

## **The Collect**

We **stand**

*Bishop* Let us pray.

*Silence is kept*

Everlasting God,  
you have ordained and constituted  
the ministries of angels and mortals in a wonderful order:  
grant that as your holy angels always serve you in heaven,  
so, at your command,  
they may help and defend us on earth;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

# The Liturgy of the Word

## Gospel Reading

We *remain standing*

*John 1.47–end*

*Deacon* The Lord be with you  
*All* **and also with you.**

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

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

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

## Sermon

We *sit*. The preacher is the Reverend Paul Hinton.

After the sermon, silence is kept



# The Liturgy of Ordination

## 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 Anne* 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 Anne* 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 Anne* 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 Anne* 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 Anne* 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 Anne* 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 Anne* 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 Anne* 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 Anne* 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*

*Bishop David* 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?

*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.

*We **sit** or **kneel** for a period of silent prayer*

## The Litany

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

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.

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

For David our Bishop, Anne, Bishop of Aston,  
and for all bishops, priests and deacons;  
for these ordinands,  
called to be deacons in his Church,  
let us pray to the Lord.

*All* **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.

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

For the sick and suffering,  
for the poor and the hungry,  
and for all prisoners and captives,  
let us pray to the Lord.

*All* **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.

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

Remembering all 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.**

*All*

## **The Ordination Prayer**

*The ordinands **stand** in their places and we remain **kneeling or sitting***

*The Bishop 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:

*Here 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.

*All*        **Amen.**

### **The Giving of the Bible**

*The newly ordained deacons **remain standing**; we **sit***

*The Bishop of Aston gives a New Testament to the newly ordained deacons, saying*

*Bishop Anne* 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 Welcome**

*We **stand**. The newly ordained deacons turn to face the people*

*The Reverend Canon Dr Mark Pryce, Director of Ministry at the 1030 and 1330 services, and the Dean at the 1630 service, 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.**

*We greet the newly ordained deacons with applause*

# The Liturgy of the Sacrament

## The Peace

*We remain standing*

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

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

*We remain in our places and sit whilst the altar is prepared*

## Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

*We stand*

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,  
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;  
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.  
*All*      **All things come from you,  
and of your own do we give you.**

## The Eucharistic Prayer

*We remain standing*

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 saying:

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

*All* **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 the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Philip, St Michael,  
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.

*All* **Amen.**

*Silence is kept*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*We remain standing*

*Bishop* As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

*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.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Bishop breaks the consecrated bread, saying*

*All* 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.**

## **The Invitation**

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

*Communion will be administered silently so we say the response together first; those who intend to receive are invited to join in saying Amen*

*All* The body and blood of Christ.  
**Amen.**

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## **Post communion Prayer**

**We *stand***

Let us pray.

Lord of heaven,  
in this eucharist you have brought us near  
to an innumerable company of angels  
and to the spirits of the saints made perfect:  
as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage  
we have shared their fellowship,  
so may we come to share their joy in heaven;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All**

**Amen.**

# The Dismissal

## The Blessing

We *remain standing*

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.

All **Amen.**

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

All **Amen.**

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

All **Amen.**

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

All **Amen.**

## The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*The Bishops lead the newly ordained deacons to the south-west door*

*After the service, please take this order of service with you as you leave and move  
away from the cathedral entrance to allow others to exit safely*

*The deacons will have photographs taken outside the cathedral (inside if it is wet):  
please allow this to be completed before greeting them. The cathedral will be closed  
for cleaning shortly so please take your belongings with you*

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