



# **The Ordination of Priests at Michaelmas**

by the Right Reverend David Urquhart,  
Bishop of Birmingham

*Assisted by the Right Reverend Anne Hollinghurst, Bishop of Aston  
and fellow presbyters*

President: The Bishop

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

Preacher: The Reverend Canon Dr Mark Pryce  
*Director of Ministry and Chaplain to The Queen*

The Cathedral Church of St Philip, Birmingham  
Sunday 20 September 2020

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

### **Induction loop**

An induction loop is provided in the cathedral for the benefit of hearing aid users – just switch to “T”.

### **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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### **Ordination Prayer**

Priests in Anglican orders (only) in the congregation are invited to extend their hand from their place during the Ordination Prayer; we regret that it is not possible to invite you to come forward to lay on hands physically at this service.

### **Posture**

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

### **Mobile Phones and Photography**

Please ensure that your mobile phone is switched off. Please note that the service will be filmed. If you have any concerns, please speak to the videographer.

### **In the event of fire or other emergency**

Please remain seated until advised to evacuate. This is normally through the entrance door and the door by the disabled toilet. The assembly point is the Burnaby Monument – the large white obelisk in cathedral square.

## **Those to be ordained Priest**

At 1330 service:

Charles Butler  
*St Bartholomew, Edgbaston*

Alison Herbert  
*St Luke, Birmingham*

At 1630 service:

Leanne Carr  
*Holy Trinity, Sutton Coldfield*

Wendy Martin  
*St Thomas and St Richard, Garretts Green and Lea Hall*

Colleen Shekerie  
*Smethwick (Old Church)*

## **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  
The Deacon  
The Bishop of Aston  
The Bishop of Birmingham  
The Bishop's Chaplain

## **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. 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.

**We sit**

### **The Presentation**

*The Archdeacon of Aston, the Venerable Simon Heathfield, 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 Priest in the Church of God.

*The ordinands stand before the Bishop. When the ordinands have been presented, the Bishop asks these questions of his Head of Ministry Formation, the Reverend Paul Hinton, and the training incumbents, who stand*

*Bishop* Have you whose duty it is to know these ordinands and examine them found them to be of godly life and sound learning?  
*We have.*

*Bishop* Do you believe them to be duly called to serve God in this ministry?  
*We 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*

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

*John 1.47–end*

*Read by the Reverend Calvert Prentis, Diocesan Director of Ordinands*

We **remain standing**

DDO     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 Canon Dr Mark Pryce*

*After the sermon, silence is kept*



# The Liturgy of Ordination

## The Declarations

*The ordinands stand before the Bishop who 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, sentinels 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 baptise 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 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* 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 Anne* 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 Anne* 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 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 and minister the discipline of this Church, and respect authority duly exercised within it?

*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 make Christ known among all whom you serve?

*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 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.

*We **sit** or **kneel** for a period of silent prayer, which continues as we listen to the Veni Creator – an ancient prayer for the Holy Spirit to equip us for ministry. The Veni Creator has been recorded safely by the cathedral choir*

*Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,  
and lighten with celestial fire;  
thou the anointing Spirit art,  
who dost thy sev'nfold gifts impart.*

*Thy blessèd 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 eternal merit,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.*

*Text: John Cosin (1594-1672);  
tune: Veni creator (Mechlin)*

## **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 priests 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;

*All* **to you, O Lord.**

## **The Ordination Prayer**

*The ordinands stand; the Bishop stretches out his hands towards them 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:

*The ordinands kneel before the Bishop; the bishops and priests lay their hands on  
the head of each; and the Bishop says*

Send down the Holy Spirit on your servant N  
for the office and work of a Priest 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 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.

All **Amen.**

### **The Giving of the Bible and Anointing**

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

*The Bishop of Aston gives a Bible to the newly ordained priests, saying*

*Bishop Anne* Receive this book,  
as a sign of the authority given you this day  
to preach the gospel of Christ  
and to minister his holy sacraments.

*The Bishop of Birmingham anoints the palms of the newly ordained Priests saying*

May God, who anointed the Christ with the Holy Spirit at his  
baptism, anoint and empower you to reconcile and bless his  
people.

### **The Welcome**

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

*The Very Reverend Matt Thompson, Dean of Birmingham, says to the newly  
ordained priests*

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

All **We welcome you as ambassadors for Christ;  
let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.**

*We greet the newly ordained priests with applause*

# The Liturgy of the Sacrament

## The Peace

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

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

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

## Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

*We **stand***

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

## The Eucharistic Prayer

*We **remain standing** as the Bishop says the prayer of consecration*

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

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

All                    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 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*

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

All           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.**

*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 priests to the cathedral entrance*

*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 priests 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*

# **The Order of Recession**

Verger  
The Dean  
The Deacon  
The Bishop of Aston  
The newly ordained Priests  
The Bishop of Birmingham  
The Bishop's Chaplain

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