

**The Cathedral and Metropolitan Church
of St Peter in York**



The Consecration
of

The Revd Canon Smitha Prasadam
Chaplain of St Albans, Copenhagen
to be Bishop of Huddersfield

The Revd Canon Anna Eltringham
Team Rector for Oxted
to be Bishop of Ripon
and

The Revd Dr Matthew Porter
Vicar of St Michael le Belfrey, York
to be Bishop of Bolton
by

The Most Revd and Rt Hon Stephen Cottrell
Lord Archbishop of York, Primate of England and Metropolitan
assisted by the Bishop of Durham
and the Bishop of Newcastle

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at 11.00 am
St Alban the Martyr

The Consecration and Ordination of a Bishop

The ministry of the church is the ministry of Christ, its chief shepherd and high priest. Those who are ordained are called to share Christ's work, to speak in his name and build up the Church of which Christ is the head.

This service of ordination perpetuates a pattern of ministry in direct continuity—through a long line of succession—with the apostles. Just as Jesus commissioned his first disciples, so by the laying on of hands the President will commission this disciple to mission. That is, to witness to the resurrection and to preach the good news of salvation in all the world. The particular role of the Bishop—while remaining a deacon and priest—is to proclaim and guard the faith, to preside over the sacraments, to lead the Church's prayer and to hand on its ministry.

During the service the candidates will be asked to confirm their commitment to these priorities. All who are present will be asked to undertake to support the ordination of the candidates, not least because as bishops they will act not just on behalf of particular local Christian communities, but of the whole Church. This is followed by the invocation of the Holy Spirit and the laying on of hands. Smitha, Anna and Matthew will be anointed with Chrism, signifying their role of leadership within the royal priesthood of Christ's people; they will receive a copy of the Holy Scriptures, both to remind them of their duty to proclaim the gospel and of the centrality of God's Word; and they will each receive a pastoral staff, symbolising their sharing in the ministry of Christ the Good Shepherd.

In accordance with ancient tradition, three bishops are required for the consecration of a new bishop. The Archbishop, as Metropolitan, presides over the whole service, but his ministry is visibly shared with the other ordaining bishops. This sharing of ministry illustrates and embodies our shared apostolic vocation and demonstrates the unity of the Church we serve.

We are all turned outwards towards the world that God loved so much that he sent his only Son. We are prepared for that goal and end of all things, when Christ himself will present to the Father a world made perfect by his work—when all God's people share in the joyful communion of love that binds the Father and the Son, in the unity of the Holy Spirit.

The Ordinands

The next Area Bishop of Huddersfield in the Diocese of Leeds will be the Revd Canon Smitha Prasadam, currently Chaplain of St Albans, Copenhagen, after fifteen years serving in the Diocese of Birmingham. A former teacher and examiner, she was ordained twenty years ago and now seeks and serves Christ as Racial Justice Adviser, Vocations Adviser, and member of the Liturgical Commission. She is also Chair of AMEN and member of St John's College Council Durham and FGPS. Born into the Church of South India, and nurtured in parishes all over the UK, Smitha will be the first Indian woman bishop in the Church of England. Her mother was the first Indian woman priest. Today is testament and thanksgiving to all who have shaped her faith. Smitha has a passion for mission and is a lover of language, literature and liturgy. She loves singing hymns (especially in Welsh), although it's husband Peter and daughter Esther who belong to choirs. For Smitha, home is anywhere and everywhere and hospitality, both at the Lord's table and the kitchen table, is what makes her happiest.

The next Area Bishop of Ripon in the Diocese of Leeds will be the Revd Canon Anna Eltringham, currently Team Rector for Oxted in the Diocese of Southwark. In her late twenties, after studying at Durham University and a career in marketing, Anna turned her attention to the local community where she lived. Through her community and justice work, Anna began to hear God's call to ordained ministry. She trained at the South East Institute of Theological Education and also studied on placement at the World Council of Churches in Geneva. Working alongside ministers from all over the world and many different denominations was a formative experience and ecumenism has remained a priority for her. For the last six years she has been the Bishop of Southwark's Dean of Women's Ministry, advocating for and supporting lay and ordained women. Anna was appointed as a Chaplain to the Monarch and a Canon of Southwark Cathedral in 2020. After university, Anna met her husband Nigel whilst working for a Christian think-tank called the Jubilee Centre. They have two school-age daughters and the family are looking forward to introducing Flora, their VW Campervan, to some new vistas in North Yorkshire.

The next Suffragan Bishop of Bolton in the Diocese of Manchester will be the Revd Dr Matthew Porter, currently Vicar of St Michael le Belfrey in York. Matthew is passionate about people in the North of England following Jesus, and brings twenty seven years of ordained experience to this role. After serving in Dore and Woodseats in Sheffield, since 2009 he has helped lead St Michael le Belfrey in York and last year was appointed

an Honorary Chaplain to the Queen, and then the King. He holds various degrees including a doctorate in church planting from Asbury Seminary in Kentucky, USA. Matthew is a writer and has two new books on discipleship coming out later this year, on giving and on journaling. Married to Sam since 1990, they have five grown-up sons, all of whom share his appreciation for creativity, four of them share his love of bacon sandwiches (with ketchup, not brown sauce), and two his support of Manchester United.

The Preacher

The Preacher is the Rt Revd Dr David Hamid, Suffragan Bishop in Europe.

The setting of the Eucharist is the MASS IN G MINOR, by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958).

The choir, which includes the Vicars Choral and Choral Scholars of York Minster, together with visiting sopranos, is directed by Benjamin Morris, Assistant Director of Music, York Minster. The organ is played by Philip Moore, Organist Emeritus, York Minster.

We also thank musicians from St Michael le Belfrey, York for their contribution our worship this morning.



If you normally receive communion in your own church, you are welcome to receive communion here. If you do not wish to take communion but would like to receive a blessing, please come forward bringing your service booklet with you to let the minister know.

The normal practice at York Minster is to receive the wafer into the hand; please do not dip the wafer into the wine. If you do not wish to drink from the common cup, please feel free to take the wafer only. The fullness of Christ can be received in the bread alone.

Gluten-free communion wafers are available from the communion station at the front, nearest the altar. Please follow the directions of the Stewards. When the time comes to receive communion, please ask the minister for a gluten-free wafer.

¶ *Before the service*

At 10.45, there is a procession of robed clergy. Please remain seated.

The Dean welcomes the congregation and notices are given.

Meanwhile, the bishops-designate take the Oath of Allegiance in the Zouche Chapel.

Oath of Allegiance

The ordinands say

I, Madhu Smitha Prasadam, Clerk in Holy Orders, chosen Bishop of the Church and See of Huddersfield, do swear by Almighty God that I will be faithful and bear true Allegiance to His Majesty King Charles the Third, His Heirs and Successors according to Law:

So help me God.

I, Anna Eltringham, Clerk in Holy Orders, chosen Bishop of the Church and See of Ripon, do swear by Almighty God that I will be faithful and bear true Allegiance to His Majesty King Charles the Third, His Heirs and Successors according to Law:

So help me God.

I, Matthew James Porter, Clerk in Holy Orders, chosen Bishop of the Church and See of Bolton, do swear by Almighty God that I will be faithful and bear true Allegiance to His Majesty King Charles the Third, His Heirs and Successors according to Law:

So help me God.

At 11.00, a bell is rung, and prayers are sung in the South Transept.

Please stand.

The Order of Procession

Cross and Acolytes
The Choir

The First Procession

A Verger
The Ordinands
Ecumenical Guests
Assisting Ministers
The Chapter of Bradford Cathedral
The Chapter of Southwark Cathedral
The Chapter of Wakefield Cathedral
The Chapter of Manchester Cathedral
The Chapter of Ripon Cathedral

The Second Procession

A Verger
Bishops in their order

The Third Procession

A Verger
The Preacher
The College of Canons of York
The Chapter of York
The Sub-Deacon
The Deacon

The Archbishop's Procession

The Archbishop's Chaplain with Primatial Cross
The Provincial Canons
The Legal Representative
The Archbishop of York

¶ *The Gathering and Presentation*

Processional Hymn



1. Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and corner-stone,
chosen of the Lord, and precious,
binding all the church in one,
Holy Sion's help for ever,
and her confidence alone.
2. All that dedicated city,
dearly loved of God on high,
in exultant jubilation
pours perpetual melody,
God the One in Three adoring
in glad hymns eternally.
3. To this temple, where we call thee,
come, O Lord of hosts, today;
with thy wonted loving-kindness,
hear thy servants as they pray;
and thy fullest benediction
shed within its walls for ay.
4. Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
what they ask of thee to gain;
what they gain from thee for ever,
with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in thy glory
evermore with thee to reign.

5. Laud and honour to the Father;
 laud and honour to the Son,
laud and honour to the Spirit,
 ever Three, and ever One,
consubstantial, co-eternal,
 while unending ages run.

Words Latin, 7th–8th century, trans John Mason Neale (1818–66)

Tune WESTMINSTER ABBEY, AM 291, Henry Purcell (1659–95)

The Greeting

The Archbishop greets the people

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All **Blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

There is one body and one spirit.

All **There is one hope to which we were called;**

One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

All **one God and Father of all.**

Peace be with you

All **and also with you.**

The Archbishop 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. Bishops are ordained to be shepherds of Christ's flock and guardians of the faith of the apostles, proclaiming the gospel of God's kingdom and leading his people in mission. Obedient to the call of Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit, they are to gather God's people and celebrate with them the sacraments of the new covenant. Thus formed into a single communion of faith and love, the Church in each place and time is united with the Church in every place and time.

Please remain standing.

Prayers of Penitence

The Deacon says

In sorrow for our sins and with faith in his mercy,
let us turn to the Lord,
for with him there is mercy and plenteous redemption.

All **Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed, and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;
and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light.
Amen.**

The Archbishop says

May almighty God have mercy on you,
forgive you your sins,
and bring you to everlasting life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Please sit.

The Presentation

The Bishops of Europe, Ramsbury, Basingstoke, Leeds and Manchester say

Archbishop Stephen,
Smitha has been chosen to be Bishop Suffragan of Huddersfield;
Anna has been chosen to be Bishop Suffragan of Ripon;
Matthew has been chosen to be Bishop Suffragan of Bolton.

We present them to be ordained and consecrated to the office of bishop
in the Church of God.

The Archbishop asks

Do you believe them to be of godly life and sound learning?

Those presenting respond

We do.

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

We do.

The Archbishop turns to the ordinands and says

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

The ordinands respond

I do so believe.

The Archbishop says

Let the authority for the ordination be read.

The Principal Registrar of the Province of York reads the Royal Mandate.

The Declaration of Assent

The Archbishop reads the Preface to the Declaration of Assent

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?

The ordinands respond

I, Madhu Smitha Prasadam, Clerk in Holy Orders, about to be admitted and consecrated to the Bishopric and See of Huddersfield in the Province of York,

I, Anna Eltringham, Clerk in Holy Orders, about to be admitted and consecrated to the Bishopric and See of Ripon in the Province of York,

I, Matthew James Porter, Clerk in Holy Orders, about to be admitted and consecrated to the Bishopric and See of Bolton in the Province of York,

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 Canonical Obedience

The ordinands say

I, Madhu Smitha Prasadam, Clerk in Holy Orders, chosen Bishop of the Church and See of Huddersfield,

I, Anna Eltringham, Clerk in Holy Orders, chosen Bishop of the Church and See of Ripon,

I, Matthew James Porter, Clerk in Holy Orders, chosen Bishop of the Church and See of Bolton,

do swear by Almighty God that I will pay true and canonical obedience to the Lord Archbishop of York and to the Metropolitan Church of St Peter in York and to their successors.

So help me God.

The ordinands sign the oaths with the Provincial Registrar during the singing of the Gloria.

Gloria in excelsis

The congregation stands as the choir sings:

Gloria in excelsis Deo,
et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.
*Glory be to God on high,
and in earth peace, good will towards men.*

Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te,
gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam,
Domine Deus, Rex coelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens.
*We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty.*

Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe:
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris,
qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
*O Lord the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ,
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us;*

Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram.

Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of the Father, have mercy upon us.

Quoniam tu solus sanctus, tu solus Dominus,

tu solus altissimus, Jesu Christe,

cum Sancto Spiritu, in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

For thou only art Holy, thou only art the Lord,

thou only O Christ with the Holy Ghost

art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Please remain standing.

The Archbishop says

Let us pray for Smitha, Anna and Matthew

and for the ministry of the whole people of God.

Silence is kept.

The Collect

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 Smitha, Anna and Matthew 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.

All **Amen.**

Please sit.

¶ *The Liturgy of the Word*

First Reading

Tom Prasadam-Halls reads

A reading from the Wisdom of Solomon.

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,
and no torment will ever touch them.

In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died,
and their departure was thought to be a disaster,
and their going from us to be their destruction;
but they are at peace.

Wisdom 3:1–3

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Please remain seated.

Second Reading

Libby Porter reads

A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to Timothy.

Share in suffering like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No one serving in the army gets entangled in everyday affairs; the soldier's aim is to please the enlisting officer. And in the case of an athlete, no one is crowned without competing according to the rules. It is the farmer who does the work who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in all things.

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure:
If we have died with him, we will also live with him;
if we endure, we will also reign with him;
if we deny him, he will also deny us;
if we are faithless, he remains faithful—
for he cannot deny himself.

2 Timothy 2.3–13

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

Gradual

1. Bless the Lord O my soul;
O my soul, worship his holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship your holy name
2. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;
it's time to sing your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
let me be singing when the evening comes.
3. You're rich in love and you're slow to anger,
your name is great and your heart is kind.
For all your goodness, I will keep on singing;
ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.
4. And on that day when my strength is failing,
the end draws near and my time has come,
still my soul will sing your praise unending;
ten thousand years and then forever more!

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Please remain standing.

Gospel Acclamation

The choir begins the Alleluia; the congregation then joins in the response, which is sung before and after the verse:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!



I am the good shepherd, says the Lord.
I know my own and my own know me,
just as the Father knows me and I know the Father.

All Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

The Reverend Michelle Lepine says

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



Jesus said: 'Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.'

John 12.24–26

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



An organ improvisation honours the reading of the Gospel.

Please sit.

Sermon

The Rt Revd Dr David Hamid, Suffragan Bishop in Europe

The organist plays a musical response to the sermon.

Please stand to say the Creed.

The Creed

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

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

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

Please sit.

¶ *The Liturgy of Ordination*

The Declarations

The ordinands stand before the Archbishop, who addresses the congregation

Bishops are called to serve and care for the flock of Christ. Mindful of the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life for his sheep, they are to love and pray for those committed to their charge, knowing their people and being known by them. As principal ministers of word and sacrament, stewards of the mysteries of God, they are to preside at the Lord's table and to lead the offering of prayer and praise. They are to feed God's pilgrim people, and so build up the Body of Christ.

They are to baptize and confirm, nurturing God's people in the life of the Spirit and leading them in the way of holiness. They are to discern and foster the gifts of the Spirit in all who follow Christ, commissioning them to minister in his name. They are to preside over the ordination of deacons and priests, and join together in the ordination of bishops.

As chief pastors, it is their duty to share with their fellow presbyters the oversight of the Church, speaking in the name of God and expounding the gospel of salvation. With the Shepherd's love, they are to be merciful, but with firmness; to minister discipline, but with compassion. They are to have a special care for the poor, the outcast and those who are in need. They are to seek out those who are lost and lead them home with rejoicing, declaring the absolution and forgiveness of sins to those who turn to Christ.

Following the example of the prophets and the teaching of the apostles, they are to proclaim the gospel boldly, confront injustice and work for righteousness and peace in all the world.

The Archbishop addresses the ordinands directly

Smitha, Anna and Matthew, we trust that you have weighed and pondered all this, and that you are now fully determined to devote yourself to this ministry to which God has called you. We pray that you may offer to him your best powers of mind and spirit, so that as you follow the rule and teaching of our Lord you may grow up into his likeness, and 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.

Do you accept the Holy Scriptures as revealing all things necessary for eternal salvation through faith in Jesus Christ?

Answer **I do so accept them.**

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?

Answer **By the help of God, I will.**

Will you lead your people in proclaiming the glorious gospel of Christ, so that the good news of salvation may be heard in every place?

Answer **By the help of God, I will.**

Will you teach the doctrine of Christ as the Church of England has received it, will you refute error, and will you hand on entire the faith that is entrusted to you?

Answer **By the help of God, I will.**

Will you be faithful in ordaining and commissioning ministers of the gospel?

Answer **By the help of God, I will.**

Will you promote peace and reconciliation in the Church and in the world; and will you strive for the visible unity of Christ's Church?

Answer **By the help of God, I will.**

Will you be gentle and merciful for Christ's sake to those who are in need, and speak for those who have no other to speak for them?

Answer **By the help of God, I will.**

Will you endeavour to fashion your own life and that of your household according to the way of Christ and make your home a place of hospitality and welcome?

Answer **By the help of God, I will.**

Will you work with your fellow servants in the gospel for the sake of the kingdom of God?

Answer **By the help of God, I will.**

Will you accept the discipline of this Church, exercising authority with justice, courtesy and love, and always holding before you the example of Christ?

Answer **By the help of God, I will.**

Will you then, in the strength of the Holy Spirit, continually stir up the gift of God that is in you, that the good news of Christ may be proclaimed in all the world?

Answer **By the help of God, I will.**

The congregation stands and the ordinands turn to face them.

The Archbishop says

Brothers and sisters, you have heard how great is the charge that Smitha, Anna and Matthew 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 Smitha, Anna and Matthew in their ministry?

All **We will.**

The ordinands turn to face the Archbishop, who continues

Smitha, Anna and Matthew, remember always with thanksgiving that God has entrusted to your care Christ's beloved bride, his own flock, bought by the shedding of his blood on the cross.

You are to govern Christ's people in truth, lead them out to proclaim the good news of the kingdom, and prepare them to stand before him when at last he comes in glory.

You cannot bear the weight of this calling in your own strength, but only by the grace and power of God. Pray therefore that you may be conformed more and more to the image of God's Son, so that through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit your life and ministry may be made holy and acceptable to God.

Pray earnestly for the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The ordinands and the congregation kneel.

A period of silence is kept, then the VENI CREATOR is sung.

Veni Creator



1. Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
and lighten with celestial fire;
thou the anointing Spirit art,
who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.
2. Thy blessed unction from above
is comfort, life and fire of love;
enable with perpetual light
the dullness of our blinded sight.
3. 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.
4. 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.

Words Latin, paraphrased by John Cosin (1594–1672)

Tune VENI CREATOR, mode viii

Please remain kneeling.

The Litany

In the power of the Spirit, and in union with Christ,

Let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, have mer - cy.

The image shows a musical score for a litany. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The treble staff begins with a whole rest, followed by a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a dotted half note C5. The bass staff begins with a whole note G2, followed by a whole note A2, a whole note B2, and a dotted half note C3. The lyrics 'Let us pray to the Lord:' are written below the bass staff, and 'Lord, have mer - cy.' are written below the treble staff.

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 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.

All Lord, have mercy.

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

All Lord, have mercy.

For Smitha, Anna and Matthew, called to be bishops in the 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 unity of the Church,
that there may be one flock and one Shepherd,
let us pray to the Lord.

All 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.

All Lord, have mercy.

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

All 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.

All Lord, have mercy.

For Charles our King,
for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority,
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 the Blessed Virgin Mary, Peter the Apostle,
Alban the Martyr, and all who have gone before us in faith,
and in communion with all the saints,
we commit ourselves, one another,
and our whole life . . .

The image shows a musical score for two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The bottom staff is in bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The music is written in a simple, homophonic style. The lyrics are: 'to Christ, our God: To you O Lord.' The melody is primarily in the bass staff, with some notes in the treble staff. The text 'to Christ, our God:' is written below the first staff, and 'To you O Lord.' is written below the second staff. The music ends with a double bar line.

The Ordination Prayer

The congregation remains kneeling.

The ordinands continue to kneel before the Archbishop, who stands to pray

We praise and glorify you, almighty Father,
because in your infinite love you have formed throughout the world
a holy people for your own possession,
a royal priesthood, a universal Church.

We praise and glorify you because you sent your only Son Jesus Christ,
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 poured out your Holy Spirit upon his disciples,
to give them power to preach the gospel to the ends of the earth
and to build up your people in love.

And now we give you thanks
that you have called these your servants,
whom we ordain in your name,
to share as bishops 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:

As the choir sings the Taizé chant VENI SANCTE SPIRITUS, the Archbishop lays his hands on the heads of the ordinands in turn, saying

Send down the Holy Spirit on your servant Smitha
for the office and work of a bishop in your Church.

Send down the Holy Spirit on your servant Anna
for the office and work of a bishop in your Church.

Send down the Holy Spirit on your servant Matthew
for the office and work of a bishop in your Church.

The Archbishop continues

Through your Spirit, heavenly Father,
fill these your servants with the grace and power
which you gave to your apostles,
that as true shepherds they may feed and govern your flock,
and lead them in proclaiming the gospel of your salvation in the world.
Make them steadfast as guardians of the faith and sacraments,
wise as teachers, and faithful in presiding at the worship of your people.
Through them, with their fellow servants in Christ,
increase your Church and renew its ministry,
uniting its members in a holy fellowship of truth and love.

Give them humility,
that they may use their authority to heal, not to hurt;
to build up, not to destroy.
Defend them from all evil, that they may, as faithful stewards,
be presented blameless with all your household
and, at the last, enter your eternal joy,
through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and your Holy Spirit,
belong glory and honour, worship and praise,
now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Please sit.

The Giving of the Bible

The newly-ordained Bishops stand and the Archbishop gives each of them a Bible, saying

Receive this book,
as a sign of the authority given you this day
to build up Christ's Church in truth.
Here are words of eternal life.
Take them for your guide and declare them to the world.

The Anointing

The newly-ordained Bishops kneel, and the Archbishop anoints them, saying

Smitha, I anoint you with this oil of gladness.

May the Lord keep you in the joy, simplicity and compassion of his Gospel.

Anna, I anoint you with this oil of gladness.

May the Lord keep you in the joy, simplicity and compassion of his Gospel.

Matthew, I anoint you with this oil of gladness.

May the Lord keep you in the joy, simplicity and compassion of his Gospel.

May God, who anointed the Christ with the Holy Spirit at his baptism,
anoint and empower you to bring good news to the poor,
to proclaim release to the captives,
to set free those who are oppressed
and to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.

All Amen.

*The Archbishop gives each newly-ordained Bishop their ring and a pectoral cross,
as the choir sings*

God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at mine end, and at my departing.

Words Sarum Primer (1538); Music John Rutter

Please stand.

The Welcome

The newly-ordained Bishops face the people, and the Dean of York says to them

Smitha, Anna and Matthew,
guard the truth that has been entrusted to you
by the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

**All We welcome you as shepherds of Christ's flock.
Build up the Church in unity and love,
that the world may believe.**

¶ *The Liturgy of the Eucharist*

The Peace

The Archbishop says

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly;
teach and admonish one another in all wisdom,
and may the peace of the Lord be always with you

All **and also with you.**

The Deacon says

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn



The musical score consists of four staves of music. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written on a treble clef. The first staff begins with a quarter rest, followed by a series of quarter notes: C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, C5. The second staff continues with quarter notes: D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, C5, D5. The third staff continues with quarter notes: E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5. The fourth staff continues with quarter notes: F4, G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F5. The music concludes with a double bar line.

1. I cannot tell why he, whom angels worship,
should set his love upon the human race,
or why, as shepherd, he should seek the wanderers,
to bring them back within the fold of grace.
But this I know, that he was born of Mary,
when Bethlehem's manger was his only home,
and that he lived at Nazareth and laboured,
and so the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is come.

2. I cannot tell how silently he suffered,
as with his peace he graced this place of tears,
or how his heart upon the cross was broken,
the crown of pain to three-and-thirty years.
But this I know, he heals the broken-hearted,
and stays our sin, and calms our lurking fear,
and lifts the burden from the heavy-laden,
for yet the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is here.

3. I cannot tell how he will win the nations,
how he will claim his earthly heritage,
how satisfy the needs and aspirations
of east and west, of sinner and of sage.
But this I know, all flesh shall see his glory,
and he shall reap the harvest he has sown,
and some glad day his sun will shine in splendour
when he the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is known.

4. I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship,
when, at his bidding, every storm is stilled,
or who can say how great the jubilation
when all the hearts of men with love are filled.
But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture,
and myriad, myriad human voices sing,
and earth to heaven, and heaven to earth, will answer:
'At last the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is King!'

Words William Young Fullerton (1857–1932) alt.

Tune LONDONDERRY AIR, AM 666, traditional Irish melody

Please remain standing.

The Eucharistic Prayer



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 truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Christ is the Good Shepherd of the whole flock,
for which the Holy Spirit ordains bishops
to govern the Church bought by the blood of the eternal covenant.
In this joyful community of faith,
your people, filled with the gifts of the Spirit,
assemble together in one communion of love.
Here the gospel is set forth and fulfilled in the Supper of the Lord
to make your Church a sign of love and unity for all.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing:

The choir sings

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth,
pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.
*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.*

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

The Deacon says

Great is the mystery of faith.

All **Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
Peter the Apostle, William of York,
Alban the Martyr and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom,
and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours,
almighty Father, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

Please sit or kneel. Silence is kept.

The Lord's Prayer

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.**

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All **Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Giving of Communion

The Archbishop says

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.
**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Communicant members of all Christian Churches are invited to receive communion.

Any member of the congregation may come to receive a blessing. Please carry this service book as an indication to the ministers.

Gluten-free communion wafers are available. When the time comes to receive communion, please ask the minister for a gluten-free wafer.

Music during Communion

The choir sings

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.

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

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

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

Communion Songs



1. Summoned by the God who made us
rich in our diversity,
gathered in the name of Jesus,
richer still in unity:

*Let us bring the gifts that differ
and, in splendid, varied ways,
sing a new Church into being,
one in faith and love and praise.*

2. Radiant risen from the water,
robed in holiness and light,
male and female in God's image,
male and female, God's delight:
Let us bring the gifts...

3. Trust the goodness of creation;
trust the Spirit strong within,
dare to dream the vision promised,
sprung from seed of what has been.
Let us bring the gifts...

4. Bring the hopes of every nation;
bring the art of every race.
Weave a song of peace and justice;
let it sound through time and space.
Let us bring the gifts...

5. Draw together at one table
all the human family;
shape a circle ever wider
and a people ever free.
Let us bring the gifts...

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Tune HOLY MANNA, AM 504, The Colombian Harmony, Cincinatti (1825)

And I will trust in you a - lone, and I will trust in you a - lone, for your
 end - less mer - cy fol - lows me, your good - ness will lead me home.

1. The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.
 He makes me lie in pastures green.
 He leads me by the still, still waters,
 his goodness restores my soul.

*And I will trust in you alone,
 and I will trust in you alone,
 for your endless mercy follows me,
 your goodness will lead me home.*

2. He guides my ways in righteousness,
 and he anoints my head with oil,
 and my cup, it overflows with joy,
 I feast on his pure delights.

3. And though I walk the darkest path,
 I will not fear the evil one,
 for you are with me, and your rod and staff
 are all the comfort I need to know.

Words and music AM 800, Stuart Townend (b. 1963)
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1. I cast my mind to Calvary
 where Jesus bled and died for me.
I see his wounds, his hands, his feet;
 my Saviour on that cursed tree.

2. His body bound and drenched in tears,
 they laid him down in Joseph's tomb.
The entrance sealed by heavy stone:
 Messiah still and all alone.

*O praise the name of the Lord our God;
 O, praise his Name forevermore.
For endless days we will sing your praise,
 oh Lord, oh Lord our God.*

3. Then on the third, at break of dawn,
 the Son of heaven rose again.
O trampled death, where is your sting?
 The angels roar for Christ the King.
O praise the name...

4. He shall return in robes of white,
 the blazing sun shall pierce the night.
And I will rise among the saints,
 my gaze transfixed on Jesus' face.

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Please stand.

Prayer after Communion

God our redeemer,
whose Church was strengthened by the blood of your martyr Alban:
so bind us, in life and death, to Christ's sacrifice
that our lives, broken and offered with his,
may carry his death and proclaim his resurrection in the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

All **We thank you, gracious Father,
for welcoming your children to feast in your kingdom;
by your love unite us
and with your Spirit send us,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

¶ *The Sending Out*

The Blessing

The Archbishop says

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
All **who has made heaven and earth.**

Blessed be the name of the Lord,
All **now and for ever. Amen.**

God grant you grace to be good servants of Christ Jesus,
nourished on the words of the faith
and on the sound teaching that you have followed;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
All **Amen.**

The Giving of the Pastoral Staff

The Archbishop gives each of the newly ordained Bishops a pastoral staff, saying

Keep watch over the whole flock
in which the Holy Spirit has appointed you shepherd.
All **Encourage the faithful,
restore the lost,
build up the Body of Christ.**

The Dismissal

The Deacon says

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Recessional Hymn



1. Hope of our calling: hope by courage won;
by those who dared to share all Christ had done.
Saints of today, Christ's banner now unfurled,
will bring God's message to a waiting world.
2. Hope of our calling: hope with strength empowered
inspired by all that we have seen and heard;
this call is ours, for we are chosen too,
to live for God in all we say and do.
3. Hope of our calling: hope with grace outpoured,
from death's despair the gift of life restored;
our call to serve, to wash each others' feet,
to bring Christ's healing touch to all we meet.
4. Hope of our calling: hope by faith made bold;
to sow God's righteousness throughout the world;
bring peace from conflict, fruitfulness from weeds,
the kingdom's harvest from the kingdom's seeds.
5. Hope of our calling: Spirit-filled, unbound,
old joys remembered and new purpose found,
our call refreshed by sacrament and word,
we go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Words AM 493, Ally Barrett (b. 1975)

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Tune WOODLANDS, AM 394, Walter Greatorex (1877–1949)

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